



# Le Notizie

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## Best Ever!

Roma Lodge has been making polenta and stew for the November meeting for years. For the nearly 70 members and guests who attended many felt this was the best ever. **Michael DePaoli, Maci Daramy, David DePaoli, Josh Pitigliano, Dominic Pitigliano, Nick Serafin, and Melissa Watkins** and others put on a fantastic dinner of polenta, stew, green salad and

French bread. Everyone enjoyed the meal and with a big crowd of hungry meeting attendees it was a great night to be a Roma Lodge member.



## Christmas Party December 3rd!



Our annual Christmas dinner and program will be **Sunday, December 3rd** at the social hall at the World Ag Expo. Each member is asked to bring items for our charity the **Tulare Lighthouse Rescue Mission**.

Remember our Christmas lunch is free for members and all children (under 12) and only \$5 for guests. **Each family is asked to bring a pie, cookies or other dessert.**

Our new junior member chair, Pam Sola, will be conducting the talent portion of the program. She plans to have one simple rehearsal on **Saturday at 3 p.m.** the day before if you have children who would like to participate. Junior members who already have something planned can plan on showing up with anything they need and do their performance as in the past. If you have questions, contact **Pam at 901-1781.**



**Christmas Party & Meeting**  
**December 3rd**  
**Mark Your Calendar**  
**Noon**



# Looking back while planning forward!

## Heralds Message

**W**ith the annual Roma Lodge Christmas party just a few days away it will not be long before the holiday season will be in full swing. Before we know it we will be ringing in the new year of 2018 and it will be time to start planning the lodges 90th anniversary celebration in 2020. Wow, how time flies!

Anna Dutto



Richard Paggi



It is this time of year that we all take a few moments to reflect on the past and wonder what the future will bring. The Roma Lodge organization should do the same. As a tradition we always take a moment to remember our members who have passed away during this past year. Lodge members paid their final respects to **Anna Dutto, Pete Milanesio, Richard Paggi and Lawrence Cotta**. With the passing of these members the lodge has lost 233 years of dedicated lodge membership.

Pete Milanesio



Lawrence Cotta



Over the past 10 years the lodge has had 49 members or past members who have passed away. During the same time period we have had 60 members who have dropped their membership while we have initiated 120 members. Doing the math it appears that we have had a net increase of 10 members.

With membership in the Grand Lodge down about 40% over the past 10 years Roma Lodge is doing quite well everything considered. It is said if you are not moving forward you are going backwards.

As we start planning for the new year we need to all step forward and take on new responsibilities, create new ways to do things and ensure Roma Lodge stays strong and continues to increase membership in the years to come.

## The Future

Roma Lodge has initiated a record number of new members in 2017. These new members represent the future of the lodge.



**Camden Taylor**  
with mom  
Nicole  
Pedroncelli-Taylor



**Haydyn DePaoli**  
with mom  
Leslie DePaoli



**Amelia Curti**  
with parents  
Justin  
and  
Navin  
Curti



**Roy Beecher**  
with  
Great-  
Grandmother  
Joann  
Beecher



**Kate Watkins**  
with  
mother  
Melissa DePaoli-  
Watkins



**Sylvia Pedroncelli**  
**Savina Pedroncelli**  
**Sebastian Pedroncelli**





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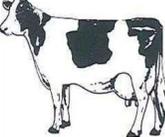
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