



# Le Notizie

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## Polenta Power!

I could be foolish enough to think my Heralds message of **“Rotten Bananas”** was responsible for bringing out the biggest crowd of the year at the November meeting. Lamenting the fact that Columbus Day attendance was at a record low I asked members if they thought the lodge was getting stale and needed some revisions.

I was patting myself on the back when someone reminded me the large crowd was a result of the **“Polenta”** which I grudgingly admitted was probably the case.

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 years was even better than last when we labeled it the best ever.

**Michael DePaoli, Maci Daramy, Melissa and Matt Watkins** put on a fantastic dinner of polenta, stew, green salad and French bread. It was so good. The 4 M's came through once again for the lodge. They made the stew the day before and were at the meeting early to make the polenta, serve up a great meal and clean up the mess afterwards. **Great Job!**



*Anthony Chiamonte, Matt Watkins and Michael DePaoli make the polenta for the meeting.*



*Part of the big crowd at the November meeting enjoying the polenta and stew.*



*Pam Sola making head bands with the junior members at the November meeting.*

*Christmas Party & Meeting  
December 9th  
Mark Your Calendar  
Noon*

# A Quiet Passing

Heralds Message

**I**t has been almost 10 years since the Santa Barbara Lodge closed and Roma Lodge accepted their members into our lodge. Initially about 30 members of the Santa Barbara Lodge became part of the Roma Lodge. On November 13, 2018 **Oswald DaRos** passed away at the age of 97. Mr. DaRos was a skilled masonry, landscaper and builder who built the Santa Barbara Historical Museum. He will be remembered for many of the beautiful landscapes he built for estates in Montecito. He was a member of numerous parks and recreations boards and was instrumental in restoration projects of the Mission Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara Museum of Art, La Arcada and the Museum of Natural History in Santa Barbara. He was a member of the Santa Barbara and Roma Lodges for 77 years.  
**Farewell Brother Oswald.**

The month of December allows us to remember other lodge members who have passed away during this past year. **Faye Taylor** passed away in May. Faye was a 46 year member of the lodge and often attended lodge activities such as the Christmas Party, helped with the ravioli dinner for many years and farm show food booth.



**Kenn Bovetti** was in the process of transferring his membership from the Enrico Caruso Lodge to Roma Lodge when he passed away in August. Kenn was a member of the Order for 22 years and often attended Roma Lodge meetings.

Roma Lodge members would like to extend to the families our deepest and sincerest sympathy with the passing of their loved ones. We will all say a prayer at our lodge Christmas party for our departed members who we have lost this year. We share their grief as we will too miss their smiles, laughter and presence at our lodge activities. May God grant them eternal life and peace as they have completed their journey on this earth.

## The Camp Fire

California has been devastated by wildfires recently with the Woolsey Fire in Malibu and the Camp Fire in Paradise, California. Three lodges were affected by the Camp Fire. They are the **Paradiso Lodge #2743, the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge #2743 and the Shasta Lodge #2453** where some members lost their homes and all their belongings.



**Lori Rossi**, State Recording Secretary, has mailed a letter to all local lodges about donations to the Grand Lodge which will be sent directly to these lodges.

*We will have a brief discussion at our Christmas Party on December 9th to decide if want to donate to the Grand Lodge effort, donate directly to the individual lodges or perhaps have Roma Lodge match what individual members are willing to donate up to a certain amount.*

*Our hearts and prayers are with these lodges and members who have lost everything in these fires.*

## Christmas Party December 9th!

Our annual Christmas dinner and program will be **Sunday, December 9th** 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.**

**Pam Sola**, will be conducting the talent portion of the program. Have your junior members who would like to perform come prepared to participate. She will organize a group performance which will be done during the luncheon. If you have questions, contact **Pam at 901-1781**.



## Bring Your Items for the Lighthouse Rescue Mission on December 9th!

The **Lighthouse Rescue Mission** needs for the pantry - Rice-A Roni , spaghetti, spaghetti sauce mix, corn bread mix, top ramen, Mac and cheese, sugar, flour, Bisquick, hamburger helper, any canned food - in other words non perishable items. These can be big box items from Smart and Final or Costco.

They can also use cleaning items such as - paper towels, brooms, mops, cleaning products. Personal items like shampoo , lice shampoo, soap (laundry, dish, or bathing ) diapers any size, burp pads, coloring books, puzzles, pencils. They can always use money donations as well.

We have invited a few of the Rescue Mission representatives to join us for lunch and pickup the items that have been donated. The Lighthouse Rescue Mission is a non-profit organization located in Tulare that assists those in need of food and shelter on a temporary basis.

To learn more about the mission you can go to their website at <http://www.lighthouserescue.org/menu/>



## Sunshine News!



Get well wishes are in order for **Ben Curti, Philip Curti, Ron Pedroncelli, Leroy Beecher, Aaron Dutto, Giovanna and David DePaoli** who have had surgeries, accidents or other health issues recently.

## Christmas Party Helpers Needed!

**Cathy Mederos** has graciously accepted chairmanship of the Roma Lodge Christmas party. Organizing and putting on the luncheon and other activities takes a lot of preparation and planning. Cathy will need a great deal of help in putting on the event. If you can help with cooking, decorations, getting supplies, setup or anything else give her a call at **687-1112** to see how you can help.

**Those wishing to help cook should plan on arriving at 10:30 a.m., table decorators at 11:00 a.m. and servers at 12:00 p.m. The meeting will be at 12:00 and lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.**

**If you have information you would like to share in the LeNotizie please send it, along with photos, to [larrydutto@yahoo.com](mailto:larrydutto@yahoo.com) by the 20th of each month.**

## Members in the News!

**Camilla Bree Pitigliano** was born on November 10, 2018 to **Amie and Dominic Pitigliano**. She weighed 7 lbs and 2 oz and was 18 1/2 inches long. She is the granddaughter of **Charlie and Nancy Pitigliano**. Congratulations to all!



**State Deputy Lilia Giacomazzi** is with her family at the November 3rd "**Cowchella**" celebration at the Giacomazzi Dairy in Hanford. The event was in

recognition of the 125th Anniversary of the dairy and was a fundraiser for the Plant Foundation. If you would like to donate you can go to their website at <https://plantfoundation.org/> to learn more about it.

**(l-r) Ken, Philip, Ben Curti and Ron Pedroncelli at the event.**

Roma Lodge members **Mark Gentry, Aiden and Austin Gentry** welcome home



**Ron Gentry** who was part of the Honors Flight to Washington, D. C. in November. Ron is a Vietnam Veteran and was escorted by his son Mark on the trip as part of the Kern County group.



Roma Lodge member **Lauren Costa** (Third from the right) was part of the Reedley College Tigers who qualified for the California Community College golf state finals at the Golden Tee golf course in Morro Bay. The team placed 3rd in the tournament. Congratulations Reedley College and Lauren Costa.





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***Roma Lodge Officers-2019-2020  
 Elected and will be installed at the  
 January Meeting***

President	Larry Dutto (901-4683)
Vice President	Louie Benedetti (827-1492)
Treasurer	Karen Pedroncelli (732-1591)
Recording Sec.	Kathryn Gomes (331-0025)
Financial Sec.	Pam Sola (901-1781)
Orator	Gary Dutto (686-6201)
Historian	Melissa Watkins (361-0811)
Guard	Ken Bertorelli (788-8496)
Past President	David DePaoli (804-5443)
Chaplain	Nicole Taylor (804-7056)

***Trustees***

Danny Dutto	(686-1348)
Mike Saltzman	(686-4340)
Matt Watkins-Chair	(647-7161)
Dominic Pitigliano	(359-1907)
Rob Pinkerton	(331-3183)

***Mistress of Ceremony***

Frances Della	(784-7653)
Toni Pinkerton	(331-3183)

**Halloween Pics!**

**Camden Taylor**



**Hayden  
 &  
 Harper  
 DePaoli**