



# Le Notizie

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## Santa as big as life!



The Roma Lodge Christmas party was a huge success with over 100 members and guests enjoying a delicious lunch of ham and yams, desserts, candy stocking for the kids and a visit with Santa who stood 6'7" and mesmerized the juniors with story telling.

**Pam Sola** did a wonderful job with the junior member talent show and helping Santa give out the candy stockings.

Committee members who helped with the event included:

**Giovanna DePaoli**-Decorations, **Karen DeGroot, Frank Marinelli and Ben**

**Curti**-cooking, **Lorraine Cleek and Maryann & Amanda Luis**-Salads, **Dominic Pitigliano**-green beans, **Kathy Briano**-bread, **Joann Beecher**-candy stockings, **Anthony Clark**-Santa, **Elisabeth Curti**-cooking and **Renee Marinelli**-desserts. We want to thank everyone who helped on the party.



## Changing Times

It was 20 years ago when this picture was taken of **Nancy and Charlie Pitigliano and Mary Louise Yribarren** at the ravioli dinner at the Heritage Complex.

Like a lot of things the pandemic has changed the way we do things.



**Melissa Watkins and Dominic Pitigliano** co-chaired a "Dinner for Two" drive-thru featuring ravioli, rigatoni, chicken, salad, green beans, biscotti and wine. Over 350 meals were served and one couple commented in an email, "Good Morning! I just wanted to take the time to complement all who worked on the drive thru ravioli Dinner. It was the most elegant takeout I have ever seen. Presentation and quality of the meal were outstanding! Merry Christmas!"

**Amie Pitigliano, Toni Pinkerton, Nancy, Jennifer and Giada Pitigliano** prepare meals for the drive-thru.



January Meeting  
Monday-January 10th  
Agri-Center Social Hall  
RSVP by January 7th!  
Email-[larrydutto@yahoo.com](mailto:larrydutto@yahoo.com)  
Text-901-4683

# History Was Made!

President's Message

**R**oma Lodge has been around since May of 1930. That is over 90 years ago. I'm not sure but I suppose the lodge has had a Christmas party each year. We have also had a ravioli dinner for over 80 years. However, this is the first time in the lodges history we have had these two events on the same day.



Taylor Dutto and Austin Gentry direct traffic for the drive-thru.

joyed since the pandemic has started with a lot of people getting used to takeout and drive through food service. *We are adopting to change!*



Roma Lodge lost a 52-year member of the lodge with the passing of **Diane Della**. She received her bachelor's degree from the Conservatory of Music at University of Pacific in Stockton, CA. Diane had a 30+ years long career at Fresno Unified where she created curriculum used in many classrooms today. She wrote the "**Recorder Book**", as well as lesson plans to teach classroom music for K - 3 students. Her accomplishments were recognized when she was awarded the Peripole General Music Educators Award in 2001 by the California Music Educators Association.



**Lena Briano** passed away on December 1<sup>st</sup> and was a 21-year member of Roma Lodge. Lena was very proud of her Italian-Swiss ancestry. Along with husband Albert they were lifelong dairy farmers who moved to the Tulare area from Ontario in 1993. She enjoyed participating in lodge activities and was always a big supporter of the charitable causes of the lodge. For many years she could be found in the kitchen at the annual Christmas party peeling sweet potatoes for the ham and yam luncheon enjoyed by all. **Farewell Sisters Diane Della and Lena Briano. You will be truly missed by the members of Roma Lodge. May you both rest in eternal peace.**

## Special Thanks!

We want to thank all of the Roma Lodge members who contributed to the Central Valley Honor Flight as part of our Christmas party. There was \$940 donated and the funds will be hand delivered to the organization by our Orator **Anthony Chiaramonte** who is a member of the National Guard.



# Decision Time!

At our January meeting on the 10th we have several decisions to make:

- What will be the amount of the Roma Lodge Scholarships for 2022? How much will we appropriate for scholarships and how many we will plan to give? According to our bylaws we will need to decide this at our January meeting. *Melissa Watkins*, scholarship chair will lead the discussion.
- January is when your dues will be due. The Grand Lodge will keep their dues at \$74.75. We charge \$.25 cents for Roma Lodge so your dues will be \$75 for 2022. We will decide if we want to continue at the current rate.
- After a two year hiatus, because of COVID, we will decide on how we plan to have our food booth at the farm show. Will we have the same menu, same prices or shall we try something new?
- We will have a report from *Dominic Pitigliano and Melissa Watkins* from our “*Dinner for Two*” drive-thru. We will decide if we want to have another one in the spring and pick a date and location.
- Grand Lodge bylaw changes are due by January 31st. Do we want to resubmit the changes we have proposed in the past and a new change eliminating the \$200 per day fine for lodges that do not have delegates present at the convention?



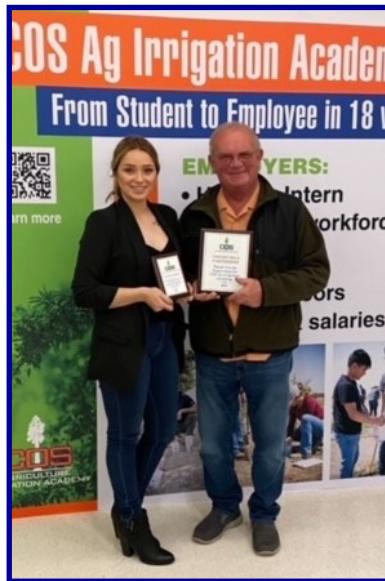
## Your Dues are Due!

Roma Lodge dues are due starting January 1, 2022. Here is your breakdown of where your dues go:

<i>Roma Lodge Dues</i>	<i>2022</i>
Grand Lodge Per Capita	\$ 32.51
Supreme Lodge Per Capita	\$ 21.52
Il Leone	\$ 4.98
Scholarship Assessment	\$ 0.74
Life Insurance	\$ 15.00
Local Dues \$.25 Cents	\$ 0.25
Total	\$ 75.00
Junior Member-Insurance	\$ 6.36

## Members in the News!

*Austin and Aiden Gentry* put out Christmas wreaths at the National Cemetery in Tehachapi with their Scout group from Bakersfield.



Past president and COS Ag Farm Operations Chair *Vince Sola* congratulates *Gloria Rameriz* for her successful completion of the first ever COS Irrigation Academy. The program is organized and taught by Charlie Abee COS agriculture instructor.

Roma Lodge member *Donald Cleek*, supervisor for the UC Lindcove Research and Extension Center, organizes the annual citrus field day featuring dozens of citrus varieties. The program is open to growers and the public.



*If you didn't see your family in the LeNotizie, just text me a picture and the information to 559-901-4683 and I will be glad to include it in the next issue!*

*Check out the Roma Lodge website at to see some great pictures of the Christmas Party!  
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### Trustees

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### Mistress of Ceremony

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

**January Meeting  
Monday  
January 10, 2022  
6:30 PM  
RSVP  
Email- [larrydutto@yahoo.com](mailto:larrydutto@yahoo.com)  
Text- 559-901-4683  
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By January 7th!**



**Yam Duty-Elisabeth and Ben Curti  
peel yams for the XMAS Party!**