



Le Notizie

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September 2019

Our Future!

We had a big crowd for Junior member night in August with over 20 junior members on hand to participate in a special raffle featuring back-to-school items. These members are our future and it is important that the lodge hold special events like junior member night for these young members.



September Meeting
Second Monday
September 9th!
Canata Family Refreshments

Junior Member Activity!

Melissa Watkins has organized a fun activity for Roma Lodge Junior members on Saturday, September 21st at **Quantum Leap** in Visalia. This will be a great fun activity for the junior members. Details are listed on the right. **Call Melissa at 559-361-0811** to reserve your spot. **Make plans to attend.**

Maci Daramy now works for **CALIFIA FARMS** in Bakersfield and brought some of their lemonade and tangerine juices for a fundraiser for our junior members. **Tastes Great!**

ROMA LODGE JUNIOR MEMBER ACTIVITY

WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
@ 10:45AM
WHERE: QUANTUM LEAP,
VISALIA
RSVP TO MELISSA 5593610811
BY 9/17

WE WILL JUMP FROM 11-12.
PARENTS, PLEASE MAKE SURE
TO GO ONLINE TO
[HTTP://WWW.QUANTUM-LEAP.US/](http://www.quantum-leap.us/)
AND COMPLETE THE WAIVER
FOR JUMPING



Make it a Family Affair-Just Ask!

President's Message

I often hear Roma Lodge members, of my generation, lament the issue that they cannot get their children and grandchildren to come to Roma Lodge meetings. We know that everyone is busy, especially the 20-50 age group of young parents who have children and all their school, sports and club activities.

This year we have asked families to provide dinner for our meetings. We saw the entire **Chiramonte and Sola Families** put on some great meals and we got to see their entire families who are members or may someday become members.



Having families come together to cook their favorite meal for lodge members gives them an opportunity to involve the whole family. It also gives the rest of the lodge members an opportunity to meet these members who may not be able to come to many lodge meetings or activities.

As parents, sometimes all we need to do is ask. Helping out the family cook a great meal or ask them to take on a responsibility at a lodge meeting or activity is a great way to get them to attend.

My children live in Bakersfield and it is an hour plus each way for them to travel to Tulare to attend a meeting. So once a year I ask them to assist in hosting Junior Member night. My daughter-in-law **Megan Dutto** purchases all the back to school items for the raffle, my daughter **Anica Gentry** organizes the event and takes pictures, my son **Aaron** and son-in-law **Mark** help cook and my grandchildren love attending and having fun with the other kids. (l-r) **Jordyn, Taylor, Aiden and Austin.**



Lorraine Cleek has been a

Roma Lodge member for 63 years. As shown in the picture she was the Roma Lodge Queen in 1963-64 greeting attendees of the ravioli dinner at the Tulare County Fair grounds. It is said that there



are only three types of people in the world. *Those that have been caregivers, those that are currently caregivers and those that will become caregivers for members of their family who may have health issues.*



For the last 10 years Lorraine has cared for our mother Catherine and her husband Cliff. She has not been able to attend lodge meetings or activities because of the constant care she must provide. If you were at the August meeting she was the one who made the desserts. Berry pie, apple cobbler, cream puffs and even made a quick trip back home when she forgot the ice cream.



A crowd favorite of the Junior Member Night is the delicious potato and macaroni salads that **Maryann Luis** makes. It takes a lot of effort to put together these salads and she even made a corn salad with tortilla chips which was a big hit.

The **Dutto-Cleek-Luis** families come together each August to put on a great event for our Junior Members. In September the **Canata family** and in October the **Janis and Philip Curti** families will host lodge members by providing dinner/refreshments at the meeting.

We hope that you will consider getting your family to take a night for refreshments next year when we will have signups in November-December. Maybe your family cannot come to every meeting or lodge activity but are willing to come to one meeting a year and help the family put on a great meal.

Maybe all you have to do is ask!

Hanford Lodge 90th Anniversary!

Hanford Lodge #1543 will be celebrating their 90th lodge anniversary on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia. Cost is \$60 per person. Bring your checks to the September meeting to reserve your spot. Make plans to attend.



United Lodges Meeting

Roma Lodge will be hosting the United Lodges meeting on **Sunday, September 8th at 11:30 at Marie Callender's in Visalia.** Cost is \$20 per person if you would like to attend. Please RSVP to: larrydutto@yahoo.com or by phone at 901-4683.

Sunshine News

Get well wishes go to our members **Cliff Cleek, Ron Pedroncelli** and **Leroy Beecher** who have had some health issues.

If you know someone who has been ill or been in the hospital, contact **Joann Beecher** so the lodge can send them get well wishes.

Who will be the 2019 Bocce Champs !

Roma Lodge will celebrate **Columbus Day on October 13th** at the IAC park. **We are looking for someone willing to step forward and**



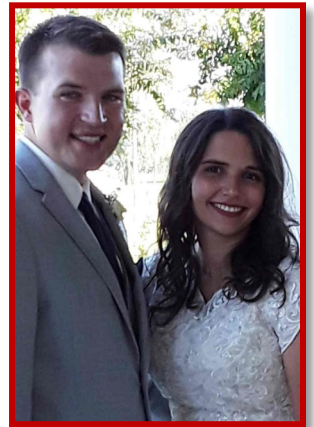
serve as chairperson for the event. If you are willing to take on the responsibility please let us know at the September meeting.

If we cannot find a chairperson we will ask other members to step forward and take on different responsibilities for the event. Traditionally we have had a dessert contest, bounce house for the kids, raffle and bocce tournament. If you other ideas how we can make Columbus Day more rewarding for those who attend let us know.

Queen Weds!

Former Roma Lodge Queen **Isabella Benedetti** was married on August 17th to **Lt. Dan Brown.** Isabella is a graduate of Cal Poly and was getting her Master's Degree from Texas A&M. The newlyweds will be establishing a home in Fort Leonard Wood, MO for the next year. Congratulations!

The proud parents of the bride are **Louie and Tiffani Benedetti.**



Member Travels



Karen Pedroncelli, Nicole Taylor and Kenny Curti (I wonder if they are related) traveled to the **Luke Bryan** concert in Fresno. It appears they were having a great time.

Austin Gentry got to travel to Dodger Stadium with the whole family to see the Yankees beat the Dodgers 10-2 on August 23rd. **Go Yankees!**



High Speed Rail!

Elisabeth and Ben Curti are on **California's High Speed Rail** traveling from Chowchilla to Corcoran. **Oh Wait!** They are on a trip to Switzerland, Italy and Greece! Enjoy!



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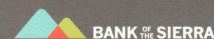
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September Meeting
September 9, 2019
6:30 PM-Dinner

Canata Family Refreshments

