



Le Notizie

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The Calvary Arrives!

I bet **Davey Crockett** wished he would have been a member of the Roma Lodge because unlike his bad experience at the **Alamo**, the 80th annual ravioli dinner was a huge success because the Calvary showed up and saved the day by putting on a great dinner.

There was no need for my lamenting at the meeting about all the people that were going to be gone and the dinner was going to be a disaster because there would be no one to help. **Think Again!** Roma Lodge members came out in droves to do whatever was asked to of them to make our diners have a great meal and a reasonable price.



Lora Berra, Maryann Luis and Faye Taylor enjoy their dinner before a busy night of making salads for the dinner.



Greetings!

Roma Lodge dinner guests were greeted at the door by Roma Lodge Queen and Miss California **Isabella Benedetti** and **Elisabeth Curti**.

Once again lodge members have to thank **Ken Curti** for getting all the food and supplies for the dinner, **Cathy Mederos** for ticket sales and organizing the event, **Charlie Pitigliano** for making the delicious sauce, **Michael DePaoli, Dominic Pitigliano, Josh Pitigliano and Matt Watkins** for being there all day and watching the sauce cook and working through the night to cook spaghetti and BBQ.

Kathy Briano made all the wonderful table decorations and **Vince Sola** made the best green beans ever. **Maryann Luis and Danny Dutto** took over the duties of preparing the salad and **Nancy Pitigliano** organized the serving and takeout lines.

Dennis Mederos served nearly 600 take outs and **Frances Della, Giovanna DePaoli, Maci Daramy, Leslie Walker and Melissa Watkins** took charge of seating people and organizing the dining room seating and serving.

Ken Bertorelli and **Ron Pedroncelli** took care of wine and new member **Pam Chiamonte** handled the coffee and water service. **Megan and Aaron Dutto** organized busing service along with **A.J. Briano**.

Of course we can't forget about the crew that stood for hours to marinate and cook the chicken like **David** and **Michael DePaoli**,

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Annual Ravioli Dinner! REALLY!

Heralds Message

Roma Lodge just completed their 80th annual ravioli dinner. Everyone did an outstanding job in helping put on the event and I believe whether you had take outs or enjoyed your meal inside the hall you would concur it was a great event.

Eighty years of hosting a successful dinner is a major accomplishment in of itself, however in life the only thing that is constant is change. Each year Roma Lodge holds its annual RAVIOLI dinner. *Not its annual ravioli and spaghetti dinner. Not its annual ravioli and chicken dinner. Not its annual ravioli and green bean dinner. Not its annual ravioli and green salad and salami dinner. REALLY!*



Before the 81st annual ravioli dinner rolls around maybe we should take a few minutes at the June meeting to discuss some changes to the dinner if we think they are needed. I for one know that the spaghetti takes a lot of sauce and extra work to do and the dinner plates are very full with both ravioli and spaghetti on the same plate. Remember it is the annual dinner, not dinner, mother's day lunch and dinner the next day just from the takeout container people use because they can't eat everything on their plate. ***Just a thought for discussion!***



Salvador and Anthony Chiaramonte assist Ron Pedroncelli and Ken Bertorelli with the wine opening.



Beautiful Decorations!

Carol Burner and ***Mary Louise Parreira*** help with setting up the decorations for the dinner.



Your Dinner Hosts!

(l-r) Leslie Walker, Melissa Watkins, Giovanna DePaoli and Maci Daramy assisted in seating attendees at the dinner. Not pictured were Frances Della, Karen Pedroncelli and Karen DeGroot all helped in the dining hall.

Members in the News!

According to Facebook (*we can always count on what we read on Facebook as factual!*) Roma Lodge members ***Stacy Galvan*** was one of the Redwood High School faculty that had the yearbook dedicated to them. ***Lauren Costa*** was the MVP for the Reedley High School Golf Team and all league in softball while being on two league championship teams. ***Jordyn Dutto*** was recognized for the book she wrote as part of her kindergarten class at Caesar Chavez School in Bakersfield. If you have news about member accomplishments, send them to lar-ryd@cos.edu !

Mike Saltzman, Joseph Goni and Matt Watkins. It was an opportunity for us to see **Pete Yribarren, Michael Pitigliano, Nick Serafin, Nick Milanesio, Ed Milanesio** and others who showed up to help.



Special thanks goes to our new members **Pam Chiamonte, Anthony M. Chiamonte, Anthony V. Chiamonte and Salvatore Chiamonte** who were there to help cook or serve.

Takeout King & Queen!
Nancy Pitigliano and Dennis Mederos did an outstanding job in organizing the serving and take out lines for the dinner.

We need to thank all those members who showed up to help who may have been helping for the first time like **Drew, Bert, Camryn and Lora Berra** who filled in for whatever needed to be



Wedding Bells!

Roma Lodge member Melissa Mederos was married on Saturday May 17th to David Semoes. Melissa is the daughter of Cathy and Dennis Mederos. *Photo courtesy of professional photographer Ben Curti.*



Ben Curti, Charlie Pitigliano and David DePaoli line out the pots for the sauce.

done. Drew is one of our scholarship winners this year. The entire Roma Lodge Queen's family were on hand to help assist with the event.

Of course the danger in listing anyone's name in this publication is that we are surely missing some folks who were there and helped out. I know several, too numerous to mention here, so *on behalf of the lodge we want to thank all of you who helped with the dinner.*



Children's Hospital Donation!

Roma Lodge members Janis Curti and Leroy Beecher were part of the delegation of United Lodge members who presented a check to the Children's Hospital. *Photo courtesy of Jackie Giacomazzi.*

**June Meeting
Monday, June 2, 2014
6:30 P.M.**



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Dinner Menus

January-Potluck
February-Stew & Polenta
March-Potluck
April-Italian Sausage and Risotto
May-Pizza
June-Chairman's Choice
July-No Meeting
August-Hotdogs/Hamburgers
September-Potluck
October-Chairman's Choice
November-Polenta and Stew
December-Ham & Yams-XMAS Party

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Meeting

June 2, 2014
6:30 PM-Dinner

May Dinner
RECAP
Grand Lodge
Convention
Dinner
Chairman's Choice
Come and Be Surprised

Roma Lodge

June Meeting

June 2, 2014

6:30 p.m.

Place: Ag Center Social Hall, So. Laspina Rd.

**Birthday Members Bring Your
Desserts & Raffle Prizes**

June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Meeting 6:30 P.M.	3	4 Frank Goni Kylee Cleek	5	6 Jeffery Jordan	7 Kathy Chavez
8 Benjamin Filiponi	9	10	11 Giovanna DePaoli Louis Jr Clarot	12	13 Jessica Saltzman Katrina Reinart	14 Frances Della Arlo Zinda
15	16 Marjorie Boyer	17	18	19	20 Cris Clark Morgan Sparlin Jon Bassett	21 Connie Spagnuolo
22 Theresa Blua	23 Bert Berra	24	25	26 Elisabeth Curti Megan Mederos	27	28 Belinda Briano
29 Angelina Milanesio Joey Barreto	30					



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