



# Le Notizie

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## ***New Leadership!***

Below, acting Herald Dennis Mederos assists acting State Deputy, Kathy Briano, to install the 2015-2016 Roma Lodge officers. From left to



right are new trustee Rob Pinkerton, chair Matt Watkins, Michael Saltzman and new president David DePaoli. For a complete listing of the officers and their contact information see the list on the back of the ***LeNotizie***.

Roma Lodge welcomes six new individuals to the slate of officers ensuring the lodge will have a great group of officers for the next two years. We certainly want to thank retiring officers ***Tina Sparlin, Shurene Curti and Carole Burner*** for their service to the lodge as officers during the last term.



## ***A little late coming!***



Incoming Roma Lodge President David DePaoli presents past president gavel plaques to outgoing president ***Nick Canata*** and the previous past president ***Ken Curti***. Ken was the only three term president for the lodge serving as president from 2007 to 2012. Upon the completion of his term ***David DePaoli*** will tie Ken by completing his three term presidency next year. He served the lodge as president from 1983-1986. Roma Lodge certainly wants to thank these three individuals for their outstanding leadership as lodge presidents.

***February Meeting***  
***Monday***  
***February 2, 2015***  
***6:00 PM***  
***Chairman's Choice***

**G**iorgio Napolitano is the 11th President of Italy. Now, most of us as Roma Lodge members probably didn't know that and with today's technology using the Internet (Thank you Al Gore) all you have to do is to get on the web and search for the president of Italy.



If Mr. Napolitano wanted to find out who the president of the Roma Lodge was he could do the same by searching the web and going to the Roma Lodge website at [romalodge1573.org](http://romalodge1573.org) and be able to contact our president David DePaoli.

Today websites are like noses, just about everybody has one. However, there are so many on the web that who has the time to visit very many of them. Many sites are designed to provide you with information, that used to require a visit to the library, and most are there to sell you something. A lot are connected to social webpages such as Twitter or Facebook.

The Roma Lodge site is primarily designed to provide information about the lodge to those outside the lodge who may be interested in learning more about what Roma Lodge is doing. Six simple tabs, titled *Home, Lodge History, LeNotizie, Calendar, Scholarships, Current Events and Contacts* makes the site simple to use and informative.

The *Home* page provides visitors with pictures of the most recent lodge activity, when meetings and events are planned and some other general information about the lodge. The *History* page is pretty self explanatory and the *LeNotizie* page provides visitors with all of the issues of the publication for 2014 and 2015. Members can access the publication and print it out if they choose to do so. A subpage on the *LeNotizie* page gives all the newsletter sponsors a slideshow of their business cards. When we used to print out the sponsors and birthdays for the month this cost the lodge it would cost about \$600 per year

so the lodge decided to post that information on the website.

The *Calendar* page is a Google application and shows all of the lodge members birthdays and is updated automatically. Visitors can access this page and find out when all lodge members have a birthday or when other important events are scheduled.

The *Scholarship* page features our scholarship winners and the *Current* events page shows pictures of lodge activities that have been recently conducted by the lodge.

Finally, the *Contact* page features the contact information for all of our lodge officers and visitors can access a pdf of the complete lodge directory online. So if you have are somewhere you don't have your lodge directory and need to contact an officer or need a phone number of a member you can simply click on the lodge directory and get that information.

If you have not accessed the site you need to take a look at in once in a while to see what is going on in the lodge. I have also added a visit counter to the site which shows we have about 13, 245 visitors to the side since I built it.

Now, before you get too excited that over 13,000 people have visited the site I would estimate that it took me about that many visits to design, build, edit and work on the site!

The Roma Lodge website keeps the lodge up-to-date with technology, gives outside visitors the opportunity to see what the lodge is doing and provides as a resource to house information about the lodge. It is important that lodge members and others continue to utilize the site and suggest changes on how to make it better. The site was developed and is maintained by Wix.com which is a pretty easy platform to use.

***Remember, if we don't use and we can't get someone to maintain it in the future we may lose it.*** So next time you are on the web go to the site and check it out.

## More New Babies

### **Domenica Lilia**

**Curti** was born on December 30, 2014 to proud parents **Navin Sok and Phillip Justin Curti**. Domenica weighed 6 lbs, 8 ounces and measure 20 inches long. Her grandparents are **Janis and Phillip Curti** and she is doing well. Congratulations to all the Curti Family for another addition to their family.



## Sunshine News

**Ben Curti** and **Larry Dutto**, golfing partners, continue to recover from their health issues brought on by an traffic accident and recent surgery. Both hope to make a full recovery and get back on the golf course as soon as their health permits. **Anna Dutto** also had a recent stay in the hospital with a bout of pneumonia.

## Lodge Directory

The 2015-16 Roma Lodge Directory is about ready to go to print and therefore it is important to make sure you notify Cathy Mederos of any changes in your address or phone number. The directory will be in booklet form and a little smaller than in the past and we will limit the phone numbers to one contact number. Currently if you have had a cell number listed in the directory that will be the only one listed. If you do not have a cell number listed then your home number will be listed. You need to make your corrections at the February meeting or contact Cathy by February 15th to make changes.



## World Ag Expo

The weather is cold and foggy with no real rain in sight and we used to rely on the World Ag Expo to bring rain to the valley. However, it does not seem to be the case this year. With that said it is time for Roma Lodge members to come together in support of our 48th year in having a food booth at the World Ag Expo.



Chairs for the booth are **Michael DePaoli, Matt and Melissa Watkins and Maci Daramy** and they need our support. Sauce making will be on Sunday, February 8th and you will need to have your admission pass that day to get into the show. Make sure you plan on being at the meeting on February 2nd to get your passes to get into the show each day.

Remember, it is not about how much money we make but the visibility Roma Lodge receives as a non-profit, charitable organization that supports our community in a variety of ways. Make plans to come and support our committee chairs and the lodge by doing your part to make the booth a success.

### *Membership Dues*

*Your lodge dues were due on **January 1, 2015**. Regular member dues are **\$75** per year. Social members are **\$60** and benefits for junior members are **\$6.36**. Junior members who choose not to select the benefit option are free. College students up to the age of 26 are also free if they verify they are in college by sending a letter to the lodge. Mail your dues to **Cathy Mederos, Roma Lodge, PO Box 1337, Tulare, California 93275**.*



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**Roma Lodge 85th  
Anniversary Celebration  
Sunday, April 12, 2015  
Mark Your Calendar**

***Your Roma Lodge Officers***

President	David DePaoli (804-5443)
Vice President	Michael DePaoli(361-2345)
Treasurer	Karen Pedroncelli (732-1591)
Recording Sec.	Giovanna DePaoli (361-0640)
Financial Sec.	Cathy Mederos (687-1112)
Orator	Gary Dutto (686-6201)
Historian	Elisabeth Curti (553-3151)
Guard	Ken Bertorelli (788-8496)
Past President	Nick Canata (661-978-9331)

***Trustees***

Danny Dutto	(686-1348)
Mike Saltzman	(686-4340)
Matt Watkins-Chair	(635-1699)
Dominic Pitigliano	(359-1907)
Rob Pinkerton	(331-3183)

***Mistress of Ceremony***

Frances Della	(784-7653)
Kathy Canata	(281-5294)

**Meeting  
February 2, 2014  
6:00 PM**



***Menu-Chairman's Choice***

***Karen DeGroot***

***Joyce Hofstee***

**Drawing-\$80**

**Mary Louise Yribarren**

**Was Not Present Last Month When Her  
Name Was Drawn**