



Le Notizie

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Double the Crowd-Double The Fun!

Roma Lodge celebrated Columbus Day on October 13th with over 70 members and guests enjoying a great event. Attendance was double of what it was last year with a lot of new faces of folks we haven't seen in awhile. Special thanks to **Michael DePaoli** and **Matt Watkins** for barbecuing hotdogs, tri-tip and chicken, **Joann Beecher** for organizing the raffle, **Janis Curti** for judging the desserts, **Pam Sola** for some great junior activities and **Ben Curti** for organizing the bocce tournament. **Giovanna DePaoli** took care of the water and paper products and **Charlie Pitigliano** helped with setup and clean-up. Special thanks to all who assisted in making this a great event and attended.



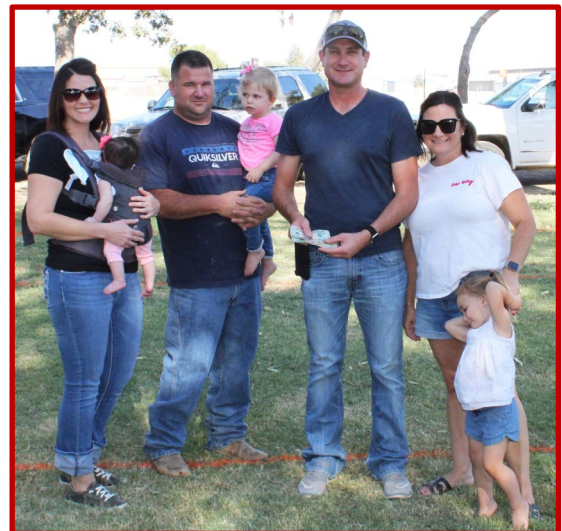
Dessert Contest Winners

Nicole Taylor, Adelyn Watkins, Harper DePaoli and Joann Beecher. Special thanks to all the members who made desserts, brought salads or specialty dishes or helped out with all the great food enjoyed by all.



2019 BOCCE CHAMPS!

David Pinheiro, Michael Saltzman, Vince and Pam Sola won \$100 in the buyout. Congratulations!



Bocce Consolation Winners!

Leslie, Harlow, Haydyn and Michael DePaoli along with Matt, Melissa and Kate Watkins who pocketed \$60 in the buyout!

Polenta Dinner and Meeting
Monday, November 4th, 2019
Agri-Center Social Hall
6:30 PM

Charting a New Course!

Presidents Message

Roma Lodge just celebrated their annual Columbus Day Celebration at the IAC park. If you have been watching the news, Columbus continues to be under attack as students from Big 10 schools have decided to do away with any historical evidence that Columbus ever existed. More and more states have done away with the Columbus Day Holiday and are promoting an Indigenous Peoples day instead.



It appears we are trying to do away with artifacts that represent our history as a country. With the removal of statues, monuments, murals, paintings and traditions it seems like we are judging actions of those people of 1492, like Columbus, with a way of life of morals and values of people in 2019. We have to ask if that is a fair assessment of those individuals who lived during a different time in history?

Columbus lived in an era where many of the things he did were deemed acceptable practices at the time. It is only in the last few years that our country wants to do away with any reminders of actions taken over 500 years ago. Actions we now, deemed atrocities.

If you go to this link, ([Thank you, Carol McLafferty](https://tfpstudentaction.org/blog/christopher-columbus-myth-vs-fact)) you will find 10 myths about Columbus that you may or may not know. <https://tfpstudentaction.org/blog/christopher-columbus-myth-vs-fact>

There are literally thousands of Americans of Italian descent who have made numerous contributions to the success of America. As members of Roma Lodge we need to recognize these individuals and understand no one is perfect.

As a country we may need to **chart a new course** in how we remember our history. We need to keep the statues, paintings and symbols to remind all of us who made contributions to what we have today and understand their actions occurred at a different time under different circumstances. **Maybe in a hundred years from now we will be condemned for using paper straws and drinking water from plastic bottles!**

Roma Lodge Scholarships

Frances Della has decided to hang up her Roma Lodge Scholarship chair position after many years of service to the lodge. Based on her success on the bocce court she may be starting a new career on the pro bocce ball circuit!



Melissa Watkins has graciously taken over the chairmanship of the selection committee, Frances will continue her duties of collecting and thanking individuals for their donations to the scholarship fund.

This change gives the lodge the opportunity and responsibility to amend and approve guidelines for the distribution of scholarship funds to deserving students. We plan to address several questions in **charting a new course** of how we will give scholarships.

Let's review:

- Should we give out scholarships in the names of the individuals who had funds contributed in their name for that year?
- If Joe Blow dies and \$10,000 is given in his name should we setup an endowment and give the interest or a portion of the funds each year in his name?
- Should donors to the scholarship fund have the ability to designate how they would like the funds distributed?
- Should we change the criteria for the amount and number of scholarships we give each year?
- Should we have a weighted scorecard for the selection committee to use in selecting applicants?
- Should membership in Roma Lodge be a requirement to receive a scholarship in a larger amount than those of Italian descent?

Melissa will present various ideas at the November meeting and solicit input and discussion. We will vote on proposed guidelines at our January meeting so they can be incorporated for next years selection process. Remember we are a fraternal organization. **We sometimes forget that when we are talking about money!**

Look at the Menu!

If you go to the website of a local Italian restaurant in Visalia (which I will not name) you will find a combination meat and spaghetti dish for \$35. Had you attended the October meeting of Roma Lodge you would have had homemade spaghetti with delicious sauce complete with chunks of sausage from Texas. **Yes, Texas!** That wasn't all. How about some delicious beef ribs, salad and bread? A banquet fit for a king. A \$35 meal **For Free!**



Thanks to **Justin and Navin Curti**, daughters **Domenica and Amelia** and moral support from

Janis and Phillip Curti they put on a wonderful meal for nearly 50 lodge members who attended. Special thanks to the Curti Family for a great meal and all the time and effort they put into making the meeting a special event.

Sebastian Pedroncelli and **Camden Taylor** had a great time at the meeting.

If you want to know what you get for your local dues of 25 cents you should come to a monthly meeting for great food, fun and be home by 8:15 at the latest! **Can't beat that! Got Kids!**

If you have young children, don't be afraid to bring them to the meeting. **Pam Sola** has done a great job in having activities for them during the meeting. We must encourage them to attend lodge meetings when they are young.



Pam even organized a special bocce tournament for the juniors at Columbus Day and organized other special activities for the juniors.



Albert Berra, Joann Beecher and Giovanna DePaoli plan their next throws at the Columbus Day Bocce Tournament. If you want to see more great pictures of the event go to the Roma Lodge website at:



<https://www.romalodge1573.org/>

What a Rack!

Roma Lodge member **Daniel Daramy** bagged another large set of horns for his den on a recent hunting trip to New Mexico!



Sunshine News

Get well wishes go to **Diane Della** who had surgery recently. If you know someone who is having health issues contact **Joann Beecher at 688-8380**.

Directory Changes

The **Clint Curti Family** has a new address at 3490 East Prosperity, Tulare California, 93274 and **Donald Cleek** 3364 Brisa Ct, Tulare, CA 93274, if you would like to make a note in your lodge directory.



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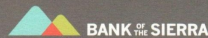
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November Meeting

November 4, 2019

6:30 PM-Dinner

**Michael DePaoli Family
Dinner Chairs**



As winter approaches at our November meeting we do a traditional meal of polenta and stew which is always so good. Make plans to join us.