



Le Notizie

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Plenty of Seating!

It seems to happen every September when the lodge moves its monthly meeting a week later because of the Labor Day holiday we have poor attendance at the meeting.

We had to move the meeting to the Heritage Complex because the social hall was preparing for a 9/11 blood drive.



There was plenty of seating for president David DePaoli to eat with his granddaughters Giulia and Adelyn Watkins and Harper DePaoli.



Louie Benedetti stepped forward and prepared a delicious meal for everyone to enjoy.

Kathy Briano made a delicious German chocolate cake with pecan frosting everyone enjoyed.

Roma Lodge members sang Happy Birthday to members who had birthdays in September. Adelyn Watkins and Harper DePaoli both have September birthdays and are shown with Leslie DePaoli who celebrated her birthday in August. Congrats to all!



Columbus Day Celebration Sunday, October 7, 2018!

Roma Lodge will celebrate Columbus Day on **Sunday, October 7th** at the World Ag Expo Park. The date for the event was discussed at the September meeting about moving to the 14th however the park is not available because of the Heritage Festival event. We hope that you will be able to join us on the 7th as we celebrate Columbus Day!

Tentative Schedule of events:

- 11:30 AM-Setup/Cooking
- 12:00 PM-Registration/Bocce Team Signup
- 12:30 PM-Bocce Tournament Starts
- 1:00 PM-Lunch is Served
- 1:30 PM-Dessert Judging/Serving
- 2:00 PM-Raffle
- 2:30 PM-Bocce Championships
- 3:00 PM-Cleanup

Cost-Members Free-Guests-\$5

What the Lodge Supplies

Main Dish BBQ, Paper products, water and all the trimmings.

What to Bring

- ◆ Raffle Prize
- ◆ Additional beverages if wanted
- ◆ Side dish
- ◆ Make something for the dessert contest.

Prizes will be given to the best 3 desserts. **Janis Curti** will chair the dessert contest.

Roma Lodge is inviting members of the Hanford Lodge to join us for Columbus Day festivities.

We will have a Bounce House for the kids to have fun!

Fill in the Blank!

Heralds Message

At the September meeting I was volunteered to chair the nomination committee for the 2019-2020 slate of officers for the lodge. If you look up synonyms for committee you will find such words as *taskforce, group, team or working group!*

In the past the nominating committee was selected, a meeting at someone's home was held, phone calls were made, refreshments eaten and everyone went home.

I decided to cutout the committee and meeting. I sent out emails and made phone calls to determine who would like to continue in their current position, seek a new position, serve as president or not seek a position with the lodge.

Thanks to modern technology, a lodge directory and solicitation of potential candidates here is a list of nominees: **(New nominees in Red)**

President	?????????????
Vice President	Louie Benedetti
Past President	David DePaoli
Treasurer	Karen Pedroncelli
Recording Secretary	Kathryn Gomes
Financial Secretary	Pam Sola
Orator	Gary Dutto
Historian	Melissa Watkins
Guard	Ken Bertorelli
Chaplain	Nicole Taylor
Trustee	Dominic Pitigliano
Trustee	Daniel Dutto
Trustee	Mike Saltzman
Trustee	Rob Pinkerton
Trustee	Matt Watkins-Chair
Junior Members	Pam Sola
Herald	Larry Dutto

Mistress of Ceremonies

Toni Saltzman

Frances Della

State Deputy

Lilia Giacomazzi

As you can see from the above list there is only one office that does not have a candidate. The office of **President**. As chair of the nomination committee I'm asking all lodge members to think of someone who can serve in this office and come prepared to nominate someone at the October meeting!

As we continue to see lodges close around the state a common problem experienced by these lodges is that once the older members passed away there was not a group of younger members to take on leadership roles in the lodge. It could have been because the older members would not give up their roles or younger members were not encouraged to take on leadership responsibilities.

Roma Lodge has **61 members** from the age of 30-45. We have an excellent group of these members who regularly attend meetings, serve as trustees, chair activities or support the lodge. They also have their children attend the meetings and thanks to **Pam Sola** we now have activities for them to do.

For these young parents the common reason for not running for a higher office is that they are too busy with all of their children's activities. I have children and grandchildren and I know this is a huge issue.

However, I could not help but think back to when my dad was president of the lodge in 1948-49. He had two young children ages 6 months and 18 months, owned a dairy in which he milked cows twice a day with his brother John, fed them and still worked in the fields. He did this 362 days a year for nearly 45 years and could not take sick days, weekends or holidays off. Just think of running the lodge meeting until 9 or 10 p.m. and then having to get up at 3:30 a.m. to milk cows. Busy people are busy because they take on leadership roles and find the time.

In my conversations with potential nominees I have been asked why I don't take the presidency. I certainly have the time, however, we will be making the same mistake many of the lodges who have closed made. If we do not transfer leadership to our younger members the largest lodge in the state will never make its 100th anniversary in 2030! **Think about who you can nominate to fill in the blank!**



*Laurence Dutto
Roma Lodge
President 1948-49*

Sunshine News!

It appears that a lot of lodge members are trying to get mentioned in the **LeNotizie** as part of Sunshine News!

Dawn Dutto spent a few days in Kaweah Delta Hospital recovering from health issues brought an imbalance in her electrolytes. When she was being released from the hospital **Ben and Philip Curti** found themselves in the emergency room at KDH. Both were released after several lab tests and doctor visits. They are now both home and recovering with additional visits to the medical facilities.



Ben and Philip Curti at Kaweah Delta Hospital

Condolences are in order for **Charlie Piti-gliano** with the passing of long time friend and employee **Duncan McGrew** who passed away during a trip to Alaska and Wyoming with his wife **Louise**.

New Job!

Roma Lodge Past -President **Nick Canata** recently took a new position with the INGLEBY company a Denmark based organization. Nick is the agronomist in charge of a pistachio operation in Burrell southwest of Fresno.



Nick and Kathleen visited the company headquarters on a recent trip to Denmark. **Pretty nice gig if you can get it.**

Email Addresses

If you would like to receive lodge announcements by email please submit your email address to larrydutto@yahoo.com so we can add you to our distribution list. If you want the **Le-Notizie** by email we can add you to the list as well.

Fair Time!

Several members of Roma Lodge participated in the Tulare County Fair in September. Pictured at right is junior member **Sophia Gomes** who exhibited her prize winning goats at the fair. She was visited on show day by **Adelyn and Giulia Watkins**.



Our Roma Lodge Queen **Gianna Benedetti** showed a market steer as well at the fair. If you had someone who participated in the fair send a picture and caption to larrydutto@yahoo.com to feature them in next months edition of the **Le-Notizie**.

Something Fishy!

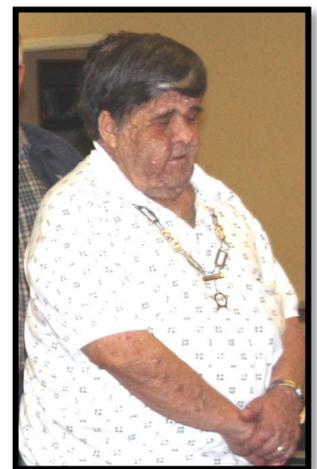
Roma Lodge member **Donald Cleek** on a recent fishing expedition to Morro Bay with friend cardiologist Barry Meyer.



Thanks Kenny!

For those of you who receive your monthly edition of the **LeNotizie** through the mail it is **Kenny Bertorelli** who makes sure you get your newsletter. Each month he receives the 100 plus copies, puts stamps on them and ensures they are mailed each month.

Roma Lodge needs to thank Kenny for what he does to ensure everyone who gets a hardcopy of the newsletter each month receive them.





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Your Roma Lodge Officers

President	David DePaoli (804-5443)
Vice President	Michael DePaoli (730-1168)
Treasurer	Karen Pedroncelli (732-1591)
Recording Sec.	Giovanna DePaoli (361-0640)
Financial Sec.	Pam Sola (901-1781)
Orator	Gary Dutto (686-6201)
Historian	Melissa Watkins (361-0811)
Guard	Ken Bertorelli (788-8496)
Past President	Nick Canata (661-978-9331)
Chaplain	Kathy Canata (281-5294)

Trustees

Danny Dutto	(686-1348)
Mike Saltzman	(686-4340)
Matt Watkins-Chair	(647-7161)
Dominic Pitigliano	(359-1907)
Rob Pinkerton	(331-3183)

Mistress of Ceremony

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

October Meeting
Monday

October 1, 2018
6:30 PM

Pam Sola

Refreshment Chair

October Birthdays

**Bring your raffle prizes
and contact Pam Sola and
let her know you are will-
ing to help.**