

The OSDIA Supreme Lodge was established in 1905 and the Grand Lodge of California began in September of 1925. Roma Lodge in 1930, so after nearly a 100 years we are starting to get organized!

For most of us who have taken on leadership roles in the lodge it involves attending a monthly meeting, sitting in front of the delegation, having a good dinner, saying a few words and going home. This of course is unless you are the recording secretary, treasurer or God forbid, financial secretary.

The **financial secretary** has the job of sending out statements, collecting dues, making membership changes, reporting changes to the Grand Lodge for new members, members who have dropped and making payments each quarter to the Grand Lodge. Then if a member passes away there is all the paper-

work involved in getting the family the death benefit from the Grand Lodge.

Roma Lodge has been very fortunate for the last 20 years by having **Cathy Mederos**, **Pam Sola** and now **Tina Sparlin** as our financial secretaries. However, there may be help on the way.



The Supreme Lodge has contracted with **iMembers DB** which is a software company that tracks membership for many non-profit organizations such as the Rotary Club.



There are several modules to the program and the Grand Lodge has agreed to utilize the program so that local lodges can use the software to track membership.



The Grand Lodge will load Roma Lodge membership into the program and then Tina will be able to add, delete or modify member records in the database. There will not

be a charge to Roma Lodge for this service.

However, there are several other features of the program which can be utilized for a nominal fee. The lodge could utilize the program for our website, publicize our events, notify members of meetings and activities and send everyone a greeting on their birthday. We will be discussing the new program at our next meeting. **Stay tuned!**

Ravioli Dinner Drive-Thru

Our last drive through ravioli dinner was in May of 2019 prior to the pandemic. It was our 84th annual dinner and was a mainstay for the Tulare community as the social event of the year when it was first started back in the 1950's.



As shown in the advertisement it was held at the Tulare County Fairgrounds where attendees could enjoy ravioli, chicken, wine, dancing to a live orchestra for the outrageous price of \$3.00. Children could eat for only \$1.00. **Unbelievable!**

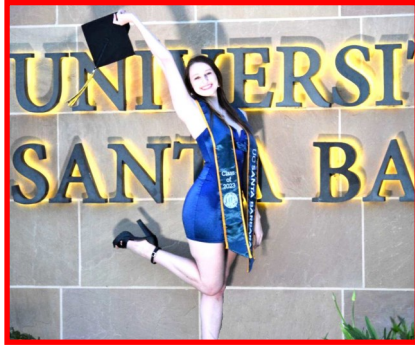
As Roma Lodge members of today we need to preserve these long time traditions in the Tulare

Community by carrying on our Italian Culture. Italy and Italians are known throughout the world for their great food and nothing says it more than ravioli and pasta.

Let us all do our part for in showing the community we are proud of our Italian heritage by holding our 85th dinner in October. We will host it at the IAC Social Hall. We will decide on a date and put together a committee to start the planning process.

Members In The News!

Roma Lodge member and 2019 scholarship recipient, **Katrina Reinart**, graduated from University of California, Santa Barbara with a B.S. in Environmental Studies and a B.A. in Dance. She is the granddaughter of **Carolyn Beecher**.



Cal Poly Cow Camp

Amelia Curti and her mom Navin attended Cal Poly Cow Camp this summer. Children from all over the state attend the Cow Camp each summer hosted by the Cal Poly Dairy Science Department.



Exeter Eels

Kate, Adelyn and Giulia Watkins are all swimmers on the **Exeter Eels** swim club. They all swam and

qualified for the time trials at a recent competition.

Scout Time!

Austin and Aiden Gentry spent a week at the **Camp Emerald Bay Santa Catalina Island**. They participated in Scuba, Snorkeling, Paddle Boarding, Merit Badges, Lifesaving, Kayaking, Rifle Shooting and Environmental Science.



Mark Your Calendar!

August 7th-Junior Member Night
Dutto-Cleek-Luis-Dinner Hosts

September 11-Regular Meeting
Berra Family Dinner Hosts

October 2nd-Regular Meeting
Justin Curti Family Dinner Hosts

October 8th-Columbus Day Celebration
Mooney's Grove Park

October 28th-Ravioli Drive Thru Dinner
Social Hall

November 6th-Regular Meeting
Polenta-Stew
DePaoli Family Dinner Hosts

December 3rd-Christmas Party-Social Hall
Leslie DePaoli-Chair



Junior Member Night!
August 7th
Dinner @ 6 p.m.

High Flyer


Roma Lodge member **Megan Dutto** attended the **Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association** convention in Frederick, Maryland. Megan is in charge of the aviation program at North High in Bakersfield. As part of her training she got to have a flight with veteran pilot Luz.





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Your Roma Lodge Officers 2023-2024

President	Larry Dutto (901-4683)
Vice President	Justin Curti (906-9109)
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Dominic Pitigliano	(359-1907)
Michael DePaoli	(730-1168)

Mistress of Ceremony

Joann Beecher	(260-4156)
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August Meeting

August 7, 2023
Dinner @ 6:00 pm
Junior Member Night
RSVP by August 4th!
Text-559-901-4683
Email-larrydutto@yahoo.com
Dinner Hosts
Dutto-Cleek-Luis Families

