



Le Notizie

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Picture Time!

On May 1st, Roma Lodge will be celebrating our 93rd Anniversary. As part of our celebration we will



50+ Year Members of Roma Lodge!

be recognizing those members who are celebrating 5-year milestone membership in the lodge. Listed below (**IN RED**) are those members who will be receiving a certificate, recognition and their picture taken at the meeting. We will be serving our traditional Italian sausage and risotto.

Let us know you will be attending (*or have someone there to receive your certificate*) so we can plan accordingly. Please text to 559-901-4683.

5 Year Members

Ava Clark, Sophia Gomes, Eva Gomes,
Ariel Maness

10 Year Members

Elisabeth Curti, Daniel Daramy,
Austin Gentry, Adelyn Watkins, Giulia Watkins

15 Year Members

Jordyn Dutto, Madison Dutto,
Marilyn Madrigal, Robert Pinkerton

20 Year Members

Krista Borba

30 Year Members

Aaron Dutto, Anica Gentry, John Parreira

50 Year Members

David DePaoli, Gary Giraudi,
Angelina Milanesio, Edward Milanesio,
Nick Milanesio

54 Year Members

Ben Curti, Ken Curti, Frances Della, Linda Della, Giovanna DePaoli, Dave Milanesio, Steve Milanesio, Nick Serafin, Vincent Sola

55 Year Members

Philip Curti and William Fusco

56 Year Members

Dennis Burner, James Costa,
Carol McLafferty

57 Year Members

Clarence Costa, John Greco, Maryann Luis

58 Year Members

Mary Jean Kronbetter, Marlene Peterson

59 Year Members

Rosalie Milanesio, Agnes Pelous

65 Year Member

Catherine Romero

66 Year Member

Ronnie Pedroncelli

67 Year Members

Carole Burner, Janet Cabral,
Johnnie Kaye Costa, Betty Pratt,
Lorraine Cleek

69 Year Members

Joann Beecher,
Gary Dutto, Barbara Maraist

74 Year Member

Catherine Atkinson

If you think you have a milestone membership certificate due this year and do not see your name listed above let us know. Simply email larrydutto@yahoo.com or text 559-901-4683 and we will make sure we get you your certificate.

May Meeting-Monday-May 1st-6:30 PM

Agri-Center Social Hall

RSVP by April 28th!

Email-larrydutto@yahoo.com

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Italian Sausage and Risotto

Webster defines *Status Quo* as: “*The current situation: the way things are now.*”

Grand Lodge President, **Barbara Wisniewski** has made communication as a top priority for the Grand Lodge. As part of this effort she has held monthly zoom calls for local lodge presidents to discuss happenings in their local lodges. We usually get 6-10 lodges being represented and it is always nice to hear what other lodges are doing.

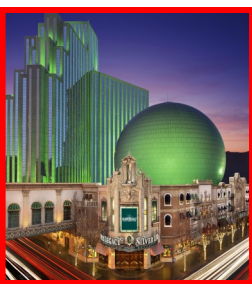


Comments range from how local lodges conduct their meetings, hold Italian Culture events, do fundraising or attract new members into the lodge. Many lodges host or take part in community events to promote their Italian Ancestry.

If you have not visited the Grand Lodge website I encourage you to do so. Simply click on this link and you can see what other lodges are doing in the state. [Welcome \(osiaca.org\)](http://Welcome.osiaca.org) Special thanks goes to **Anna Graeber** of the Napa Lodge who serves as the webmaster and does an excellent job in covering activities of local lodges throughout the state.



The Grand Lodge convention will be held June 22-24th in Reno Nevada at the Silver Legacy Hotel and Casino. Roma Lodge will be sending two delegates to this years convention. Sending only two delegates will still cost the lodge over \$2,000 (as compared to over \$5,000 if we had to send 5 delegates as required by Grand Lodge bylaws) which is a large expense for the lodge. It is time the Grand Lodge considers reducing the number of days of the convention, the number of delegates required by local lodges and the way the conventions are being conducted. *Status Quo* no longer works!



I'm entering my 4th term as your Roma Lodge president. I first served the organization as president in 1999-2000. In 2001 I took over writing the newsletter. With the help of my mother-in-law **Lupe Briano** we entitled the publication the *LeNotizie*, Italian for *The News*. Now, over 250 publications later, the *LeNotizie* has documented Roma Lodge activities for the past 20+ years.

Over the years technology has changed, so writing the newsletter no longer takes a typewriter **Joanne Beecher** had to use. Cutting and pasting articles out of the newspaper is no longer needed because local newspapers do not print activities of local clubs and organizations. Long time Historian **Pierina Girado** did a wonderful job of putting together scrapbooks to document lodge activities. You now can go to the **Tulare Public Library** to view those scrapbooks to learn more about Roma Lodge.



As your president I have three goals for the organization.

1. Emphasize the tenet of **fraternity** by holding a monthly meeting with a dinner to be enjoyed by member families.
2. Conduct the business session of the meetings in a prompt and efficient manner.
3. Focus on the **family** by having junior member activities at each meeting so families can enjoy a great meal and have an educational activity for the junior members while the business meeting is going on. (Thank you **Pam Solo**)

We have been deficit spending the last couple of years due to the pandemic with the loss of our annual ravioli dinner. Therefore, we need to have another fundraiser by the end of the year so we can keep our finances solvent. If you have other ideas of how we can make the lodge experience better for our members, let me know.

I'm not advocating an Italian Festival in downtown Tulare or a parade honoring Christopher Columbus. I think we keep doing what we are doing so the *"Status Quo"* may not be so bad after all!

Maren Laine Sola

Steve and Sam Sola welcomed baby girl **Maren Laine Sola** into the world on April 11, 2023. Maren weighed in at 5 lbs and 13 ounces and measured 18.5 inches. Although she was not scheduled to arrive until the 27th of April she had her own plans. She surprised everyone by being born on the 11th causing some anxious moments for the family. Now, she and mom are doing well.

Maren is the granddaughter of **Pam and Vince Sola**.



Members in the New!

Each year the Kings County Board of Supervisors, select a woman from their district to receive recognition for their contributions to the community. Supervisor Richard Valle, District 2, selected Roma Lodge member **Lisa Shaw**.



Lisa has been at the Corcoran Chamber of Commerce since 2006 and has a background in marketing, advertising and event planning. She is a long-time resident of Waukena and lives with her husband Jason, where they were active in Waukena 4-H as leaders of Market Lambs, Foods & Nutrition, Photography, Archery, Arts & Crafts, Record Book Keeping, Gardening and Shotgun Training. Both sit on the Valley Ag Boosters Board, an organization supporting today's youth to become tomorrow's leaders in agriculture.

Lisa's daughter, **Delaney Shaw**, pictured 3rd from the right, is attending **Kansas State University** where she is a member of the award winning Meats Evaluation Judging team. She has



received numerous individual awards as a top judge setting many records for the Kansas State team. Delaney was also recognized on the prestigious **Meat Judging All American Team**. She received the Roma Lodge scholarship in 2020 and we all want to congratulate Delaney and her mother Lisa for their outstanding achievements.

IHOP?

Not Exactly! **Frances Della** was taken on a trip by her daughter **Linda Della** to survey the recent flood damage in Tulare County. Frances posed for this picture of an old cookhouse trailer used in the early days to feed those who worked on the local farms. Frances will be celebrating her 94th birthday in June and remembers the days when these cook trailers served a vital role in agriculture.



Media Mogul!

Roma Lodge member **Vince Sola** followed up with his acting debut in **"Children of the Corn"** in 2021 with a feature article in the *New York Times* recently. During the recent flooding in Tulare County Vince worked with prisoners for 10 days and nights in a row trying to fix the breaches in the Tulare River.



A reporter from the *New York Times* arrived to document their efforts in trying to stop the flooding. Vince was featured in the article which appeared

in their publication. **Well done, Brother Vince!**



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April and May birthday members don't forget to bring your raffle prizes!

Your Roma Lodge Officers 2023-2024

President	Larry Dutto (901-4683)
Vice President	Justin Curti (906-9109)
Treasurer	Karen Pedroncelli (732-1591)
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Historian	Melissa Watkins (361-0811)
Guard	Frank Marinelli (802-0611)
Past President	David DePaoli (804-5443)
Chaplain	Nicole Taylor (804-7056)
Junior Members	Pam Sola (901-1781)

Trustees

Matt Watkins-Chair	(647-7161)
Louis Benedetti	(827-1492)
Mike Saltzman	(686-4340)
Dominic Pitigliano	(359-1907)
Michael DePaoli	(730-1168)

Mistress of Ceremony

Joann Beecher	(260-4156)
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Next Meeting

May 1, 2023

6:30 PM

WAE-Social Hall

Sausage & Risotto



RSVP by April 28th!

Michael DePaoli, Joseph Goni, Dominic Pitigliano and Melissa Watkins are doing the cooking!