



# Le Notizie

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## Christopher Who?

**T**he November edition of the **Le-Notizie** is usually filled with pictures of our October Columbus Day celebration. When the “Cancel Culture” could not kill our day of celebration for Columbus, the COVID-19 did! We all missed getting together to crown the 2020 Bocce Ball Champions, have some great food, dessert contest and raffle.

It is unfortunate some in our society have decided to try and remove reminders of our history rather than trying to learn from it. Many cities and states have removed Columbus Day from their calendars and replaced it with Indigenous People’s Day.

As Italian Americans or American Italians it is important we continue to celebrate Columbus as we do our part to carry on the Italian Culture in America. Someday the pandemic will be over and hopefully next year we will be able to celebrate Columbus Day like we have done for so many years.



## Where there is a will there is a way!

The pandemic has been especially difficult for our kids. Since March most have been forced to utilize technology to do their school work and have been deprived of socializing with their classmates at school. For those parents who have recently been able to send their kids back to school they emphasize how important it is for face-to-face learning and having students back in school.

It is just as important for our Roma Lodge junior members to be able to attend meetings and lodge activities to build these lifelong experiences. We have missed their junior member night, Columbus bounce house and bocce tournament and possibly their visit with Santa at the annual Christmas party in December.

When you have eight granddaughters it is important as grandparents to continue the traditions. Past President and first lady **David and Giovanna DePaoli** decided they would have their own Columbus Day celebration. They kept within the governor’s guidelines while having a BBQ, bocce tournament, dessert contest and raffle.



**Bocce Champs  
Giovanna DePaoli  
& Matt Watkins**

**Polenta and Stew Dinner**  
**Monday, November 2nd, 2020**  
Agri-Center Social Hall  
**5:30-7 PM-Details Inside!**



**Raffle winners were (l-r) Haydyn DePaoli, Adelyn Watkins, Kate Watkins, Harlow DePaoli, Harper DePaoli and Giulia Watkins.**

# Purple Rain!

## Presidents Message



The lyrics of Prince's *Purple Rain* go like this:

*I never meant to cause you any sorrow,  
I never meant to cause you any pain,  
I only wanted one time to see you laughing,  
I only wanted to see you laughing in the purple rain  
Purple rain, purple rain  
Purple rain, purple rain  
Purple rain, purple rain*

I could not help making reference to *Prince's* big hit *Purple Rain* in writing this month's presidents message. Tulare County is still at the governor's "*purple*" level when it comes to allowing non-essential businesses to open back up in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

*Michael DePaoli and Melissa Watkins* have volunteered to host the annual Roma Lodge polenta and stew dinner on **Monday, November 2nd**. As the song goes, "*We never meant to cause you any sorry or any pain, we only want to see you laughing in the purple rain*" In this case we want you to join us for a great meal as we continue our long time tradition of having polenta and stew in November.

We understand not everyone shares in our view that we can have a dinner and keep our members safe



during the pandemic. Therefore, we have instituted several safeguards to prevent the spread of the virus.

**First**, we will ask members to wear approved masks once inside the social hall except when they are enjoying their meal.

**Second**, we will practice social distancing inside the social hall for those who would like to attend and enjoy a great meal. Tables will be spaced 6 feet apart and families from individual households, or up to

three households (governor's requirement) can sit together.

**Third**, preparation and serving of the meal will follow health department guidelines.

**Fourth**, we will offer a **drive through takeout** for those members who would like to receive their meal without entering the social hall.

**Finally, this will not be a regular meeting!** We will not have a regular business meeting so there is no requirement of officers, committee chairs or others who have lodge responsibilities to attend. We do not plan to have our regular meetings until such time the county is at the "**RED**" level to resume our meetings.

**We do ask that you reserve your meal in advance so that we can properly organize the event.** You can make your reservation by emailing, texting, calling or mailing in the reservation form on the back of the newsletter. We ask that you make your reservation by **Friday, October 30th** so we can plan accordingly.

We will provide child plates for those under 12. Please contact *Melissa Watkins* by one of the following methods:

**Text-559-361-0811**

**Call-559-361-0811**

**Email-[mdepaoliwat@gmail.com](mailto:mdepaoliwat@gmail.com)**

**Mail:**

**1982 North Belmont**

**Exeter, California 93221**

We ask that you make your reservations by **Friday, October 30th** to reserve your meal. Please indicate the number of adult or child meals you need, whether or not you will be dining inside or utilizing the drive through.

**Unfortunately, we will not be able to honor those who have not made reservations so plan to do so by the deadline and make them as soon as possible.**

**Remember, we do not want to cause you any sorrow or any pain, we just want to see you laughing in the Purple Rain!**

## Milestone Birthdays!

**Noemi Pelascini** will celebrate her 91st birthday on December 8th. Noemi is from Lago di Como in Italy and is a 36 year member of the lodge. She is pictured with her two sons, her grandson and her great grandson.



The family is wishing our mom a very special birthday Rick, Rita, Dick, Cecilia, grandkids and great grand kids"



**Sharon Costa Barreto** will be celebrating her 80th birthday on November 20th. Sharon is a 66- year member of Roma Lodge and was the Roma Lodge Queen in 1955-56. **Congratulations Sharon!**

**Florena (Dolly) Klienhans** will celebrate her 80th birthday on November 23rd. Dolly is an 8-year member of the lodge and has two granddaughters who served as Roma Lodge Queens.



**Christina Sparlin Bustamante and Morgan Sparlin Benson.** **Congratulations Dolly!**

### Membership Dues

*Your lodge dues are due on **January 1, 2021.** Regular member dues are \$75 with the mortuary (\$60 without) per year. Social members are the same. Juniors with benefits 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 **Pam Sola, Roma Lodge, PO Box1337, Tulare, California 93275.***

## Sunshine News

Best wishes goes to Roma Lodge member **Michael DePaoli** who was involved in a serious accident when another driver failed to stop at a stop sign. Luckily no one was seriously injured in the crash, however, his truck was totaled. If you know someone who is having health issues or involved in some type of accident, contact **Joann Beecher at 688-8380** so she can send them a card from the lodge.



## Lodge Queen

The Grand Lodge has taken action on the Royal Pageant to be held at the 2021 convention in Anaheim. They have reduced the number of contestants to have a pageant from 10 to 5 with a minimum of \$2,000 to quality for the pageant. The contest officially starts on November 1st and funds must be postmarked to the Grand Lodge by April 26th, 2021.

We would have to notify the Grand Lodge by October 31st if we plan on having a queen. Roma Lodge voted last year not to have a queen and as it turned out the pandemic canceled the pageant anyway.

For the leadership development of our junior members I would support having a queen regardless of whether or not they participate in the Grand Lodge contest. Hopefully we will be back to meeting in January and we will be able to decide. Stay tuned.

## Directory Changes

With the pandemic and the probability we will not be meeting anytime soon we will keep with our lodge directory the way it is. If you have contact information changes let Pam Sola know and we will list those in the newsletter as they change.





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**October 30, 2020 Deadline**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ adult meals and \_\_\_\_\_ child meals for the Roma Lodge polenta and stew dinner on **Monday, November 2nd** from 5:30-7:00 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Inside Dining**                      \_\_\_\_\_ **Takeout**

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