



# Le Notizie

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## Officer Installations!

The 2017-2018 Roma Lodge Officers were installed at the January meeting. **Kathy Briano** and **Ben Curti** presided over the installation which included David DePaoli serving his 4th



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term as president. His first term was back in 1983! The lodge welcomes some new faces to the list of officers. **Pam Sola** is moving from Chaplain to Financial Secretary while **Kathy Canata** is taking her spot as Chaplain. **Toni Pinkerton** will replace Kathy as Mistress of Ceremonies. **Melissa Watkins** will take over the Historian duties. The lodge would like to thank **Cathy Mederos and Elisabeth Curti** who have

served as the Financial Secretary and Historian.

The new list of officers and their contact information is included on the web-

site and back page of the **LeNotizie**.



## 50th Anniversary of the WAE!

Roma Lodge will be one of the few booths that will be at the show for the 50th year. **Melissa and Matt Watkins** along with **Michael DePaoli and Maci Daramy** will once again serve as chairs for the food booth at the show.



Our chairs need help each day to make the booth successful.

If you can't help during the week you can come down and help make sauce on **Sunday, February 12th at 9 a.m.** You will need a pass each day you attend the show. Passes will be given out for those who sign up at the February meeting so make plans to attend, sign up and get your passes.

If you cannot attend the February meeting you will need to make arrangements for someone else to pick up your passes from **Melissa Watkins**. We hope to see you at the show.

**February Meeting**  
**Monday**  
**February 6, 2017**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Karen DeGroot & Joyce Hofstee**  
**Refreshment Chairs**

**T**he story goes that a man, who lived in the city, decided to purchase a pony for his daughter to ride. She loved horses so it made sense for him to purchase the pony and find a place in the country to board the horse. She then could go out after school and on the weekends to care for and ride her new pony.



He and his wife arose early one Saturday morning and drove out from the city to the countryside to find a place to board their new horse. The first place they came to had a beautiful pasture, white fences and a sign indicating they boarded horses.

The couple thought this would be a perfect place to have their daughters horse boarded. They drove up to the barn and the owner came out and greeted them with a warm and friendly smile. They inquired what he would charge them to board their pony. He indicated, ***“it would be \$250 per month and they would keep the manure.”***

The couple really liked the place, however the price would be way over their budget. They thanked the farmer and drove down the road to the next place with a sign indicating they boarded horses. Although, the fences were not painted as nice as the first place and the overall aesthetics of the property were somewhat less desirable they decided to give it a try.

The farmer was friendly and they asked what it would cost them to board their new pony. He said, ***“it would be \$150 per month and they would keep the manure.”*** Again, this was a little more than they wanted to spend so they thanked the farmer and drove on to the next place.

At the end of a long dusty road they came to the final place on their list. The hand written sign on an old piece of wood hanging on the fence proclaimed this was the ***“Total Flop Ranch-Horses Boarded”*** They were a little apprehensive as they drove into the driveway. There was trash all over the place, broken fences, barbed wire and junk all around.

The farmer appeared from the barn and they asked him how much it would cost for them to board their pony. ***“it would be \$50 per month.”*** Wow, they thought! This would fit their budget! Thinking this was too good to be true, they asked him, who gets the manure. ***“he quickly replied, there wouldn’t be any manure!”***

As a Roma Lodge member you benefit from being part of a non-profit organization. When the donation committee supports a donation to the local blind babies foundation, Children’s Hospital, prom dresses for local high schools or scholarships you are contributing to your local community.

It would be nice if your dues would cover these donations, however, we know that the bulk of dues money goes to the Grand Lodge and OSIA. Therefore, funding for donations must come from fundraising activities.



There has been a lot of discussion about the return on investment of the World Ag Expo food booth. Granted it takes a great deal of time and effort by our chairpersons for two to three weeks before, during and after the show. Roma Lodge has been at the show for all 50 years as the show celebrates its 50th anniversary. The question will be whether or not we will continue to participate in the event as our net profit from the event continues to shrink because of our increased costs and declining revenue.

If the lodge decides to discontinue there participation in the event, then where does the funding for our charitable donations come from? The show generates \$3-6,000 per year and it would be difficult to come up with another fundraiser resulting in this type of profit.

Then there is all the decisions that would have to be made concerning the sale, rental or use of the building by another group and how the WAE controls that process.

Roma Lodge has been a mainstay in the show for all 50 years and thanks to our chairpersons, ***Michael DePaoli, Matt Watkins, Melissa Watkins and Maci Daramy,*** we will have another successful year. We all need to show up and help them in whatever capacity we can. It takes a lot of work and time and we can use all the help from members we can get! ***See you at the show!***

***Like the horse boarding story, without fundraisers like the farm show, there won’t be any funds for donations!***

## Scholarship Applications

There will be a lot of Roma Lodge junior members who will be graduating from high school this year. To that end they will be eligible to apply for a Roma Lodge Scholarship. *Frances Della*, scholarship chair, will have applications on hand at the February meeting or you can contact her by calling **559-308-6591** if you have questions. You can also download an application on the Roma Lodge website at [romalodge1573.org](http://romalodge1573.org) on the scholarship page.

The lodge will determine the number and amounts available for scholarships this year. If you would like to donate to the scholarship fund you can contact Frances. These students are our future and we need to support them in their efforts to complete their higher education.

## Great Food!

*Kathy and Nick Canata* served as refreshment chairs for the January meeting and made some great homemade soup which was enjoyed by all the members in attendance. If you would like to serve as a refreshment chair for a monthly meeting signup at the February meeting.



## Membership Dues

Your lodge dues were due on **January 1, 2017**. Regular member dues are **\$75**. Dues for social and associate members are **\$60**. 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 Box 1337, Tulare, California**



## Members in the News!

*Nancy and Charlie Piti-gliano* along with *Shurene and Kenny Curti* attended the Donald J. Trump Inauguration ceremonies in Washington, D. C. The former Roma Lodge presidents and first ladies spent about a week in D.C. touring the city, attending the inauguration ball and other activities held during the week.



## Sunshine News

*Anna Dutto* is recuperating at the Tulare Rehabilitation Center in Tulare after a recent fall and suffering some bleeding on the brain. Get well wishes go to *Pete and Rosalie Milanesio* along with *Karlin Giraudi*. Condolences to the *Angie Pasquini* family. Angie was a 60 year member from the Santa Barbara lodge.



## Directory!

It is now time to update the lodge directory for the next two years. If you have changes to your phone number, address or other pertinent information you need to contact Pam Sola or Giovanna DePaoli to get the correct information for the directory. If you do not have a directory and would like to check what information you have you can go to the website and check it out. <http://www.romalodge1573.org/contact>



## Committee Assignments

The lodge is still looking for members who will step up and serve as refreshment chairs, activity chairs or in other capacities for this year. Make plans to attend the February meeting and signup on the list if you can help out.



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### February Drawing \$80

Last month *Dane Rainey* was drawn and was not present to win!

### *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)

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