



Le Notizie

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June-2022

Scholarship Night!

Roma Lodge will hold their scholarship night on Monday, June 6th at their monthly meeting. **Melissa Watkins**, Scholarship Chair, and her committee have selected **Kylee Filiponi** as this year's recipient.



Included in her scholarship application was a letter of recommendation stating: *"I truly believe Kylee will meet all of your criteria to be a atop candidate for your scholarship due to her out-going personality, genuine demeanor, leadership skills and academic performance."*

Kylee will be graduating from Mt. Whitney in June and plans to attend Oklahoma State University. Kylee has been very active in FFA where she holds the State Degree, served as an officer and was active in a variety of other FFA activities.

Kylee exhibited swine at fairs and shows and served as an officer on the Tulare County Junior Fair Board. She was also a co-captain on the Mt. Whitney Varsity Softball team.

Kylee is the daughter of **Ben and Melissa Filiponi** of Visalia and joined the lodge along with brother **Trevor** and sister **Mia**. She is eager to learn more about her Italian Heritage and has enjoyed her brief association with the lodge members at the World Ag Expo and meetings. Her dad has been a mainstay at the World Ag Expo for several years spending each and every day at the barbecue cooking our Italian sausage.



At our June 6th meeting, Roma Lodge will also celebrate two of our members who will be



observing their 93rd birthdays in June, **Angie Milanesio and Frances Della**. Angie will be receiving her 50-year membership in the lodge next year and Frances will be in her 53rd year as a member of the

lodge. Both are regular attendees at lodge meetings. Congratulations to them both.

Since we do not have a meeting in July, we also want to congratulate our member **Agnes Pelous** who will be 100 on July 17th. Roma Lodge would like to thank these long time members who have given of their time



and resources over these many years in support of the Italian Culture. We must not forget they have all served as officers, chairpersons or participated in many lodge activities over the years. We want to wish them all the best as they celebrate their birthdays and hope they have many more years to come.

June Meeting-Monday-June 6th-6:30 PM

Agri-Center Social Hall

RSVP by June 3rd!

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Sola Family-Chairmans Choice

Most of us have heard the phrase, **"Charity begins at home!"** Sir Thomas Browne was the first to put the expression into print in the form we now use, Religio Medici, 1642: **"Charity begins at home, is the voice of the world: yet is every man his greatest enemy."**

Included in the Grand Lodge Convention packet are several documents where local lodges and lodge members can contribute to a variety of charities through the **Western Foundation**.

They include:

- Perpetual Scholarship Donation
- IL Leone Newspaper Sponsors Program
- Sons of Italy Scholarship Award
- Royal Court of the Golden Lion
- Western Foundation Scholarships
- Birth Defects Libraries
- Medical Charities
- Students of Italy Program
- Special Programs and Projects
- Trade School Scholarships

Roma Lodge has submitted another bylaw change requesting the Grand Lodge hold its conventions biennially instead of every year in order to save financial resources of local lodges. One of the main objections for going to this format is it would have a detrimental affect on donations to the above charities.

Traditionally, Roma Lodge has not been very active in giving to these organizations at the Grand Lodge convention. We will decide at our June meeting if we plan to do so at the 2022 convention.

As I mentioned in the last edition of the **LeNotizie** we are operating on a budget deficit this year because we have not been able to hold our traditional fundraisers as we have done in the past. We have also decided to send only 3 delegates to the convention and will wait to see if there are any financial repercussions from that decision. We have accompanied our registration with a letter of explanation of why we chose to do so.

If the delegates at the convention would support the Roma Lodge bylaw changes we could save about \$5,000 over a two year period by sending only two delegates every other year to the convention. These funds could be used to support our local charities and organizations who could use our support.

Our donations this year have been limited to less than \$500 and we have a lot more requests than we have funded. It is already a difficult task to encourage members to take on fundraising activities to generate additional funds for charitable donations.

Hopefully, the Grand Lodge will understand that **"Charity begins at home!"** and allow local lodges to utilize their limited funds for their local charities.

In the News!

Entrepreneurial Roma Lodge members, **Domenica, Enzo and Amelia Curti** have a lemonade stand at the dairy each year and this year was no exception. They had a lot of visitors stop by and enjoy some great lemonade.



Former Roma Lodge Queen, **Morgan Sparlin-Benson** received her Master's Degree as a Nurse Practitioner at Fresno State. Morgan is the daughter of **Tina and Brent Sparlin**.

The baseball season is over for **Karen Pedroncelli's** grandkids as they celebrate a great time on the baseball field. **Savina and Sebastian Pedroncelli** along with **Camden Taylor** had a great season on the baseball paths.



Andi Maren Clark

Lodge members **Nicole and Anthony Clark** welcomed a daughter into the world on April 29th at 6:09 a.m. at Kaweah Health Hospital. **Andi Maren Clark** weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 18.5 inches. Andi is the granddaughter of **Maryann Luis** and the late **Jim Luis** who was also a member of the lodge.



Harper DePaoli was honored for her mathematics skills in her kindergarten class at Strathmore.



Giana Daramy was given the Core Virtue Award in her kindergarten class at **St. Frances Parish School in Bakersfield**.



Steer Jocks!

Giada and sister Camilla Pitigliano were big winners at the recent Porterville Fair! **You go girls!**



Roma Lodge 2017 scholarship recipient, **Sydney Reinart**, received her masters degree in accounting from the **Leventhal School of Accounting at the University of Southern California (USC)**. She will be going to work this fall with the accounting firm of Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC) as a staff auditor.



Land-O-Lakes

Roma Lodge member **Justin Curti** along with Jared Fernandes, Joey Fernandes and Stephen Mancebo greet **California Secretary**

of Agriculture Karen Ross at the annual meeting of the members of Land-O-Lakes.



Jordyn Dutto will be graduating from Cato Middle School in June and will be attending Highland High School in Bakersfield in the fall.



Sunshine News!

James Dutto broke his arm on the playground at school. We also want to mention **Leroy Beecher** continues to recover at the Twin Oaks assisted living facility in Tulare.



Taylor Dutto, who played her violin for the first time at the Roma Lodge Christmas Party, was selected to be on the **Kern County Elementary School Honor Orchestra**. She performed at the **Mechanics Bank Theatre** with over 270 elementary school student musicians and choral group before over 3,000 parents and friends.





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Roma Lodge members with June birthdays are reminded to bring a raffle prize or dessert to the meeting on June 6th.

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If you have news about our Roma Lodge members (graduations, sports activities, school news or other items you would like to share in the LeNotizie, please email them to larrydutto@yahoo.com or text to 559-901-4683 by the 20th of each month.

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June Meeting

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6:30 pm

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Dinner Hosts
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