

Le Notizie

June-2021



Gathering Part, DEUX!

According to our California governor we will officially reopen on June 15, 2021. Therefore, Roma Lodge will be forced to have another “gathering” on **June 7th** instead of our regular meeting.



The dynamic ravioli team of **Charlie Piti-gliano and Ken Curti** have volunteered to cook ravioli for the event. We will have ravioli, green salad and bread for a great meal.

We had nearly 55 members at our June meeting and with Charlie making homemade sauce it should be a great meal. You will not need to RSVP so please plan to join us for some ravioli and fellowship.

This will not be an “official” meeting, however, we need to discuss a few items. We will resume our regular meeting schedule on August 2nd with our Junior Member Night.

Junior Movie Night!

Many of our junior members will be out of school by June 7th so we have decided to have a movie night for them at our June gathering. We plan to have about a 30 minute Netflix cartoon or movie for the juniors to watch while we are in our meeting.

It will be a fantastic opportunity for our members with young children to attend have a good ravioli meal and relax while the kids are enjoying a movie in the adjoining room. **Make plans to attend!**



Grand Lodge Convention Delegates

The Grand Lodge Convention will be held online this year on one day, **Saturday, June 26th**. Lori Rossi has requested our list of delegates for this years convention. I have submitted our list from the 2019 convention which are as follows: Delegates-**Larry Dutto, David DePaoli, Melissa Watkins, Louie Benedetti, Karen Pedroncelli and Shurene Curti**. Alternates include-**Joann Beecher, Giovanna DePaoli, Kathy Dutto,**

Michael De-Paoli, Leslie De-Paoli and Pam Sola. We will make revisions to our list at our June gathering.

I have asked **John Costa**, State President, if we could utilize proxy voting so one or two of us could vote for all of our 6 delegates. I was informed the Grand Lodge does not have provisions for proxy voting.

I have also asked if Roma Lodge will have to pay the \$200 fine per absent delegate, if all of our delegates cannot be on the online meeting. I’m still awaiting a reply on the request.

Roma Lodge has also been requested to withdraw our two resolutions (2 delegates per lodge, convention every two years) so they could be considered at next years convention.

I have emailed all the lodge presidents in the state to determine their support for the two resolutions. I’m still awaiting the results of my survey and will have information at the June gathering. **Stay Tuned!**





The 2019 *President's Message*

Grand Lodge convention book listed Roma Lodge with 299 members. At the per diem of \$32.51 that totals \$9,720.49 from our members going to support the Grand Lodge.

<i>Roma Lodge Dues</i>	2021
Grand Lodge Per Capita	\$ 32.51
Supreme Lodge Per Capita	\$ 21.52
Il Leone	\$ 4.98
Scholarship Assessment	\$ 0.74
Life Insurance	\$ 15.00
Local Dues \$0.25 Cents	\$ 0.25
Total	\$ 75.00
Junior Member-Insurance	\$ 6.36

I went through some of my old convention books and put together a chart showing Grand Lodge membership over the past twenty years.

Grand Lodge Lodges & Membership				
Year	Lodges	Percent Change	Membership	Percent Change
1998	73	N/A	8533	N/A
2014	59	-19%	5969	-30%
2016	53	-10%	5164	-13%
2017	53	0%	4865	-6%
2018	51	-4%	4762	-2%
2019	49	-4%	4555	-4%
2020	43	-12%	3150	-31%
1998-2020	-41%		-5383	-63%

As shown above the number of lodges have been reduced **41%** (73-43) and membership has dropped some **63%** (8533-3150). We know the pandemic has contributed to some of this decline but the Grand Lodge needs to make changes to reverse this trend.

We will get an update on our membership in Roma Lodge in August but it appears it will be pretty consistent from last year. Our officers want to thank the membership for their support in what has been a difficult year.

Let's hope the Grand Council has some good ideas on how we can increase membership and keep the organization viable. We all understand our state officer team are all volunteers, however, changes need to be made to ensure the Grand Lodge remains strong.

We know Roma Lodge members will not support a dues increase by the Grand Lodge.

Joe Signorelli Sr.

Joe Signorelli Sr. joined the Order of Sons of Italy in America on April 25, 1936.

Yes, 1936! Joe just celebrated his 85th year as a member of the Order and was recognized at the Roma Lodge gathering on May 3rd. Just three days later, on May 6th Joe passed away, with his family by his side, at the age of 96 in Lompoc, California. Joe's parents, Adam Peter and Giovanna Signorelli came to America from northern Italy in the early 1900's and farmed and ranched in the Lompoc area.



The Signorelli Family were longtime members of the "G. Marconi" Lompoc Lodge #1575 established on August 31, 1930. When the Lompoc lodge closed, members transferred their membership to the Santa Barbara Lodge #1552 which was established in 1929. In 2009 the Italia Nuova Santa Barbara Lodge closed, and members transferred their membership to the Roma Lodge #1573.

Joe was born in Lompoc on October 26, 1934 and lived in the community for the next 96 years. Joe spent his childhood growing up and farming alongside his brothers, Peter Jr., and Frank. He often liked to recall stories of his childhood growing up in Honda Canyon and about the Lompoc he knew in his youth. Whether it was sharing the watermelon haul from his garden with his family and reminiscing about how they used to store them in the hay in the barn to prolong their shelf life when he was young or standing at the kitchen sink and making a joke about how running water is an invention because "they didn't have this when I was a kid!".

Joe's wife Sylvia was a 67-year member of the Order and passed away in May of 2019. Although, they lived a long way from Tulare they were avid readers of the ***LeNotizie*** and followers of Roma Lodge activities. Farewell Brother Joe Signorelli. May you rest in peace. You can read more about Joe's incredible life at <https://www.starbucklind.com/obituary/joe-signorelli>

Membership Milestones-2020-2021



Harper DePaoli
5-year certificate.



Joyce Hofstee
Matt Watkins
10-Year Members



Clint Curti
20-years



Amanda Luis
20-years



Nicole Clark and son Nolan
25-years



Melissa Watkins, Larry Dutto
and Michael DePaoli
30-year members.



Bill Benedetti
35-years



Louis Benedetti
40-years



Ken Bertorelli
Karen Pedroncelli
45-year members.



Janet Cabral, Lorraine Cleek
Maryann Luis
55-65-year members.



Giana & Maci Daramy
5 & 25-year members.

If you missed the meeting we will have certificates on hand in June!

Did You Miss It?

The pandemic forced Roma Lodge to cancel the 2020 and 2021 ravioli dinner. These dinners are our major fundraisers for the year. What you probably didn't miss was putting on the dinner during Mother's Day weekend. Wasn't it nice not to have to work all day on Saturday cooking chicken and raviolis then on Sunday finding enough energy to



celebrate Mother's Day. I guess we have forgotten the largest dinner we have ever put on was at the Tulare Fair Grounds on a Wednesday night for 1,500 people years ago.

In the last year we have also seen the cancel culture try to do away with Christopher Columbus. Let's consider moving our annual ravioli dinner to around Columbus Day so we can celebrate with our community Columbus with a great ravioli drive thru! **Think about it!**





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Frances Della	(784-7653)
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June 7th Gathering Ravioli Dinner

**RSVP's are not required
 but much appreciated**
Do so by Saturday, June 5th
Text or call to 559-901-4683 or
email larrydutto@yahoo.com



Movie Night For Junior Members 6:30 PM