



Le Notizie

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Santa Time!

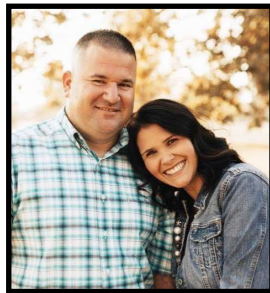
A lot has changed in the nearly 95 years since Roma Lodge was formed in 1930. What hasn't changed is the way the lodge celebrates the holiday season focusing on our junior members with candy stockings, junior talent show and a visit from Santa Claus.

For many, many years the menu consisted of hams and yams with desserts made by mem-



bers. Then **"lo and behold"** it was suggested that some people didn't like ham or yams and a new tradition was started.

After a bit of discussion **Leslie DePaoli** stood up and said she would be the chairperson for the party. It turned out to be the best anyone can remember. Along with husband and **"Master Chef" Michael DePaoli** we had a great meal and event everyone en-



joyed. **Pam Sola, Junior Member Advisor**, will once again put on a great activity for the junior members.

If you have a junior who would like to perform for the talent show, please contact **Pam at 559-901-1781** and let her know you have someone who would like to perform.

Please note the changes listed below. We will begin with our meeting at 1 p.m. followed by lunch at 1:30 p.m. and Santa will be arriving at 3 p.m. **Joanne Beecher** will be making up candied stockings for junior members.

Therefore, you must let us know who will be attending so we have enough stockings for junior members up through and including high school members.

Members are also asked to bring their favorite dessert for everyone to enjoy.



Details

Changes from the past are listed in Red!

When: Sunday, December 8th.

Where: IAC Social Hall

Time: December Meeting 1 PM

Lunch Served: 1:30 PM

Junior Talent Show: 2:15-3 PM

Santa's Arrival-3 PM

RSVP-A Must

Text Leslie @ 559-901-7386 or Email
lwalker1414@yahoo.com

by

December 2nd !

EVERYONE MUST RSVP

There will be check in at the door.

Members, Juniors and Children Free

Adult Guests-\$20

Taking Stock

Presidents Message

This time of the year we are all anticipating the holiday season with Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner. It is also time to **“take stock”** in where we have been and what are plans are for the future. With the recent election results the country will also be evaluating what has happened over the past four years and what a new administration will bring for the future. We shall see.

It is also appropriate that we remember our long



Gary Dutto

time members who passed away during this past year. **Gary Dutto, Janis Curti and Ron Pedroncelli** represented 184 years of service to Roma Lodge. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families who will have an empty chair at holiday gatherings.



Janis Curti

It is also important to remember where we have also built back some of our long held traditions and developed new ways of doing things after our country rebounded from the COVID pandemic of 2020. Change is sometimes difficult, however, change can also be for the better.

We brought back our traditional ravioli dinner drive through in October to celebrate Columbus Day weekend and had shirts declaring **“Make Columbus Great Again!”** which was a big success and based on our member input we will continue to hold it on the same weekend in the future.



Ron Pedroncelli

Since the 2022 Grand Lodge convention, when we decided to send only 3 of our required 6 delegates, we have had an ongoing disagreement with the Grand Council. The same year our by-law change to remove fines was passed by the delegates 84-0. Because, we had not paid our fine by the 2024 convention we were notified we were being considered in **“default”** and ineligible to be represented at the convention. We have since paid our fine and as of yet have not been given noticed that we are no longer in **“default”** as to our status. We will have to decide what our future involvement with the Grand Lodge will be at the 2025 convention.

Now, our attention needs to turn toward the future. In 2025 Roma Lodge will celebrate our 95th anniversary. We will need to decide early in the year what type of celebration we will have next May. We also need to determine when we want to do our annual bocce tournament.



February will be here before we know it and that means we will have our food booth at the WAE show. We have had a booth at the show since it started at the Tulare Fair Grounds in 1968. **Michael DePaoli, Melissa Watkins and Maci Daramy** have been the show chair since 2013 and have done a wonderful job in changing the menu, coming up with new ideas to make the booth successful. It is time another lodge member or members take over this responsibility to continue our participation in the WAE. It is one of our main events to showcase our Italian Culture to the rest of the world. If you are interested in shadowing our chairs this next year and taking over in 2026 let us know!

It was So Good!

Our traditional polenta and stew dinner was held at our November meeting. Everyone enjoyed a great meal prepared by the DePaoli Family. Thanks to all of them for a great meal.



DePaoli Family
In front Haydyn and Harlow, Giovanna DePaoli, Melissa and Adelyn Watkins, David, Harper, Leslie and Michael DePaoli

Stew Makers
Giovanna DePaoli, Mila Daramy, Maci Daramy, Michael and David DePaoli



Sunshine News

Roma Lodge member **Mark Gentry** shows the Get Well card he received from Sunshine Chair **Joann Beecher**. Mark suffered a broken femur bone in his leg in a recent fall. He had to spend over two weeks in rehab after surgery and is now recovering at home. He will be out of teaching at Delano High until January.



Election Time!

Just when you thought you were over with elections we have one more for you to vote on. There won't be a billion dollars spent on promotions, polling of local precincts, there won't be any waiting for the polls to close or checking your identification prior to the vote. At our meeting prior to our Christmas Party we will vote on our 2025-2026 Roma Lodge slate of officers.

Our candidates are as follows:

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| President | Larry Dutto |
| Vice President | Justin Curti |
| Past President | David DePaoli |
| Treasurer | Karen Pedroncelli |
| Recording Secretary | Renee Marinelli |
| Financial Secretary | OPEN |
| Orator | Anthony Chiamonte |
| Historian | Melissa Watkins |
| Guard | Frank Marinelli |
| Chaplain | Nicole Taylor |
| Trustee | Dominic Pitigliano |
| Trustee | Michael DePaoli |
| Trustee | Mike Saltzman |
| Trustee | Louis Benedetti |
| Trustee | Matt Watkins-Chair |
| Junior Members | Pam Sola |
| Herald | Larry Dutto |
| Membership Chair | Nicole Taylor |
| | Mistress of Ceremonies |
| | Joann Beecher |
| | Vacant |
| | State Deputy |
| | Jackie Giacomazzi |

We still need a Financial Secretary to replace **Tina Sparlin** who has resigned her position. This is a vital position for the lodge and the financial secretary handles all of the dues for the membership and reports them to the Grand Lodge by quarter. Contact Tina for details and we will hold nominations and elections at the December meeting. If you would like a copy of the duties of the Financial Secretary you can contact Larry Dutto by email at larrydutto@yahoo.com and he will send you the information.

Members at the November meeting voted to select **The Central Valley Honor Flight**, as our Christmas charity this year. Please bring your donation and checks made out to the **Central Valley Honor Flights**. We raised over \$1,400 last year and many of us



know veterans who have participated in these Honor Flights to Washington, DC.



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Santa and the Chef needs you to RSVP by December 2nd !



Make sure you RSVP for adults and junior members so we will have enough stockings for all the kids through the 12th grade!

RSVP-A Must
 Text Leslie @ **559-901-7386** or
 Email
lwalker1414@yahoo.com
 by
December 2, 2024
EVERYONE MUST RSVP
There will be check in at the door.
Members, Juniors and Children Free
Adult Guests-\$20
Bring a Dessert and your donation for the Honor Flight!