



# Le Notizie

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## 2016 Grand Lodge Convention

Roma Lodge was well represented at the 2016 Grand Lodge Convention by delegates **David DePaoli, Giovanna DePaoli, Louie Benedetti, Leroy and Joann Beecher**.

Joann Beecher will give a report at the August meeting so if you have questions come prepared to listen to the report.



Roma Lodge President, **David DePaoli**, accepted the congratulations of the Grand Lodge for being second in membership growth for the past year. Roma Lodge is one of the largest lodges in the state with over 300 members.

## Junior Member Night! August 1, 2016-6:30 PM!

August is Junior Member night so plan on attending for some

great summer BBQ. July and August birthdays should plan on bringing some back to school items or toys for raffle prizes as we will have a special raffle for our junior members.



**Anica Gentry and Natalie Maness** distribute raffle items for our junior members at the junior member night last year at the August meeting.

Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, fries and chicken tenders are on the menu along with **Maryann Luis's** famous homemade potato salad. It will be great food for those who attend.

Roma Lodge had a very successful convention with our queen **Gabrielle Benedetti** serving as "Miss California" finishing in the top 5 in the queen contest. She wants to thank all the Roma Lodge members who supported her in purchasing raffle tickets, donating items for the garage sale or helping with the other fundraisers she held. The lodge

was fortunate to win \$1,100 in the raffle which was great. Roma Lodge members need to thank these delegates for representing our lodge at the Grand Lodge Convention. It is very difficult for members to give of their time when everyone has such a busy schedule.



**A** quick glance at the membership roster of Roma Lodge you will find that we have 9 members who are or will be over 90 years of age in 2016. Now, before you run out and start ranting and raving that Roma Lodge is rapidly becoming a group of, shall we say, mature individuals, we need to dig a bit further into the data. For those 9 members who are or will be over 90 this year we have 9 members who are under 5 years of age balancing out the oldest with the youngest. In fact of the 300+ members we have there are only 132 members who are 50 years of age or older and 172 who are under 50!

*Roma Lodge has done a great job to ensure our refresh rate of bringing new younger members into the lodge has remained strong. Great Job!*

### **Lilia Giacomazzi Celebrates 103rd Birthday!**

Our State Deputy, **Lilia Giacomazzi** celebrated her 103rd birthday with family and friends at the Visalia Country Club on her birthday, July 23rd. Lilia credits her longevity to having great parents. Her family sites her positive attitude, her willingness to let the unpleasant stressful things of life not consume her and keeping her emotions in check. Personally, I think her Italian Heritage has a lot to do with it. I have had the opportunity to attend two 100+ birthday parties this year. The other was my mother-in-law, Lupe Briano's brother **Joe Rosa** who turned 100 last December. Both Lilia and Joe are great examples of Italian centenarians who are still active in mind, spirit and body! We congratulate them both and wish them many more years of health and happiness! *Italians rank 14th worldwide in longevity whereas the United States ranks 43rd. Does that tell us something!*



### **Anna Dutto to turn 97 in August!**

Another Roma Lodge member celebrating a birthday milestone reaching her 97th birthday will be **Anna Dutto** a 71 year member of Roma

Lodge pictured with some of her 27+ great grandchildren on a recent trip to Pismo Beach.



### **Agnes Pelous Celebrates 94th Birthday!**

**Agnes Pelous** celebrated her 94th birthday on July 17th. She is a 52 year member of the lodge. Agnes still lives in Visalia and tries to make Roma Lodge events whenever she can. *Congratulations Agnes!*

Other Roma Lodge members who have celebrated or will be celebrating their 90+ birthdays this year are **Anthony Chiaramonte (97), Oswald DaRos (95), Lawrence Cotta (94), Joe Signorelli (92) and Lillian Cotta (91)**. *Congrats to all!*



### **Joann and Leroy Honored At Grand Lodge Convention!**

**Joann and Leroy Beecher** were recognized at the Grand Lodge Convention for celebrating 55 years of marriage. Joann and Leroy have been long time delegates to the convention and are well known throughout the state for their contributions to preserving the Italian Culture! Make sure you attend the August meeting to get Joann's full report of the convention highlights and new rules and regulations that may be in store for the coming year.





## Let's Face It!

In the era of social media it is evident if you are not using social media, i.e. Twitter, Facebook, texting or using a variety of applications on your phone you are not keeping pace with an ever changing world. Therefore, I rely on Facebook to find out what Roma Lodge members are doing so I can feature them in the *LeNotizie*. If you would like to share activities of your family through Facebook simply befriend me and you won't have to send me items by the 20th of each month.

## Honoring Our Deceased Members!

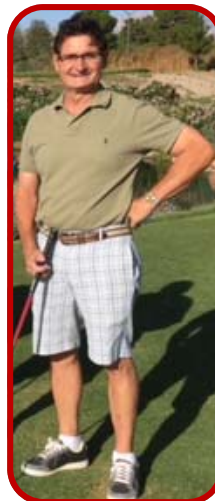
The May dinner decorations took on a new meaning when **Giovanna DePaoli** and **Kathy Briano** took the decorations to area cemeteries in Porterville, Lindsay, Woodville, Tipton and Tulare and placed them on deceased Roma Lodge member gravesites. If you visited your families gravesites and noticed the beautiful bouquets and wondered where they came from, now you know. *A great idea!*



## Club Champion!

When **Ben Curti** tells you he is so busy running the family dairy and farming operation you may want to ask him how he became the Valley Oaks Golf Club 2nd flight champion. Shooting a net 134 for the two day tournament he came from 6 back after the first round to win by 3 strokes on the second day. **Congrats Ben!**

Vasquez, Andrew	68	70	138
Martinez, Nick	82	76	158
Pyrne, Jim	71	WD	-
Hurley, Paul	78	82	160
Porter, Clayton	73	64	137
Hogan, Woody	77	66	143
Sear, Dan	73	67	140
Villarreal, Dino	76	76	152
Capson, Mike	71	79	150
Carriger, Jerry	77	75	152
Curti, Ben	68	66	134
Justis, Al	67	75	142



## New Baby

**Giana Kathleen Daramy** was born on July 1st in Bakersfield. She is the daughter of **Daniel and Maci Daramy** and the granddaughter of **David and Giovanna DePaoli, Kim Daramy and the late Henry Daramy**.



## Love Your Spouse Challenge

Past Roma Lodge President and First Lady **Kathy and Nick Canata** got into *Love Your Spouse Challenge* on Facebook. Wow!



## Stacy Galvan Finishes Master's Program

Roma Lodge member **Stacy Galvan** finished her Master's Program. Stacy teaches at Redwood High School in Visalia coordinating school plays and productions.



## Sunshine News!

Roma Lodge member **Mark Gentry** broke two toes and now has had surgery on his finger. We wish him get well wishes. If you know members who are having health issues or recent accidents contact **Johann Beecher** and she will send them a card.



## Harper DePaoli Celebrates July 4th!

Roma Lodge's newest member Harper DePaoli celebrated the 4th of July in style.





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### ***Your Roma Lodge Officers***

President	David DePaoli (804-5443)
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Treasurer	Karen Pedroncelli (732-1591)
Recording Sec.	Giovanna DePaoli (361-0640)
Financial Sec.	Cathy Mederos (687-1112)
Orator	Gary Dutto (686-6201)
Historian	Elisabeth Curti (553-3151)
Guard	Ken Bertorelli (788-8496)
Past President	Nick Canata (661-978-9331)

### ***Trustees***

Danny Dutto	(686-1348)
Mike Saltzman	(686-4340)
Matt Watkins-Chair	(635-1699)
Dominic Pitigliano	(359-1907)
Rob Pinkerton	(331-3183)

### ***Mistress of Ceremony***

Frances Della	(784-7653)
Kathy Canata	(281-5294)

### ***Meeting***

**August 1, 2016**  
**6:30 PM-Dinner**

**Junior Member**  
**Night**

**Summer BBQ**

**July-August**  
**Birthdays Bring Back-To-**  
**School Raffle Prizes For**  
**The Junior Members**  
**Raffle**