



# Le Notizie

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## Roma Lodge Celebrates 94th Anniversary!

The Italian sausage and risotto was delicious, the cake and cookies delightful and everyone enjoyed a great meal as we recognized milestone membership for our Roma Lodge members.



Thanks to *Michael DePaoli*, *Dominic Pitigliano*, *Giovanna DePaoli* and *Joseph Goni* for preparing an outstanding meal for everyone to enjoy.



15-Year Member  
**Amie Pitigliano**



35-Year Members  
**Joanna Moffett, Dominic Pitigliano**



There was probably no one more excited than *Camilla Pitigliano* who received her 5-year milestone membership from Central Region Vice-President *Alan Spano* of the Enrico Caruso Lodge in Visalia.



40-Year Members  
**Rick Pelascini, Noemi Pelascini**



10-Year Members  
**(l-r) Anthony Chiamonte, Leslie DePaoli, George Maness V, Isaac Pitigliano**

**June Meeting-Monday-June 3rd -6:00 PM**  
**Agri-Center Social Hall**  
**Sola Family Dinner Hosts**

# Farewell Brother Ronnie!

President's Message

On March 1, 1957 **Ronnie Pedroncelli** joined Roma Lodge. He was sponsored by Ed Brown and for the next 67 years Ronnie was a big supporter of Roma Lodge and proud of his Italian Heritage.

Roma Lodge members bid their final farewell to Ronnie on May 7th. For many years Ronnie could be found at our annual ravioli dinner serving wine to dinner guests or back in the kitchen mixing sauce into the spaghetti or ravioli.



He participated in whatever capacity was asked of him and was always there to provide his support to



Roma Lodge.

The Pedroncelli Family has been long associated with the lodge where Ronnie's wife **Karen** serves as our Treasurer, daughter **Nicole Taylor** is our Chaplain and son **Shaun** and wife **Sylvia** shows up every year to help with our farm show booth serving customers.

Over 40 lodge members were present to pay their final respects and tribute to Ronnie at his services. Each placed the acacia leaf on his casket which represents the **"purity and endurance of the soul."** Although, Ronnie is no longer with us his memory and spirit and love of his Italian Heritage will live on with his family and always be part of the Roma Lodge history. **Farewell Brother Ronnie, may you rest in peace!**



## The Mission Continues!

It was April 13, 1930 when the first meeting of Roma Lodge #1573 was held in Tulare. On May 25, 1930 the installation of officers and 86 of the 115 charter members were initiated into the lodge. The primary mission was to encourage recent Italian Immigrants to become American Citizens.

Now, some 94 years later our mission has changed, however, carrying on the Italian Culture in Tulare County remains strong.

We celebrated our 94th anniversary at the May 6th



**Joanna Moffett**

meeting with our traditional Italian sausage and risotto dinner. For many years, **Frank Goni** held the **"secret recipe"** for the risotto. Frank passed away in July of 2022 and that recipe was passed on to his son Joseph who supports the lodge by continuing the long standing traditions instilled in him by his parents Olivia and Frank Goni.

In the winter of 2023 Tulare County experienced the most rain in years and flooding occurred throughout the county. The Goni Dairy was flooded and animals had to be moved.



Joseph and Joanna spoke at our anniversary meeting and thanked all the Roma Lodge and other community members who came together during that difficult time to assist in whatever capacity was needed. Just like in 1930 when Italian Immigrants came together to share our Italian ancestry that spirit of fraternity lives on whenever lodge members are in need we are there to support them. We have had three of our long time members pass away in the last couple of months and it is truly gratifying to see so many lodge members attend their services and bid them a final farewell. The Italian Heritage continues to be strong in Tulare County.



**Joseph Goni**



**45-Year Members**  
**Nancy and Charlie Pitigliano**



**Past Roma Lodge Presidents**  
**Vince Sola, Kathy Briano, David DePaoli,**  
**Ben Curti, Charlie Pitigliano**



**55-Year Members**  
**Vince Sola, Frances Della, Ben Curti,**  
**Giovanna DePaoli**



**Past Roma Lodge Queens**  
**Lorraine Cleek and Maryann Luis**



**70-Year Members**  
**Barbara Maraist and Joann Beecher**

### **Focus On Youth!**








The Supreme Lodge has an initiative Future Of The Order (FOTO) leadership program for our youth. Roma Lodge has the largest group of junior members in the state. We need to encourage our younger members to apply and become part of this program. Go to the Supreme Lodge website [Future of the Order Forum - Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America \(osdia.org\)](http://Future of the Order Forum - Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (osdia.org)) to learn more about the program.

We do not have a meeting in July and our August meeting is for our junior members. At this time of year there are a lot of school, sport and other activities our youth are involved in. Send me a photo and short explanation so we can feature them in our August LeNotizie. [larrydutto@yahoo.com](mailto:larrydutto@yahoo.com)



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Joann Beecher (260-4156)



### June Meeting

June 3, 2024

6:00 pm

**Dinner Hosts**  
**The Sola Family**