



# Le Notizie

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## *It's All About The Data!*

In today's society we are inundated with information, statistics, numbers and everything from A-Z. The stock market is up, unemployment down, data shows this, data shows that, the list goes on and on.

Well, at the Roma Lodge food booth we decided to



keep track of the data. We have approximately 300 members in Roma Lodge. Our age distribution is we have 100 members who are 60 years of age or older and 58 who are 18 or younger. So that leaves about half our members who are in the 20-59 age group.

Let's be realistic. We have a 1/3 of our members who are getting too old to work and 1/3 of our members who are too young and are still in school. The other 1/3 are busy parents who are working and too busy with their children's activities.

So let's do the math. We had 6 members who worked all 3 days of the show and were there on Sunday to make sauce. We have 13, who worked the 3 days of the show and 4 who worked 2 days and 15 who worked 1 day. We had an unduplicated headcount of 38 members who worked at some point during the show. Of course we had our chair (8th year in a row) **Michael DePaoli** who spent weeks preparing, organizing, cleaning and making sure everything was in place to run another successful booth. Michael, along with sisters **Melissa Watkins and Maci Daramy** have done an outstanding job for the past 8 years developing new menu items, being creative with marketing and credit card sales and ensuring the



### **Still Standing!**

**Roma Lodge members who were still standing after a long week of working the food booth at the WAE struggled outside the booth on the last day to get in the group picture. Great Job Everyone!**

booth is successful. The WAE food booth is the second major fundraiser for the lodge so we owe these members our thanks and appreciation as well as all our members who helped during the show.

## **Meeting-March 2, 2020 Potluck Night**

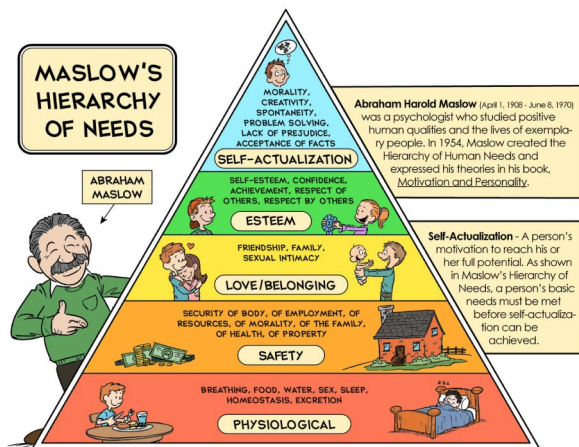
March is Potluck Night! Bring your favorite main dish and salad or dessert. The lodge will provide plates, utensils, bread and drinks. We have some great cooks in the lodge so bring your favorite dish to share with everyone. **Joanne Beecher** is our chair for the potluck. Call her and ask if you can help.



# It's More Than A Sausage Sandwich!

Roma Lodge just completed another successful year at the World Ag Expo food booth serving Italian Sausage Sandwiches, pasta, salad, yogurt and meatball sandwiches. To work the counter you have to be on your toes. If the someone orders a pasta lunch is that going to be white or red sauce, with or without a sausage the special or just al-a-carte? The choices seem endless. Thanks to **Michael, Melissa and Maci** for being creative and providing what WAE attendees want today.

After 53 years the food booth has become more than serving an Italian Sausage Sandwich! So what makes those members who attend and help at the booth want to do so?



I refer to *Maslow's Hierarchy of Human Needs* above. As you can see we all need to aspire to get to the top of the hierarchy, that of **Self-Actualization!** Being a member of Roma Lodge and doing your part at the food booth is part of your own self development in which you are giving of yourself and volunteering for a greater cause than yourself. That is what being a member of a non-profit organization is all about.

I hope we all realize that being part of the Roma Lodge WAE food booth is more than standing by a barbecue all day and cooking sausages. They say misery loves company, so thanks to all of you who braved the early morning cold, the long walk from the parking area and the hours of standing around to help customers of our booth. Without those 37 members who helped during the show there would not be a Roma Lodge food booth since the start of the show back in 1967.

On Wednesday of the show we found that our



drain was plugged and we could not wash our pots and pans in preparation for the next day of the show. To make a long story short, (I have told many the long version) I found myself sitting in the dark at the show about 8:30 working with the folks from Morris Levin to fix the problem. Making sure the president goes down with the ship, I did feel a moment of self-actualization realizing I was doing my part to make our organization the best it can be.

Roma Lodge has been around for 90 years and let's hope it will be here 90 years from now so member **Harper De-Paoli** can someday be the chair for the booth.

When I posted the announcement about the show I received a few comments from members who, because of health reasons, could not attend the event this year. Members who had helped for many, many years and could no longer assist. We all need to realize if we have an opportunity to volunteer we need to do so when we can because at some point in the future we may not be able to do so.



At the Roma Lodge food booth you can achieve all of Maslow's levels in just one day! You can meet your physiological needs by having a sausage sandwich, go through the TSA scanning system to meet level two of safety, interact with all Roma Lodge members and reach level three, help a customer and easily reach level four by increasing your self-esteem and become a problem solver and reach self-actualization by yelling out white or red sauce! **Remember, working at the food booth is so much more than an Italian Sausage Sandwich!**

I just want to thank everyone who came out to work at the booth to make it a success. I hope each of you take pride in what you have accomplished and feel good the next time we make a charitable donation to a good cause. I want you to think about that young lady who received a dress for the prom through our lodge donation or the young child suffering through health issues at Valley Children's Hospital. **You did good!**

**Presidents Message**



## Sweetheart Serenade!

The food was delicious, the decorations divine, the silent auction to die for and the entertainment stupendous! If you attended the Hanford Lodge Sweetheart Serenade you were treated to a great evening of food and fun. Hanford lodge members put on a great meal of ravioli, baked chicken with cannoli for dessert. A magician delighted the crowd with some great tricks and everyone had a great time.

Special thanks to all the Hanford Lodge members and organizers **President Louise Silacci** and our own **State Deputy Jackie Giacomazzi**. You should definitely make plans to attend next year to support the Birth Defects Library at Valley Children's Hospital.



## Lodge Scholarships Are Due

**March 1st** is the deadline for Roma Lodge and Grand Lodge Scholarships. Roma Lodge is giving two types of scholarships this year. One for members and one for graduates of Tulare County High Schools. The Roma Lodge Scholarship application packet can also be found on the Roma Lodge website at :

<https://www.romalodge1573.org/> The Grand Lodge applications are online at <http://www.sonsofitalyca.org/> If you have questions contact our scholarship chair **Melissa Watkins** at 559-361-0811.

## Initiation of Members!

Roma Lodge will have initiation of new members at our **March 2, 2020** meeting. We have applications that have been approved and if you have someone who you would like to join the lodge have them get an application from **Pam Sola** and we will initiate them at the March meeting.



## 90th Anniversary Celebration

Plans are underway for the Roma Lodge 90th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for **Sunday, April 19th at 12:30 p.m. at the T.D.E.S. Hall in Tulare**. The event will celebrate those members with milestone membership years and feature an excellent meal for the whole family.

We are encouraging attendance by our nearly 60 junior members. The program will be short and we want to make this a family event. Invitations are being prepared

and will be sent out in early March and will be due back by April 6th. Our plan is to keep the price for adults to \$25 with special prices for junior members. Details to follow.

We will discuss the anniversary at our March meeting and we will not be having our monthly meeting in April. Final plans for the anniversary will be featured in the April edition of the **LeNotizie**. We hope you can attend.

## New Addresses

**Nicole Clark** has moved to 19725 Road 96, Tulare, CA 93274. **Gary and Dawn Dutto** have a new address and are now living at 2190 East Trail Blazer Drive, Meridian, Idaho 83646. Also, **Danny Dutto** has moved to 824 North Dickran Drive, Tulare, CA 93274, so make those changes in your directory.

## LeNotizie Email List

Yahoo email is having difficulty with their contact lists. Hopefully the issue will be resolved soon as I know some of you have been deleted from the email distribution list. Send me an email ([larrydutto@yahoo.com](mailto:larrydutto@yahoo.com)) if you would like to get your LeNotizie by email or be placed on the Roma Lodge distribution list. Hopefully the Yahoo issue will be solved soon.





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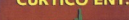
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## March Meeting

# March 2, 2020

6:30 PM-Dinner

## Potluck Night

## Joann Beecher-Chair



## February Dinner Chairs

Joyce and Kevin Hofstee along with Karen DeGroot once again did an outstanding job fixing some great food for the February meeting.