



Le Notizie

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Bringing a bit of joy!

Roma Lodge members came together at the September meeting to provide a homemade Italian meal complete with ravioli and chicken to about 100 cancer survivors from the area. Thus bringing a bit of joy to those who have suffered and survived this dreaded disease.



The event was organized by ***Cathy Mederos*** and ***Samantha Cushing*** with the help of cooks ***Charlie Pitigliano, Joann Beecher, Ken Curti, David DePaoli, Michael DePaoli and Vince So-la.***

The remodeling of the social hall necessitated the move to the Heritage Complex which



Samantha Cushing addresses the cancer survivor group at the September meeting.

allowed for lodge members to eat with the group and then adjourn to the theater for the meeting. Roma Lodge is a charitable organization and it was gratifying to use our resources to help support a worthy cause such as the Relay of Life and this special event for cancer survivors.

Columbus Day Celebration Sunday, October 15, 2017!

Tentative Schedule of events:

- 11:30 AM-Setup/Cooking**
- 12:00 PM-Registration/Bocce Team Signup**
- 12:30 PM-Bocce Tournament Starts**
- 1:00 PM-Lunch is Served**
- 1:30 PM-Dessert Judging/Serving**
- 2:00 PM-Raffle**
- 2:30 PM-Bocce Championships**
- 3:00 PM-Cleanup**

Cost-Members Free-Guests-\$5



What the Lodge Supplies

Main Dish BBQ, Paper products, water and all the trimmings.

What to Bring

- ◆ **Raffle Prize**
- ◆ **Additional beverages if wanted**
- ◆ **Side dish**
- ◆ **Make something for the dessert contests. Prizes will be given to the best 3 desserts. *Janis Curti* will chair the dessert contest.**

Roma Lodge is inviting members of the Hanford Lodge to join us for Columbus Day festivities.

The personal computer was invented in 1970 and first sold in 1971. The term "PC" was commonly used to identify everyone's personal computer which have become common and many have been replaced by iPhones and iPads.

However, today "PC" means something totally different as in "**Politically Correct.**" I'm sure many of the old-timers of the lodge have never heard of or used the term "politically correct" in their everyday discussions. Unfortunately, in today's society every word needs to be parsed to ensure we are not offending people and are being politically correct.

On October 15th Roma Lodge will be celebrating Columbus Day. If you received my email you were asked if you wanted to sign a petition to be in opposition of the removal of a Christopher Columbus statue at the San Jose City Hall.

The City of Los Angeles has already removed the Columbus holiday in favor of an Indigenous Peoples Day. Confederate statues of Robert E. Lee and others are being taken down all over the country as protesters attempt to erase history and all reminders of our distant past.

People must think the removal of these symbols of our history in some way erases these unfortunate things that have happened in the past. The Civil War, World Wars, Vietnam War, and all the other conflicts in our history are part of who we are regardless of whether or not they were good or bad. We must not forget our past, learn from it and build for a better future. Columbus Day is under attack and regardless of his good or bad deeds, he is still a cornerstone of our American History. The removal of a statue or abolishing his holiday will do little to erase his discovery of America.

It would be best if our Roma Lodge members who come together to celebrate Columbus Day remember there are those out there who want to erase his contributions to our great country and erase him from our memories. Hopefully, these traditions will continue.

Roma Lodge members were on hand to bid their final farewell to Brother **Lawrence Cotta** who recently passed away. He was 95 years old and a member for 48 years. Along with his wife Lillian, who has been a member for 64 years, they have always been long supporters of the lodge.

In 1942, Lawrence began his military career serving in the North African and European Campaigns in the 91st Infantry Division where he earned the **Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge**, and a **Purple Heart**. After the War, he returned home to the family farm. In 1970 he went to work for New Holland Equipment as a salesman retiring in 1987.

Lawrence was part of America's "**Greatest Generation**" and was fortunate to participate in one of the many **Honor Flights** to Washington, D.C. as a veteran. It is important that we remember our war heroes like Lawrence who kept their personal beliefs of what may have been right or wrong and sacrificed their own personal safety when they were called upon by their country to serve in the military.

Roma Lodge members will also pay their final tribute to a 60 year member of the lodge **Richard Paggi**. Richard passed away after a lengthy illness. He and wife **Judy** were very active in lodge activities where Richard, for many years, made the

sauce for the annual ravioli dinner and cooked for many of the lodge activities. He was also an avid volunteer for the World Ag Expo chairing many committees for the organization. He will be truly missed by Roma Lodge members. Farewell **Brother Richard Paggi**.



Sign of the Times!

Ryan Kalama sent a letter to Roma Lodge asking for input into his Eagle Scout project which will be to refurbish the three signs in Tulare of service organizations. We have visited each site and informed Ryan that our signs are in good condition and suggested he just use some automotive wax on them to keep them from rusting. We also suggested they do some tree and bush trimming on the signs located on J and Blackstone street. The lodge also donated \$100 to the project.



Great Presidents!

Roma Lodge President David DePaoli feels he fits right in with George W. Bush and his father Herbert H. Bush in front of the George W. Bush Presidential Library in Dallas, Texas. Mr. DePaoli and First Lady Giovanna DePaoli visited the library on a recent trip to Texas and other southern states.



New Baby

Roma Lodge vice-president Michael DePaoli and wife Leslie became the proud parents of a baby girl on September 6th. Haydyn Lucile DePaoli was born at 1:46 p.m. and weighed in at 8 lbs. 14 ounces and measured 20.5 inches long. She is the 7th granddaughter of Giovanna and David DePaoli.



The lodge was also saddened with the passing of **Sister Helen Rasenti**. The picture on the right shows Helen and Gidio celebrating their 25th year of lodge membership back in 2008 where they were presented their pins by president Ken Curti.



Helen no longer was a member of Roma Lodge because of Gidio's passing in 2012 and her failing health. However, the family requested the graveside ritual for Helen which was conducted by Vince Sola and Ben Curti. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Rasenti Family.

Sunshine News!

Get well wishes go to **Belinda Briano** who is still recovering from a broken leg and subsequent surgery. Condolences are extended to the chair of the Roma Lodge trustees, **Matt Watkins**, who lost his paternal grandmother **Barbara Watkins** and maternal grandfather **Eugene Davis** who both passed away a few days apart. Are prayers are with him and his family.

Email Addresses

If you would like to receive lodge announcements by email please submit your email address to larrydutto@yahoo.com so we can add you to our distribution list.

Initiations!

We have several new members who have decided to join Roma Lodge. There will be initiation ceremonies conducted at the October



meeting. If you have someone who is joining or would like to join have them at the meeting so they can be initiated.



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Your Roma Lodge Officers

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October Meeting
Monday
October 2, 2017
6:30 PM
Ken Curti
Cathy Mederos
Refreshment Chairs
October Birthdays
Bring your raffle prizes
and contact refreshment
chairs and let them know
you are willing to help.