



# Le Notizie

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## Update!

**Roma Lodge will be cancelling our April 6th meeting and postponing our 90th Anniversary Celebration to a later date in response to the recent COVID-19 outbreak.** These decisions have not been made lightly as the future is uncertain as to when the country will be back to normal.

We are postponing a decision on the annual ravioli dinner for the next couple of weeks to see what happens with all the social distancing actions we have in effect at this time. We also plan to have our scholarship night on May 4th. If those things change we will let you know through email or in the LeNotizie. Be safe and we will get through this time of crisis in our country.

At some point we will be honoring those Roma Lodge members who are celebrating milestone years of membership in Roma Lodge.

### 5 Year Members

David Borba, Navin Curti, Domenica Curti, Amelia Dutto, Mark Gentry, Kevin Hofstee, Amy Perry, Isabelle Perry, Kage Perry, Mia Perry, Nathan Perry, Mackenzie Perry-Silva, David Pinheiro, Kaitlyn Pinkerton, Robert Pinkerton, Juliana Saltzman, Nolan Saltzman

### 10 Year Members

Benjamin Filiponi, Joyce Hofstee, Roger Maraist, Clay Moffett, Antonio Solari, John Solari, Matt Watkins

### 15 Year Members

Jon Bassett, Bert Berra, Camryn Berra, Drew Berra, Lora Berra, Sally Berra-Scalia, Janie Blackwell, Kevin Blackwell, Corrine Canata, Kathleen Canata, Nick Canata, Ashlie Clark, Craig Clark, Cris Clark, Julie Clark, Cari Clark, AJ Cuelho, Caysen Cuelho, Evie Cuelho, Demi Danell, Rance Danell, Rance Danell II, Dayton Pitigliano, Kelsi Pitigliano, Delaney Shaw, Jason Shaw

### 20 Year Members

Lena Briano, Trudi Briano, Amanda Luis, Kyle Parreira

### 25 Year Members

Maci Daramy, Natalie Maness, Arlene Parreira, Randy Parreira, Wade Parreira, Kim Pitigliano, Steven Sola, Vincent J. Sola, Courtney Stornetta, Kimberly Yribarren

### 30 Year Members

Angela DeRose, Anthony DeRose, James Vener, Melissa Watkins

### 40 Year Members

Kim Solari, Lisa Shaw, Kristen Haener, Frank Goni, Thomas Evans, Louis Benedetti

### 51 Year Members

Ben Curti, Ken Curti, Frances Della, Linda Della, Giovanna De-Paoli, Diane Jordan, Dave Milanese, Steve Milanese, Nick Serafin and Vincent Sola

### 52 Year Members

Philip Curti and William Fusco

### 53 Year Members

Dennis Burner, James Costa, Carol McLafferty

### 54 Year Members

Clarence Costa, John Greco and Maryann Luis

### 54 Year Members

Mary Jean Kronbetter Marlene Peterson

### 55 Year Members

Marlene Peterson, Mary Jean Kronbetter

### 56 Year Member

Rosalie Milanese, Agnes Pelous,

### 57 Year Member

Leroy Beecher

### 62 Year Members

Connie Spagnuolo, Catherine Romero

### 63 Year Member

Ronnie Pedroncelli

### 64 Year Members

Carole Burner, Janet Cabral, Johnnie Kaye Costa, Betty Pratt, Lorraine Cleek, George Rinaldi

### 66 Year Members

Sharon Barreto, Joann Beecher,

Gary Dutto, Barbara Maraist

### 67 Year Member

Lillian Cotta

### 71 Year Member

Catherine Atkinson

### 84 Year Member

Joe Signorelli

**April Meeting  
Monday, April 6, 2020**

**Farfoglio Social Hall  
6:30 P.M.**

**Pitigliano Family Refreshment Chairs**

**Cancelled!**

# Stop and think a minute!

## President Message

Roma Lodge is celebrating its 90th Anniversary this year. Looking at our banner, with long time members and sisters **Vera Ghigo and Lilia Giacomazzi**, you can see the lodge was initiated on **May 25, 1930**.

So, I guess this makes us ponder the question of why we were planning our 90th Anniversary Celebration in April?

**A bit of history is in order.** The first Roma Lodge ravioli dinner was in 1934 where the lodge served a spaghetti, ravioli and chicken dinner for 200 guests at the Tulare Women's Clubhouse. **Miro Curti** served as chair for the event with help from Clara Rosso and Henry Ghigo. The cost was \$1 per person. The dinner-dance was so successful that it was moved to the Tulare Fair Grounds in 1936 for 300 couples and then to 600 couples before being suspended in 1941 because of the World War II.

The lodge continued to celebrate the anniversary in May at Mooney Grove Park with a picnic lunch. The ravioli dinner was resumed in 1955 at the fair grounds and moved to the Veterans Memorial Hall in 1968 topping out with 1,308 people served. In all the years I can remember we hold our anniversary celebration in April because we have the ravioli dinner in May.

**So let's stop and think about this for a minute.** If we look in the dictionary, anniversary is defined as a **"the date on which an event took place in a previous year"** If our anniversary date is May 25th, then why were we going to celebrate on April 19th?

Why you are pondering that, we need to take care of business in response to the pandemic we are going through now. Here are some simple steps we are taking.

**First**, our April 6th meeting has been cancelled and our next meeting will be May 4th which is our scholarship night. If that changes we will let you know.

**Second**, we will postpone the 90th Anniversary Celebration to a later date. We will decide the date at our next meeting which hopefully will



be on May 4th. If we are still being mandated to practice **"Social Distancing"** we will decide at our June 1st meeting.

**If you have already sent in your RSVP card and checks for the anniversary we will be returning your check and RSVP card as soon as possible.**

# RSVP

**If you have not sent in our RSVP card then hang on to it. We will not be printing new invitations once we decide on a new date and venue. You will simply use your existing RSVP and make your reservations at that time.**

**Third**, our chairs **Ken Curti and Cathy Mederos** will be providing input on what to do about the ravioli dinner date. We understand that this is a drive-through venue, however, we still have to be concerned about our members who will be working in close proximity to each other preparing food and putting together the take outs.

Because of the Mother's Day brunch being conducted by the TDES Hall we had been asked to move our takeout to the big building where they cook and serve their fish fry and sopas. We have observed the operation during their drive through fish fry and with a few adjustments we can make it work for the ravioli dinner. If we move our date for our dinner it may not be necessary. We shall see.

**In the meantime, stay safe and do the best you can during these difficult times. We know that many of our members are elderly or have compromised immune systems so that is why we have decided to cancel or postpone these meetings and events to protect everyone's health and well being.**



## New Members!

Roma Lodge initiated two new members at the March meeting. *Nolan Clark* and *Michael Chiaramonte* were welcomed into the lodge.



### Chiaramonte Family

(l-r) Sal Chiaramonte, Pam Chiaramonte, Isabelle Perry, Mackenzie Silva Perry, Anthony Chiaramonte, Michael Chiaramonte, Richelle Chiaramonte, Amy Perry



### Clark-Luis Family

Anthony Clark, Ava James Clark, Mar-yann Luis, Nolan Clark, Nicole Clark, Amanda Luis

## Send us your email addresses!

In today's fast changing world it is often best to communicate by email or social media. If you would like to receive Roma Lodge updates or our newsletter online simply send us your email address to [larrydutto@yahoo.com](mailto:larrydutto@yahoo.com) and we will add you to our distribution list.



## Roma Lodge Budget

*Matt Watkins*, Trustee Chair, met with the trustees at the March meeting and submitted a draft of the proposed 2020 Roma Lodge budget at the meeting. Currently the budget is showing about a \$1,200 loss for the year. One of our biggest expenses is the Grand Lodge Convention in which we are required to send 6 delegates based on our membership. Last year, granted the convention was in Reno, we spent \$4,736 on registration packets, hotel rooms and mileage.

As a lodge we have once again submitted a resolution to the Grand Lodge to consider a bylaw change limiting delegates to two per lodge. We will see if it is acted

upon this year. In comparison if we decided to send no one to the convention and pay the \$200 per day fine for 6 delegates our cost would be \$3,600 saving the lodge almost \$1,150.

Because of the COVID-19 outbreak, at the United Lodge meeting we recommended to cancel the convention, hold it by webinar or at minimum not fine lodges who choose not to attend. We will see what happens. Our two primary fundraisers for the year, Farm Show and Ravioli Dinner are being taxed to provide enough funds to operate the lodge and still provide funding for our charitable contributions. If you would like a copy of the budget email me and I will send you one.

### Juniors

Kate Watkins led the juniors at the March meeting with some art projects.

*Pam Sola* continues to do an outstanding job of providing learning activities for the juniors during the meetings. We have 58 members who are juniors. Bring your children to the meetings and join in the fun.

### Sunshine News

Get well wishes are extended to *Leroy Beecher* who has had some health issues.





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### Mistress of Ceremony

Frances Della	(784-7653)
Toni Pinkerton	(331-3183)

**April 6, 2020  
Meeting**

# Cancelled

**90th Anniversary  
Celebration  
Postponed To A  
Date To Be Determined  
Keep Your RSVP Cards**

**Ravioli  
Dinner  
Decision to  
be made in  
a couple of  
weeks!**

