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Life Goes On (Or Does It)!

In California, the first recorded case of the COVID-19 virus was recorded on January 26, 2020. It was March 19th when California's leadership decided to shutdown the state and require all non-essential citizens to quarantine themselves. Now, some seven months later we find ourselves in the same predicament with businesses and schools still closed with no end in sight.

Families have had to cancel or postpone birthday parties, religious activities, vacations, funerals, celebration of life, sporting events and the list goes on. We long for the day the pandemic will be over. Thanks to all who have submitted articles, pictures and memories of how they have coped with the pandemic.

Roma Lodge members **Craig and Cari Clark** get up at 3 a.m. and drive from their home on the coast to the Sierras during trout season for some fishing and R&R. **No Mask Needed!** If you are looking for some great homemade award winning vinegars and specialty oils check out the **Chaparral Gardens** website. <https://www.chaparralgardens.com/>



Junior Members Are Busy!

Junior member **Camden Taylor** has been busy this summer working on puzzles, doing school work, going to the beach and learning to swim.



Domenica

Curti started back to school on August 13th at St. Paul's school in Visalia.

Giada and Camilla

Pitigliano check out this year's almond crop at Pitigliano



Farms.

Likewise their cousins **Issac and Wessel Pitigliano** conduct quality control in what appears to be a record crop of almonds this year!

Ariel Maness on a family trip to Shaver Lake!



September 14th Meeting Has Been Canceled!



Essential vs Non-Essential They missed one!

The pandemic resulted in the shutdown of schools and businesses as the government decided there were 12 **"essential"** areas of the economy that could not be shutdown. Health care, agriculture, first responders, law enforcement, food markets etc. These essential industries account for some **55 million** workers in the United States. These workers were told they could work and be exempt from the **"quarantine"** and encouraged to take precautions such as washing their hands, wearing masks and the like.



Since March we have had other businesses, such as restaurants, institute measures such as providing takeout meals, social distancing, Plexiglas, and setting up tents in the street so patrons can eat outside in parking spaces. Unfortunately, the government forgot one of the most **"essential"** industries we have. **That of educating our young people!**

Having spent 43 years in education, 32 of it in the classroom, I understand the role of technology as a tool to enhance the learning process. What it cannot do is replace the importance of the teacher-student relationship and the need for social interaction our children need.

Most estimate it will be early next year before a vaccine is approved and the pandemic will hopefully be behind us. That will be nearly a year our young people have been deprived of a good education, social skill development, physical skill enhancement (playing sports) and exposed to much screen time. Children and parents are being stressed to the limits and if we can't figure out a way to get kids back to school we may be doing irreversible damage to their education and social development.

We can't say too much about college and university students. Social distancing efforts have been disregarded outside the classroom which have increased the number of COVID-19 cases. As a society it is time to make everything **"essential"**, especially the education of our young people before it is too late. Each of us have to take our own personal responsibility, evaluate our risks and ensure we are following guidelines to remain free of the disease.

Domingo "Pat" Maffia 1928 - 2020

Roma Lodge members are saddened with the passing of Pat Maffia who was born October 20, 1928 in Petaluma, California. Pat and wife Carol joined Roma Lodge in May of 1972 making them nearly 50-year members of the lodge. Pat was the son of Pietro and Maria Maffia, Italian immigrants. Pat was the ninth out of eleven children and grew up on the family's dairy farm. He was raised and educated in Petaluma. In 1950 he joined the army and served in Korea. After his service in the army he returned to Petaluma and went into delivering propane.



In 1965 Pat and Carol started a dairy business in Santa Rosa and later that year the family and dairy moved to Sonoma. The family and dairy relocated to Tulare in 1971, and finally settled in Tipton two years later.

Pat was a longtime supporter of Roma Lodge. He spent many hours in his shop and was a wood craftsman designing and building many wooden toys. He donated several to our queen's garage sale fundraiser. After he retired from the dairy business Pat and Carol traveled extensively. Pat always said that he had seen all he wanted to see, done all he ever wanted to do, and had few regrets.

Like so many other individuals who have passed away during this pandemic, a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Farewell Brother Domingo "Pat" Maffia

Officer Elections will be held in November for the 2021-2022 term. If you are interested in being a Roma Lodge officer let us know.

It is time for the Roma Lodge directory to be updated. If you have changes in addresses, phone numbers or want a different number listed let us know.





Bee Sweet girls **Kate, Adelyn and Giulia Watkins** promote citrus sales for Bee Sweet!

Kaitlyn and Robert Pinkerton on a family vacation to Wyoming!



George Maness V was happy to get back to school even though it is through virtual learning.

Aiden and Austin Gentry conducted a food drive

in their neighbor as part of a Scout activity.



Taylor and Jordyn Dutto went on a road trip with their parents and friends to Oregon and Washington.



If you have items to include in next months edition of the LeNotizie send them to : larrydutto@yahoo.com

Milestone Birthdays!

Janet Cabral a 64 year member of Roma Lodge celebrated her 75th birthday on August 8th. **Congratulations Janet.**



Dr. Al Berra

will celebrate his 80th birthday on September 15th. Albert is a 48 year member of the lodge and was part of the Porterville Lodge before the lodge merged with Roma Lodge.



Theresa Blua celebrated her 90th birthday on June 22nd.



Unfortunately, because of the pandemic we will not be holding our September meeting. **Kathy and Nick Canata** were looking forward to cooking a farewell dinner for the lodge as they were the dinner chairs and will be moving to Brentwood in September to be near their grandchildren. We hope they continue their lodge membership and hope to see them at special events for the lodge.

Sunshine News

Get well wishes go to members **Megan Dutto** who had a compound fracture of her right angle requiring several metal plates, two surgeries and over 100 stitches to repair on a family trip in Oregon. Also cards have been sent to **Janice Saltzman, Lena Briano, Alex Galvan, Danny, Evan and Amber Dutto** who have all had recent health issues.





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Junior Member Summer Fun!



Haydyn, Harlow & Harper DePaoli celebrate the Red, White & Blue on the 4th of July!



Grace, John and Audriana Solari, Roma Lodge members from Stockton started school on August 12th!

Isabel and Giana Daramy start-ed their gymnastics training.