



# Le Notizie

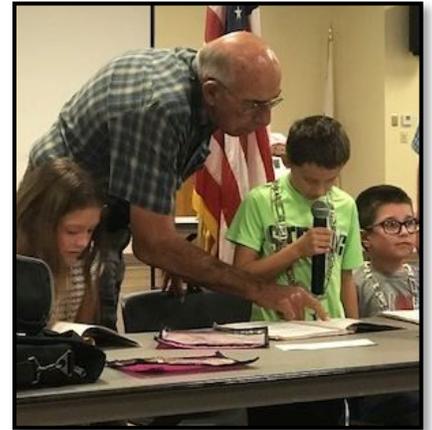
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September 2018

## Junior Member Night Rocked!

We had a big crowd for Junior member night in August with nearly 20 junior members on hand to participate in a special raffle featuring back-to-school items. Roma Lodge has over 60 members under 18 years of age. These members are our future and it is important that the lodge hold special events like junior member night for these young members.

**Gary Dutto** assists grandson **Evan Dutto** with the opening of the meeting conducted by junior members.



**Megan Dutto** shows **George Maness V** his choice of items he can choose in the junior member special raffle. Megan organized a great activity for all the junior members.



**Aiden Gentry** gives the Boy Scout salute during the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

# Decision Time!

## Heralds Message

**P**resident **David DePaoli** and First Lady **Giovanna DePaoli** have given Roma Lodge great leadership during the past 4 years. Giving of their personal time they have attended Grand Lodge Conventions, United Lodge meetings and just about all of the Roma Lodge activities. As shown in the picture they even attended Junior Member Night in August even though it was their 41st wedding anniversary. Now, that is dedication!

They have gone above and beyond in their service to the lodge. It is now time for the next group of lodge leaders to step forward as we will be looking for a new set of lodge officers to be nominated in November, voted on in December and installed in January.

We hope that you will consider taking on a leadership role in the lodge. If you are new to the lodge and would not like to take on an officer role there are plenty other activities you can do. Take on refreshment responsibilities for a meeting, chair an event like the farm show or ravioli dinner or become a delegate to attend a Grand Lodge Convention.

It has been determined that Roma Lodge is now the largest lodge in the state as reported by the Grand Lodge of California. That in of itself is a big accomplishment. However, we still need members to step forward and take on leadership roles for the lodge. ***It is decision time so step forward and make a difference in your life and Roma Lodge!***

***September Meeting  
Monday  
September 10th!***

**Pam Sola** has taken on double duty for the lodge by serving as our junior member chair and financial secretary. She has developed activities for junior members during meetings such as the apron painting that was featured as the top vote getter at the Grand Lodge Convention.

### **Three Queens**

Roma Lodge members had a special treat at the August meeting when **Grand Lodge Queen Brianna Simon** attended the meeting. Also, in attendance were **Hanford Lodge Queen**

**Anaamarie Tesoriere-Miss America** (left) and **Roma Lodge Queen Gianna Benedetti-Miss California**. The **Dutto-Luis-Cleek** families

got together to put on a great meal for junior member night. **Lorraine Cleek** made homemade cream puffs, cobbler and cookies, **Maryann Luis** featured her wonderful potato and macaroni salads, **Amanda Luis** assisted with setup and cleanup and **Megan Dutto** took care of getting all the back-to-school supplies and raffle for the junior members. **Great Job Everyone!**



***Adelyn and Giulia along with Eva and Sophia Gomes display their aprons that won top prize at the convention.***



## New Babies!

**Sienna Elisabeth Stewart** was born on July 24th. She is the daughter of **Vanessa and Jordan Stewart** of Arizona. Her grandparents are lodge member **Elisabeth and Ben Curti**.



## Curti Baby

**Elio Patrick Stornetta** was born on July 19, 2018 to **Matt and Courtney Stornetta**. Elio weighed 6 lbs and 2 oz measuring 19.5 inches. He is the grandson of **Ben and Elisabeth Curti** and lives in Sonoma.



## New Members

Two new members were initiated at the August meeting.

They were **Ariel Ma-ness** and **Ava Clark**.

Ava is the daughter of **Nicole Clark and Anthony Clark**.



Ariel is the daughter of **Natalie and Arthur Ma-ness**. Both are granddaughters of **Maryann Luis** and the late **James Luis**.

## Columbus Day!

Our Columbus Day Celebration is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 7th at the farm show park. We do not have a general chairperson for the event so we need help from several members to setup, cook, provide games for the juniors and cleanup. Make plans to attend the September meeting and sign up for how you can help with the event.



## Wedding Bells

Roma Lodge member **Christina Sparling** was married recently in Washington to **Jason Bustamante**. Her parents **Tina and Brent Sparlin** and grandparents **Cedric and Dolly Klienmans** all lodge members were in attendance.



## Sunshine News

Condolences are also extended to the **Nancy Piti-gliano** and her family on the loss of her father **Samuel Bacon** a veteran of World War II serving in the Navy. He was a long time volunteer at the World Ag Expo.



If you know someone who has been ill or been in the hospital, contact **Joann Beecher** so the lodge can send them get well wishes.

## Farewell Brother

Roma Lodge members are saddened by the passing of member **Kenn Bovetti**. Kenn was a 28 year member of the Order of the Sons of Italy in America. Having spent most of his years as a member of the Enrico Caruso Lodge he had made arrangements to move his membership to the Roma Lodge. That process had just been completed. Kenn was an attorney in Visalia and was originally from Porterville. **He has requested donations be made to the Roma Lodge Scholarship fund. In care of Frances Della at 17383 Avenue 184, Strathmore. Services will be held on Tuesday, September 11th at 11 a.m. at St. Anne's in Porterville. He has requested Roma Lodge to provide the funeral ritual for his services.**





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### *Your Roma Lodge Officers*

President	David DePaoli (804-5443)
Vice President	Michael DePaoli (730-1168)
Treasurer	Karen Pedroncelli (732-1591)
Recording Sec.	Giovanna DePaoli (361-0640)
Financial Sec.	Pam Sola (901-1781)
Orator	Gary Dutto (686-6201)
Historian	Melissa Watkins (361-0811)
Guard	Ken Bertorelli (788-8496)
Past President	Nick Canata (661-978-9331)
Chaplain	Kathy Canata (281-5294)

### *Trustees*

Danny Dutto	(686-1348)
Mike Saltzman	(686-4340)
Matt Watkins-Chair	(647-7161)
Dominic Pitigliano	(359-1907)
Rob Pinkerton	(331-3183)

### *Mistress of Ceremony*

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

**Meeting Monday**  
**September 10, 2018**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Heritage Complex**  
**(Not in Social Hall)**

**We Do Not Have A**  
**Refreshment Chair**  
**For September**

**Contact Giovanna**  
**DePaoli If You Can**  
**Help or No Dinner!**