



Le Notizie

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February 2019

World Ag Expo February 12, 13, 14th!

For the 52nd year, Roma Lodge will be having a food booth at the World Ag Expo. For the **6th** year in a row **Melissa and Matt Watkins along with Michael DePaoli and Maci Daramy** will once again serve as chairs for the food booth at the show.



This quartet of lodge members have gone above and beyond the call of duty to take on such a monumental task of cleaning the booth, ordering supplies, coordinating the cooking and organizing the booth each day to put out a great meal for show attendees.

Granted six years ago they were younger with Melissa having her first child only 6 months prior to the farm show. Now, Melissa and Matt have three children, Maci two and Michael two with a third on the way!

We know young parents have a lot on their plates with childcare, school activities and jobs which makes it difficult to help out at the farm show. This is why the lodge needs to be thankful it has Michael, Melissa, Matt and Maci willing to take on this challenge. Our chairs need much help each day to make the booth successful for the lodge.

If you can't help during the week you can come down and help make sauce on **Sunday, February 10th at 9 a.m.** You will need a pass each day you attend the show. Passes will be given out for those who sign up at the February meet-

ing so make plans to attend, sign up and get your passes.

If you cannot attend the February meeting you will need to make arrangements for someone else to pick up your passes from **Melissa Watkins**. We hope to see you at the show.

If you cannot help during the show you can help cleanup the booth, hang signs or do other preparation work prior to or after the show. Contact **Michael at 730-1168** or **Matt at 647-1761** and let them know how you can help.

Installation of 2019-2020 Slate of Officers

At the January meeting installation of the 2019-2020 slate of officers was conducted. **Louise Silacci**, State Trustee Central and **HazelAnn Christin**, Hanford Lodge installed the new officers with assistance from



Jackie Giacomazzi of the Hanford Lodge. There were a few new officers who were unable to attend and will be installed at the start of the February meeting. We want to wish the new officers all the best in their new leadership roles.

February Meeting
Monday
February 4, 2019
6:30 PM
Karen DeGroot & Joyce Hofstee
Refreshment Chairs
February Birthdays Bring Your Raffle Prizes
and help with refreshment setup and cleanup!

Angel Among Us!

Heralds Message

Roma Lodge members were all saddened with the passing of **Lilia Curti Giacomazzi**, our Roma Lodge State Deputy, who passed away on December 22, 2018. Lilia was initiated into the Roma Lodge #1573 on February 7, 1936 and was our oldest member at 105 years of age and an 82-year member of our lodge.



Her father, **Miro Curti**, was president of Roma Lodge from 1936-1939. Lilia transferred her membership to the Hanford Lodge when she married her husband **Fred Giacomazzi** on July 12, 1936. Lilia served as the State Deputy for the Roma Lodge for nearly 40 years.

Lilia always held a special place in her heart for Roma Lodge. She would faithfully attend lodge meetings, initiate new members, install officers and conduct other official protocols for the lodge. She would always come prepared with her beautiful handwritten notes, ensuring she would not miss the smallest detail about who to thank, those to be congratulated, or as always, how much she enjoyed an activity or fundraiser of the lodge.



She took delight in leading a group of Hanford Lodge members who attended our Columbus Day Celebration. For many years she could be found at the World Ag Expo Food Booth, ravioli dinner, Christmas party or lodge anniversary celebrations.

Lilia took her role as State Deputy very seriously and always cautioned lodge officers to fulfill their duties with attention to detail in conducting ceremonies with



the proper pomp and circumstance befitting the organization. Everything she did was with the upmost class and dignity as she fulfilled her duties as State Deputy.



During the holiday season, when the airways are filled with Christmas music, one of my favorite songs has always been the country group **Alabama's** song entitled **Angels Among Us**. The lyrics tell the story of a boy, on a cold winter day, who took a shortcut through the woods, got lost and was taken home by an Angel.

The chorus goes,

*Oh I believe there are angels among us
Sent down to us from somewhere up above
They come to you and me in our darkest hours
To show us how to live, to teach us how to give
To guide us with the light of love.*

I believe God put Lilia Giacomazzi on this earth for the past 105 years as an *Angel Among Us!* Lilia was a woman of strong faith. It was her faith that gave her the strength each day to accept the challenges God put in front of her. She dealt with them, and moved on with her life. Like most of us she suffered many tragedies with the loss of a husband, son, grandson and nephews. Instead of being the one who sought solace in others to share her grief, others pursued her to comfort them in their hour of sorrow.

If you had the opportunity to attend Lilia's services each and every speaker spoke of her kindness, caring, compassion for others, charity, leadership and positive attitude.

Her "Casa de Tutti" ("House for All") was always open with a welcoming smile, a good meal and a place to spread ones joy and happiness. It was also a house that became a sanctuary for those who sought reassurance when their lives had suffered tragedy.

Like an Angel she was a great listener as she patiently heeded what was being said without judgement. Saving her comments until they would do the most good for the person seeking her advice.

As in the song, she "*showed us how to live, taught us how to give and certainly guided us with the light of love.*" She did all of this while keeping her favorite song in her mind and singing from her lips, "**You Are My Sunshine**" which was always sung at her birthday parties. The sun shines a little less today with her passing.

She will now take on a new role in our lives and become an angel in spirit to many of us who will remember her charm and grace who served as a role model for all of us on how best to live our lives. **Farewell Sister Lilia!**

New Baby!

Will Domenic Borba, son of lodge members *David & Krista Borba* was born September 29, 2018 at 11:34 p.m. He is David & Krista's first child and the first grandchild of *Nick & Dana Milanesio*. His great grandmother is *Angelina Milanesio*. He was named after his great grandfather *Domenic Milanesio*. Will weighed 6lbs 14 oz and was 19 inches long. *Congratulations to All!*



Membership Dues

Your lodge dues were due on **January 1, 2019**. Regular member

dues are **\$75**. Dues for social and associate members are **\$60**. Juniors with benefits are **\$6.36**. Junior members who choose not to select the benefit option are

free. College students up to the age of 26 are also free if they verify they are in college by sending a letter to the lodge. Mail your dues to **Pam Sola, Roma Lodge, PO Box 1337, Tulare, California or bring them to the February meeting.**



Late Dues

As mentioned in last month's edition of the **LeNotizie**, we had a few members who did not pay their dues until the 3rd or 4th quarter of the year. Roma Lodge must pay dues to the Grand Lodge each quarter throughout the year!

Therefore, if a person does not pay their dues and decides to drop in the 4th quarter the lodge is out over \$50. Under new business at the February meeting we will discuss the passing a motion to drop members who have not paid their dues by the end of the second quarter (June 30th). You may want to be at the meeting to discuss your ideas about dropping members who do not pay their dues in a timely manner.



Great Food!

The Louie Benedetti Family stepped forward and took January meeting refreshments when the Janis Curti Family was unable to do so because of Philip's surgery on the same day as the meeting. Louie introduced daughter and Roma Lodge Queen Gianna Benedetti, wife Tiffany and updated us on his two other daughters Gabrielle and Isabella who were also queens. Here is the list of other families who will be doing refreshments for this years meetings. Contact them and ask them how you can help.

February 4th-Karen DeGroot-Joyce Hofstee

March 4th-Joann Beecher-Gary Dutto Family

April 1st-Nancy and Charlie Pitigliano Family

May 6th-Chiaramonte Family

June 3rd-Janis & Philip Curti Family

August 5th-Larry Dutto-Cleek-Luis Families

September 9th-Kathy and Nick Canata Family

October 7th-Pam and Vince Sola Families

November 4th-David and Giovanna DePaoli Family

December 8th-Ken Curti-Cathy Mederos Family

Lodge Directory 2019-2020

We are working on the Roma Lodge Directory for 2019-2020. If you have a change in your address, phone number or other important information contact Pam Sola (pam1334@aol.com) or Larry Dutto (larrydutto@yahoo.com) and let us know of any changes to your contact information.

If you would like to be added to the email distribution list send your email to larrydutto@yahoo.com.

Sunshine Committee

Get well wishes are extended to **Philip Curti**, who recently had heart surgery at Stanford. He is home now and well on his way to recovery.





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Your Roma Lodge Officers 2019-2020

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| President | Larry Dutto | (901-4683) |
| Vice President | Louie Benedetti | (827-1492) |
| Treasurer | Karen Pedroncelli | (732-1591) |
| Recording Sec. | Kathryn Gomes | (331-0025) |
| Financial Sec. | Pam Sola | (901-1781) |
| Orator | Gary Dutto | (686-6201) |
| Historian | Melissa Watkins | (361-0811) |
| Guard | Ken Bertorelli | (788-8496) |
| Past President | David DePaoli | (804-5443) |
| Chaplain | Nicole Taylor | (804-7056) |

Trustees

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

Mistress of Ceremony

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

February Meeting February 4, 2019



**Don't miss the great food by
Joyce Hofstee, Kevin Hof-
stee and Karen DeGroot**