



# Le Notizie

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## A good reason to celebrate!

Liberty, Equality and Fraternity are the mottos of Roma Lodge of which Fraternity is often the one most practiced and utilized by lodge members to carry on the Italian Culture. For nearly 85 years lodge members have used a wide variety of activities to practice fraternity. One of which is the annual **Columbus Day Celebration** to be held this year on **Sunday, October 12th**. Christopher Columbus, the Italian explorer, is credited with discovering the America's in 1492.



Of course he didn't sail to the west coast of California and take the high speed rail to Tulare. He definitely did not jump off the train and stick a flag from Spain into the ground at the farm show park and declare this would be a great place to have a bocce tournament. **REALLY!**

Let's face it. Celebrating Columbus Day is as good as an excuse as any to eat tri-tip, Italian sausage, have a raffle and play bocce ball. What else do you have to do on a Sunday? Watch the **Dallas Cowboys** loose another game! **C'mon on Man!**

Roma Lodge will celebrate Columbus Day on **Sunday, October 12, 2014** at the Agri-Center Park. At the October 6th meeting of the lodge co-chairs Michael DePaoli and Matt Watkins will solicit help in organizing the event.

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

**October Meeting-October 6th!**

## Schedule of events:

- 11:30 AM-Committee Setup/Cooking
- 12:30 PM-Registration/Bocce Team Signup
- 12:45 PM-Bocce Tournament Starts
- 1:00 PM-Lunch is Served
- 1:30 PM-Dessert Judging/Serving  
Bocce Tournament Continues
- 2:00 PM-Games Begins For The Kids  
Bocce Tournament Continues
- 3:00 PM-Raffle/Awards
- 3:30 PM-Bocce Championships
- 4:00 PM-Cleanup

Cost-Members Free-Guests-\$5

## What the Lodge Supplies

Paper products, Italian Sausage, hotdogs, tri-tip, buns, chips, water and all the trimmings.

## What to Bring

- ◆ Raffle Prize
- ◆ Additional beverages if wanted
- ◆ Side dish
- ◆ Make something for the dessert contests

## Contests

There will be prizes for the following contests sponsored by the lodge.

- ◆ **Homemade Ice Cream**
- ◆ **Cake Contest**
- ◆ **Cookie Contest**
- ◆ **Pie Contest**

**Bounce House or Waterslide for the kids depending on the weather!**



# SOI Icon

Heralds Message

**I**f you look in the dictionary an “icon” is a person who is successful and admired. When the term “icon” is used when discussing a computer, it is a small picture on the computer screen that represents a program or function. By clicking on a small “icon” on the computer screen you can open a very large and powerful program.



We were all saddened with the news of the passing of lodge icon **Ida Romanazzi** from the **Visalia Enrico Caruso Lodge**. Along with husband Lawrence the two of them embodied what every lodge member should aspire to be when it comes to carrying on the Italian Culture in America.

Ida symbolized both meanings of the word icon. She was a very successful and admired person who was born in Visalia on November 15, 1921, was a member of the first graduating class at College of the Sequoias, married her husband Lawrence on June 18, 1944 and recently celebrated her 70th anniversary.

She may have been small in stature, however, like the computer icon, when she opened her mind to do something she became this powerful, energetic, enthusiastic and motivated person! She served as the Enrico Caruso Lodge Recording Secretary for 50 years and served a 4 year term as president for the lodge. Along with her husband, family and brothers Pete, Vito and Louie Giotta they were always at the lodge building putting on a meeting, dinner, social event or simply working on the building to continually improve the facility.

When you would attend an event at the lodge there was little doubt of who was in charge. Ida was a master at paying attention to detail. She had a penchant for organization, protocol, pomp and circumstance. When Ida was in charge, everyone was confident that the event would be conducted without so much as a knife or napkin out of place. Invitations were done eloquently, lists of invitees were complete and checked and rechecked, seating charts were detailed and put together with a lot of forethought and guests came first.

At their 70th wedding anniversary, even though her health was already failing, she made sure every detail of the event was planned, executed with class and was exquisite in every detail. The food was delicious, the service impeccable and the program fitting to celebrate a couple who were true partners and in love for 70 plus years.

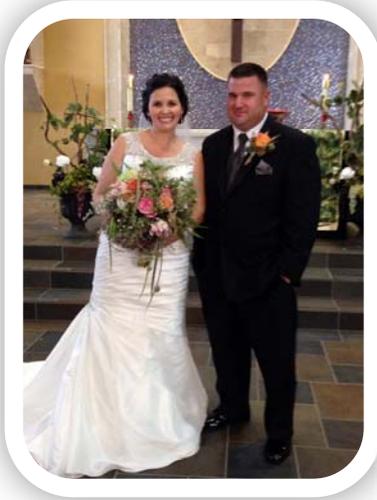
In addition to her husband Lawrence and her family, the Enrico Caruso Lodge and Grand Lodge of California have lost a true icon in **Ida Romanazzi**. Being successful and admired doesn't really tell the true story of what they will miss. Ida was a worker, a doer, a planner and a someone who took on the challenge and seen it through until the last thank you note was written, the final bill paid or the last table and chair put away. ***Icons who are successful and admired will be remembered, icons who are hard workers and contribute daily to the lodge will be missed. Ida Romanazzi will be missed.***

At our September meeting Roma Lodge members voiced their frustration with another dues increase by the Grand Lodge. With the passing of Ida Romanazzi, there is a lesson to be learned by the Grand Lodge. Regardless of the cost of dues, Ida and Lawrence would always remain faithful Enrico Caruso and Grand Lodge members. However, as more and more of these individuals, of have been loyal lodge members for, 40, 50, 60 or 70 plus years, pass away, there are fewer and fewer younger members willing to do what these members have done for so many years.

At our meeting Lilia Giacomazzi commented there used to be nearly 200 lodges in California and now there are less than 60! When local members pay their dues they get little benefit from the Grand Lodge or the Order of Sons of Italy in America. Local members are asked to conduct their own charitable activities to support their own lodge and the local charities they want to support. It is getting more and more difficult to keep increasing dues at the local level that are passed onto the Grand Lodge to cover their expenses. Maybe it is time that we ask the Grand Lodge to account for their own financial dealings and either increase their own revenue through other means rather than increasing dues passed on to local lodges or control their own expenses! ***Just a thought!***

## Wedding Bells!

**M**ichael DePaoli and Leslie Walker were married on August 30th. Michael is a long time Roma Lodge member and serves as a trustee for the lodge. Leslie has submitted her application to become a lodge member as well. Michael is the son of Roma Lodge members **David and Giovanna DePaoli**. Michael is a farmer and Leslie teaches at Strathmore Elementary School.



**R**oma Lodge member Krista Milanesio became Mrs. David Borba on July 19, 2014 in a wedding ceremony at St. Paul's Church in Pismo Beach. A reception followed at the San Luis Obispo Country Club. Krista is the daughter of lodge members Nick and Dana Milanesio and granddaughter of long time members Domenic and Angie Milanesio.

## October Lodge Meeting

Roma Lodge will hold a regular lodge meeting on **Monday, October 6th at 6:30 p.m.** at the farm show social hall. This important meeting is necessary to solicit members to run for lodge offices in November,

plan the Columbus Day celebration and next years anniversary event. There will be further discussion on the dues increase as well as initiation of new members. We will also have initiation of new members in October so if you have an application and are waiting to be installed the October meeting will be when you need to attend.

**Pam and Vince Sola** have graciously agreed to serve as refreshment chairs and will need help with refreshments from those having birthdays in October. October birthdays need to bring a dessert and raffle prize for the drawing. **Pam and Vince** have promised some great refreshments and it will be chairman's choice which is always exciting. The drawing will be for \$65 dollars, so make plans to attend.



## Who will be the new champs?

Last years Roma Lodge Bocce Champs were Melissa and Matt Watkins and the new Mr. & Mrs. Leslie and Michael DePaoli. Word on the street is that there are several teams practicing to knock off the reigning champs to regain the trophy. We have noticed several members at the gym working out to ensure they are in top physical condition to compete.

**Ben Curti**, tournament director, will be out early the day of the tournament with his GPS, tape measure, sledge hammer and surveying tools to put together a great tournament. Make plans to come and play or root on your favorite team. I understand there will be a lot of money being wagered on several teams.



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### Dinner Menus

**February**-Stew & Polenta  
**March**-Rigatoni  
**April**-Sausage and Risotto  
**May**-Pizza  
**June**-Chairman's Choice  
**July**-No Meeting  
**August**-Hotdogs/Hamburgers  
**September**-Potluck  
**October**-Chairman's Choice  
**November**-Polenta & Stew  
**December**-Ham & Yams-XMAS Party

### *Your Roma Lodge Officers*

President	Nick Canata (661-978-9331)
Vice President	David DePaoli (804-5443)
Treasurer	Karen Pedroncelli (732-1591)
Recording Sec.	Tina Sparlin (685-8857)
Financial Sec.	Cathy Mederos (687-1112)
Orator	Gary Dutto (686-6201)
Historian	Carole Burner (686-8419)
Guard	Ken Bertorelli (788-8496)
Past President	Ken Curti (288-2144)

### *Trustees*

Danny Dutto	(686-1348)
Mike Saltzman	(686-4340)
Matt Watkins	(635-1699)
Dominic Pitigliano	(359-1907)
Michael DePaoli	(730-1168)

### *Mistress of Ceremony*

Frances Della	(784-7653)
Shurene Curti	(740-0184)

**October Meeting**  
**Monday**  
**October 6, 2014**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Vince & Pam Sola**  
**Refreshment Chairs**

