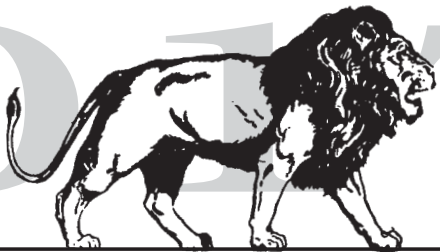


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### A Message From The State President



*State President  
John Costa*

As I write this article my heart is heavy. With the loss of Past State President David Prisco my heart goes out to his family. David was the State President in 2003 at my first convention. He will be missed, a soft spoken, gentle giant. Also we send our condolences to William Paca Lodge President Rosalia Margarit on the loss of her husband Albano Margarit, another member who was always smiling. Rest in peace my Brothers.

We also need to keep our thoughts and prayers with all of those affected by the wild fires in Napa, Sonoma and Santa Rosa and Anaheim. I spent a Saturday morning after the fires started calling and talking to all the filial lodge presidents in those areas to check on our members. I have heard so far of a couple of members in Ukiah, one in Santa Rosa and one in Lake County have lost their homes, besides a number of others who have been displaced. I am working on a way we can help these members through the Western Foundation. I have contacted Brother Roy CAO of the Western Foundation to find a way we can help our brothers and sisters. Wow, from hurricanes in Houston and Florida to fires in Nebraska and to fires in California. Mother Nature sue must be upset with us. I say to her we are sorry, now enough is enough.

Now onto some more pleasant items, (this is why I do not like to watch the

news). Grand Council was held on September 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>. I would like to thank all of the Grand Council officers and the members for their complete cooperation during the meetings. We were able to get all business completed and then on Saturday night had a wonderful celebration in honor of Cav. Maria Fassio Pignati, Past State President. It was nice to see Phil from Massachusetts come out to the event for Maria also. It was a great evening enjoyed by all.

It was mentioned to me why we do not give a report from National Convention like your delegates do for our State Convention. So I asked each of the delegates present to touch on a few highlights at Grand Council, and for those that were not there I would like to touch on a few highlights. One of the biggest issues at the national level but also at our state level is membership. As of the second quarter we have a total of 34,827 members, they are projecting a loss of down to 34,000 by fiscal year 2019. We all need to help stop this. Our membership chair Gary Smith has some ideas that I hope we can implement. Other ideas are welcome. On a sad note the Grand Lodge of Arizona was dissolved, due to lack of members. I plan on reaching out to the Arizona lodges to offer that they join the Grand Lodge of California. As you have heard the name change is official. National is working on a new website that they hope to have online soon. One thing that always brightens my day at our convention and at national is the donations. The total donations given at national for the charities, museum and civic projects were \$401,305.00. Kudos to all of our members nationwide.

Our Western Foundation Sons of Italy golf tournament was held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and Michael Smith and his committee once

again did an outstanding job. But the highlight of my day was before the golf tournament, I was the guest of Gary Smith at the Barry R. Kirshner Wildlife Sanctuary where I was given a tour and was able to hold a 15 week old 29 lb Snow Leopard. What an experience. Thank you Gary and Kelly. I will try to have a picture next month. If you have not been there I highly recommend it.

October is a busy month with all the Columbus Day and Italian Heritage Day celebrations. I was able to attend Giuseppe Mazzini lodge #2011 Columbus Day picnic. Wow, the food and friendship was outstanding, thank you Gina. First Lady Donna Lee and I had the honor to represent you at the 149<sup>th</sup> annual Italian Heritage Parade, along with Queen Mary. It was a beautiful day in San Francisco warm weather and a lot of smiling faces. Thank you once again John Perretto for obtaining the cars for us, I think John said he has been doing this for 17 years. It was truly an honor to represent you. Later in the month we attended Northern Solano Lodges Columbus day Dinner, thank you Don and members of the lodge. I have received many other invitations and am trying to attend as many as I can, if I am unable to I will send a representative in my place.

In closing as November comes into sight let's remember our Veterans, those that have fought to keep us safe and give us the rights we have to live in the United States of America. I always try to, when I see someone in the military or even wearing a military hat to thank him or her for their sacrifice and service. I now am very thankful for our first responders how have braved the fires California has had.

Mille grazie

### David A. Prisco 1932-2017



It is a sad time as we announce the passing of Past State President David Prisco. He passed away peacefully on October 9th at his home.

David was born in Ashtabula, Ohio, the youngest of five children. He attended school there and in 1955 after being honorably discharged from the Navy he moved to California. He attended Fullerton Junior College and California State University where he majored in marketing and business education. He was a member of the Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity.

David has been a member of the Sons of Italy for 44 years. He held various positions climbing the ladder of success as he did. First in the Renaissance Lodge holding various chairs including that of President. Then in the state level including that of State Trustee, then State Treasurer, then State Orator and finally State President in 2001.

David has had more honors bestowed upon him and rightfully so. David was very involved with

the International Street Fair held each year in the City of Orange. He was an active member of the Elks Club. He was an accomplished pianist playing at all the talent shows held at our convention.

1999 David was the local committee chair for the Bicentennial National Convention held in Long Beach. It was an event that was very successful.

At one time and I don't have the date, David was awarded the title of Cavaliere by the Italian government. A title which David cherished.

In recent years David still remained active with his lodge becoming the president once again. Then recently he was elected to Vice President of the United Lodges of Southern California.

If I list all of David's accomplishments it would probably take up the whole paper. He will be missed by all who knew him. He had a little boy charm that we all loved.

Rest in peace, you will be missed.

By Andy Pampuro





# From the Editor’s Desk

by Andy Pampuro  
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It is always very sad when I have to announce the death of one of our special leaders. David Prisco was our 27th State President and now he is gone. He will be missed very much. Regardless what different ones are trying to do by getting rid of Columbus Day isn’t working. We still had two Columbus Day celebrations down here in the south and I’m sure San Francisco had a big event. Where I live the banks were open but the post office was closed. Crazy. No one will ever forget Columbus Day with all the car dealers and stores having

# Attention Everyone

In the next issue of the Il Leone we will be running the Holiday ads. If you would like to wish your fellow members a Merry Christmas this is the way to do it. The average ad is only \$36. Even if you have been running an ad each year please let us know you want to continue. I cannot assume that you do. Send me your new picture if you want it in the ad and if you have special words otherwise we will do it for you. I am thanking you in advance.

Andy Pampuro, Editor

“big Columbus Day sales.” That’s all I hear and see on the TV ... Columbus Day Sale. There is nothing about an Indian sale. Many of you have told me you would be sending me your donation to the Il Leone sponsorship program but haven’t come through yet. Did you forget? If you did I am reminding you to send in your donation. I am thanking you in advance.

Well we have one young man so far in the Royal Contest. If you know a young man who qualifies talk him into running as a prince and wishing he makes king. This is very exciting and I for one hope it works out for Eva Lavezzari who works so hard for this program. Have a great Thanksgiving. Hope you get to spend the day with your loved ones.



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# News from the Central

by Arlene Nunziati  
State 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



This has been a very sad and busy month. When will all this disaster and sadness go away!

The fires in Northern California and all over the state were so disastrous. I can't believe all the loss. Thank God, from what I hear, our members were evacuated but have not heard of any losses.

We lost many friends and members this month. My sincere sympathy to the family of David Prisco, our Past State President. David was a wonderful man and I have so many fond memories of him when I was his State Recording Secretary. He cooked many dinners for me. It was a shock when I heard the news.

Sympathy to Rosaria Margarit, President of the William Paca Lodge, and family on the loss of her husband Albano who had been ill for a while.

Condolences to the family of Eugenia Chiesa who was a long time member of the Half Moon Bay Lodge and then San Mateo. I remember always going to their meetings as my Dad was their State Deputy for over 30 years.

My condolences to Terry Anderini on the loss of his mother.

There were few fun events thrown in this month. I attended the United Lodges of Southern California Columbus Day Celebration which was a huge and beautiful event. I represented State President John Costa who was unable to attend. We arrived early from the Bay Area and were able to attend mass in the old beautiful St Peters Church and the mass was all in Italian! I had not been to an Italian mass since I was a young girl and went with my Nonna. Beautiful!

Congratulations to Rosemarie Vanderhaar who chaired a beautiful celebration. It was an outstanding event with over 300 people in attendance. I was so happy to see Mary and Joe LaBanca, Frank DeSantis and Eileen, Chris and Mary and of course David, along with so many brother and sisters. The long drive was well worth it! The Girl Scouts said the Pledge of Allegiance all in Italian! All their meetings are also conducted in Italian.

The following week I attended the San Mateo Columbus Day event which was another great event. Thank you Joy Bruno for coming down from Fairfield. A special tribute was given to my Dad and a \$1,200.00 check presented in his memory to Western Foundation for a scholarship. We didn't attend the parade the next day, which I heard was

great, stayed home to watch the 49ers lose another close game!

Last month was our Grand Council meeting in Santa Clara where we honored Past State President Maria Pignati with a beautiful dinner. She is so deserving of all the accolades given to her. Phil Privitera came all the way from Massachusetts with his son to honor her. We attended a 49ers game and had a great time, even though they lost again! Our State President ran a great meeting for his first council meeting.

Since I am now the National Alzheimer's Chair, I held a raffle and cookbook sale to raise some funds for the cause. Thank you to Yvonne Vanoni who assisted while I was in the meeting.

I attended the annual BBQ of the Giuseppe Mazini Lodge in Fremont. What a fun event. Kudos to the lodge and their President Gina for another great event.

All we seem to do is eat at these wonderful meals! No wonder the weight keeps getting added on!

Most recently, in between the funerals, I attended the meeting of the Monterey Lodge. They discussed closing the lodge but a few members wanted to keep it open. They have changed some officers, will try to obtain new members (they had three that night) and keep it going. Please attend one of their meetings if you are in the area. They are an old established lodge and really need our support. And they meet at a great restaurant with terrific food!

The same week drove down to Watsonville, with my driving partner, Joy, and attended the Watsonville Lodge meeting. (after a week I know those back roads very well) I had the privilege and honor of INITIATING 20 NEW MEMBERS!!! Wow what a group; everyone was so friendly and they are all happy and enjoy each other! The meal was delicious. I have never initiated so many new members at one time! Congratulations to the Watsonville Lodge and keep up the good work! They also spoke on our 365 fundraiser and can't wait to get the new tickets; many of their members along with the lodge have won several times!

I was reunited with an old friend, Martha Muzzi and her husband Vince. Martha's Dad and my Dad were old friends and I also know their nephew Roberto in Pistoia from when Vera and I went on our Italian trip over there. We took the "scenic" route down - glad it was daytime, but came home another way which was very easy!!! Thank you Janey and the Watsonville Lodge for a most enjoyable evening and their hospitality. I was also able to introduce their new State Deputy Norm Hagen. You know, as you travel to all these lodges, and being Italian, you find that we know a lot of the same people.

Get well wishes to Barbara Wisniewski and Bill Murphy who are both recuperating from surgeries.

Ciao for now.

# News from the South

by Sadie Tamburine  
State 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



We lost a dear friend on October 9th, Past State President David Prisco. He will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you David. Rest in Peace.

Legislators, politicians, and educators continue to try to change history. Christopher Columbus is and always will be a hero to Italians all over the world. The Sons and Daughters of Italy with the help of the Knights of Columbus will continue to celebrate the truth. Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco as well as many other cities in California continue to give tribute to Christopher Columbus. It is important we learn as much as possible about what truly happened and not believe what the powers that be are touting.

The truth: Christopher Columbus, with his son, was received by the Franciscan friars in the Convent of La Rabida in Huelva, Spain. Here the Admiral found hospitality and shelter before his maiden voyage. He was a devout Catholic who kept all the traditions of Catholicism throughout his entire life as documented by his fellow sailors.

On six separate occasions, Columbus wrote to the Holy Father requesting missionaries be sent to the recently discovered islands. His request was fulfilled on January 6, 1494, the first Mass in the Americas was offered by a Benedictine who had accompanied him on the second voyage.

Five centuries after the fact American Jesuit Fr. John Hardon would remark "It is one thing to say that Columbus discovered the Americas. It is something else to realize that he opened the door to the most phenomenal spread of Christianity since the time of St. Paul".

It is up to us to continue to dispute the lies that are banded about.

# News from the North

by Barbara Wisniewski  
State 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



My thoughts and prayers are with all my sisters and brothers in the fire areas of northern California. If there is any way we can help, please reach out to the Grand Lodge and we will get the word out. God bless you and keep you safe.

I would like to thank all those who sent me cards and well wishes on my surgery. You have no idea how wonderful it is to hear from you. I'm healing according to my surgeon's plan. Just not fast enough for my plan! But

we're working on it.

This month I would like to speak about our Ritual and Protocol Manual and the Local Lodge Meetings Procedures, which is section two. I heard those groans out there!! How many of you Lodge Presidents have actually read that section? It's only 5 pages typed in large font so we may not even need our glasses!

As a past Lodge President, I used this as a guide, which is what it is meant to be. If you follow it as a guide you will cover all the business necessary to be conducted in a minimal amount of time. I know we all understand that business must be conducted but we don't want to spend hours taking care of it. We want to spend our free time eating and enjoying the company of our sisters and brothers!

Give it a try and let me know what you find. Till next month... Fraternaly Barbara



San Mateo Columbus Day Committee Chair Terry Anderlini presenting me with a check for \$1200.00 for a scholarship in memory of my Dad, Mario Marcucci. Dad was very instrumental in starting the yearly Columbus Day celebrations.

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<b>Watsonville</b>	<b>11/17/84</b>
<b>Saddleback Valley</b>	

Congratulations!!!





# United Lodges of Southern California pays tribute to Christopher Columbus

On Sunday, October 1st, the United Lodges of Southern California held a terrific affair saluting Christopher Columbus. Recording Secretary Rosemarie Vanderhaar was the chair for this event which was held at the Casa Italiano in Los Angeles.

Rosemarie welcomed everyone and paid special attention to Vita Zaccaria who use to run these events until last year. Rosemarie introduced Andy Pampuro as the M.C. for the day.

Even though they are trying to get rid of Columbus Day we will still celebrate the great man every year.

The girl scouts of America presented the colors and led us in the pledge of allegiance under the direction of Sarah Taylor.

Regina Iacovino sang the Italian and American National Anthems accompanied by her mother Grace on the piano.

Father Louie Piran from St. Peter's Church gave the invocation.

Andy then introduced the dignitaries who honored us with their presence. We were thrilled and happy to have with us our new National President Vira Girolami and her husband Judge Al Girolami.

Our State First Vice President Arlene Nunziati who was representing our State President John Costa. Our State Second Vice President Sadie Tamburine. State Orator Mark Vaona. State Financial Secretary Gabe Domenici and his wife, Mardell. State Trustees Central Pauline Richmond and Louise Salacci. State Trustees South Manny Finazzo and Carmine Baffo and his wife, Minnie. Past National and State President Frank DeSantis and his wife, Eileen. Past State President Chris Lotito and his wife, Mary, who is our Athletic Chair. Past State President Ralph Agnello. Past State President Joseph LaBanca and his wife, Mary. Past State President David Prisco

The chairperson of this

affair as well as our Scholarship Chairperson Rosemarie Vanderhaar.

Our keynote speaker was Tony Ricevuto who is chairman of the Commission for Social Justice.

We also had many people from various Italian organizations too many to mention.

Last but not least we had fourteen Sons of Italy lodges in attendance. They were America, Anaheim, Centinela Valley, Desert Valley, Hacienda, Joanne Coccia, Pugliese, Renaissance, Saddleback Valley, West End, LaCosta dei Fiori, Fratellanza Garibaldina, Hanford and the Enrico Caruso Lodge.

After all the introductions it was time for lunch. A delicious lunch was served to all in attendance. Many thank to Nick D'Egido of the Portafino Trattoria.

After lunch we heard from our speakers starting with our keynote speaker Tony Recivuto who gave a dynamic speech which boiled down to as Italians we must stick together.

State First Vice President Arlene Nunziati represented our State President John Costa and also gave a very nice talk.

We also heard from our State Second Vice President Sadie Tamburine.

Our last speaker was our newly elected National President Vera Girolami who gave a very dynamic speech. All of our speakers spoke about Columbus and our fight to preserve his name and reputation.

Our United Lodges of Southern California president Carmine Baffo and his wife, Minnie, presented Vera with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Our chairlady Rosemarie Vanderhaar thanked her committee which consisted of Carmine Baffo, Palmie Crispi, Paul Crispi, Linda Ennenman, Michele Lowinger, Annette Porter, Vita Zaccaria and Andy Pampuro. It was a very successful event and already plans are in the works for next year. We will never stop celebrating Columbus Day.



L/R State First Vice President Arlene Nunziati, National President Vera Girolami, State Second Vice President Sadie Tamburine and our keynote speaker Tony Ricevuto.

United Lodges President Carmine Baffo and his wife Minnie presenting a beautiful bouquet of flowers to our National President, Vera Girolami.



Chair of this year's event Rosemarie Vanderhaar with the past chair of these events Vita Zaccaria.

The Girl Scouts of America presenting the colors and leading us in the pledge of allegiance.



Singing the Italian and American Anthems Regina Iacovino.





Our Ethnic Heritage

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Italian Americans ought never to lose the will, courage, and energy to thrive as an ethnic group in the United States. Our heritage is older and stronger than fashionable political ideologies and modern political slogans. Moreover, much of the best in government has derived from ancient Italian traditions.

Italians struggled to obtain nationhood in Europe and defended it with great zeal. They developed strong republican and democratic institutions. Italian social philosophers struggled to implement constitutional law. The Italian people demonstrated a love of family, tradition, and community that produced a society of remarkable wealth. Italy remains today a land of beauty and pleasure.

There are many detractors of Italy who would have us now focus only on negative views. They let loose a steady stream of disinformation and blatant hostility to wear away our unity. The detractors pass on their ill-formed opinions as factual to draw the majority of Americans into their devious camp. They provide no real alternatives or solutions, only protests and criticisms. They give little credit for ideas they borrow from Italy, and usually debase much of what is meaningful in them.

The Italian immigrants came to the United States out of love of democracy. They

were hardworking men and women who had an indomitable will to become Americans. They worked during the day and went to night schools to learn American ways and history, honor the laws, and master the English language. They enriched America in every field. Some were barbers, some tailors, some cooks, some stonemasons, some shoemakers, some gardeners, some merchants, some scholars, some musicians, and some day laborers. The Italians were harshly kept out of various fields, but they remained optimistic and full of goodwill. They sacrificed to allow their children to obtain higher education.

Italian Americans, brothers and sisters, do nothing to dishonor the good name of the "Italian"! The good of America depends on you. Respect yourselves. Aid each other, never oppress one another. Make friends among all Americans. Let us realize the Golden Rule as our political program: Do unto others as ye would they should do unto you.

We must from time to time renew our ideals and our vows. Let us stay strong and united. Progress is not a rash discontinuation of the past, but is a faithful building upon the foundation of family and civic duty. We will cherish and defend the many opportunities and lawful liberties we enjoy as Americans.



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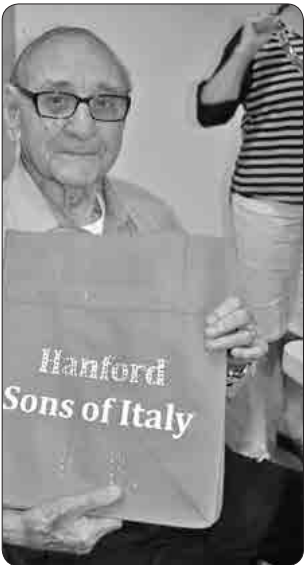
Hanford, CA  
by Jackie Giacomazzi



Karli Draxler, (right) Outgoing Queen of the Hanford Lodge, presents flowers to the 2017/2019 Queen, AnnaMarie Tesoriere. The Queen Committee will hold its first fundraiser on October 29 with a spaghetti/meatball dinner.



Cheryl Bertaina Lehn joined with members of her family to provide a very informative presentation telling of the Bertaina family's immigration to Hanford. A dozen family members accompanied her to the Hanford Lodge's "Salute to our Italian Heritage." They enjoyed a potluck dinner featuring Italian dishes prepared by members.



Ernest Bertaina, who will turn 90 years young in January, was presented with a shopping bag by outgoing President, Louise Silacci, following daughter, Cheryl's talk. He and his wife, Gladys, set up a display featuring framed pictures showing family members through the years.



Newly installed President Charles (Chuck) Sant'Agata, poses with Pauline, State Trustee-Central, following her report on the recent National Convention. Pauline made her official visit to our Lodge and was welcomed with "Buon Compleanno" wishes as she becomes 90 years young in October.

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26	\$25.00	Chantel Vastola-Fazio
27	\$25.00	John Perrotta
28	\$25.00	Diana Picone
29	\$25.00	Gracie Rivera
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William Paca Lodge #1960

Mountain View, CA  
by Carolyn Franklin

It is with deep sadness we report the passing of Albano Margarit, Sunday October 8, 2017. As a member of Il Leone Lodge since 1965, Al attended every meeting until his recent illness. He contributed to the success of the Lodge in many ways. He was always ready to lend a hand at our fabulous dinners, moving tables, cleaning up, cheering us all every step of the way.

Al often mentioned his area of origin, high up in the mountains near the northern border of Italy. He spoke several languages as is usual in border countries. He was always a joy to listen to as he had much experience in politics, world views and local customs, as well as various types of foods, dishes and wines.

His most notable success was in choosing his dynamic, popular, creative wife, Rosalia, who has been our Lodge President voted in many times over. The two of them together attended every Conference keeping our Lodge in the mainstream of activities.

He leaves a son, Steven, who, with his wife Janette have two daughters, Isabelle and Alexia. Both girls are in their teens.

Services for Al will be in Santa Cruz where his family is interred. He will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace.

Wishing Everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving



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and husband Ken



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# San Francisco Celebrates Columbus Day 2017

by Past State President Maria Fassio Pignati

San Francisco’s 149<sup>th</sup> celebration of Columbus Day weekend began on Saturday, October 7 with our annual Banquet and Ball, which was held this year at the St. Regis Hotel in the City. It was a great event, where Christopher Columbus, portrayed by Joseph Cervetto, Jr, was knighted by Queen Isabella Caroline Cirelli-Castaneda, whose entourage included her Princess, Duchesses, Contessas, Ladies, Crown Bearer and Scroll Bearer. We were also fortunate to have our Italian Consul General Lorenzo Ortona and his lovely wife Sheila Pierce Ortona present with us the entire weekend to share in the festivities.

Sunday morning began with solemn High Mass at Saints Peter and Paul, the Italian cathedral in North Beach. Present was Queen Isabella and her Royal Court, Christopher Columbus, the Knights of Columbus, dignitaries, as well as many people in the congregation, including our State President John Costa and First Lady Donna Lee, Past State President Maria Fassio Pignati, State Queen Mary Lucido, Cornelia-Vita Nuova Lodge President Angela Silva and visiting Pugliese Lodge President Michael Di Giuro and First Lady Edithe, and other members. It is always exciting to see the Knights of Columbus form an arch with their swords, under which the Queen and her Court and Columbus process, all in gorgeous period costume. It is another treat to hear the operatic choir which included Lola Lazzari Simi, our senior Queen Isabella of 1951, the organist and trumpeter perform. A wonderful touch of pomp and circumstance!

After Mass, we gathered at the assembly area near Fisherman’s Wharf to decorate our cars for the start of the Italian Heritage Parade, the oldest continuous celebration of its kind in the United States. Our State President John and First Lady Donna Lee rode in a brand new convertible and had a great time waving to the thousands of people lining the streets, some standing and others sitting at tables on the parade route enjoying food and wine on this gorgeous sunny day. Following in her own convertible was our lovely State Queen Mary Lucido who smiled and waved to the crowds. This year I walked the parade with COMITES – the Committee for Italians Living Abroad, of which I am

member representing OS-DIA. Once again, our State President and State Queen were able to ride in the parade thanks to the continued generosity of Dick Ghilotti of Ghilotti Construction, which provided the cars and several antique trucks that participated in the festivities, which featured 95 entries from as far north as Napa and as far south as San Diego. This year’s Parade Grand Marshal was actress Jacqueline Toboni (Trubel in the NBC series *Grimm*). Civic Grand Marshal was San Francisco Police Officer Kevin Downs, who was seriously injured in the line of duty but thankfully has returned to work. He is the President of “Ranchin’ Vets” a non-profit that assists returning war veterans with employment opportunities. This magical afternoon ended with an always exciting air show provided by the truly amazing and nerves-of-steel Blue Angels, who roared into town for Fleet Week. Afterwards we went to the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club across the street for a relaxing dinner with close to 300 people in attendance; a family-oriented way to end a very special day in our Italian community and OSDIA family.

Please make every effort to protect Columbus Day in the United States against the recent growing threats that have placed it in danger. If someone is trying to remove Columbus Day recognition from your area, please contact your legislators and tell them to protect this holiday that honors not only the amazing achievement of an Italian navigator who opened up the world, but also the 26 million-plus Americans of Italian descent that helped create our great nation. While it is important that our indigenous brothers and sisters are justly honored for their ancient heritage, it should not be at the expense of ours. Our National Lodge, in conjunction with our Commission for Social Justice, is working hard to preserve this holiday. Please contact them for further information and to obtain pamphlets with historically correct information about the great navigator. Please don’t think Columbus Day is safe, please don’t wait for someone else to save it, and please don’t wait until it is too late...act NOW to protect YOUR heritage for future generations.



State President John Costa and First Lady Donna Lee Costa.



State Queen Mary Lucido.



Cornelia-Vita Nuova Lodge President and Past Queen Isabella Angela Silva.



l to r: State President John Costa, State First Lady Donna Lee, Pugliese Lodge President Michael Di Giuro, Past State President Maria Fassio Pignati, and Pugliese Lodge First Lady Edithe Di Giuro



# C. Colombo Lodge #1315

Antioch, CA  
by Zelda LeFrak-Belleci



The Oakland A's baseball team hosted Italian Heritage Night on a perfect summer evening. Pictured above is "Off to the A's" organizer for C. Colombo Lodge of Antioch, Adele Mullins. Adele led a group of 40 Sons of Italy members and friends to the cheer the A's to victory. To show their appreciation for the large number of fans Adele brought to the game, the A's presented Adele with the backpack she is delightedly holding.

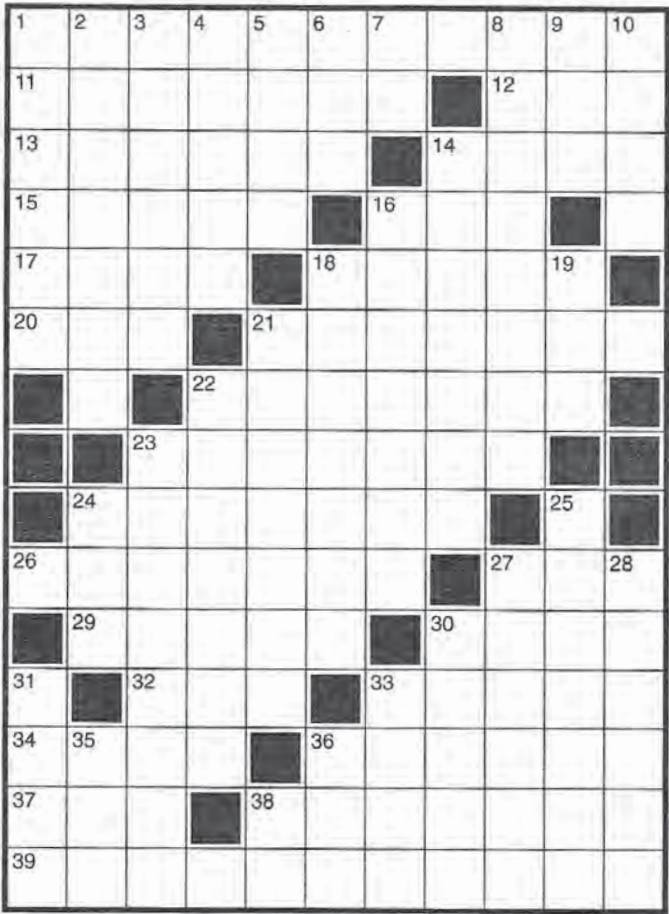


Rosemarie DiMaggio and Roseanne Ortland were among the 40 fans from C. Colombo Lodge #1315 to watch the Oakland A's come out winners on Italian Heritage Night. The two "Rosies" were also in the section that won gift cards from Round Table when the A's hit the go-ahead home run!



After the muffelata sandwiches for supper and the rousing musical entertainment, the Oakland A's presented their guests with knit caps in the traditional Italian colors. Showing off their headgear are Lisa Belleci Navarro, Julian Thompson and Isabella Navarro.

## CRUCIVERBA



### ORIZZONTALI

- 1. Peculiare, specifico.
- 11. Guglielmo, martire irredentista.
- 12. Preposizione articolata.
- 13. Lo stesso che calendari.
- 14. Uccelli... di malaugurio.
- 15. Un cane da guardia.
- 16. Nota musicale.
- 17. Cerimonie, funzioni.
- 18. Vincenzo, poeta italiano.

### VERTICALI

- 20. Un fenomeno acustico.
- 21. Restituire, ridare.
- 22. Aprì un vaso... e furono guai.
- 23. È celebre per il suo supplizio.
- 24. Provincia abruzzese.
- 26. Cittadina alla periferia di Firenze.
- 27. Famiglia... in breve.
- 29. Collegare, congiungere.
- 30. Il frutto proibito.
- 32. Progenitori, antenati.

- 33. Albergo di lusso.
- 34. Vi finivano gli eretici.
- 36. Un tratto di strada... che fa venire il fiatone.
- 37. Antichi altari.
- 38. Un cane dal muso rincagnato.
- 39. Ne usano molta i salumieri (due parole).

### VERTICALI

- 1. Una stella che indica il Nord.
- 2. Apatico, indifferente.
- 3. Il nome di Pozzetto, comico.
- 4. Famosa cittadina della Puglia.
- 5. Un lago lombardo.
- 6. Club Alpino Italiano.
- 7. Una sigla parlamentare.
- 8. Un amante... fuori legge.
- 9. Royal Air Force.
- 10. Un gas leggerissimo e nome d'uomo.
- 14. Un'imbarcazione lagunare.
- 16. Esplorare in profondità.
- 18. Una riserva... di testa.
- 19. Sconvolge l'animo.
- 21. Vecchie ruggini.
- 22. Insensibile, che non reagisce.
- 23. Adolescente (voce inglese).
- 24. Segno matematico.
- 25. Indumento invernale.
- 27. Puzzolente, nauseabonda.
- 28. Famoso vino spagnolo.
- 30. Spirali... elastiche.
- 31. Abito da cerimonia.
- 33. L'atrio dell'albergo.
- 35. Avverbio di tempo.
- 36. Possessivo maschile.
- 38. Sigla di Bari.

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# Commission for Social justice

by Tony Ricevuto

Kevin Caira, Chairman of the Commission of Social Justice for OSIA, John Fratta, Social Justice Chairman in New York, Jerry Carleo, member of the Social Justice Commission in Colorado and myself were interviewed by Tony Sweet an on air radio personality for UBN radio during his show entitled *Truth Be Told*. Mr. Sweet provided OSIA an opportunity to speak about Christopher Columbus and the issues involving substituting the Columbus holiday for Indigenous People’s Day. The interview was very successful and we kept the conversations positive as to the benefits of Columbus’s discovery and the influx of European immigrants into a new country. This was about the Italian-Americans heritage and provided an insight to those who were not aware of the erroneous and inflammatory allegations that have beset honoring Columbus for his contributions. The interview was shared on CSJ Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/OSIACSJ>).

The move to eliminate Columbus Day continues to grow. Recently besides the Los Angeles City Council, Long Beach City Council, Austin Texas, and Salt Lake City they have eliminated Columbus Day. Protesters throughout the United States are encouraging politicians to exclude honoring Columbus by demonizing him as a slave trader who spread disease among the indigenous people which is totally out of context and arguably a one-sided view. You cannot apply 21<sup>st</sup>-century understanding of morality to those people of the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Columbus brought a wave of new beginnings which encouraged other European countries to explore territories and expand Christianity. History has shown that these explorers, conquistadors, missionaries exploited native Americans but the blame has been centered on

Columbus. We understand that Columbus was not perfect but he is not to blame for all the atrocities contributed by historians. The protesters are well organized and have been monetarily sponsored by Indian casinos and liberal groups who have been inoculated with biased and unsubstantiated information.

OSIA will continue to oppose any abolishment of Columbus Day. Your assistance and support are greatly needed to convince politicians that this movement is unnecessary and only a political ploy by minority groups to destroy history and the contributions of Italian-Americans and other Europeans to our great country. Please report any movements by cities in your communities that are planning to abolish the recognition of Columbus and what the Italian American community has accomplished.

Wikipedia has presented a list of the contributions of notable Italian-Americans which can be found at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Italian\\_Americans](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Italian_Americans). Also, there is a list of notable Sicilians which can be listed at the following website: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Sicilian\\_Americans](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Sicilian_Americans). If you scroll down to the notable Sicilian Americans surprisingly, Iron Eyes Cody, who the Native American Indians considered to be an activist was actually born Espera DeCorti, the son of Sicilian immigrants.

Prayers and condolences go out to the family and friends of David Prisco, our past State President and past President of the Renaissance Lodge. Dave was proud of his Italian-American heritage and involved with the Columbus Day issue. He attended the Columbus Day event at Casa Italia on October 1 and was impressed with the social justice commission’s activities. We lost a good friend, supporter and a wonderful person.

# Membership Chair/P.R. Grand Lodge California

by Gary Smith

I hope this letter finds you all healthy and happy. Well, October started out great with the Western Foundation Golf Classic where Vincenzo Bellini Lodge President, Michael “Colletti” Smith and his lodge ran another exciting and eventful golf tournament. Michael is not only my father, but he is the reason I am in the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, and one of the mentors who has guided me on my path with our organization. I thank you papa for showing me that dedication and heart can keep our lodges strong. November is their Rav’s and Red’s event on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. This event will be free to potential members and only \$5.00 for members who bring a nice bottle of red wine. The Shasta lodge, Weed lodge and Chico lodge competed in a sauce competition, but I will let you find out who the winner was by contacting those lodges.....let’s just say it ended with a lot of happy people and a new annual event, great job lodges, keep up the fun together! I would like to say how honored I am to have been selected at the State Deputy for the Napa lodge, Kelly and I are excited to bring our lodges together and build on to our already big OSDIA family, we love you guys!

It was wonderful to meet up with our State President John Costa and guests at the Barry Kirshner Wildlife Sanctuary and Educational Center prior to the golf tournament. There’s something to be said about holding a snow leopard before you go golf! I thank all three of you for coming out; it means so much to Roberta Kirshner that the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy visit her foundation. I have a feeling we may see them at a convention in the next couple years.

In October, Kelly, I and the kids attended the Grand council meeting in Santa Clara, and I am much more aware of the necessity to increase our membership, not just in California, but across the entire country. Before I accepted the position as Chairman of Membership/P.R. for the Grand Lodge of California, I thought I had a pretty good understanding of where we were as an organization in regard to membership levels dropping. I even came up with some pretty grand ideas of how to increase our membership numbers! To my surprise, and this may come as a surprise to you, we are losing members at an alarming rate. When I began speaking to people in communities where our lodges reside, I was shocked to come to the realization that one of the

main reasons we aren’t obtaining new members is that people just don’t know we exist! How is this possible for an organization that has been around for 112 years? Drastic changes need to happen, and we need to make those changes as a team, and quick!

So, is the ship beyond repair? Absolutely not! Can we turn the tables and start increasing our membership numbers? Odds are good we can! Can we make our Grand Convention big again, the way it was in the past; full of members, excitement, and entertainment like our most senior members speak of? I look forward to that! I love our organization, our family of members, and I want it to be here for my children. I hear members ask how we can connect with the youth and get them involved, well; most importantly we need to listen to what their ideas are and work together with them. If we shoot down their ideas, this will push them away, and this is a struggle many organizations have, not just ours. My 15 year old son is starting the first Italian Club at his high school, and mimicking what our organization does. He wants so badly to recruit new Jr. Members for our lodge, so he’s not the only one his age there. His goal is to get youth excited about our organization to help save it. We all try and pull members from our community through small and even large events, which I commend you all on. I believe we need connect with potential members in their homes, through media. We need to bring information about our organization to them, and not wait and hope they come to us or our events.

So, what grand ideas do I have as your Chairman of Membership/P.R.? What plan do I have to reach the masses and tell them our story? Before I answer that, I have a request. My request is that we keep an open mind, and above all else, remember to always come from respect when communicating our ideas or hearing the ideas of others. Some ideas we may not completely understand, and with that, I encourage you to ask questions and not let the lack of understanding lead you to refusal of a members hard efforts to help our organization. So with that, I would like to present an idea I have been working on for the past year and a half. An idea I have taken my time with to make sure it will benefit our organization. A very close friend of mine Kris Koenig, is an award winning documentary director/producer, and has come up with a documentary that I believe will

inform the Nation about who we are. America Through Italian Eyes, which shows how the impact of Italian immigration on the American story has rarely been told effectively on screen. Instead of celebrating the contributions of Italian labor, skills, intellect, art, music and food on the American culture, filmmakers have only focused on the stereotypes of Prohibition gangland and mid-20<sup>th</sup> century organized crime and the Mafia. Rarely is a screenplay written to tell the tales of systematic suppression of their immigration to this land of limitless opportunity or cries of racism that nearly 5 million individuals faced at the turn of the last century. Silent are the words of their humanity and heroism that Italian Americans showed subsequent immigrant groups and their role in the civil rights movement. America Through Italian Eyes will be a celebration of the Italian-American contribution to our culture and way of life. Award winning director, and close friend, Kris Koenig, will walk America through the past, present and future contributions of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America.

This documentary can follow the path of Mr. Koenig’s recent works through PBS stations nationwide, be viewed through the internet, as well as give members the opportunity to hand the documentary to potential members through the ease of a digital thumb-drive they can view on their computers in the comfort of their homes. Each month, nearly 100 million people watch PBS, and in the course of a year, 82% of U.S. households watch as well (<http://www.pbs.org/about/about-pbs/overview/>). This Documentary can lead viewers to our National, as well as State Grand lodge websites. Many viewers donate to organizations like ours every year through broadcasts like this, so even if we don’t have a lodge near them, they can still make donations to our organization through our websites. We can reach the masses and inform them on who we are as an organization, who we have helped, what amazing things we have done for our Nation over the past 112 years. Filming of the Documentary would include interviews about our organization from a selected board of members put together for a launch meeting in January.

So I know the question that is going through everyone’s mind, and that is; what is the cost? Hiring an award winning Director/Producer

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# Cristoforo Colombo Lodge #1534

Reno, NV  
by Maria Nelson, Historian

We Nevadans are wondering if we will have another record-breaking winter this year with the snow, snow, snow! Seems like summer flew by but we are looking forward to the holidays.

Our annual picnic at Idlewild Park in August was another blast. The weather was great, the cooks were right on and the Salami Toss was another big hit. Frank Tagliano donated a yummy cake for the picnickers and 10 backpacks for kids in need. Thanks for your generosity! The Andersons opened their home to making sausages again this year and donated all the meat and rolls. Annie and Nick Chavez made sure our youth enjoyed the picnic. We are blessed to have such generous and involved members.

In September we had Susan Melek from Truckee Meadows College speak to us about how to trace our Italian Heritage. She works in the genealogy lab at the library and holds meetings to show the public how to trace their ancestry at a low cost. She and other people at our meeting traced their families back many generations. It's quite a task but worth it to find where your ancestors came from.

October was the Great Italian Festival at the El Dorado Hotel/Casino in Reno. Several members worked their sauce booth as did our Son's of Italy chapter. It was beautiful both days, filled with good food, Italian music and lots of people; a great family event. Although we didn't win any awards this year, we will

certainly soldier on next year.

We donated funds to Houston and Florida, to help with the terrible hurricanes they suffered and the Son's of Italy Lodge in Nebraska to help re-build their building after the fire. We pray for these states and the people suffering through these terrible tragedies.

We added two new charities to our community giving this year: Reno Elks Lodge Veterans Committee and Read and Succeed through the Washoe County School District. We hope our donations will help these worthy organizations accomplish their goals.

Our members seem pleased with the name change to Son's and Daughter's of Italy. Now we need to change all the

logos, communications and remember to say it!

Antonio Ricci is still cooking his great meals for us each month. Our children have fun learning about their Italian culture from Silvana Ricci, with help from Annie Chavez and Sherrie Moore. Our Lodge continues to thrive and enjoy getting together. We want to congratulate Vera Girolomi in her election as National President. We are so proud of her and know she will serve the Order well. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Anni e bicchieri di vino no si contano mai. (Age and glasses of wine should never be counted).

Please visit our website for more information: [www.renosonsofitaly.org](http://www.renosonsofitaly.org). Learn more about our Lodge, your Italian heritage and upcoming events.

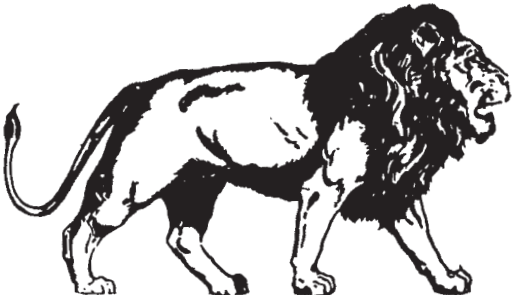
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is not cheap, no matter where you go, but the difference is; I know this Director/Producer personally, so I know the work will be spot on. My goal is to have the entire Order Sons and Daughters of Italy nationwide work together, as this organization includes ALL of us. With all members nationwide participating, the cost would simply be a one-time donation of \$10.00 per member. If we were to take this on with just our California lodges, it would simply be a one-time donation of \$75.00 per member.

To bring this amazing opportunity to life for our organization, a launch meeting must take place to gather the ideas of our members. The National President, as well as our State President, will work with our Director/Producer to hand pick these members who's history, experiences and knowledge of our organization will set the foundation for our Documentary. To bring this launch meeting to fruition, an initial deposit of \$15,000 is required. An affiliate from PBS's Southern Oregon business office will be attending this launch meeting as well. One option that was brought to my attention by several members was to obtain the needed deposit funding for the launch party by having the lodge Presidents donate from their discretionary funds of \$250. Presidential discretionary funds of \$250 for one month would equal \$13,000.

This is my project, my idea to save the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America. Again, I love this organization, and have spent the last one and a half years putting this together for all of us. I hope this idea can come to life, I know I would feel so proud knowing that millions of people Nationwide were hearing our story. It is financially possible if we all do our small part, and the positive impact could have long lasting positive results.

I leave you with this; without trial there is no error, without error there is no opportunity for success.





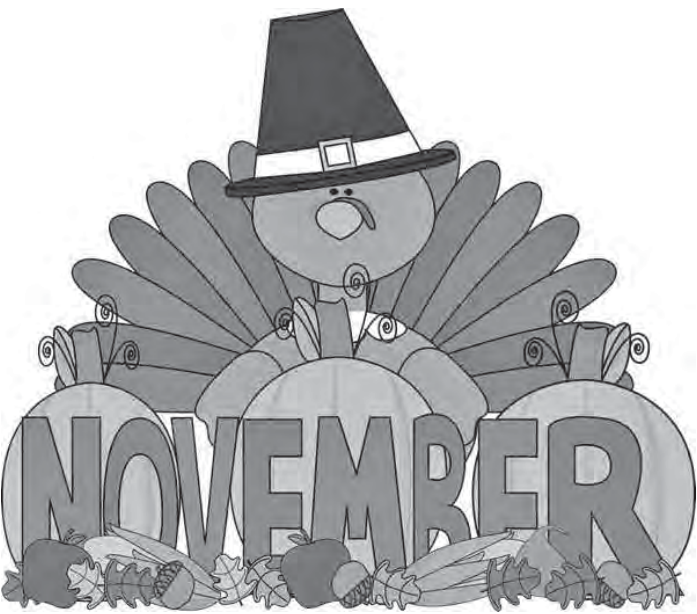
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- 5. Your ticket is put back into the drum for all future drawings.
- 6. There are several days throughout the year that have a higher dollar amount. Those days are listed on the back of each ticket.
- 7. Grand Prize of \$1,000.00 will be given only if 1000 tickets are sold and returned by December 21st, 2017. Or if 4500 tickets are sold the Grand Prize will become \$15,000. 4500 tickets are one ticket per each of our members!! Buy a ticket and become a big winner.

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# Northern Solano Lodge #2534

Fairfield, CA  
by Pam Boes and Rick Tracy

Complements to Don Cradduck, Rich Barker and Mae Vincente on the beautiful layout of the La Voce. It is evident that a lot of hard work has gone into the new format. Great Job!

Our guest speaker at the September meeting was Jerry Kaine of the Santa Rosa Lodge. Jerry spoke about Filippo Mazzei, an Unknown American Patriot who contributed to winning the Revolutionary War. Thank you for adding another chapter to the list of Italians who have added so much to the success of our country.

“OH WHAT A NIGHT....” words from the song made famous by the Four Seasons, best describes the success of the Columbus Day dinner on October 14th. Over 150 members and guests attended this annual event. David Rico, Vince and Carol La Novara, Angie Caserza and Carla Garbani-Gamez created a fantastic dinner of salad, meatballs, pasta and bread. A plentiful dessert table was provided by the members and through generous donations from our guests we collected over \$284.00 which will go directly to the Salvation Army to assist victims of the Atlas Fire. Thirty two beautiful baskets were assembled by Carla Garbani -Game and Angie Cazerza to be raffled. Thanks to the efforts of Frank Rossi, Mark Rossi, Nora Del Ross, Don Cradduck and Jerry Firpo a record number of tickets were sold. Pam Boes, Jeanne Cradduck and Shirley Firpo are to be complemented for the fine job of selling tickets for refreshments. A special Thank You to the many members who came in the morning to help set up tables and prepare for the evening. Carol Urban faithfully coordinates ticket distribution and sales. A bulletin board was set up in the lobby displaying pictures taken last

year of those who attended.

Our guests were invited to take their pictures home. Mark your calendars for our annual Crab Feed on January 27, 2018.

For the past several years Pat Galli has collected and purchased school supplies. This year they were donated to the Presbyterian Church Preschool in Vacaville. Each year Pat takes on this charitable project after researching different schools and picking the one with the greatest need that year.

Albert Galli has again taken on the annual sale of Holiday Wreaths. He reports that sales are going very well and to further garner sales set up a table at the Columbus Day Dinner. In this way he not only promoted sales but increased awareness of the charities our Lodge supports.

Thank you Joy Bruno for agreeing to be the membership chairman. We know your enthusiasm will encourage our membership to grow.

Our latest “Who am I” personality was Edna Barnes. Edna was born and lived in Nebraska for many years and came to California in 1960. She and her husband joined Sons of Italy in 2013. The person who guessed her name was Tami Pasani and her prize was a customized birdhouse built by Joel Feins. Each month a written sketch of a member is included in the LaVoce. At the next Lodge meeting members are encouraged to submit a guess as to the “mystery member.”

Another Thank You is in order to Gloria and Joe Niccoli who will assist Tim Smithson in the Master / Mistress of Ceremonies position.

Please take the time to visit the Fairfield Library. Joy Bruno and Sue Bell have organized beautiful displays of Italian Heritage in both the Adult and Children’s sections of the library.



# Roma Lodge #1573

Tulare, CA  
by Larry Dutto

For over 85 years Roma Lodge #1573 continues to celebrate the Christopher Columbus holiday with a picnic and bocce tournament. Held at the World Ag Expo park the lodge brings members together with a potluck of great food, junior member activities, bocce tournament and raffle.

The lodge also took the opportunity to crown its queen, *Gianna Benedetti*, who is the third Benedetti daughter to become the Roma Lodge queen. Several lodge members stepped forward to chair various activities at the event. *Pam Sola* conducted junior member activities and bounce

house, *Janis Curti* conducted the dessert contest, *Joanne Beecher* organized the raffle, *Ben Curti* was the bocce tournament chair and *David and Giovanna DePaoli* cooked deep-pit beef and hotdogs for the luncheon.



Gianna Benedetti was crowned Roma Lodge queen for 2018-2019.

Columbus Day Dessert contests winners (l-r) Tina Sparlin, Hazel Ann Christin, Giulia Watkins.



Roma Lodge 2017 Columbus Day Bocce Champions (l-r) Steven Sola, Vincent Sola, Dominic Pitigliano, Amie Pitigliano. Team supporters are, Kurt Sola, Eloise Sola, Reid Sola and Giada Pitigliano.

Roma Lodge president David DePaoli visits with State Deputy Lillia Giacomazzi at the Columbus Day celebration.





# GRAND LODGE OFFICE UPDATE

We have hired a new girl, Gina LoVecchio, and she is working out very well. You may have spoken to her on the phone.

Our new membership system is coming along and the lodge info is all being added and the member information is soon to follow.

I have been inputting lodge emails. Please let me know if your lodge has a website and or email address. If they don't, let me know if you would like a personal one listed on our records. Any questions, call me at the office.

Thank you to Jerry Santos who came to office and installed a new backup battery for our computer and put us back to work! The following week, he again helped us out. Thanks Jerry. Gonna miss you.

Arlene M Nunziati, Office Manager

# Thank You!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Grand Council for the wonderful dinner held in my honor at the Santa Clara Hilton on September 23. A very special thank-you is extended to Immediate Past State President Lynn Lawrence-Murphy and State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi who were co-chairs of this event, Past State President John Tedesco, our Master of Ceremony, and Il Leone Editor Andy Pampuro for his article and pictures. I was thrilled when State President John Costa presented me with my beautifully framed Past State President regalia that I will treasure forever. My deepest gratitude to everyone who attended, in particular the Hon. Lorenzo Ortona, Italian Consul General in SF, our National President Vera Girolami, and our National Recording Secretary Phil Privitera who came all the way from Boston. Grazie a tutti with fraternal love.

Maria Fassio Pignati

# PUZZLE ANSWERS

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# Calling All Bakers 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Cucidati Contest

Sponsored by C. Colombo Lodge #1315

In time for the holidays, C. Colombo Lodge is hosting a contest for THE most delicious cucidati cookies. These traditional fig cookies will be judged on appearance texture, filing and taste. Brothers and sisters from lodges throughout California are encouraged to submit a batch of fabulous cucidati.

*Remember: there is no need to share your own secret recipe for these yummy Italian cookies.*

To Enter the Contest  
Date: Sunday, December 10, 2017  
Time: Cookies delivered in person must arrive between 11:30-12:30  
Place: Antioch Historical Museum  
1500 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Antioch, CA 94509  
Doors open to the public at 2 PM.

Details: Having questions or for an entry form call Zelda at (925) 432-2012  
Mailing: Cookies may be mailed to Zelda's home, arriving by Saturday 12/9/17  
Zelda LeFrak-Belleci  
142 Buchanan Road, Pitts, CA 94565  
Prizes: Cash awards for the top three winners

# A Cordial invitation to NON-Bakers

Enjoy an afternoon of fun, music and Italian culture in a holiday atmosphere at the beautiful Antioch Historical Museum. There will be plenty of homemade sweet treats for sale at the Enormous Bake Sale Tables. Sing along with the Italian Band. Taste pizelle hot off the iron. Clap for the Italian Club Singers. Meet La Bufana, the Italian answer to Santa Claus. Toast the Grand Lodge Queen. For tickets contact paela2136@att.net.

**Limited tickets! Tickets for \$7.50 will be pre-sold. None available at the door.**



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# Vallejo Lodges

by Sharon Silveira

No Tricks---Only Treats at our Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, dinner! Virgilio President Glen Rushing along with Mike King tended to the main course of BBQ chicken and what an impressive BBQ wagon they brought with them. The lodge décor had a Halloween theme that was echoed on the Raffle Table. Dinner chairpersons were Chelle Castagnola and Mike Brigandi. It's been said that a picture is worth a thousand words---and so check out the 4000 words.

Looking Ahead...Fall is in the air and the November 17<sup>th</sup> dinner will feature Polenta & Stew. Dinner tickets are \$17.00.

Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> the Vallejo Lodges will honor our own John Costa, the newly elected State President. Dinner will be ravioli and roast beef. Dinner tickets are \$17.00.

Please call early for reservations: Josephine Agosta 642-1658/328-2610 or Michele Castagnola 853-0386.

Food Drive continues thru December 16<sup>th</sup> with donations of nutritious non-perishable food items or grocery gift cards. Shopping cart is in the lodge foyer.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to those who were affected by the California wildfires.



The BBQ Kings--Glen Rushing and Mike King.



Tending bar --Rick Branch and Scott MacKenzie.



he Kitchen Crew--Steve & Lucy Branch, Rick & Donna Branch and John Costa.

# Rodolfo Valentino Lodge #1449

Clovis, CA  
by Carole Watson, President;  
Lou Catallo, Historian; lcatallo@aol.com

Last Month: Meri Sorrel announced the arrival of her newest grandson, Owen Lee, so congratulations to the Sorrel family.

Also, a word for our October Fall Pasta Fest: A great success, as usual. There are so many folks that helped set up, work on, and clean-up, that everything went without a hitch, and the dinner committee wants to say thanks to all. I won't mention names because I am bound to miss someone, so, again, thank you to all that made this the usual success that it always is. There was a raffle prize for one of every 5 dinner attendees, and prizes could be seen at almost every table. Rick DelCarlo and Bravo played and sang well past the party, allowing folks to just sit and listen to their musical renditions.

And ... Our very own Treasurer, Jennie Rivera will open up her new business, a bakery, on the West side of Fresno. Be sure to nudge her for details. We all know of her awesome baking prowess.

This Month: This is our Thanksgiving Dinner. All members free, but non-members will still be asked to kick in \$15 ... So be it! Turkey will be involved somehow, so bring your appetites. We will most likely discuss the success of our October Pasta Fest and

find out if we need to learn anything from any shortcomings, if any.

Next Month: December 18 will be our Thanksgiving Dinner; no details yet, but most likely it will be catered.

Rock bottom is a great foundation on which to build upon.

The Fresno County Museum is interested in establishing an Italian Immigrant section in their floor-space to show the contributions to our area of our early pioneers. Any historic relic, photo, or story that you can share will be appreciated. No item is too small or "insignificant". The museum will sort and categorize the entries to make for a sensible display. The museum is located inside the Fresno County Fairgrounds, off Chance Avenue and is worthy of a visit. Current displays include tributes to our Japanese and Armenian neighbors; Mexican communities have been authorized. That just leaves us Italians and everyone else ... Can we be next? We can answer that question only by responding with a loud voice. Call me at my above phone number. Don't wait for someone else to do it.

A word to the wise: If you think you can, or you think you can't, you are right!

Do you have comments for our lodge members? Historical lodge photos? Let me know at my email address (above) and we can publish it in this column.

Leslie Calvin "Les" Brown said "It is better to aim high and miss than to aim low and hit". Set your aim by applying for our SDol in America scholarship(s). Contact Scholarship Chair, Isabel Ronzano, at (559) 297-0851, for information on this topic. The Scholarship Deadlines are: for Clovis Lodge, March 31, 2018; for California State Grand Lodge: March 01, 2018; and, for National Lodge the date is generally November to February of any year (\$500 to \$5,000 awards). Go to <https://www.osia.org/students/scholarships.php> for grants/tours/studies information in Italy. These are great for any student on a budget or not.

Join Us: If you have friends or family that are looking for good fellowship and a place to hang out on the third Monday of each month, invite them to join you at our meetings, 6:30 PM, at Notre Dame Hall, 333 8<sup>th</sup> Street, at DeWitt Avenue. We feature short meetings, great companionship, and superb food. Our web site is <http://rodolfovalentinolodge.com/>.



Smiling faces at the Reception Table---Jessica Ray and Chelle Castagnola.





Attention all Filial Lodges

Contestants for the Royal Contest so far.



It's that time again! We are looking for participants for the upcoming Royal Pageant for the 2018 Grand Lodge Convention in Ontario. The contest officially began on October 1, and so far we know there are eight participants. One of these entries may be a young man. We are encouraging not only our young ladies, but also our young men to get involved. Remember this is one of the few opportunities that we have to highlight our youth. So we are hoping that more of our lodges will join in and find someone to represent their lodge. It is important to let the Grand Lodge and myself know if you have a candidate.

Again, the contest has officially started. Tickets can be ordered from the Grand Lodge. The more tickets you sell, the higher percentage your lodge will receive back. All participants must have a minimum of \$2,000 to qualify. Any tickets sold beyond that will determine their placement of the top five in the Royal Pageant. All monies must be mailed to the Grand Lodge in the registered mail envelope provided by the Grand Lodge. The envelope must be postmarked by Monday, April 23, 2018. Placement of the Royal Pageant will be announced on Saturday, May 6, 2018 after 2:00 pm. More information will be sent from the Grand Lodge detailing all the rules at a later date.

Please let the Grand Lodge and myself know as soon as possible the name of your queen/king and the lodge they represent. Send a wallet size photo of the contestant to the Grand Lodge as soon as possible to be used in the newspaper and the pageant program.

It is a fun event and we hope that you encourage your youth members to get involved. We can't wait to see how many participants we have this year. Good luck to each of the lodges. Looking forward to a successful pageant.

Sincerely yours,  
Eva Lavezzari  
Royal Contest Chairperson



Annamarie Tesoriere  
Hanford Lodge #1543



Gianna Benedetti  
Roma Lodge #1573



Joseph Perez  
Saddleback Valley  
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into military action.  
You're in our hearts, in our  
thoughts, and in our prayers.*





Centinela Valley Lodge #1991

Torrance, CA

by Annette Porter

Our September Country Western Dinner Dance was fantastic! The dinner was our usual success. Thank you to Chefs Joe and Mary Grace Grammatico, Brian Sinaguglia, Tony Giamberdino and Pat and Annette Porter for a delicious Steak and Chicken dinner. This was a fundraiser for S.T.A.R. House, we had a wonderful raffle that made quite a bit of money for this fundraiser.

At our October meeting we had the pleasure of initiating

two new members Peter and Vicki Pellerito, Welcome to our family.

As this is being sent we are preparing for our Halloween Dinner Dance. We also are preparing for our November Italian Night, we have a special evening planned. We have the Rat Pack performing and for dinner a delicious pasta bar.

Also, many of our members are looking forward to the Christmas Party/Toys for Tots with the Marines that we have every year.



Joe and Mary Grace Grammatico members helping out in the kitchen for this fundraiser.



Diana Picone and Italia Barbera members serving the delicious pasta.



Our S.T.A.R. House residence enjoying themselves at the country western dinner dance.



President Annette Porter presenting a check to Pam Broderick and Mary Grace Grammatico from a fundraiser we had back in August Pasta for People



Our new members that were initiated at our October meeting Peter and Vicki Pellerito, welcome to our family.

Shasta Lodge #2453

Redding, CA

by Carole Dellaragione

It is normal for Shasta Lodge to be busy, but for the next few months we will be busier than usual as the holidays approach.

On September 21 and 22, we held our annual Paesano Days Italian Festival. This is our second year at our new venue in Redding. We served about 850 dinners on Friday night compared to 550 last year. Our bocce tournament drew 38 teams compared to 18 last year. We were happy to see Weed Lodge's bocce team take second place in the tournament. A big thanks to our chairmen John DiMatteo, Doug Piazza and Steve Delben, and to all our members (and non-members) for helping with all the work. It was a great event and we are already thinking about 2018 and how to improve even more.

On October 14th we held our sauce challenge with Chico and Weed Lodges. We had six entries and one of Shasta Lodge's new members took the popular vote. Shasta Lodge had the most votes for their lodge sauce. It was a blind taste test and we had some great sauces. Like our state deputy John Jefsen says "We haven't heard the end of this." He and Jim Nobili have taken on chairing another competition in 2018. We hope Paradiso and Klamath Falls lodges can join us next year. We will streamline the rules and voting to be fair to all competitors.

At our general meeting on October 16th we initiated three new members. We have applications for about six more that will join our lodge in February. We welcomed Missy McArthur, Amanda Runciman and Troy Dutra to the lodge and hope to get to know them better in the coming months.

On October 21st we will be hosting a Spaghetti Fundraiser for Wings of Angels for about the 16th year. We hope to feed about 500 people and help Wings raise money to help seriously ill children.

Then we will have a couple of weeks off before the council prepares the annual Thanksgiving Memorial Dinner honoring our deceased members with all income going to our scholarship fund.

We wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

Felice Ringraziamento,  
Your friends from Shasta Lodge.



New Members initiated at October 16th meeting. Missy McArthur, Amanda Runciman and Troy Dutra.



Bella Donne- this bocce team did not win but sure had fun. Lynda Tasello, Leslie Gullixson, Rose Nobili and Julie Warren.



Raffle Winner for the second time in three years. Brandi Nobili Anderson won \$500.



Jake Mangas, CEO of the Redding Chamber of Commerce and Kim Niemer, City of Redding Director of Community Services, rolled the ceremonial first roll of the bocce tournament of Paesano Days.







In difesa di Cristoforo Colombo  
by Antonella Turchetti  
Modesto Lodge 2021

October 12<sup>th</sup> 1492 - Anniversario della scoperta dell'America.

I am not just Italian, I am Genovese, like Colombo and so, I feel very baffled about what happened in Los Angeles, New York, Detroit, Baltimore, and so on, and about the way he is portrayed and taught in the American history books. First, the fight for human rights could be better served and pursued more effectively: vandalizing or razing to the ground statues and monuments don't help any cause and any minority anyway!

Let's get to the point: Colombo is just a scapegoat. In this new era of iconoclastic craving, the fingers are all pointed on him, instead of recognizing his place in time and the opportunities he unlocked for the future generations.

I am not here to say that Colombo was a saint, he wasn't, but here are some undeniable facts about him to put his life and actions in the right perspective:

- He lived in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, when the concept of human rights was very different from the 21<sup>st</sup> century one.
- He wasn't the first person to discover the Americas, but he was the only one to open this continent to the rest of the world. Vikings just got lost in it and never spread their discovery... so, what was the point to have been first?
- He was a sailor, an explorer, who had the audacity to think outside the box, to go against the contemporary nautical experts. When he became governor, he indeed performed poorly: it wasn't a job for him and he got blinded by money....a sin very widespread among Americans even nowadays...

And the English, Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch? Are they innocent just because they came after, when the door had already been opened by Colombo and they weren't the first one to stomp on the American ground? Didn't they take great advantage of the New World, invading it and exploiting people and resources for their goals? They used Americas, they conquered, they fought, they raped, they killed.

Do we want to rewrite the history of humanity? Do we want to condemn the history of a few centuries ago in the light of the today standards? If so, we can start by grabbing a hammer and beheading the statues of Jefferson, or Washington who had slaves. And what about Ulysses Grant, a well known anti-Semite? Were they any better? Again, in 1837 the U.S. Army distributed blankets infected with smallpox to the Indians that destroyed the Mandans tribe! Was it Colombo's fault? And the list could go on and on!

So, YES, let's disown the richness and the complexity of our past, let's make a tabula rasa of monuments and history at the same time, but do it for everyone, not just for il Genovese!

In the history of the human kind, mistakes and improvements were always made by each and any man. Also, the past can't be judged by modern rules, as well as laws don't have a retroactive effect, meaning that somebody can't be put in jail for something that wasn't illegal at the time of the action. Cristoforo Colombo gave the Americas to the world. He took advantage of the new continent as many other people did, and as many continue to do even now. He was an emigrant, like us, like our fathers or mothers. He made errors, like us, but he uncorked a world of opportunities for us, our sons and daughters.

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Valley of the  
Moon Lodge  
# 1959  
Sonoma, CA  
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**GOOD NEWS:**  
Vintage Festival Parade  
"Get your glow on!" (a night time event)  
SECOND place was won by our Valley of the Moon Lodge.  
Thanks to the following:  
Tami Cotter and Ashley Cotter(with some great idea's) Tami as "Spaghetti Girl". Phillip Schuyler as "Bottle of Wine". Jo, Tony and Paul Grant. Barry Kiser who drove the truck and donated truck and trailer.  
Sebastiani Wine who donated the wine bottles and last but not least, Brocco's for donating bails of hay!  
Sounds like community spirit at work!

**FIRST PLACE** in the Vintage Parade was the Presbyterian Church!  
And I understand it was a totally awesome !

**OCTOBER**  
The October meeting and dinner was cancelled due to the Sonoma Developmental Center using the Veteran Building as an emergency shelter.

**BAD NEWS:**  
Last month we were praying for those in other areas about floods, earthquakes and shootings. THIS month we are praying for all effected by the horrendous fires that destroyed so many homes and some that lost lives.  
Even if your home was not affected by the fire storm, we are all bruised by the enormity of the catastrophe. Our prayers and thoughts go out for healing and recovery in rebuilding of lives and homes.

**NOVEMBER DINNER**  
Looking forward to our meeting in November, and gathering with our Sons of Italy family and friends.  
Remember to call Karen for dinner reservations: 707-938-1295

**PRAYERS ALSO FOR**  
Ric Maffioli and Benny Pedranzini

**VINTAGE PARADE**  
"Get your glow on!"  
Sonoma Valley of the Moon 2nd Place

Ciao!





Renaissance Lodge & Foundation

Columbus Day - October 8, 2017

Bowers Museum

Chair/Fred Fasenelli

In these challenging times, it was more important than ever to celebrate Columbus Day in Orange County. We opened the ceremony with the parade of the Italian flags, followed by

the Santa Ana Police Honor Guards. Pledge of allegiance was given by Villa Park councilman Robert Pitts; American and Italian national anthem sang by Gaetano Accardo. Invocation given

by Dr John Russo. Deputy Council General, Valentina Gambelungho spoke of Columbus. Fred Fasnelli introduced our honoree, Dr Struppa, President of Chapman University. Villa

Park Councilwoman Diane Fasnelli and Orange Mayor Tita Smith, gave proclamations to him. Dr Licata gave a brief history of Columbus. We ended with the wreath ceremony at the Columbus

Monument, led by Frank DeSantis and then had hors d'oeuvres and champagne in the courtyard. It was a lovely event.





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