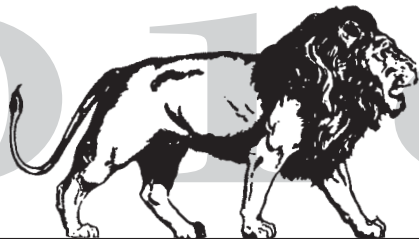


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A Message From The State President



by Lynn Lawrence-Murphy
State President
"Fratellanza"

We welcome the month of October with great pride as we honor the many accomplishments of our Italian Ancestors and celebrate Italian Heritage Month. Many of our lodges have Columbus Day dinners, participate in parades and festas, and serve many of our traditional Italian dishes at special events. Saving Columbus Day has become a National Issue. At the National Plenary in August, National CSJ Chair Kevin Cairra shared that this past year his committee and many Grand Officers and members have had to address the issue of saving Columbus Day in the States of Colorado, Utah, Montana, Pennsylvania, Washington and our own California. National is working on creating an informational Script that we can use to approach our Senators and Congressmen regarding this issue. CSJ is holding a 100 Hungry Lions Raffle. 100 tickets at \$100.00 each will be sold. First prize is \$1,500.00. Contact the Grand Lodge if you wish a ticket. National also will be creating a Public Service Announcement for the month of October on Italian Heritage and Columbus that will be aired next October. Please keep the petitions to "Save Columbus Day" coming in, and if possible attend your local area meetings when this issue is coming up on their agenda. We must become vocal and pro-active on this issue!

I mentioned in my last article that several of your State

Officers would be attending the National Plenary in August at Greenwich, Conn. The following are a few of the highlights from that meeting: Papers were filed and a trademark has been obtained for use of an alternate name so lodges can now use either, "Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America", (if approved by the members) or keep just "Order Sons of Italy in America". The Logo remains the same thus regalia, pins, etc. will not have to be changed, saving a tremendous amount of money. The National Office wants to create a master list of information on all members (including E-mail addresses) in order to facilitate a more open and direct way of communicating information. Be assured your E-mail address will be secure and not be sold or shared with any other organizations. Our State by-laws were unanimously approved by the Supreme Council and will be published and sent to all lodges within the next couple of months. The National Raffle was held on August 20th. Since only 60% of the tickets were sold, the First Prize was reduced to \$9,000 (won by the Grand Lodge of Florida), one of the five \$1000 prizes was won by (Vera Girolami's grandchildren) Yeah, California! National is in the process of developing a new modern web site that will be in full operation by June 2017. Eventually, all Grand Lodge and Filial Lodges will be able to tap into this program and have their web sites part of the total program.

The Sons of Italy Foundation (our Western Foundation) reported that the 2016 NELA Gala netted \$244,033. Next year's NELA will be held on May 25, 2017 at the Omni Hotel with Past National President Joe Sciami serving as the Chair. A few extra informational tidbits: According to Robert's Rules of Order, reports do not have to be approved or accepted (at the end of report ask, "Are there any questions?"). All 501 C8 organizations must

offer insurance (thus we must offer mortuary benefits); 990 tax forms must be filed by May 15th yearly and a copy sent to the Grand Lodge Office, who will forward them to National. The next National Meeting will be held in Dallas, TX on February 9-11, 2017.

Increased / Retained Membership at all levels from the Supreme Lodge down to filial lodges is a topic of extreme importance. All things financially, etc. hinge on this topic. We must sell our "Brand"- get out of our comfort zones and try new things! The Supreme Lodge and our Grand Lodge have instituted Incentive Programs to build up our membership. I challenge you all to get out there and bring in at least 1 new member. Just think that would double our membership and could become quite profitable to your lodge and the Grand Lodge. Read the informa-

THE "BATTLE OF THE GRAND LODGES"

Joseph Simoni
Chair - Membership Committee

In order to attract new and retain existing members, the National Membership Committee is hosting a membership drive for all Grand Lodges that began in January 2016 and ceases at the end of January 2017. Monetary awards for the top 4 winners are:

First Place	\$1,000.00	Second Place:	\$750.00
Third Place:	\$ 500.00	Fourth Place	\$250.00

The monetary awards to the top 4 Grand Lodges will be based on the results of the highest **Net Increase** of active members at the end of March 2017. It is important not only to bring in new members, but to retain the ones you already have.

In addition, and with the blessing and approval of our worthy State President, **the top 5 lodges with net increases** will receive the following **decrease in their 2nd Quarter 2017 PER**

CAPITA YEAA!!!

First Place:	10%	Second Place:	8%
Third Place:	6%	Fourth Place:	4%
Fifth Place;	2%		

REMEMBER: All awards are based on the percentage of **Net** increases (New **and** Existing members) listed on your Per Capita report as of the end of Q1 2017.

tion about the contest in the Il Leone – we have until next April 2017. We must work on building a membership that is worthy of people wanting to join rather than resting upon a reputation that is rapidly disappearing from social consciousness. As the year progresses, may I remind you that it takes all of us working together as a family to support each other, our local lodges, and the Grand Lodge so we can grow and become stronger.

The Grand Council met on September 16th and 17th at the Grand Lodge Building in San Francisco. For a few people it was the first time they had visited our home. During the Building Feasibility Report, several opinions from the committee and other members were shared and debated. We are still waiting on information on tax ramifications. As requested by the delegates at the 2016 State Convention,

information stating the pros and cons of the sale and other pertinent information will be sent to all Lodge Presidents and Recording Secretaries by the end of October to share with their members. Therefore, when ballots regarding this issue are sent out by December 24th your state delegates (who represent you) will be able to vote with a clearer knowledge of the whole picture and your lodge's opinions.

Regarding the Italian Earthquake, send checks for the Italian Earthquake Relief to the Grand Lodge Office who in turn will send them in a lump sum to National. Make checks payable to Western Foundation (put Italian Earthquake Relief in the memo). This qualifies for a tax deduction. We are hoping that the Grand Lodge of California can send \$10,000 to help our Italian Brothers and Sisters in their time of need.

From the Editor's Desk

by Andy Pampuro
apampuro@comline.com



Before we know it the holi- days will be upon us. Please think about taking out a Christmas ad to wish all of our brothers and sisters a Merry Christmas. Many of you have a continuing ad which we appreciate. If you want to change your pictures please let us know. If you want a larger size let us know. All the ads will be in the December issue of the Il Leone. Let me know if you want to take out an ad.

Our best wishes go out to Father Forno for a speedy recovery and hope we get to see him at our next convention. He is one great guy.

Happy Halloween.
Happy Columbus Day.
Happy whatever you're doing.

SAVE THE DATE

We are making plans for our 65th Anniversary Dinner for Saturday, November 12, 2016 in Watsonville. The final arrangements are being made and I should have them within the next 10 days but I wanted to let our brothers and sisters know of our celebration.

Date: Saturday, November 12, 2016
Time: 4:00 pm
Place: Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club
557 Lakeview Dr, Watsonville, CA 9507
Contact: Janey Malatesta Leonardich, President
Sons of Italy Watsonville Lodge #2016

SAVE THE DATE

C. Colombo Lodge is firming up plans for the 7th Annual Cucidati Contest. Put on your aprons, get out the bowl, find nona's recipe for those very yummy fig cookies. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top vote getters. While waiting for the results of the con- test, guests can avail themselves of an array of delicious Italian food items, musical entertainment and singing along with our wandering troubadour! For more information call Zelda Belleci (925) 432-2012.

Date: Sunday, December 11, 2016
Place: Antioch Historical Museum
1500 West 4th Street
Antioch, CA 94565
Time: Doors open to the public at 2 PM
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the Central

by Arlene Nunziati
State 1st Vice President

News from
the North

by John Costa
State 2nd Vice President



Sorry but there is not much to report this month. It has been a slow month as I was confined to home due to a back injury.

Our Grand Council meeting and dinner was very nice. We may have had to cancel the Gala but we held the meeting and dinner at our own Hall of Mirrors in San Francisco. What a beautiful weekend it was.

We had a nice representation of members from the area. Many important items were discussed and a lot was accomplished. Our meals served by our in house caterer Gabrielle Muselli were delicious! No one left with empty stomachs.

Congratulations to the Colombo Stella Lodge in Fresno on their anniversary. I had planned to attend but couldn't sit in the car for that long of a trip.

October is almost upon us as I write this and I look forward to many October and Columbus Day celebrations.

Lots of membership contests are being held so I challenge each and every one of you to bring in at least one new member before the end of the year.

Our presence at the Festa's was great and we hope to sign up many new members from the people we spoke to.

Ciao until next month.



Grand cuncil was just completed in San Francisco; this was changed due to our Gala being cancel in Santa Clara. State President conducted an excellent meeting. We were able to complete all tasks at hand. It was nice to see many of our members in the audience to see your grand council at work.

A big push for membership is a concern for all of us. A lot of lodges are struggling to retain and find new members. Remember to talk about the Sons of Italy when you are out and about. It is amazing how many people have never heard of and are looking for a social organization to get involved in. A number of Italian fiestas are going on during the fall as we approach Columbus Day. If you are putting on an event try to promote the Sons of Italy.

Reminder you can still purchase a "365 Day Winner" raffle ticket. There are still three months of winners including a few big dollar one, such as Columbus Day, which is \$500.00. That would help out in your Christmas shopping.

The Western Foundation Annual Golf Tournament is soon approaching, October 17th. This event will be our only Western Foundation fundraiser this year...so I am challenging each lodge to help participate by either playing, help sponsor a tee box (it is only a \$100.00. If you were going to the gala you were going to spend more. I would love to see every lodge have a tee sponsor flag. If possible maybe you could send a raffle prize. Let's all support this fundraiser, it is not just a Northern California fundraiser!!.

With Columbus Day coming, make sure you share some Italian culture at your October meeting.

Ciao until next month



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Autumn

William Paca Lodge # 1960

Mountain View, CA
by Carolyn Franklin

We stroll into another Fall, the time of golden leaves and brisk breezes. Soon it will be time to bring out the fondue bowls and dust off the bagna calda recipe. A steaming hot bath of anchovies mashed with garlic in olive oil is a dish only Italians can really appreciate. Like the story of the Princess and the Pea, our sensitive Mediterranean palette comes to life from the rich scent of garlic curling the room. Anyone can eat Swedish and Norwegian pretty, pale cookies soaked in sugar – it takes a hot blooded Italian to handle bagna calda.

The September Pesto Pasta dinner was one of the best. Paula Chidichimo served an antipasto center piece of prosciutto, artichoke hearts, salami, olives and cheese. Carlo Marengo, our master of pasta, always prepares a dinner we look forward to. President Rosalia Margarit created a crisp, tasty salad and Francesca Benedetti served her special recipe of delicate cream puffs for the welcome dessert. Our meals are always made with the best ingredient – love, and we have plenty of it.

My granddaughter, Michelle, still remembers the giblet treats from a recipe by Bob Savelly. It was a time when Bob and Aldo Ausano were making cacciatore for a Lodge dinner and they served giblets to all the kitchen help. That was a time of fun we'll always remember.

As we face our September of life, the Lodge is blessed with good, friendly people who do our best to look after each other. Matt Cusimano shared his success with a difficult illness with George Ravetto. We uplift each other as age and infirmity introduce themselves into our daily routine. At those times when we're faced with physical frailty it helps our spirit to know people care. Thank God for good friends. Il cuore non invecchia mai.

Centinela Valley Lodge # 1991

Torrance, CA
by Annette Porter

Our August Luau Dinner Dance was an enjoyable evening. The dinner was enjoyed by all in attendance, thank you to Chef Annette Porter and Bobbi Guthrie for a delicious Hawaiian teriyaki chicken dinner. Our entertainment for the evening was Time Machine, with the Hawaiian dancers. We had the pleasure of having America Lodge and Pugliese Lodge members with us.

Thank you

We also had our yearly Pasta for People which is a fundraiser for S.T.A.R. House. Thank you to Chef Mark Vaona for the delicious pasta lunch. The residence from S.T.A.R. House always enjoy coming to the hall for pasta, they say it is their second home. The turn out was fantastic, we were able to raise quite a bit of money for them.



Members Joan Bradley and Jim Nagy enjoying dinner with Michael and Edithe DiGiuro from Pugliese Lodge.



Our Italian Language & Culture Chairperson Sandro Soler Ferro wearing his coconuts. Everyone enjoying coming over and having to touch them. He is enjoying a umbrella drink with Betty Sandroni and Susana Grebe. Sandro you are an enjoyable person to have in our family.

President's Message Cont. from page 1

Please include Father Forno in your prayers. He is recovering from a radical prostatectomy that he underwent on September 12th; at his recent doctor visit he was declared 75% cancer free.

Mass cards and get well wishes will be a great way to cheer up our beloved friend. His address is: Father Adam Forno, 3505 Oaks Way, #312, Pompano Beach, FL 33069.

In closing, we have lost several Brothers and Sisters who have dedicated their lives to their lodges and the Order for many years. Please keep them, their families and all our ailing members in your hearts and prayers.



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Membership Committee

by Joseph Simoni – Chair
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Summer's over, the kids are back in school and now we "look forward" to THE HOLIDAYS!! I had mentioned in my last article that I would share with you more details on the Italian Festas. On August 20th, we were in San Francisco at the Festa Coloniale. The food booths were located outside the 1-block venue and all the non-profits were inside the San Francisco Athletic Club. We had visitors for all over the United States, including New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Kansas, Washington and Oregon. The visitors from the Bay Area were mostly from Marin County, Santa Clara County and a few from San Francisco. Several signed our "Guest Register", which the Membership Committee will retain should new lodges be considered in those areas. On the following weekend, we travelled to San Jose for their annual Italian Family

Festa. This weekend event had hundreds of visitors, and we ended up with over 50 names on our Guest Register. Most of them were the South Bay - San Jose, Gilroy, and Morgan Hill. The Committee, working with the Grand Lodge, is planning a "Meet and Greet" for all who signed up. San Jose has had several lodges "back in the day" and, judging by the positive response from the visitors, the town just may have another one. If your lodge participates in anyof the Italian festas, make sure that the visitors sign a Guest Book. Then, send the Grand Lodge a copy and a copy to the Membership Chair. For those visitors who are out of the area, we'll send them a note with the names of any lodges in their area, or, if there is enough interest, we look into adding another lodge. Your committee is working on revisions to the Membership Brochure. A draft will be presented to the Grand Council meeting in March. Also, please do not forget the Supreme Lodge Membership Contest. The lodge that has the highest net percentage of members (new and retained) at the end of the March 2017 will have 10% of their per capita reduced. What an excellent incentive, as this contest levels the playing field. Remember: Members are the life-blood of our Order.

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California State Capitol

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Much of what we know as government and law has come down to us from the Romans. We call the building where the national or a state legislature operates a “capitol.” Many of our legal terms are derived from Latin. “Capitol” is one such term. In ancient Rome the capitol did not refer to a building, but to one of the city’s seven hills. It is believed the word “capitol” derived from the Latin word “caput,” referring to a “skull” found while laying the foundation of the Temple of Jupiter. The Capitol was located between the Forum and the Campus Martius. For hundreds of years, the Capitol was the political center of the Roman Empire.

The architecture of capitol buildings has also come down to us from the Romans. The California State Capitol at 10th Street and L Street in Sacramento is today home to the state’s government offices. The Neoclassical structure was completed between 1861 and 1874. The Capitol and its grounds are listed in the National Register of Historic Places and as a California Historical Landmark.

The style of the building is based on the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. One cornice supports a pediment depicting the goddess Minerva surrounded by Education, Justice, Industry, and Mining. Above the flat roof with balustrade are two drums supporting an impressive dome. The first drum consists of a colonnade of Corinthian columns; the second, Corinthian pilasters. The dome is 210 feet high, and supports a lantern with a smaller dome capped with a gold-leafed orb finial.

The Latin phrase “Senatoris est civitatis libertatem tueri” (It is the duty of a Senator to protect the liberty of the people) is inscribed along a cornice. Along another cornice appears the Latin phrase “Legislatorum est justas leges condere” (It is the duty of legislators to pass just laws).

On the main floor of the Capitol are commemorative statues and murals, while in the rotunda are exhibits of fine art and historical items. The Capitol is surrounded by a landscaped park that features many trees and plants from around the world.

The Italian Cultural Arts Council, Bowers Museum and The Orange County American Italian Renaissance Foundation Invites you to its Annual Columbus Day Celebration

Sunday, October 9, 2016 10:00 AM – Noon
Program starts at 10AM Kershaw Auditorium

Featuring: Color Guard Presentation, Consul General of Italy Antonio Verde guest speaker, Heritage Award Honorees, Columbus Key Note Speaker **Joe Sena, Esq.**, National President, Italian American Bar Association. Topic: **“The Future of Christopher Columbus: Reflections of the Contemporary Italian American Experience.”** Wreath Ceremony at the Columbus Monument



The Columbus Monument at Bowers Museum was permanently installed In October 1992 on the occasion of the Orange County Quincentenary Celebration. Since that time we have been proud to call Bowers our Italian Cultural Center and offer exhibits, cultural programs and Italian films.

Save the date, October 9, plan on attending and sustain our Italian Heritage and culture. The Orange County American Italian Renaissance Foundation is dedicated to preserving the heritage of all American Italians in Orange County. We have been conducting a Columbus Celebration since 1972 in Santa Ana at the Plaza of the Flags and at Bowers Museum since 1992, the year of the Columbus Quincentenary Celebration, at which time we placed and dedicated bronze monument in honor of the great explorer Christopher Columbus in the Museum Court Yard, marking our formal, permanent affiliation with the Museum.

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Optional: Lunch available following the ceremony at Tangata Restaurant. Reservations recommended with advance pre-payment to guarantee seating which will be assigned upon arrival. Send names of individuals along with payment in the amount of \$20.00 per person to:
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Italian Ambassador Visits San Francisco

On his recent first official visit to San Francisco, newly appointed Italian Ambassador to the United States Armando Varricchio was the guest of honor at a private reception held at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club in North Beach. The event, organized by SOI member Nickolas Marinelli and hosted by Italian Consul General the Honorable Mauro Battocchi, was attended by representatives of several Italian-American clubs and organizations as a means of introducing the Ambassador to the strong Italian community of San Francisco, the Bay Area, and northern California. Representing Sons of Italy was State President Lynn Lawrence-Murphy and Immediate Past State President and National Trustee Maria Fassio Pignati.

In addition, this event was a farewell to the outgoing Italian Consul General Mauro Battocchi, who has left an indelible imprint on the community. He has been appointed Diplomatic Advisor to Italy's Minister of Economic Development and is now stationed in Rome. Auguri, Mauro!

During the event our Immediate Past State President Maria was honored by Ambassador Varricchio when he knighted her as Commendatore dell'Ordine della Stella d'Italia (Order of the Star of Italy) for her many years of work and volunteerism in the Italian community. This special award is proposed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and granted by the President of the Republic.

At the end of the evening the Ambassador thanked everyone for their dedication and hard work, and promised to return to San Francisco and continue forging bonds between the Bay Area and Italy.



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15	\$25.00	James Cardinale Hill

Italian Cultural Arts Council Columbus Day and Italian Heritage Celebration Program

Sunday, October 9, 2016 - 10 AM – 12 Noon

Welcome Vicky Carabini, President, ICAC
Introductions of Distinguished Guests, Joseph D'Antony,
Celebration Event Chair
Invocation, Joseph Ferrucci
Color Guard Presentation by Tustin American Legion Post # 227
Commander Charles Johnson, Steve Katanich Assistant and squad
Pledge of Allegiance, John Russo, Sr.
The American National Anthem the "Star Spangled Banner," the Italian National Anthem
"l'Inno di Mameli"
Performed by Gino Gaudio, Interim Director, Italy-America Chamber of Commerce West

Presentation of Columbus Awards by Vicky Carabini President Italian Cultural Arts Council,
(ICAC), David A. Prisco, President, Orange County American Italian Renaissance Foundation
and Frank DeSantis Past President ICAC

Santo Zito
Comm. Joseph LaBanca
Anne Ruggera

Columbus Day Speakers

Introduction of Guest Speaker President Joe Sena, NIABA by Joseph D'Antony
Topic: "The Future of Christopher Columbus: Reflections of the Contemporary Italian
American Experience
and the Honorable Consul General of Italy Antonio Verde, Los Angeles
Presentation of Proclamations by
City of Santa Ana, City of Orange, Orange County Board of Supervisors, City of San Juan
Capistrano

Wreath Ceremony at the Columbus Monument
By Commendatore Frank De Santis, Past President, Founder OCAIRF; Past President of ICAC
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Vicky Carabini, Joseph D'Antony, Consul General of Italy Antonio Verde, John Russo Sr., Joe
Sena Pres. NIABA,
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Please adjourn to the Columbus Monument in the Court Yard
Remain and view the displays of past Columbus Celebrations and memorabilia of the
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Group photos coordinated by Steve Tomeo, ICAC

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Thank You to the committee who worked to make this celebration a success!
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Earthquake Relief Fund

In August, 2016, a series of earthquakes and after shocks struck the Italian region of Lazio, killing over 70 people and injuring hundred more. In addition the earthquakes have left thousands homeless and have resulted in a great deal of damage and loss of productivity for the region.

One of the hardest hit areas was Amatrice, a town of approximately 2,000 people. The earthquake reportedly struck in the middle of the night so that many never had a chance to escape the destruction.

To assist the victims of the earthquakes and to help with recovery efforts, the Sons of Italy Western Foundation has established an Earthquake Relief Fund. The people of the Lazio region need our help. Therefore, a goal of \$10,000 has been established for this fund raising effort.

Please make your donation to Western Foundation and send it to the Grand Lodge Office, 5051 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94112-3473. Mark on your donation that it is for The Earthquake Relief Fund. Remember, **all contributions to this fund are tax-deductible.**

Thanks you for your concerns and generosity.

Colombo Stella Lodge # 1149

Fresno, CA
by Olivia DeLiddo Gallegos,President

September has not been kind to our Lodge. We lost 2 Past Presidents. Garry Senatore, who was the President when I joined Sons. Garry was the President who held the Lodge together during the very lean years, when we nearly closed. He suffered for many years with cancer and emphysema. He had not been involved in the Lodge for several years, due to declining health, but kept his membership. Rest in peace, Garry.

The loss of Sam Daddato a few weeks ago really hit us hard. Sam had been a member of Colombo Stella for many, many years. He lost his beloved wife, Lorraine, in April, and was still grieving her when he was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. He went very quickly, but was still trying to sell tickets to our Fundraiser 3 days before he died! That is so like Sam! Sam was totally dedicated to our Order. Always taking the time to help anyone in the Lodge with questions, always proud of being 100% Italian! He also was a past President, as well as current Vice President and Historian. Sam was the heart and soul of our Lodge, and he was also my oldest cousin. We called ourselves the "bookends of the DeLiddo

family" Our Lodge will not be the same without Sam, nor will my family. Sam was loved by everyone, he was always happy, always smiling. He will be missed. Rest in peace, Cugino!

Tomorrow night is our annual Fundraiser /Sausage and Pasta Dinner. We will be celebrating our 94th Anniversary. As usual we will have a really great raffle and auction. I will write all about it next month. The night after our Fundraiser, we begin Italian Language Lessons, thanks to a grant from the Isnardi Foundation. They again invited us to apply for more life changing grants, we will find out in November if we will be awarded any.

As always, we need new members. We have 4 new members this quarter,, They are the The Price family, Lance,Tracy (Fiori) and their daughter, Hannah and Jessica Rose Saldivar.

They already are diving right in and helping with the Fundraiser...they will be really good members for us! Welcome to the family! For now, that's about all I have time to write, I have a million things to get done before tomorrows' Fundraiser. Hope to see you there. Until next time, Ciao!

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Camelia Colombo

Lodge #1294

Awards Scholarships

Camelia-Colombo Lodge #1294, Order of the Sons of Italy, are happy to announce they awarded four scholarships to local students from Klamath Falls who are furthering their education. A fifth scholarship was given to a student by the Alma and Mario Pastega Family Foundation though the Lodge.

The following students were awarded the scholarships. Amber Lease won a \$750 scholarship. She graduated from Mazama High School and plans to attend Lane Community College in Eugene. The rest of the scholarships were for \$500. Alysia Larson graduated from Klamath Union High School and plans to attend the University of Kansas. Ronan Rutherford Swan is also a KU graduate and will be attending the University of Oregon. Amelia Spires graduated from Siuslaw High School and will attend Central Oregon

Community College in Bend. Amelia is a fourth generation member of the Lodge. And Haley Steiner is a graduate from Henley High School and will attend the University of California, Santa Cruz. Haley is the recipient of the Pastega Scholarship.

The Lodge funds the scholarships with the proceeds from their twice a year Pasta Dinners and raffles and other fund raisers.



Alysia Larson



Amber Lease



Amelia Spires



Haley Steiner



Ronan Rutherford Swan

Saddleback Valley

Lodge #2566

Mission Viejo, CA
by Andy Pampuro, President

On Saturday, August 20th, about 40 members of the Saddleback Valley Lodge attended the Night at the Races at the Los Alamitos Race Track. We enjoyed a fabulous buffet, good company of friends and probably the loss of lots of money for those of us who don't know what we are doing at the race track. I really don't know who won or who lost as no one is talking. All I know is we had a lot of fun. They named the third race for our lodge and some of our members got to take a picture with the winning horse and jockey as pictured below.



Hanford Lodge #1543

by Jackie Giacomazzi
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(visit our Facebook page
Sons of Italy Hanford)



Joan Little celebrated her 87th birthday at the Hanford Lodge meeting in September. Joan was born as her father (A.S. Ambrosini) was helping to establish our Lodge in 1929. Joan is still very active in our Lodge as the head Trustee, the Charities chair, the chair of the sauce sales, and she is still in charge of making meatballs for our annual Spaghetti/Meatball Dinner coming up on October 30.



Joan Little's family joined forces at the September meeting of the Hanford Lodge to celebrate her birthday as well as serve a delicious potato bar to members. They also presented a wonderful slide show highlighting their heritage. Joan is pictured with all the members of her family who came to help celebrate!!

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Shasta Lodge # 2453

Redding, CA
by Carole Dellaragione

Good morning from your brothers and sisters at Shasta Lodge.

We are very happy to tell you that our new bocce courts are ready for Paesano Days. Wow what a whirlwind of work for about ten days, then a few weeks of fine tuning to get ready to play. They are beautiful as you can see by the photo. We had donations of money, materials and labor from seventeen sponsors and help with the work from many of our lodge members and friends. The courts are in a community park and we hope to promote some leagues and teach the youngsters to play. What a win-win for our community.

We held a celebration of life for our departed charter member Richard "Little Richie" Mignano last Friday. We will certainly miss him. Paesano Days will be over by the time this article comes out. Once again we were in a new venue so didn't know how successful

it would be. We have another class reunion to be held at the lodge on Columbus weekend. It has turned out to be a large event. Should be fun, they are planning a disco theme. Then the end of October we once again host Wings of Angels. This is a fundraiser put on by the Alyssa Araiza Foundation to help families of children with serious illnesses. This will be our 15th year hosting this event which typically feeds about 500-700 people. Another great community event.

Our Thanksgiving-Memorial will be in November. This is a dinner cooked and served by the council for members. All the proceeds of this dinner go to our scholarship fund. Then Christmas activities are just around the corner. Where did 2016 go??

Happy Halloween and Happy Fall Weather.

Your friends from Shasta Lodge




Past President Ken Carroll pushing Richie Mignano in wheelbarrow.



Paul Monette playing bocce on the new courts.





Sacramento Lodge 1352

The Anna G. Marinelli Memorial Shrimp Feed

Antipasto Platter

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Salad

Pasta

Shrimp

Dessert

Saturday
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NATIONAL PRESIDENT DAN "WOLF" LONGO, KNOWN FOR STRONG BUT COMPASSIONATE LEADERSHIP, PLEASED THE CROWD TO CHANTS OF "WOLF...WOLF...WOLF" ON THE GALA DANCE FLOOR OF THE GREENWICH, CONN., EXEC. SESSION.
L-R: JOHN COSTA (CA), PHIL PRIVITERA (MA), DAN LONGO (PRES.), MAC COMPARETTO (OH). AUG-2016

Mary Lucido Sons of Italy Grand Lodge Queen Representing C. Colombo # 1315 Antioch, California



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your love, support and generosity in helping me to achieve my dream to become the 2016, Sons of Italy Grand Lodge Queen.

While growing up, I was immersed in the Italian culture and my family taught me the significance of how important it is to know my ethnic background and to be proud of my heritage. I have been so fortunate to have grandparents and great-grandparents that passed down the wonderful traditions to me.

When I got to high school, I noticed that there were numerous ethnic clubs; however, I was disappointed that there was not an Italian club in a school of 2800

students. So, I followed protocol and established the Italian club at Freedom High School in Oakley, California. During my tenure, I taught the students about our Italian customs, food and dance through the multi-cultural day, the multi-cultural assembly and throughout the year.

The whole queen experience has been amazing and one of the most exciting times in my life. My generation is the future of this organization and I want to ensure its longevity. I promise that as the Grand Lodge Queen, I will work to my fullest potential to not only promote our Italian heritage, but to encourage all the youth of this organization to hold their heads high, be confident

and be a proud Italian-Americans, just like me.

I am honored to be representing the Grand Lodge and to work for their philanthropic causes.

C. Colombo Lodge, 1315, Antioch, California has never had a queen in the 90 years since they have been established. I am honored to be representing C. Colombo as their first queen. I will wear my crown with pride, dignity and respect.

And as always, I am a proud Italian-American!



Valley of the Moon Lodge # 1959

Sonoma, CA
By Ellen Toscano
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A dining hall filled (and I mean FILLED) with smiling faces, boisterous laughter and warm greetings was an incredible way to start off our September dinner at the Valley of the Moon Lodge in beautiful Sonoma. As I entered the room with my Nonnie and mother, we had to scour the room to find the last three seats in the house - that's right, it was a sold out night - and we weren't even late! The night began with dozens of friendly Italians engaged in happy conversations - some catching up with their friends about what the last month had brought into their lives and others getting to know members they hadn't yet met, or a beautiful mixture of the two. But as I looked around the room, taking in the experience, gratitude swept over me as I knew I was surrounded by family. This being one of the many reasons why Sons of Italy is so very special.

Dinner, once again, was a tremendous success created by chef Beth Bruzzone and her glorious team. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised if that alone was why the evening had a sold out crowd! The menu consisted of penne pasta with fresh bolognese complete with just the right touches of sausage and chicken, unbelievably delicious homemade meatballs (my stomach is still dreaming of

them...seriously), steamed vegetables, and a tasty spinach salad decorated with fresh veggies. Oh, but it didn't end there - to top it all off, mouthwatering chocolate brownies were served to relieve the sweet cravings of our tastebuds. Well done, Beth...well done indeed!

As usual, President Paul Grant emcee'd the event and we finished the night off with a raffle - always an incredibly entertaining portion of the evening generating a competitive spirit within each member - even though the winners are literally based on the luck of the draw. Although I felt slightly greedy, I'm proud to report that I was, for the first time, a two-time winner (thanks for the tickets, Nonnie!).

We do have a couple important announcements that were brought to our attention at the end of the evening during our lodge meeting. First, as many of you may already be aware, our national Columbus Day holiday has been under attack to be potentially changed and replaced as a Federal Holiday. Therefore, the Commission for Social Justice is launching a formal petition entitled, "Save Columbus Day," a day which represents not only the accomplishments and contributions of Italian Americans, but also the indelible spirit of

risk, sacrifice and self-reliance of a great Italian icon that defines the United States of America. If you would like to join in this petition or have any questions, please contact the Commission for Social Justice at (202) 547-2900 or csj@osia.org for more information. Secondly, for those of you willing and wanting to donate to the devastating earthquake in Central Italy which occurred on August 30th of this year, the Grand Lodge of California's Western Division is gratefully accepting donations. Please consider helping our extended family by sending donations.

For those of you who want to experience a lot of laughter and the delicious cuisine of our culinary artist Beth Bruzzone and her dream team, please join us at our dinner next month on Tuesday, October 18th. Family is always welcome! As always, "Happy Hour" starts at 5pm, dinner will be served at 6pm, and our meeting will begin at 7:30 pm. And, of course, a raffle will be included in our evening as well as excellent company and a whole lot of smiles! Please make reservations with Karen Carroll: 707-938-1295. See you next month!

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Brothers and Sisters:

On September 12th our National Chaplain, Father Adam Forno, underwent surgery for a radical prostatectomy at Holy Cross Hospital in Ft. Lauderdale. After a week's rest at home he returned to the hospital for a follow-up visit and the results of his pathology report from the surgery. He is happy to report that he is 75% cancer free; and will continue to be followed by his doctors confident that there will be no reoccurrence.

Father Forno asks that you join him in his prayer of thanksgiving for all the graces he has received, and will continue to experience, in this progressive journey towards renewed health. Expressions of fraternal support can be sent to:

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Pompano Beach, FL 33069
or
Donadam@aol.com Brothers and Sisters:

Cristoforo Colombo Lodge #1534

Reno, NV
by Historian, Maria Nelson

We have had a great last several months. In June we gave our scholarship winner, Andrew Dobrowski, \$2500. Andrew graduated from Galena High School. He was on the Galena Varsity Cross Country team for four years, the Galena Varsity Track Team for three years, the Galena Varsity Basketball Team for one year, and the Galena JV Baseball Team for a year. He participated in Student Council for three years and served as Freshman Class Treasurer, Sophomore Class Treasurer, and Senior Student Body Treasurer. He also served the Slackline Club President for two years and was a Helping Hands ambassador during his senior year. Andrew volunteered for many different organizations, especially the Reno Tahoe Open, Catholic Heart Work Camp, and Sister Carmen's Food Pantry. Andrew is now attending the University of Nevada Reno where he will study Nutritional Sciences in the BS-MD program. He eventually wants to attend medical school and greatly appreciated our financial support and encouragement. (see his picture)

We would also like to acknowledge and thank the Giuseppe Verdi Lodge and the Grand Lodge for running a fun and informative convention in Sparks this June. Our delegates were very attentive at the meetings, enjoyed the Queen's lunch and fashion Show which Madeleine Zunino was a model and all the other events of the week. It is always so good to see and talk with our brothers and sisters from other lodges and get ideas from them. Thank you President Lynn and for all the people who stepped in at the last minute to help.

August was our annual picnic at Idlewild Park. It was a great day, with perfect weather. This year was the largest participation ever. We had 70 members enjoying the picnic. Hugh Ricci

and his committee organized the picnic and cooked all the food. Madeleine Zunino helped with our famous "Salami Toss" where we raised over \$200 for the earthquake victims in Italy (we continue to solicit donations for this cause). Our attendees brought delicious dishes to share. The Andersons came through again by donating bread and their homemade sausages for the meal. The guys had a great time making the sausages and drinking some wine to finish the day!! Sherrie Moore made sure all the children had a great time with water balloons and other fun games to play at the park. (see pictures)

In October we will again participate in the Great Italian Festival at the Eldorado in Reno. This has been an annual event for our Lodge for many, many years. Many of our member families will participate by making their favorite sauce. Barbara Wisiewski and her family will man the Sons of Italy booth again on Saturday and Sunday, October 8 & 9. She works so very hard at this event to represent the Reno Son's of Italy each year. We hope some of you will come up and say hi!! Thank you Barbara. (see picture)

In November we will give to our local charitable organizations. This year we have chosen, the Nevada Veteran's Memorial and The Children's Cabinet. Both do good things in the community and all the money stays here.

We all look forward to our Christmas party in December where we have a very special meal and Santa comes with gifts for the children.

Vivere una vita bella – Live a beautiful life!

Please visit our website for more information: www.renosonsofitaly.org. Learn more about our Lodge, your Italian heritage and upcoming events.



America Lodge #1609

La Habra, California
Yolanda Campanelli, Historian

America Lodge has had "Special Birthday Celebrations". At the August 21st BBQ meeting, member Ida Sacco was presented with a beautifully decorated cake in honor of her 90th Birthday. Congratulations Ida, thanks for sharing your cake with us. Our guests at this meeting were Past President Sal Battaglia, his wife Mitzi and daughter Sonia, much reminiscing, laughter and becoming reacquainted as some of the longtime members are always glad to have them back for a visit. In the business part of the meeting President Linda Enneman finalized the plans for the Fund raiser scheduled for the September 18th meeting. The meeting was a combination Fund raiser and celebrating long time member Mary Driftmeier's 100th Birthday. It turned out to be quite an afternoon. The food was really good, the room was very decorative, and Mary had many of her family and friends to share in the festivities. When it came time to celebrate Mary's birthday she was presented

with a bouquet of flowers and a cake decorated with Red Roses and "Happy Birthday" sung by everyone there. One hundred years is quite a milestone, Congratulations. After the lunch and celebration, President Linda Enneman called the meeting to order, as there were several things that had to be discussed, one being nominations, to be held in October, our Anniversary November 6th, elections, the Pot Luck dinner, Food and Toy drive also in November. During "The Good of the Order" part of the meeting Past President and first woman president of America Lodge, Connie Furnare, and who was one of the persons responsible for bringing America Lodge to the City of La Habra, was re introduced to the members. It was certainly nice to have her in attendance as she lives quite a distance away. Thanks for coming Connie.

President Linda Enneman and some members are planning to attend the functions of other Lodges. More on that next month. CIAO

Northern Solano Lodge #2534

Fairfields, CA
by Pam Boes and Rick Tracy

By the time this article is published we will be well into fall. As this is being written, with temperatures in the Solano County reaching 95 to 100 degrees, it is hard to believe that cool fall temperatures will ever arrive.

The annual Geno Bruno Family Picnic, held Sunday, August 22nd, was attended by members, family and friends. 50 in all met at Laurel Creek Park, braving an unexpected wind, to enjoy hotdogs and hamburgers provided by the Lodge. Snacks, salads and desserts were provided by the members. Thanks to Rich Barker for reserving the area, Albert Galli and Joy Bruno for securing the gas grill and Vince LaNovara for acting as our "Grill Sergeant".

September 6th saw 11 Lodge members off to the "Rosie the Riveter" Museum in Richmond, California. All agreed that this fine tribute to the women who helped build our ships during WWII was long overdue. Thank you to Kay and George Locatelli for arranging this trip.

Sharie Anaclerio and Roy Pimentel will kick off the fall season by hosting soup/salad night. This evening always brings members together in a low keyed social setting. All members are encouraged to take advantage of this monthly event.

Our Lodge will again participate in the annual "Stand Down" in Dixon the week of October 10 - 14th.

Those who were able to volunteer last year serving our deserving Veterans, left with a sense of pride and humility.

Tickets are going fast for the Columbus Day dinner scheduled on October 22nd. The proceeds from the dinner add to our ability to fund our various charities. Thank you to all our Lodge members who prepare and serve at this event and to the community members who support it.

Pat Galli, with the help of Albert, organized a very successful drive to provide school supplies to Mary Bird Preschool. Principal, Stephanie Wheeler attended our August meeting to accept over \$465 worth of supplies. Pat takes on this worthwhile project each year and has done an outstanding job.

Members are encouraged to bring food items to our October meeting. All donations will be given to the Contra Costa/Solano Food Bank. Several members also donate their time this fine community organization.

A special "Thank You" to Mae Vincente for the monthly production of our Lodge newsletter "La Voce". Mae has the skills to put together all the messages, dates and activities in a professional and enjoyable format to keep the membership informed.



Halloween

Rodolfo Valentino

Lodge # 1449

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

October Italian Dinner Fest: This is it! The date we have been waiting for: Monday, October 17; final preparations are being made as we read this. If you are, or want to be, on the set-up crew, be at Notre Dame Hall at 10:00 AM and we will all have a good time doing our “prep work”. As usual, the dinner starts at 6:00 PM for take-outs, 6:30 PM for sit-down for pasta. Rick DelCarlo and Josh Bravo will be providing the musical entertainment, and the raffle will still be our big feature. Coral your friends and family, because they will be upset to be missing this event and the price is still only \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for children. This is our 79th year being in Clovis.

Last Month: Our delegation to the Central San Joaquin Valley Lodge meeting, hosted by the Fresno lodge, was there in force ... we had eight of our members there. If you would like to attend these meetings, just let our president, Carol Watson know. The main announcement was that a proposal pushed by our San Joaquin Central Lodge is now being considered by the Grand Lodge Council ... that is: should the San Francisco headquarters be sold? If the decision is to sell, what price can it get and what will replace the headquarters, and where will it be located? All answers are to be determined.



Also: Last month, we recognized our new member, Robbie Kutz; Robbie was also the winner of the Terry Watson Scholarship award, as shown by the official certificate signed by our Grand Lodge President C. L. Murphy. Robbie is the Grandson of our Vice-President, Alberta Ferrer, and is attending the University of California at Fresno.

Donald Trump once said: “You have to think anyway, so why not think big?” So, “Think Big” and apply for our scholarship to save you some money in collage. Call our Scholarship Committee Chair, Isabel Ronzano, at (559) 297-0851, for information on this topic. *The Scholarship Deadlines are:* for **Clovis Lodge**, March 31, 2017, (but start now); for **California State Grand Lodge**: March 01, 2017; and for **National Lodge** the date is generally November to February of any year (for more information go to <https://www.osia.org/students/scholarships.php>); National scholarships are generally for \$500 to \$5,000.

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 8th Street, at DeWitt Avenue. We feature short meetings, great companionship, and superb food. Our web site is <http://rodolfovalentinolodge.com/>.

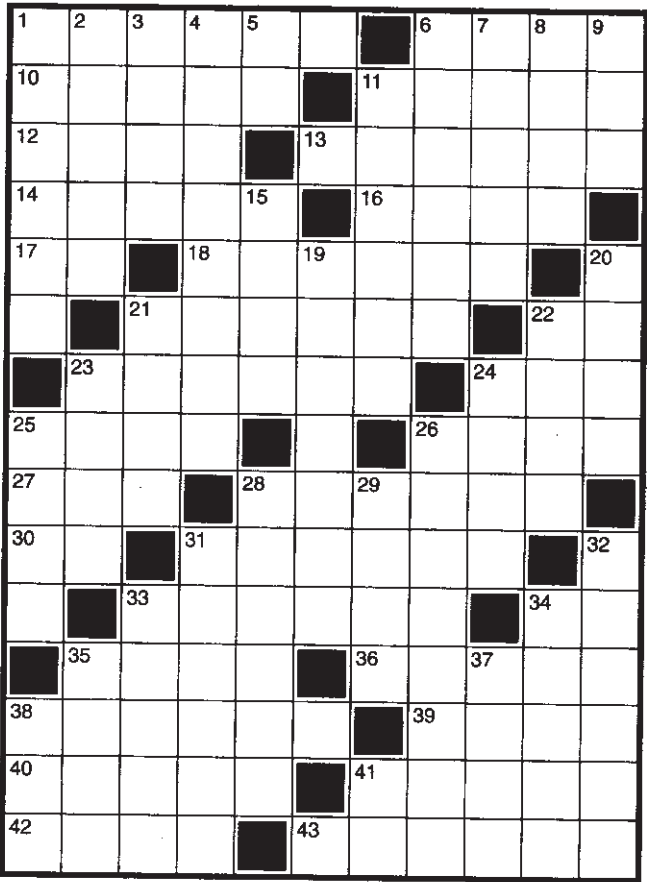
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6. Aria per il poeta.
10. È simile alla quercia.
11. Squadra milanese.
12. Ermanno, regista cinematografico.
13. Una porta di sicurezza.
14. Miller che fu un noto jazzista.
16. Hanno la tessera del circolo.
17. Articolo femminile.
18. Concittadino di Edipo.
21. Provincia piemontese.
22. Sigla di Pistoia.
23. Monferrato in Piemonte.
24. Letto in francese.
25. Conosciuto.
26. Una lava l'altra.
27. Lo usa il pescatore.
28. Capitale sulla Senna.
30. Inizio di volata.
31. Città sul Po.
33. La provincia di Gaeta.
34. Un po' di stanchezza.
35. La effettua la chiocciola.
36. Colpisce l'orecchio.
38. Ira impetuosa.
39. Bagna Breslavia.
40. Fratello di Caino.
41. Catturate.
42. Gracida nello stagno.
43. Si consegna al vincitore.

VERTICALI

1. Massi in acqua.
2. Si vende cara la propria.
3. Stemma gentilizio.
4. Pieno di forza e volontà combattiva.
5. Negazione.
6. Città delle Marche.

CRUCIVERBA



7. Relativo alla morale.

8. Le segnano i cannonieri.

9. Periodo geologico.

11. Alzare a forza di braccia.

15. Attraversa San Pietroburgo.

19. Isole spagnole.

20. Numero pari.

21. Venuto alla luce.

22. Alberi delle Conifere con foglie aghiformi.

23. Provincia lombarda.
24. Uno è quello di Garda.

25. Lascia il porto.

26. Lavoratore sotto terra.

28. Tagliare i rami superflui.

29. Nome d'uomo.

31. Pitagorica a scuola.

32. Incorporo, celestiale.

33. Sophia attrice.

34. Messi ad asciugare.

35. L'isola con L'Avana.

37. Come sopra.

38. Il West del western.

41. Sigla di Parma.

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In support of all the men and women who have been called into military action.
You're in our hearts, in our thoughts, and in our prayers.



Renaissance Lodge # 2259

Orange, CA
by Mary Jane Cambria

The 2016 International Street Fair was an extremely successful event. The weather gods were in our favor this year and gave us mild temperatures; which brought out record crowds.

This is our biggest fundraiser event of the year and an opportunity for our

members and their families and friends to come together to do what us Italians do best, Laugh, Cook, Work Hard and Have Fun!

We had so much help this year at times we were tripping over each other. Our members really stepped up and brought more people then we expect-

ed. We were also blessed to have extra help from the Volunteers from Catrina's Club, an organization that feeds over 1800 homeless children daily and has begun a cooking school to teach some of these children a profession in the food industry. A big thank you to all our volunteers!

We could not possibly list everyone who helped but we would like to acknowledge and thank our team captains and lead workers. Pizza booth, Dr Paul Licata, John Russo Jr, Tim Hanneman and his sidekick, Paul. Sandwich Booth, Barbara and Tom Rizzo, Angel and Maryann

Valenzuela, our financial wiz, Debbie Sommese and Beer booth captain extraordinaire, Steve Tomeo who is also our street fair Chair and of course thanks to our president, David Prisco.

We will be having a brunch to celebrate our success and thank all our workers, date and place to be announced.



Vallejo Lodge

by Sharon Silveira

Ciao Estate....Goodbye Summer as the Vallejo Lodges look toward a Polenta and Stew Dinner on Friday, November 18th and the Incredible Ham and Pesto dinner on Sunday, October 16th.

The Annual Food Drive starts on October 11th and ends on December 11th. Please bring your donations of nutritious, non-perishable food and put them in the shopping cart in the lodge building's foyer. Supermarket gift cards are also very welcome.

Spaghetti and Meatballs was the entree served up on Sunday, September 11th. Stirring the pots were The Branchini's---Rick, Donna, Lucy and Steve, in addition to Glen Rushing and John Costa. Dinner Chairs: Sharon Silveira and Steve Branch. Some empty chairs for the past several dinners. Why not come and dine out with us? Hope you'll call and make a reservation for our next dinner. Reservations to Adeline Nettleton 642-3486/334-6480 or Josephine Agosta 642-1658/328-2610.

What's happening in Beatrice Portinari or Virgilio? Come to the 2nd Tuesday of the month meeting night and find out. Your lodge needs you to take an active interest. Join us first for dinner at 6:30 p.m. The October 11th meeting night will find our Kitchen King Rick Branch cooking up his special chili with all the fixings. Mangia!

Vi aguro buona salute e felicità.

A word from Father Forno:

As many of you knew on September 12th I underwent a radical prostatectomy at Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Discharged the following afternoon I rested comfortably at home until my follow up appointment Tuesday the 20th to remove the catheter and review the final pathology report.

My doctor informed my that it was "very good news". The tumor did penetrate the prostate but was removed by the DaVinci Robotic Surgery. All surrounding areas seemed clear of cancer making me 75% "cancer free". This simply means we will monitor the situation with PSA scores---the first to come on six weeks---looking to see if there is any future reoccurrence.

I apologize for not being able to reach out to everyone at the beginning but it seemed prudent to extend to you a definitive word from the surgical follow-up visit. To those who did know I thank you for your blessings of prayer, concern and love.

It has been a "lonely journey" that only I myself could traverse. Knowing, however, that scores of caring folks were supporting me I never felt alone. There is a difference between being alone (which I never was) and "feeling lonely" (which I believe is the experience of most people facing life-threatening disease). It is similar to having faith but still feeling fear, anger, depression, etc..

Now the journey continues!
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I am an Italian-American. My roots are deep in an ancient soil, drenched by the Mediterranean sun, and watered by pure streams from snow capped mountains.

I am enriched by thousands of years of culture.

My hands are those of the mason, the artist, the man of the soil.

My thoughts have been recorded in the annals of Rome, the poetry of Virgil, the creations of Dante, and the philosophy of Benedetto Croce. I am an Italian-American, and from my ancient world, I first spanned the seas of the new world. I am Cristoforo Colombo.

I am Giovanni Caboto known in American history as John Cabot, discoverer of the mainland of North America.

I am Amerigo Vespucci, who gave my name to the new world, America.

First to sail on the Great Lakes in 1679, founder of the territory that became the State of Illinois, colonizer of Louisiana and Arkansas, I am Enrico Tonti.

I am Filippo Mazzei, friend of Thomas Jefferson and my thesis on the equality of man was written into the Bill of Rights.

I am William Paca, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

I am an Italian-American. I financed the Northwest Expedition of George Rogers Clark and accompanied him through the lands that would become Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan. I am Colonel Francesco Vigo.

I mapped the Pacific from Mexico to Alaska and to the Philippines.

I am Alessandro Malaspina.

I am Giacomo Beltrami, discoverer of the source of the Mississippi River in 1823.

I created the Dome of the United States Capitol. They called me the Michelangelo of America. I am Constantino Brumidi.

In 1904, I founded in San Francisco, the Bank of Italy now know as the Bank of America, the largest financial institution in the world. I am A. P. Giannini.

I am Enrico Fermi, father of nuclear science in America.

First enlisted man to win the medal of Honor in World War II,

I am John Basilone of New Jersey.

I am an Italian-American. I am the million strong who served in America's armies and the tens of thousands whose names are enshrined in military cemeteries from Guadalcanal to the Rhine.

I am the steel maker in Pittsburgh, the grower in the Imperial Valley of California, the textile designer in Manhattan, the movie maker in Hollywood, the home maker and the breadwinner in 10,000 communities.

I am an American without stint or reservation, loving this land as only one who understands history, its agonies and its triumphs can love it and serve it.

I will not be told that my contribution is any less nor my role not as worthy as that of any other American.

I will stand in support of this nation's freedom and promise against all foes. My heritage has dedicated me to this nation. I am proud of my full heritage, and I shall remain worthy of it.

I Am An Italian-American.

by Angelo Bianchi, Esq.