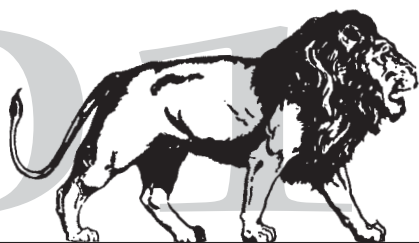


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A Message From The State President



by Lynn Lawrence-Murphy
State President

"Fratellanza"

By the time you read this article your State Officers and Committee Chairs will be busily preparing for the Grand Council Meeting to be held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Santa Ana on March 19th. You all are invited to join us.

Monday, January 25th, we attended the Napa Lodge's Meeting where State Deputy Donna Lee Costa and I had the honor of installing their new Vice President and Recording Secretary. Then on Wednesday, January 27th, we attended the Ukiah Lodge's Dinner Meeting where the Hunt and Dogali Families prepared a fantastic pot roast dinner. On February 2nd, Bill and I flew to Kauai for 5 days and then on to Maui for 5 more days – a truly restful and enjoyable vacation for both of us. Unfortunately, we missed the Diablo Valley Lodge's 50th Anniversary Celebration on February 6th. Congratulations to your Officers and members – a momentous milestone to celebrate. Thank you John Costa State 2nd Vice President for representing me. On February 18th, Bill & I travelled to Chico to attend the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge's Potluck Dinner Meeting.

Earlier in the day, we had the pleasure of visiting the Barry Kirshner Wildlife Sanctuary and playing with their baby tiger and seeing the many wild and exotic animals that they care for – what an amazing treat. Thank you Lodge President Gary Smith, Roberta and Kelly (two devoted and extremely knowledgeable ladies) for setting up this wonderful opportunity. Great job Gary in conducting

your meeting. This Lodge is embracing and accepting "change". They are reaching out to the community and sponsoring local groups, having activities to attract and welcome new members, and moving their meeting place to the Grange (less expensive rent. A truly active and committed group of officers and members! On Sunday, February 21st, we were able to attend the Diablo Valley's Potluck Dinner Meeting conducted by new President Larry Risner. A big thanks to Chuck (past lodge president who had to step down due to illness) and Theresa Massetti for their many years of service and dedication to this lodge and the Grand Lodge. What a nice way to spend a Sunday afternoon visiting with friends and enjoying a great meal. Love those potluck dinners!

Our Queen Contest is moving along nicely. I would like to thank the following Lodges who are sponsoring a Queen: Anaheim Lodge, C. Colombo (Antioch), Columbia (San Mateo), Cristoforo Columbo (Reno), Enrico Caruso (Visalia), Gold Country (El Dorado Hills), Hacienda (Whittier), La Costa Dei Fiori (Encinitas), Modesto Lodge, Roma Lodge (Tulare), and Saddleback Valley (Mission Viejo). Joanne Coccia Lodge is also participating in this fund raising event. If your lodge is not part of this group, please contact one of these lodges, and I know they would gladly send tickets to you. It would be great if each of us could support this program and show our youth how important they are to us. They are a big part of the future of this Order.

At the end of January, I had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Bill Mathis a visionary and a consultant who works with non-profit organizations in meeting the challenges of changing and succeeding under any conditions. He recommended reading a book called "Our Iceberg is Melting" by John Kotter. A brief summary of this enjoyable and informative book can be summed up in:

The Eight Step Process of Successful Change.

Set the stage.

Create a Sense of Urgency.

Help others see the need for change and the importance of acting immediately.

Pull Together the Guiding Team.

Make sure there is a powerful group guiding the change—one with leadership skills, credibility, communications ability, authority, analytical skills, and a sense of urgency.

Decide What to Do

Develop the Chang Vision and Strategy

Clarify how the future will be different from the past, and how you can make that future a reality

Make it Happen

Communicate for Understanding and Buy In

Make sure as many others as possible understand and accept the vision and the strategy.

Empower others to Act.

Remove as many barriers as possible so that those who want to make the vision a reality can do so.

Produce Short-Term Wins.

Create some visible, unambiguous successes as soon as possible.

Don't let Up.

Press harder and faster after the first successes. Be relentless with initiating change after change until the vision is a reality

Make It Stick

Create a New Culture.

Hold on to the new ways of behaving, and make sure they succeed, until they become strong enough to replace old traditions.

I flew out on Tuesday, February 23rd with National First Vice President Vera Girolami and State First Vice President Arlene Nunziati to Baltimore, MD to attend the National Winter Plenary Session. SIF Trustee Joe La Banca and wife Mary joined us, too. I will let you know what's happening at the National Level in my next article.

Bill and I wish all of you Happy St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Feast Days and a Blessed Easter. "Buona Pasqua!"



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Order Sons of Italy in America®

Statement from the Sons of Italy® on the Passing of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia

*February 16, 2016
Washington, D.C.*

On behalf of its hundreds of thousands of family members in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, the Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA), the oldest and largest organization representing Americans of Italian heritage, deeply mourns the passing of United States Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

OSIA National President Daniel J. Longo of Maryland calls Scalia a "shining example of the very best the Italian American community has to offer, highlighting a brilliant career in public service and jurisprudence." Justice Scalia was recognized by the Sons of Italy Foundation® (SIF) in 1991 for being that shining example, receiving the SIF's highest honor, the National Education & Leadership Award.

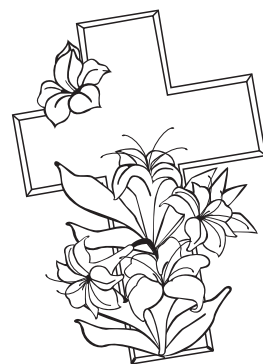
OSIA National Executive Director Dr. Philip R. Piccigallo, who knew Justice Scalia for more than a quarter century, states that, "whether one agreed or disagreed with his strong legal and philosophical positions, it was impossible not to recognize Justice Scalia's intellectual acuity, command of prose, forceful impact on American law, the legal system and culture, and the historical importance as the first Italian American appointed to the Supreme Court in 1986." Piccigallo adds, "moreover, virtually everyone respected and enjoyed Justice Scalia's company, irrepressible wit, and sense of humor."

OSIA extends its deepest condolences to Justice Scalia's devoted wife, Maureen, his nine children, and more than two dozen grandchildren. His indelible place in American history and jurisprudence is clear and firm.

Established in 1905, the Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA) - or simply the Sons of Italy - has hundreds of thousands of family members located in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. OSIA works at the community, national and international levels to promote the heritage and culture of an estimated 26 million Italian Americans, the nation's fifth largest ethnic group, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The Sons of Italy Foundation is the philanthropic branch of OSIA. To learn more, visit www.osia.org.

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From the Editor's Desk

by Andy Pampuro
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On February 2nd I went to see my rheumatologist. She said I definitely have Lupus plus an anemia condition which is all under control. I am on steroids on a heavy dose which has to be lowered before any damage is done to any of my organs. My big problem now is my swallowing and in another month I will be taking another swallowing test. If I pass I will be on soft foods for a while before they take the tube out of my stomach. If I don't pass I continue as I am now. I am able to drink water which is encouraging. One good thing is I don't



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have cancer or ALS. Thanks for all your concern. I really appreciate it.

The installation of the new lodge in Hemet was a complete success. There were so many state officers and chairs of committees presence as well as members of the other visiting lodges. We wish them all the best and hope their membership grows.

Presidents, please be sure you let your queens know she must send in 2 wallet

size pictures of herself to the Grand Lodge office. We are going to run all of the pictures in the May issue and then the top five in the June issue. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

How are you doing with the sale of the Queen's raffle tickets? Even if you don't have a queen you can still sell the tickets. It is a money maker for your lodge. Call the Grand Lodge office and they will be happy to send you some tickets.





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News from the Central

by Arlene Nunziati
State 1st Vice President



Our February was gorgeous, just like summer, but we still do need rain and it is coming!

February was a lazy month for me with many celebrations. I spent a week in Maui with the Tedesco's and Girolami's and had a terrific time. Relax and eat, eat and relax! Pam and I did go on a whale boat excursion and saw lots of whales. A great trip. Thanks John & Pam for the invite.

Got home in time for Super Bowl and enjoyed seeing my stadium on TV. Spent Valentine's Day at the Atria party helping to make the seniors day very special and had a special dinner with Al & Vera. It is so nice that they have moved so close.

Our GALA is coming along. We will be honoring the Consul General Mauro Battocchi as the Leadership recipient and Webmaster Nickolas Marinelli has agreed to be the M/C. We are still working on the Business Awardee and the Royal Court recipient. The ticket prices will be the same as in the past so start saving. \$150.00 per ticket or \$250.00 per person including the VIP reception. Date is Saturday, September 17, 2016 at the Hilton Hotel in Santa Clara, across from Levi

Stadium.

We have been cleaning the office and have some great memorabilia from lodges. Be sure to visit the History Room at convention and see some of it.

I attended the monthly meeting of the Modesto Lodge and really had a great time. Another well run meeting by President David Cipponeri. A delicious pot luck prepared by the members was served. A councilwoman came and spoke to them. It was very informative. They are very active and have a "packed" agenda. It was great seeing Past State President Joe Simile and Dorothy.

State National Vice President Vera Girolami and State Trustee, Central, Frank Locicero attended the meeting of the Watsonville Lodge which they told me was great. Another very well run meeting and a very active lodge. They installed a new officer and initiated eight (8) new members. Well done Watsonville!

I am so proud of my Central area. The meetings I have attended are all so very well run. Great leaders.

I attended a crab dinner and sure was good. Lots of the crab dinners were cancelled but glad I was able to attend one.

Remember if anyone needs anything from me, contact me.

I am attending a National meeting in Baltimore, MD so here's hoping we don't get delayed on the way home. Will expand more on the meeting in my next article.

As I said, slow OSIA month so will report more next month. Grand Council will be held March 19, 20, 21, 2016 in Santa Ana, so if you are in the area, drop by and see us in action.

Ciao until next month.

News from the North

by John Costa
State 2nd Vice President



Diablo Valley Lodge on your 50th anniversary. President Larry and your members and committee did an excellent job. The food and entertainment was excellent. I do not think I will be able to listen to "it's all the Bass" without thinking of you Ann, Thank you!

Congratulations are also in order for Shasta Lodge celebrating their 36th anniversary. A wonderful dinner was prepared by Shasta Lodge with all the trimmings. Great job President Carol and committee for hosting a great evening. Also congratulations are in order for "most honored

member award, which was established in 1997 for the Shasta Lodge, Rich Mignano, one of the (4) remaining charter members of their lodge. I know your lodge appreciates all you have done and continue to do for your lodge.

As we are preparing for Grand Council this month, I hope we see representatives from the local lodges. Come see your Grand Council work for you. Bring your ideas, opinions and concerns. Hope to see you there.

Reminder the "365" daily raffle tickets are still available. These would a nice surprise to put in an Easter basket. See your state officers or contact the Grand Lodge for tickets. Some big prizes are coming up.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Baseball Italian Heritage Games. The Oakland A's will have their Italian Heritage Game on August 5th, hosting the Chicago Cubs. The San Francisco Giants will have their game on September 15th hosting the St Louis Cardinals. More information to follow.

Heartfelt Thanks....

We would like to thank our many Brothers and Sisters for their most kind and thoughtful expressions of sympathy at the recent passing of our beloved mother and mother-in-law Fernanda Pignati. We are deeply grateful for the many calls, cards and masses offered in her memory, and are most appreciative of the love and caring sent our way.

Ugo Pignati, Immediate Past State Financial Secretary
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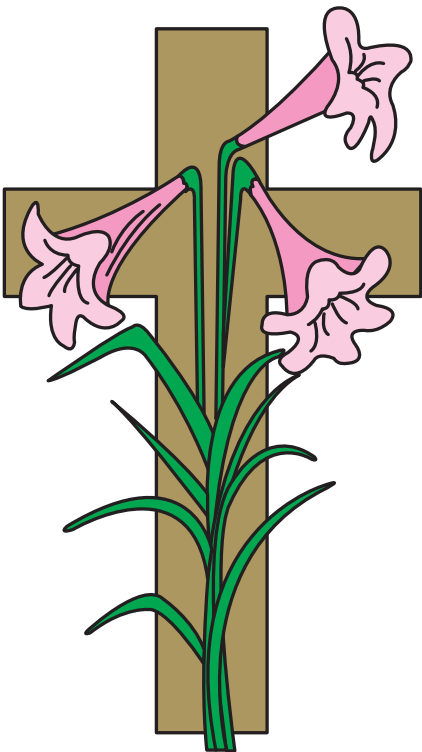
If your lodge has an e-mail address or website and you would like to include it with the above list, please send it to me at apampuro@comline.com.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

Lodge Anniversaries

March	
Eureka #1274	3/16/24
Centinela Valley #1991	3/20/49
Salias #2082	3/8/59
Renaissance #2259	3/4/72

Congratulations!!!



Membership Committee

by Joe Simoni
Membership Chairperson
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The new year has started with a bang for membership!! On behalf of the Membership Committee, I welcome the Hemet Lodge #2991 to the Grand Lodge family. If there is anything that the Committee can do for you, please contact either Pauline Richmond or myself. January's winner is The West End Lodge of Cucamonga with 8 new members. Closely behind with 5 new members are the Hanford and Gold Country lodges, Roseville with 4 new members and Eureka, Cristoforo Colombo, Beatrice Portinari, La Costa Dei Fiori, and Diablo Valley. William Paca round out the lodges that have brought in new memembs to their family. Please do not forget about them. Make them feel part of the lodge family and get them involved with the activities of your lodge. So, with 28 new memembs initiated in the Hemet Lodge and 32 from the other lodges, that totals 60 new members to start the year!! Let's continue this momentum.

Here are more monthly tips from the committee: 1)

Form a committee and delegate jobs that members have expertise in. Give your members the feeling that they are an important part of the lodge; 2) Reinforce the goals and actions to the officers and members and the importance of supporting them; 3) Get new members involved on committees and special projects. Bonding with others, making them feel "at home", are the primary ingredients for a mutual friendship. It's not only the socials your lodge offers, but how you make the attendees feel. Are you ignoring them? Do your lodge officers and members make them feel as though they are part of the family? Will you ask them if they'll attend one of your other socials? If not, why not. Are you providing them information on your lodge's social activities and your contribution to the community? Have applications with you. If they're not ready to join, give them your contact information and ask for theirs. Then, follow up.

The Membership Manual is in its final revision stage and the launch date for distribution is scheduled for March. I had requested names of the membership chair for each lodge.

There will be a copy with the revisions highlighted. For those presidents who have not forwarded me the names, the Manual will be sent to the lodge president. Copies will also be sent to the Grand Council.

Buona Pasqua a tutti, from your Membership Committee: Anna, Edna, Pauline and Joe.

365 Fund Raiser - Winners

Jan. 16-31

16	\$25.00	Patty Scammacca
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18	\$25.00	Joe Perazzetti
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23	\$25.00	Mary Romeo
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28	\$25.00	Angelia Franceschi
29	\$25.00	David DePaoli
30	\$50.00	Marco Zonni
31	\$25.00	Anna Luisi

Feb. 1-15

1	\$25.00	Linda Bowen
2	\$25.00	Jason Trigleth
3	\$25.00	Nella Varni
4	\$25.00	Larita arc-Aurele
5	\$25.00	Frank Locicero
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8	\$25.00	Arlene Nunziati
9	\$25.00	Beverly Bock
10	\$25.00	Watsonville Lodge
11	\$25.00	Laverta Harris
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Scholarship Application Reminder

Rosemarie Biagetti Vanderhaar
Scholarship Committee Chairperson

Just a reminder that the deadline for scholarship applications and Students to Italy grant is (post-marked) March 1, 2016. Students must be part or wholly Italian. Eligible students must be enrolled in a credited trade school, college, university or community college.

Application forms are available online. GO to www.sonsofitalyca.org and click on the link for scholarships.

Any questions or inquiries, please feel free to contact me. Those students wishing to apply to the National scholarship program, deadline for those applications is February 29, 2016. Their website is www.osia.org.

My contact information is: email: rgeorev@aol.com, (h) 626/254-0449, cell or text (626) 222-7768. Mailing address is 801 W. Duarte Rd., # I, Monrovia, CA 91016.

Attention all presidents...

If your lodge is supporting a queen please advise her that she must send in two wallet size photos to the Grand Lodge office. We will be running all of the pictures of the girls in the May issue of the Il Leone and then we will run the top five in the June issue. If we don't get a photo of your girl there will be a blank square with the girl's name and lodge under it. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

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Philip Micalizzi	Hacienda	2168
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Leon Battista Alberti

by Stephen Contrado, B.A., Th.M.
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Born in Genoa on February 14, 1404 to a wealth Florentine father and an unknown mother, Alberti received training in mathematics from his father. He attended a boarding school in Padua and afterwards studied law at Bologna. He was so skilled in Latin that a comedy he wrote when he was twenty years old, entitled *Philodoxius*, was published as a genuine work of Classical literature. When Alberti’s father died several members of the family seized his wealth and left Alberti grieving and impoverished, but Alberti persisted in his studies at Bologna and received a doctorate in canon law in 1428.

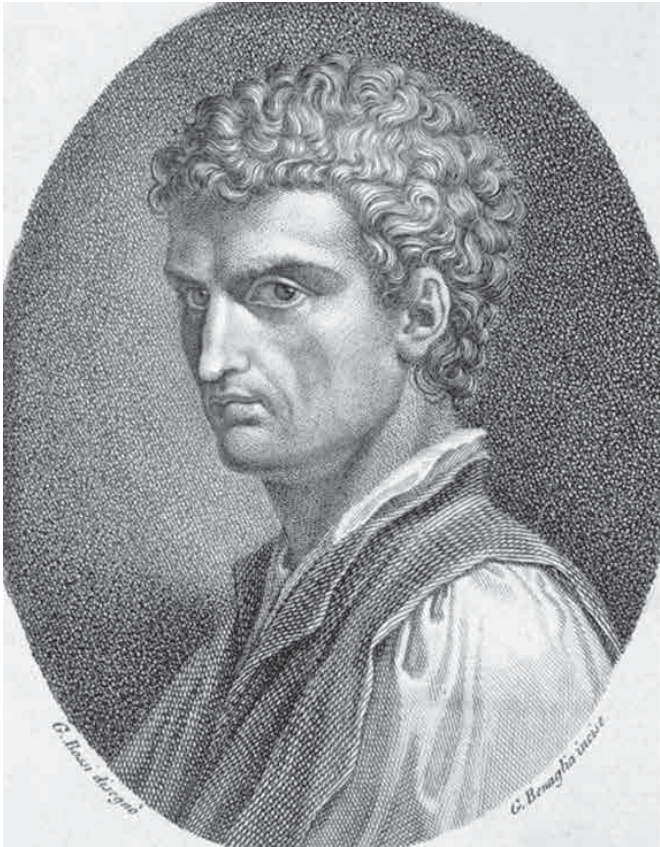
Alberti lived in Florence for a time, then traveled to Rome and was ordained a priest and served the papal court. He studied ancient Roman ruins and became an accomplished architect. In 1447 he was employed as the architectural advisor to Pope Nicholas V. He supervised a number of projects at the Vatican. He designed the Basilica of Sant’Andrea.

Alberti was a humanist author, philosopher, and poet. The 16th century biographer Giorgio Vasari described Alberti in “Lives of the Most Excellent Painters, Sculptors, and Architects.” Alberti was a tall and strong athlete who could ride wild horses and jump over a man’s head. In 1452, Alberti completed “De re

aedificatoria,” a treatise on architecture. He wrote the first Italian grammar and a work on geography, “*Descriptio urbis Romae*.” He outlined the rules for surveying and mapping a land area, principally the city of Rome.

Having taken holy orders, Alberti remained unmarried. He was a resourceful cryptographer who wrote a treatise on cryptography, “*De componendis cifris*.” He invented the first polyalphabetic cipher. He has been called “the father of Western cryptology.” Analyzing codes, ciphers, and cryptograms is an essential science for secrecy, national defense, and intelligence gathering. For example, cryptographers in the 1940s deciphered Japanese codes and gained knowledge of Japan’s plans in World War II. Today, cryptographers have made great progress and have devised secure systems, which seem unbreakable.

Vasari describes Alberti as “an admirable citizen, a man of culture.... a friend of talented men, open and courteous with everyone. He always lived honourably and like the gentleman he was.” A few years before his death, Alberti completed “*De iciarchia*,” a dialogue about Florence during the Medici rule. He died in Rome on April 25, 1472 at the age of 68. Vasari wrote that Alberti died “content and tranquil.”



Leon Battista Alberti



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Easter Greetings




State President Lynn Lawrence-Murphy
and husband, Bill Murphy Grand Lodge Home Chair




Best Wishes For A
Happy Easter To All



Arlene Nunziati
State First Vice President



Wishing Everyone
a Joyous
Easter Season



State 3rd Vice President Ted Seibel and wife, Lucille

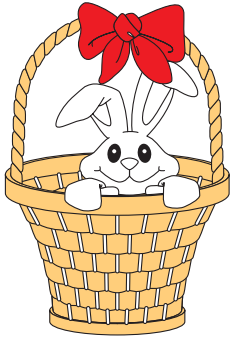
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Tulare, CA
by Larry Dutto

The World Ag Expo is the largest agriculture show in the world featuring over 1,500 exhibitors and attracting over 100,000 visitors from 65 countries. The show started in 1968 and celebrated its 49th year February 9-11th in Tulare, California. Longtime Roma Lodge members *Charlie and Nancy Pitigliano* served as the general chairs for the show. Charlie has been of the 1,600 volunteers since 1980, has served as chair for the board and is a leader of the agriculture community in the San Joaquin Valley.



World Ag Expo Chair and Roma Lodge Members Charlie and Nancy Pitigliano address attendees at the opening ceremonies of the 49th annual show attended by over 100,000 visitors from 65 countries.



Roma Lodge has been at the farm show for all 49 years featuring an Italian food booth featuring Italian sausage sandwiches, pasta lunches and a variety of other food items for hungry attendees. *Melissa and Matt Watkins along with Michael DePaoli and Maci Daramy* completed their fourth year as chairs for the event. They did an outstanding job of organizing the event, ordering all the supplies and getting members to volunteer to assist during the three day show.



A few of the over 50 Roma Lodge members who helped operate the 49th food booth at the World Ag Expo. Serving over 100 pounds of pasta, thousands of Italian sandwiches and serving up some of the best food at the show is a big job for members during the event.

Past State President
National First Vice President
Vera Girolami and
Judge Al Girolami
Judiciary Chair
extend their
sincerest Easter
wishes.



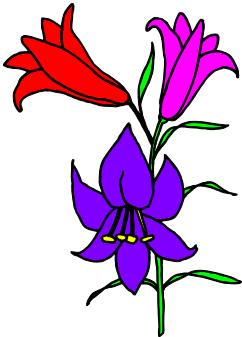
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Vita Zaccaria,
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Easter Greetings

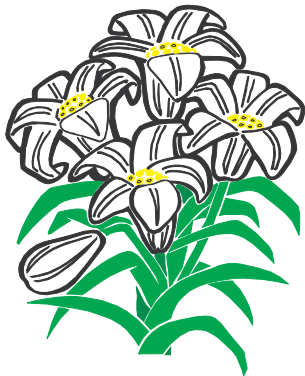


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and wife, Yvonne

Easter Greetings to One and All!



Pauline Richmond
State Trustee Central



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.



Buona Pasqua



Happy Easter from
Past State President John Tedesco
and wife, Pam Tedesco



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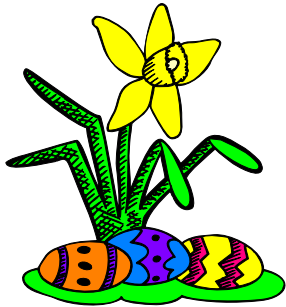
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Happy Easter to you
and your family



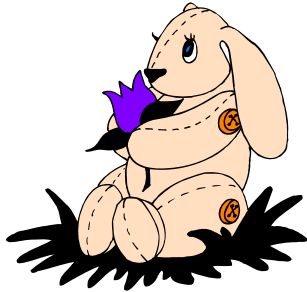
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Buona Pasqua
Happy Easter



Andy & Louise Pampuro
Chairman, Media Committee



The 6th Annual Cucidati Contest was
a HUGE Success!

by Zelda LeFrak-Belleci

Moving to a new venue just made more room for the ever increasing number of guests attending the Annual Cucidati Contest. Changing the date to December allowed the event to be held in the beautifully decorated Antioch Historical Museum, surrounded by a multitude of Christmas trees, wreaths and Victorian displays.

Chaired by Zelda LeFrak-Belleci and Lisa Navarro, the 6th annual event attracted a dozen contestants: Sandy Samario Alison, John Bruno, Tajah Cooks, Dave Costanza, Kathi Jackson, Danny Lazzarini, Josie Macaluso, Prudy Troia, Georgette Riccabona, Francis Scott and Lydia Yount.

Judges Joy Bruno, Allan Cantrando, Ken Gray, Laura Enea Jaquez and Lisa Gray Vanni were seriously committed to their duties behind closed doors as they selected the top prize winners of the Cucidati Contest. Walking off with top prize money in First Place was John Bruno. Second Place winner was Sandy Smario Alison who used her nana Angie Ascario's recipe. Third Place went to Josie Macaluso whose entry used her mother-in-law Rusa Macaluso's recipe.

The People's Choice award went to Francis Ferranti Scott. Recently out of the hospital, Francis was determined to enter the contest. The secret ballot marked by the guests rewarded her culinary efforts. She received an extraordinarily embodied apron marking her place as the favorite of the 200 guests attending the Sunday afternoon event.

Grand Officers from the Sons of Italy attended the Cucidati Contest manning the Membership Table as well as joining in with the singing and voting: First Vice President Arlene Nunziati, State trustee of the North Joy Bruno and Membership Chair Joe Simoni.

Has off to all the musicians: "Chooch" Lombardo and his band, Four Hits and a Miss: Joe Simoni who led the sing-a-long with his paying of old Italian melodies; Camille Bruno-Thayer with beautiful rendition of Christmas songs; the Italian Club from Freedom High school singing Christmas carols in Italian.

Over 60 members and friends of C. Colombo Lodge participated in the planning; running the jobs in the kitchen; the baking of goodies for the bake sale table; manning the other food booths (pizelle, sliders, cannoli), serving at the bar; handling the crowds at the sample tables, greeting guests at the doors; displaying posters by the students from Deer Valley High School Italian Program; assisting at the sales table by the Freedom High School Italian Club. There were all the helpers that came early and stayed late to help set up and clean up. Truly a family effort!



Members of the Freedom High School Italian Club donned their costumes to help at the 6th Annual Cucidati Contest event sponsored by C. Colombo Lodge. The students worked behind the cookie sales table, escorted guests and handled the Family of Origin Map activity. A highlight of the afternoon event was when these young people got up to sing Christmas carols in Italian!



The 200 plus guests at the 6th Annual Cucidati Contest were able to taste samples from the 12 contestants who brought their cucidati to the museum earlier in the day. The sample plates were only marked by a letter from A to L. Marking their ballots for their favorite, Francis Ferrante Scott, pictured above, walked off with the People's Choice Award. Congratulations, Francis!



Hot off the iron! Sales were brisk as C. Colombo member Barbara Romander turned out cookie after cookie all afternoon as the Cucidati Contest. Her pizelle were made from scratch and smelled divine while they browned in her special dual griddle.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Saddleback Valley Lodge # 2566

Mission Viejo, CA
by Andy Pampuro, President

On Friday, February 12th, The Saddleback Valley Lodge held a Queen's Dinner put on by our Queen's mother, Kerry Herington, and Queen's grandmother, Bernadine Neil.

We started the evening with the crowing of our new Queen. Our First Lady, Louise Pampuro, did the honors. First she placed the royal robe on Baylin Herington, then the crown and lastly presented the girl with a beautiful bouquet of red roses. Baylin thanked everyone for coming and for supporting her with the sale of the Queen's tickets.

Baylin will be riding in the Swallow's Day Parade in San Juan Capistrano on March 12. She is looking forward to that event.

Following the coronation we had the initiation of three new members, Tim Herington and Joseph and Laura Alfieri. Our State Deputy Rosemarie Vanderhaar acted as the Herald. We have a few more new members we need to initiate and eventually will get them all.

We were honored to have as one of or guests Vita Zaccaria from the Pugiese Lodge who is the chair of the Italian Language and Culture Committee.

Many thanks to Hank and Michelle Lowinger for donating the rolls and butter and all the various drinks,

Our meeting was short so we may all enjoy the delicious food and desserts. Many thanks to all who did bring the desserts.

We will be having a big rummage sale with all of the proceeds going to our Queen's fund. This will be on Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2, at the home of our Recording Secretary Bernadine Neil. If you have anything you would like to get rid of we will take it. Call Bernie at 714-979-2996 to let her know.

Lillian Rossi won the attendance award and donated it back to the lodge.

Don't forget to send in your monies for the Queen's tickets you received in the mail. If you want more tickets let Bernie Neil know and she will be happy to send you whatever you want.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all our Irish members. Happy St. Joseph's Day to all you Josephs and Josephines and a blessed Easter Holiday to you all.

Fraternally yours,
Andy Pampuro, President



Our new Queen Baylin Herington with First Lady Louise Pampuro.



A family group L/R Grandmother Bernadine Neil, Grandfather Al Schlappy, Father Tim Herington, Queen Baylin Herington, Mother Kerry Herington and Sister Riley Herington.



L/R First Lady Louise Pampuro, Queen Baylin Herington and President Andy Pampuro.



Our three new members being initiated. L/R Tim Herington and Laura and Joseph Alfieri with Rosemarie Vanderhaar acting as the Herald.





*Wishing You
All A
Happy and
Holy Easter!*




**Past State President
Arturo Ibleto & wife, Vicki**


*May This Easter Season Bring New Beginnings
And Happiness To All Our Brothers & Sisters*



**Past National President
Past State President
Frank J. De Santis and wife Eileen**



*Wishing
You A
Happy Easter
with Joy and
Happinsss*



**Past State President, Chris Lotito
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*Easter Greetings from the
Officers and Members of the
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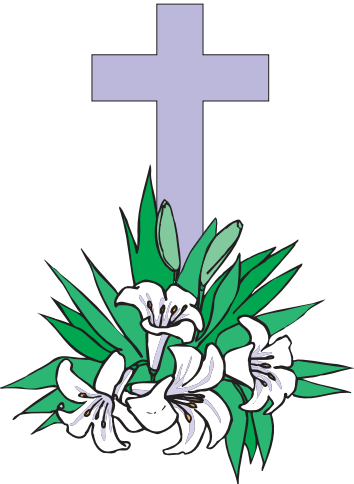


Buona Pasqua
Happy Easter

from the Staff
of the Il Leone

Easter
Greetings

from the
Grand Lodge
of California



Colombo Stella Lodge # 1149

Fresno, CA
by Olivia DeLiddo Gallegos, President

Hello everyone. March is here, my daffodil blooms are ready to open, we finally had some rain and our Lodge is coming off of a really good year.

At our February meeting, we welcomed Commander John Hernandez of the American Legion Post 509. He accepted a \$500.00 donation from our Lodge with much gratitude. He informed us of all the good things the Legion is doing for our veterans, their families, and as we discovered, anyone who asks for help, veteran or non veteran. Our donation will help fund the Honor Guard, which is an all volunteer group of veterans that go to the funerals of veterans. The Honor Guard goes to Fresno and surrounding areas to give a 21 gun salute, play taps and present the family with a flag. The families are never charged for this honor. Commander Hernandez told us we lost 121 veterans last month. It is a very needed service to the people who so selflessly serve our country.

We also had a presentation from a couple of students from Minarets High School. It is a Charter school that does not get the funding that most of our schools get. They are doing some wonderful things in their Media Department. They are trying to expand it to do live streaming for sporting events, concerts, programs and even graduations for their family and friends who work or otherwise cannot get to the school. Minarets is in the foothills. Our Lodge was so impressed by what they, and their teacher, Juan Ortiz, are doing that we gave them a \$1,000.00 donation. Our State Trustee from the Central, Pauline Richmond was a special guest at our meeting. She brought to our attention the latest attempt by our government to remove

Columbus Day as a holiday and replace it with Indigenous People Day. This is something people of Italian descent do not take lightly. There is a petition to stop this and protect Columbus Day. Please contact me and I will get it to you. We need all the signatures we can get. This was stopped last year, let's stop it again.

We will be having 2 semesters of Italian Language classes later this Spring/Summer. As stated in our January article, we received a generous grant from the Isnardi Foundation for this. If you'd like to learn to speak Italian at no cost to you, please contact me immediately. We have limited room, so don't wait to call.

Also, we are having a membership drive. Whoever brings in the most new members by the end of the year will get their dues paid for 2017. Ask your family, your friends, everyone. We are losing more members this year, so it is more important than ever to sign up new members. Happy Birthday to our longtime member Clementina Gianonne. Her birthday was in February.

Happy Birthday to our members born in March: Richard Gallegos, Jr and Christy DeWitt.

Last month's meeting winner of Raffle Ticket: Lorraine Daddato. Winning member number of the big progressive drawing for \$30.00 was Gina Lamanuzzi Nulick. Since she was not present, next month's drawing amount will be \$35.00. Be sure to come to the meetings, YOU could be the next winner. Our meetings seem to be getting smaller each month, which surprises me since we have so much to offer. If you have any suggestions on how to bring back our missing people, and new ones, I am open to any suggestions. We cannot let our heritage slip away.

Until next month, Ciao!

William Paca Lodge # 1960

Mountain View, CA
by Carolyn Franklin

The New Year swept in with big changes for us in 2016. Our long time Lodge Secretary, Helen Zanella, is retiring from that post. She has served us as officer in several ways starting out as Trustee in January 23, 1959. Helen has been the source of any and all information at her fingertips and was always helpful to new members, guiding their steps to be well-informed and capable members. We are deeply indebted to her and grateful for her unwavering, loyal commitment to William Paca Lodge. Thank you, Helen!

Peggy Ludwico has stepped in to be the interim Secretary and, as always we'll do all we can to make the transition a smooth one. Thank you, Peggy, we're all behind you. The new winner of the Virginia Linda Scholarship is Max Mifsud, son of Michelle Columbini Mifsud. Max is planning to major in Biology and perhaps do research for

health improvement. We wish him continued success in his studies and in Life. Congratulations, Max! Also present for this very special occasion was our Past President John Linda with his daughter, Christine Rivas. So good to have you among us, John!

We welcomed special guests of Jean Franceschi and Paula Chidichimo to our Crab Cioppino Dinner. It was a great success – every one said it was the best yet. Twelve year old Jimmy Marengo told Nonno, Carlo Marengo - the chef, how good it was and wanted to have that again real soon! The photo shows Carlo working his magic in the kitchen over the huge calderon. It was cioppino at its best with pasta, salad and soft, French bread. Sheer heaven! Gloria Ravetto served tapioca pudding for dessert – a perfect complement to the rich flavors of cioppino.

Amici e maccheroni, se non sono caldi, non sono buoni.

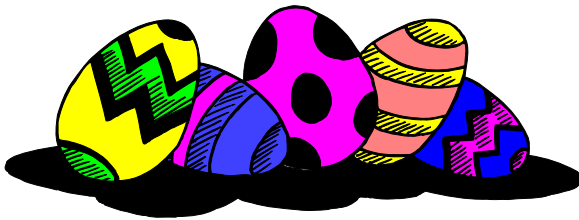


Carlo Marengo cooking crab.

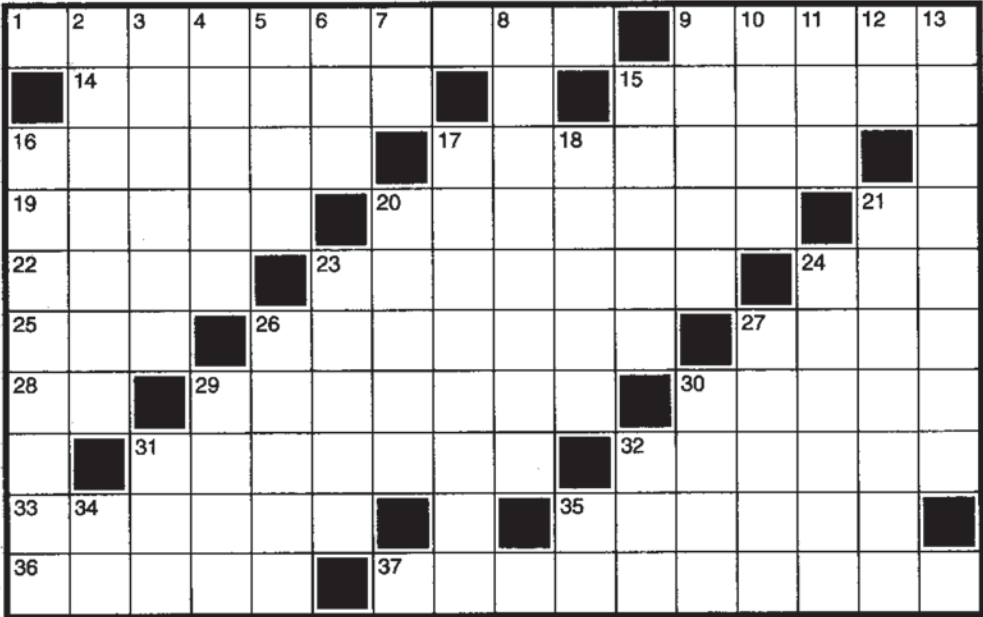


Virginia Linda Scholarship winner Max Mifsud.
L-R Christine Rivas, Max Mifsud, John Linda and Michelle Columbini Mifsud.

Saint Joseph's Day



CRUCIVERBA



ORIZZONTALI: 1. Si celebra 40 giorni dopo la Pasqua - 9. Lo contiene il liquore - 14. L'isola di Papeete - 15. Il nome di Clooney - 16. Congegno della carabina - 17. Basilica torinese - 19. Fungo... anche buono - 20. Il parto... col taglio - 21. Iniz. della Mondaini - 22. La cita. lo storico - 23. Antica moneta d'oro - 24. Radio Corporation of America - 25. Fa vedere rosso - 26. Una voce



— Ti richiamo io fra due minuti, Sara: il tempo di preparare una succulenta cenetta a mio marito...

della lirica - 27. Affluente della Mosella - 28. Simbolo chimico del ferro - 29. Piazzale della chiesa - 30. Assi di rotazione - 31. Asiatico di Damasco - 32. Si parla nel cantone dei Grigioni - 33. Fatto dal nulla - 35. Coperte ma non nascoste - 36. Fatto di metallo prezioso - 37. Assortimenti per venditori.

VERTICALI: 2. Immagazzinare sulla nave - 3. Radice per il minestrone - 4. Voce di richiamo - 5. Il Bixio con Garibaldi - 6. Una firma di Tofano - 7. Secondo - 8. Schifato - 9. Mezzo che decolla - 10. Simbolo aziendale - 11. Verso di cornacchia - 12. La prima metà di oggi - 13. Elenco di voci del dizionario - 15. Linguaggio... di categoria - 16. Cambiamento - 17. Avvolgibile di negozio - 18. Tessuto, stoffa - 20. Si salva... con i cavoli - 21. Manda l'immagine al computer - 23. Mesto e avvilito - 24. Pezzi da collezione - 26. Artigiano che cuce - 27. Vi fu sconfitto Napoleone III - 29. Tutela gli autori (sigla) - 30. Ladro... di guardia - 31. Titolo d'antico notaio - 32. In coppia con lui - 34. Un po' di rumore - 35. Le consonanti dei VIP.

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Centinela Valley Lodge #1991

Torrance, CA
by Annette Porter

Our January Delegates dinner was an enjoyable evening. We had a wonderful ravioli dinner, the food was great. Would like to thank Chefs Pat Porter, Joyce Barney, Lisa Hayes, Lynn Lavezzari and David Lavezzari and the group of members that help put this event together.

On Sunday March 13th we are having our Memorial Mass. Doors open at 1:00pm. Hope to see many of you.

Now we're already coming to the end of February, time goes by too fast. We are now planning our March "The Wake of Matty O'Malley Dinner Show, it is scheduled for Saturday March 19th. Come out and wear your green for St. Patty's Day!!! Mark your calendars. Tickets are selling fast. Please call Annette Porter (310) 371-1041 if you are interested in attending.



A few of our chefs for the evening. Without them we would not of been able to have a successful evening. Thanks to Joyce Barney, Lisa Hayes and Lynn Lavezzari.



This is a wonderful group enjoying each other's company. They are all members but two lovely ladies that enjoy coming to our dinner dance. Linda Barker, Bob and Irma Chiota, Elaine and Eleanor Bersano are current members.




90th
Save The Date
Saturday, April 16, 2016

Roseville Lodge #1413
90th anniversary dinner celebration

Sierra View Country Club
Roseville, California

Easter Græetings from the
Officers and Members of
Centingla Valley Lodge #1991



Annette Porter, President

A Very Happy Easter to all!
John Costa
Statæ 2nd Vice President
and wife Donna Lææ
Ritual & Protocol Chair





The officers and members of the
Renaissance Lodge #2259
wish you and your family a very
joyous Easter Season!



President David Prisco

Happy Easter!



Sadie Tamburine, State Orator
and husband Sid Tamburine

Cesare
Battisti
Lodge #1518
Petaluma, CA
by Les Villianyi

With an aging membership it is to be expected that we will lose members from time to time. However, we lost 2 wonderful long time members within 11 days of each other, Robert "Spag" Spagnola and Helen "Tippie" Spagnola. Spag passed away on February 3 and Tippy on February 14.

Spag was lodge president when I first joined and he was my mentor. He was also a strong force in the lodge and he and Tippy were always ready to help at lodge functions. For the past few years he acted as Chaplain and his wife as one of our Mistresses of Ceremonies. They were always surrounded by friends and were a sweet couple. They will be sorely missed! Our sincere condolences to their family.

Our February meeting's theme was Valentine's Day and we had our customary baked ham with scalloped potatoes expertly and deliciously made by Ed Santero and his group. Dessert as always was wonderful. (Who knew strawberries could taste so good in February?)

Our March 10 meeting's theme will be St. Patrick's Day and we will be having a wonderful Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. We are opening this to the public and it should be a great dinner. Please contact Elsie Albertoni at 707-762-4712 to make a reservation.

God bless you all!



Roseville Lodge
#1413
90th Anniversary
dinner celebration
Saturday, April 16, 2016

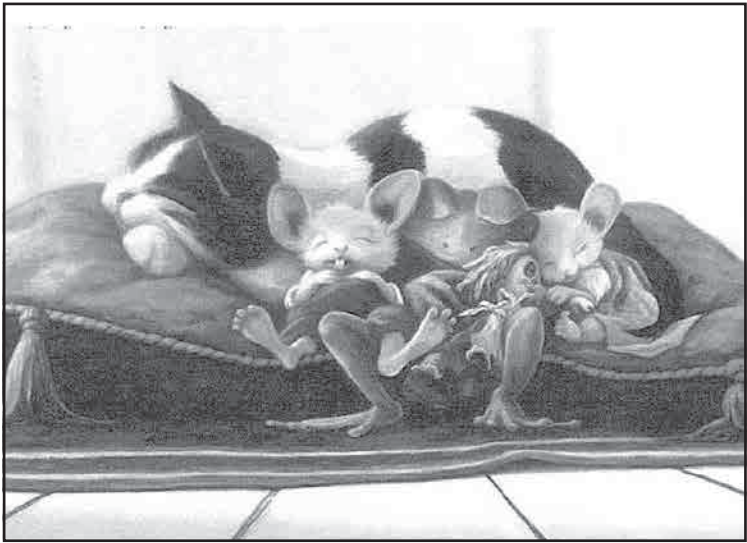
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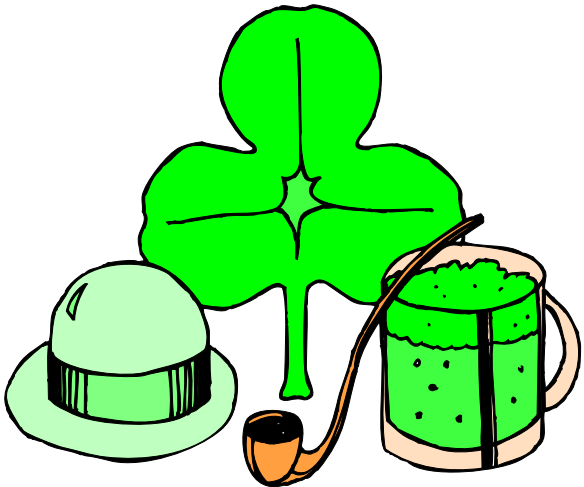
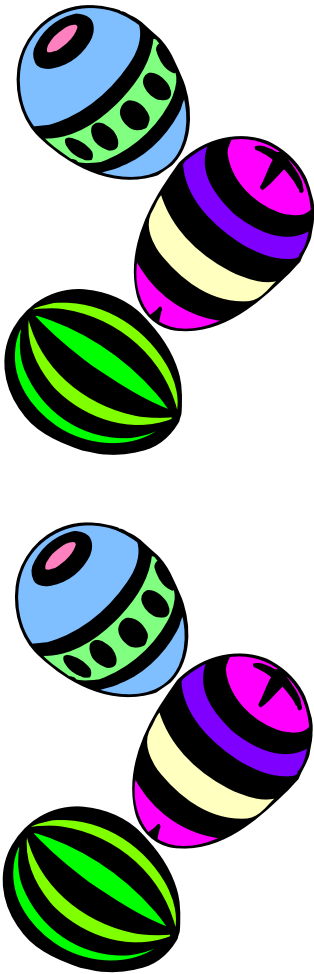


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Rodolfo Valentino

Lodge # 1449

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

Last month: A potato fest was had last month; folks brought the “fix’ns”, plus other accouterments to accent the potatoes; our birthday boy, Mike Catallo brought a great Cheese Cake and chocolate cookies for dessert. Other items that hit the spot were



Page from the past: Aurora Grossi, 1927 Queen for Sol; she was the sister of Lora Grossi a member of Clovis Sol at that time. photo from Fresno Bee; donated by her daughter, Judith (Manera) Pruess.

Italian Bean Soup, Italian Sausage, and a variety salads.

Also Last month: Pauline Richmond, State Trustee, Central, joined us for our meeting; she made announcements after our meeting to bring us up to date on Grand Lodge activities: the committee for review of the San Francisco Office and Hall is continuing; they will determine an assessed value for the hall, then, depending on the results, will prepare comments to the Lodge membership, such as, should the hall be sold(?); if so, where to relocate, or what to do with the money.

This month will be Pot Luck and side dishes, so bring your best and enjoy the rest. Remember, Maria De Medici, our favorite Italian Princess taught the French how to cook by bringing Italian chefs with her when she married the King of France. Italian cooking is always A1.

Repeat from last month: It’s not too early to be thinking of the Spring Pasta Fest; contact your friends and family

to make sure they are all aware of this yearly event. Our board elected to keep the same low price (\$15 for adults, \$7.50 for children), that we are famous for. We will be putting more emphasis on the silent auction this year because it was so popular at the last dinner, and, we will also maintain the raffle. Our music will again feature Rick DelCarlo on the accordion; space for dancing will be in front of the stage area.

We are sad to note the passing of Salutina (Lena) Catallo Daddino on February 15; she was a member of our lodge through her husband, Al Daddino, but also one of us through her parents, Domenico Catallo, B: 1890, D: 1964, and Maria D. Catallo, B: 1895, D: 1992. Domenico joined the lodge soon after our founding in 1927, followed a few years later in 1934 by Maria. Lena was an active member in our lodge, supporting the efforts of her spouse, Al, who is currently residing at the Armenian Home on Belmont Ave in Fresno. She was also an active member of the Italian Catholic Federation (ICF), having held several offices with them. She will be sorely missed by family, friends and others that have known her.

The better your education, the more choices you have in life –Unk. Now is the time for scholarship applications, so get thinking toward the coming year. Do you have a relative that could use a little boost or an assist while at college? If so, call our Scholarship Committee Chair, Isabel Ronzano, at (559) 297-0851. The Deadlines: for Clovis Lodge scholarships, the date is March 31, 2016; for California State Grand Lodge Scholarships: March 1, 2017 for next year; and for National scholarships the date is generally November to February of any year (for more information go to <http://www.osia.org/students/scholarships.php>).

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; <http://rodolfovalentinolodge.com/> is our web-site.

Enrico Caruso

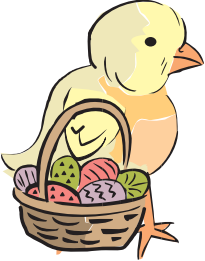
Lodge # 1463

Visalia, CA

Our lodge had a Good & Bad month. The Good. We had our Mardi Gras Dinner to crown our lodge Queen, Christine Bianco. It was a great affair. Donna Grist was the chairperson and she did a great job of decorating. We had a 50/50 board and Lawrence Romanazzi sold 1,000 of the tickets. At our February dinner meeting, we honored our members that have been in the lodge 50 years or more. They were: Lawrence Romanazzi – 66 years; Carmaline Giotta – 60 years; Larry Romanazzi 50 years; Donna Grist – 50 years; Vito Mastrangelo – 50 years and Mary Brown 40 years. Past Lodge President Lawrence Romanazzi and Past Lodge President Angelo Mirizzi, (who was not able to attend), are the most senior members of our lodge with 66 years of membership. The Bad. Three of our members passed away this month. Grace Zenner, Joe Gensiracusa and Manuel Toledo. Manuel was Carmaline Giotta’s brother. Hopefully, next month, we will have the good and no bad. Ciao



Buona Pasqua
Happy Easter
from
the members of
Joanne Coccia
Lodge #2553



Manny Finazzo
President

La Costa dei Fiore

Lodge # 2424

Encinitas, CA
by Mary DeFalco

What a great start to the New Year!! As I mentioned in the last article, we are “under new management” and committed to making our monthly meeting a great source of fun, a place to meet new friends and learn something new. February began with guests from a local olive oil business called “23c”. What a wonderful way to have begun their journey as they shared the story of how they met, went into business together and what they learned about olive oil production. Their story goes like this:

Driven by principle and purpose, Olio23 is a project to educate and spread the message of health and enjoyment that is true Italian olive oil. The story begins in February 2013 when Luca and Peter, Italian-American best friends who met surfing in Encinitas, decide to undertake a passion project in Olive Oil. An Italian family contact in Puglia, who had olive oil running through his veins, was eager to help out. And so our weekly Skype calls began, with Pasquale telling us all about the trees, the farmers, the practices, the soil the milling process

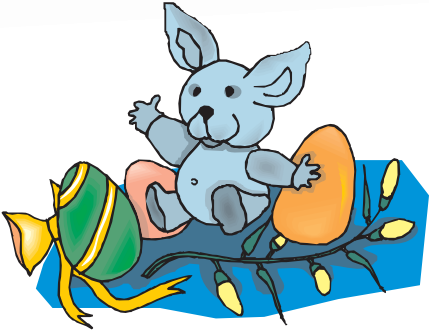
and his beloved Coratina. A large part of the story regarded industry manipulation of the product and blending of olive oil and how this was hurting the small family farms was validated by yet another respected source after some initial doubt. The olive oil industry as we know it here in the United States, was being broken. We truly hope you recognize the uncompromising commitment to quality of our product from harvesting practices to milling to packaging. We are proud to say that our Coratina tested at 0.2% acidity, peroxide level of 6.1 and polyphenol count of 1191mg/kg!!! We retested the oil in October and got a result of 952mg/kg! This oil preserves and heals like few others.

We were all very attentive to this delightful story of Italian friendship and olive oil history. I hope you have enjoyed this short slice of what we learned that night. Now let’s all go into the kitchen for some good Italian bread and olive oil, and start eating.

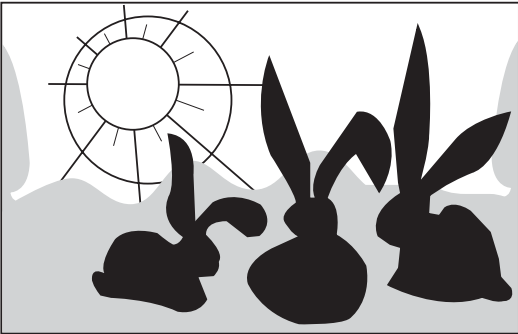
Godetevi il vostro piatto preferito con la vostra persona preferita! Noi tutti condividiamo il segreto di sapere che il cibo italiano è il migliore!

Puzzle answers from page 13

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Buona Pasqua
To all our Sisters & Brothers
from the Hacienda Lodge #2168



Hanford Lodge # 1543

Hanford, CA
by Jackie Giacomazzi
jackiegiacomazzi@gmail.com



Jackie Giacomazzi, HazelAnn Christin, Suzanne Venturino , Jim Venturino, (chief cook) and Michael Leoni prepare braciole for the Hanford Lodge #1543 “Sweetheart Serenade” dinner held on February 8. Approximate 200 guests enjoyed the food and listened to the music of Rick Del Carlo on the accordion and Josh Bravo, vocalist.



President Louise Silacci and Debbie Nardini, prepare water pitchers for the tables.



Janis Hansen, event chair, greets Lilia Giacomazzi during the meal



Michael Leoni, Mark Nardini, Tony Tesoriere, Steve Henkel and Matt Gomes all help stir the pot of pasta.

I'm an Italian American

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.



The sit down dinner was served by these capable members: Mycela Leoni, Megan Henkel, Alyssa Leoni, Vicki Toss, Nancy Allen, Toni Natali and Carol Todd. A raffle and a silent auction were on the evening's agenda. The members of the Hanford Lodge thank all our members and guests who came to help celebrate mardi gras as well as our “Sweetheart Serenade” .HAPPY EASTER TO ALL.

Weed Lodge

1269

Weed, CA
By Peggy Soletti

We hosted our first ever Valentine Dinner on Saturday, February 13. Chairs Jon Elsnab and Brenda Zandona and their kitchen crew served a meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, rolls, and dessert to about 50 diners. Karen Dettman not only dressed the tables in Valentine décor, but had Valentine worthy door prizes for four lucky winners. Those that attended felt it was one of the best roast beef dinners around! Kudos to the kitchen! Of course, the bartenders, set up crew, and cleanup crew are to be commended for their ongoing help.

Our new chest freezer has been delivered and will add much needed food storage space. We also recently purchased a new sound system to replace the aging and temperamental unit in the hall. Both updates were made possible by the donations to our Project Boards.

Additionally, the Weed High School Athletic Hall of Fame Board contributed \$200 toward the sound system which made the purchase very affordable for the Lodge.

This organization hopes to continue the philanthropic ideals of its founder, the late Martin Garcia. We graciously applaud the donation.

Our next catering event is the Weed Historic Lumber Town Museum's annual chicken and ravioli dinner on March 12. This is one of the bigger fundraising events for both the Lodge and the Museum and we usually "pack the house." Tickets can be purchased from Museum board members until March 7.

As with the rest of the country, we are saddened by the passing of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. Regardless of one's political affiliation or personal opinion, Justice Scalia was undeniably an intelligent and respected Justice who made an impressive impact on our country and will be remembered in history books.

The last two days, we have weathered wind, snow, and rain and know more is in the forecast. Yet, we hear few complaints since we want the lakes to fill and the snowpack to be plentiful. Our advice - sit by the fire and stay warm and dry!

From Northern California,
Ciao



Eureka Lodge # 1274

Eureka, CA
by Heidi Benzonelli, State Deputy Eureka Lodge

The Eureka Lodges meeting on January 26 was a Polenta Topping Potluck. Everyone brought toppings which ranged from Rabbit and Lamb to Meatballs and Marinara.

Jerry Colivas, our historian gave a great continuation if his speech regarding the history of Italians in Humboldt County, it included stories about families and then members told stories about their families too.

Joe Bonino motioned to send the new Diamond Valley Lodge in Hemet, California a \$25 donation, Gene Perricelli recommended to amend it to \$100, Joe gladly agreed to amend the motion and with a second from Gene Senestraro we send our donation and best wishes to this new lodge.

We are gearing up for another exciting year. 2016 events include: our New Member Initiation and Valentine's Day themed meeting in February, the Lodges 92nd Anniversary Celebration in March, the Chicken and Polenta Feed in April, Mother's and Father's day Potluck in May, the Convention in Sparks Nevada in June (once there was a Convention in Eureka), Mezzo Agosto Mass, BBQ and Celebration in August, the Italian Festival in September, Veterans Stand Down and Chicken and Polenta Feed in October, Lady Veterans Luncheon in November, and our Christmas Party in December!

Lodge members, Italians and Americans mourned the passing of Justice Antonin Scalia on February 13th. The following are excerpts from

a Public Radio International Story written by Christopher Wolf quoting Antonin Scalia's Biographer Joan Biskupic.

Justice Scalia was the son of an immigrant from Sicily, and proud of his Italian heritage. He was born in Trenton, New Jersey, and raised in Queens in a neighborhood full of immigrant families: Italian, Irish, German, and Jewish. His father, Salvatore, refused to speak English to anyone until he had mastered the language, but once he did he went on to get a Ph.D. from Columbia University. Learning was critical: His dad became a Romance language professor; his mom an elementary teacher.

Scalia's Italian heritage was also probably what got him through a smooth confirmation back in 1986. Then as now, Supreme Court appointments could be very controversial. Democratic Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts was planning to give the conservative Scalia a hard time, until he was reminded how many Italian Americans lived in his state. And according to Ronald Regan's Presidential Papers "just about every Italian American group in the country sent in an endorsement." Justice Scalia's appointment meant a huge amount to the Italian community.

If you are interested in attending any of our Lodge's Events or you would like to reach us directly, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Order.Sons.of.Italy.Eureka

PUGLIESE LODGE # 1375

HAPPY EASTER

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The officers and members,
of the
Saddleback Valley Lodge
wish you a
happy Easter





Happy Easter

United Lodges of Southern California

Gabe Domenici, President

Easter Greetings


from the

Officers & Members of the ANAHEIM LODGE #2076


Buona Pasqua



Wishing everyone a Joyous Easter Season



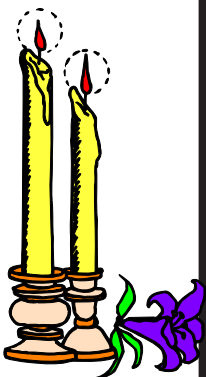
From The Members of the Enrico Caruso Lodge #1463



"From Visalia With Love"



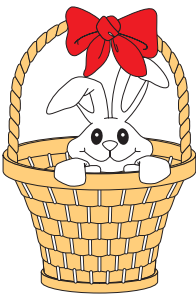
Wishing everyone
a Happy Easter
Barbara Fumosa Wisniewski,
State Treasurer
and husband Ken



Happy Easter
State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi
and husband, Mark



Wishing everyone
a Happy Easter



Hugh and Pam Ricci, State Arbitor

Buona Pasqua a Tutti Miei Fratelli e' Sorelle!!
Happy Easter to all My Brothers & Sisters!!



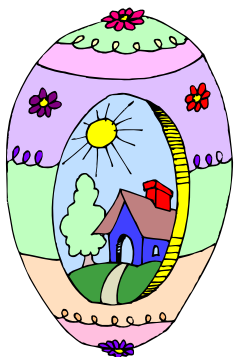
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Wishing All A
Happy Easter



Roseville Lodge # 1413

Roseville, CA
by Yvonne Vanoni

A festive red valentine theme greeted members for our monthly Dinner on February 18th. As usual, our kitchen volunteers out-did themselves with Roasted potatoes & green beans with mushrooms to accompany the well-seasoned roast beef. To top it off, Armando DiAnda had beautifully decorated valentine chocolate cupcakes & cream puffs. President, Marlene Cristanelli called married couples to come up & tell how they met. It created lots of interest & quite a few laughs. Adding to the fun was music by Susan & Frank Carrion, & members. Thanks to our generous members, we had a great raffle.

Roseville Lodge will be participating in the Lodi Festa Italiana on May 22. Under the leadership of Louie Lodi, we will have a booth serving Italian pastries.

Members are asked to collect & save their unwanted stuff for La Grandioso garage sale at The Club at Westpark on Saturday, June 4th.

More info to follow on our Bocci tournament coming up on June 11th.

Our 90th Lodge anniversary celebration will be held in the beautiful setting of Sierra View Country Club. We invite all our Sons of Italy members & friends to Roseville on April 16th. We will be honoring our long-time members & have musical entertainment planned. (see our ad in this issue for details)



John Watson, jr, member Sofia Watson with Grandpa Roy Vanoni.



L) Edna Bertucci & George Manzone , RF) Louie Lodi, Liliana Manzone, Armando Dianda.



L - R) Tom Tomasi, Bruno Novi, Armando Dianda



Vincenzo Bellini Lodge # 2519

Chico, CA
by Jeanne Smith

My apologies for not publishing an article last month, but I had a good reason. Our 17 year old grandson was born with a malformed right ear, microtia with atresia, is the term for this condition. Fortunately although his ear had no opening, the inner ear, was mostly intact. After surgery in San Francisco to open his ear canal late last year, surgery was done at Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Beverly Hills to give him a complete outer ear. Since Don and I are retired, we took it upon ourselves to research doctors and hospitals, mostly Don, and to make ourselves available to take our grandson to his numerous appointments and to be with our family for the very intricate surgery. I am very happy to say that, Dr Rinesch has given our grandson an amazing new ear!

Our 29th Annual Spaghetti Dinner took place on April 12th. Lodge members really come together for this fundraiser, many have been playing the same roll for years, and it has a life of its own. This year in addition to our dinner, we had an incredible car show in the parking lot. One of our members, Joe Azzarito, single handedly rounded up the cars and their owners for this segment! What a great draw, everyone enjoys beautifully restored cars! This year I helped with tickets sales at the door, and was surprised to hear from several attendees that they come every year. They really look forward to it, the food really is delicious! The proceeds from this event are used to fund our scholarship program for local graduating high school seniors. Thanks to the Shasta Lodge and the Paradiso Lodge for support-

ing our efforts again this year! Your comradery means a lot to us! Congratulations to our Orator, John Jefsen, for a great job chairing our main fundraiser.

As a reminder to our members and guests, our 33rd Anniversary Dinner Dance is scheduled to take place at Canyon Oaks Country Club, 999 Yosemite Drive, Chico, on May 16th at 6:00pm. Dress is Semi-Formal. No host cocktails will be from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, followed by a chef-attended pasta bar. Entertainment will be by Dylan Smith, one of our junior members, who will be our DJ for the evening. Tickets are \$20.00 and will be sold in advance only! Please send your check payable to S.O.I., to Vincenzo Bellini Lodge, P.O. Box 736, Chico, CA 95973. Members please bring an item for the raffle!

Sadly, we recently lost one of our members, Rudy Marcozzi. The Altar was draped in his honor at our meeting on April, 16th and we shared a moment of silence. Rudy owned a jewelry store in Oroville, CA; he supported the lodge several times by donating a lovely item to be auctioned off.

Plans are being made for the Golf Tournament we host each year in conjunction with the Western Foundation. The date is set for October 19, 2015, plan on a full day of fun, finishing with a wonderful banquet. Mike Smith is looking for sponsors, big and small!

Please enjoy the photos from our Spaghetti Dinner! Please go to our website for more photos, there are some really great stuff there, www.sonsofitalychico.com.
Ciao!

America Lodge # 1609

La Habra, CA
by Yolanda Campanelli,
Historian

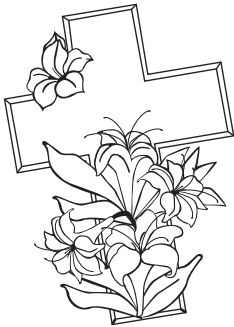
The Lodge members are looking forward to the "White Elephant Sale" on Sunday February 21, 2016, should be a fun afternoon. We'll let you know how it turns out.

March will be a busy month for all of us, as we prepare for "Our Special Italian Lunch" Fundraiser, scheduled for Sunday afternoon, April 17, 2016, 1:00 pm at the La Habra Community Center, La Habra Ca. This has always been a great event, excellent food, super raffle prizes, dancing to the fabulous Sicilian Band. Come join us, it's nice to share good times with State Officers and members of other lodges. Cost: Adults \$15.00, kids (12 and under) \$8.00. For further information and tickets contact Ann Eaton (562) 691-0635 or Jeanine Smorowski (562) 943-5505. See you all here!!!

The May meeting will have the men participating in the "Cake Baking Contest"

In past contests the cakes have been very delicious and cleverly decorated. The cakes need to be good as they are the refreshments for the meeting.

Some time during the summer the plans are to have a "Picnic" with the lodge providing Watermelons. More details to follow. America Lodge has become a very active, productive group. Lots more activities are in the planning stages. Ciao



Wishing everyone a Happy Easter

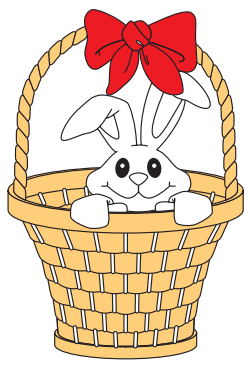


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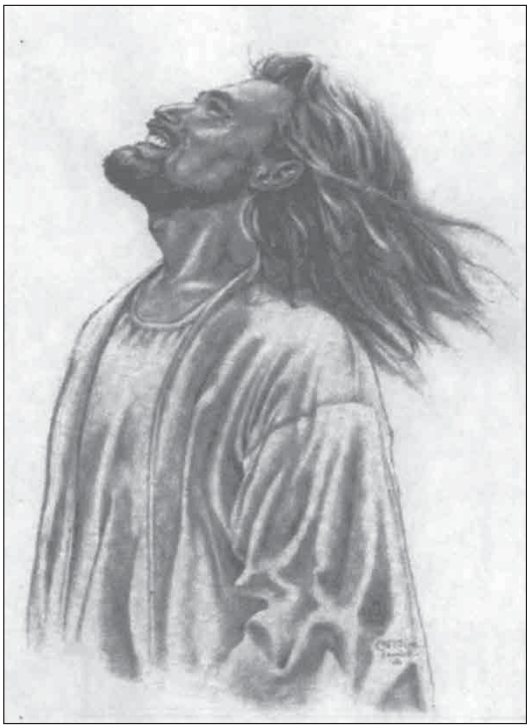
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The members of the C. Columbo Lodge #1315
Antioch, California
wishes everyone a joyous Easter!



Buona Pasqua
from State Trustee North
Joy Bruno



Praying for peace
and harmony
throughout the world!

Saint Josph's Day



The Officers, Members, Youth Group
(the future of our Order) and Lodge
Queen Karli Draxler of Hanford Lodge
#1543 wish everyone a
very happy Easter.



St. Patrick's Day

Shasta Lodge # 2453

Redding, CA
by Carole Dellaragione

Hello from Shasta Lodge. We hope all of you had a nice Valentine's Day!

At the end of January we had a dinner at our lodge for the Redding Police Department's Explorers. The Chief of Police Rob Paoletti and his officers served the cadets. We were very fortunate that night to have dinner prepared by Chef James Leedy and students from Shasta Union High School District's Savor the Flavor Culinary Club. The students need outside catering experience for their grade and they did a great job for us. We were able to help two groups of young men and women from our community in one evening and picked up a couple of talented Junior Members for our lodge, too. Win-Win

The following week we held our annual Crab Feed on Friday and Saturday nights. Because we had to change the date due to the California Crab season being closed, we did not completely sell out on Friday, but still had a very successful event. Thanks to Paul Monette and Jim Nobili for a great job as chairs, and to all their volunteers.

Work continued in the parking lot with a lift brought in to replace lights on the poles. We also brought in a couple of truckloads of gravel to fill in the "lakes" created by all the rain. Thanks to John Tasello for heading up this job.

We held our 36th Anniversary Party on February 20th . Our Most Honored Member of 2015 was named. Richard "Richie" Mignano is a charter

member of our lodge. Rich and his wife Stella have been working at lodge events for 36 years, even when he was on crutches he set them aside to work on a grill for an event. Our sincere appreciation goes to Rich for all his years of dedication to Shasta Lodge.

We were very pleased to have some guests from other Lodges at our Anniversary Party. We had John Jefsen and wife Lorna, Orator of the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge in Chico; Joe Azzarito and wife Ellie, Trustee at the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge in Chico; Marlene Cristanelli, President of the Roseville Lodge; Renzo Razzaroli, Vice President of the Roseville Lodge; Donna Lee Costa, President of the St. Helena Lodge; Richard Luzzi, State Trustee of the North; and John Costa, 2nd Vice President of the Grand Lodge of California. Thanks to Kris Dickey and Carole Dellaragione for chairing the Anniversary Party. Also on the morning of February 20th, Jim Giacomelli from Shasta Lodge helped a local group of neighbors called the Friends of Rolling Hills Playground prepare for a BBQ lunch fundraiser. Jim BBQ'ed 70 polish sausages, 76 hot dogs, and prepared chili at the SOI Lodge kitchen which was taken to the Rolling Hills Park lunch fundraising event. At the fundraiser the Friends of Rolling Hills Playground raised over \$600.00 toward their new play equipment. Thanks Jim G. Happy St. Patrick's Day from your friends at Shasta Lodge.



Sharon Roberts and Gerry Carroll selling Raffle Tickets at Shasta Lodge Crab Feed.



A couple of the Redding Police Department Explorers Club prepare for presentation at dinner

Rich - Richard "Richie" Mignano is named "Most Honored Member of 2015" at Shasta Lodge's 36th Anniversary Dinner.



Beckie Patterson show some of Crab at Shasta Lodge Crab Feed.



Chef James Leedy (far left) with three of his students prepare dinner at Shasta Lodge. Mrs. Leedy in background.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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