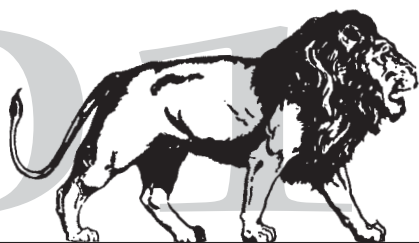


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A Message From The State President



by Lynn Lawrence-Murphy
State President

"Fratellanza"

As many have been battling the cold and rainy weather, Bill & I have had the pleasure of enjoying a warm, cozy environment while continuing to visit many of our lodges. The internal warmth and hospitality definitely overshadows the external frigid, wet elements outdoors.

After enjoying a wonderful and relaxing Christmas Holidays with family and friends, Bill & I were rejuvenated. We were back on the road in early January attending lodge meetings and events. Of course, Wednesday, January 6th we attended our St. Helena Lodge Meeting where our members and the Napa members sadly decided to cancel the Napa / St. Helena Annual Crab Feed due to the closure of the crab season on much of the Pacific Coast. It forced our member into researching alternative and new ways to raise funds. I know many other lodges in the Northern and Central Areas had to do the same thing, but being a group of determined, creative and inventive Italian Americans several different venues were researched and different types of fundraisers were put into place. God bless our ancestral genes that make us the strong and productive members we are. On Thursday, January 7th, we attended the Pugliese Lodge Dinner Meeting. So great to finally be able to visit with this group (which includes many past and present State Officers and Chairs) and to meet and become acquainted with several new members. Another wonderful meal to enjoy. The next night, we attended the

Saddleback Valley Lodge's Dinner Meeting. So nice to have again several State Officers and Chairs in attendance as well as having State Trustee from the North Richard Luzi there. Unfortunately, they had to postpone the crowning of their Queen Baylin Herington and the installation of several new members due to illnesses. The Lodge's 1st Lady Louise Pampuro also missed recovering from pneumonia. Pete Dito shared a delightful slide show of his vacation to Milano this past fall. Back home and on Wednesday, January 13th, it was over to Antioch to attend the C. Colombo Lodge Meeting. Their Queen Mary Lucido and several officers were also unable to attend due to illness. Pray for a speedy recovery for all our ill members. Tuesday, January 19th, we travelled to El Dorado Hills to attend the Gold Country's Pot Luck Dinner Meeting. We truly have outstanding cooks within our lodges as demonstrated by the wonderful pot lucks. As Bill often states, "Another fabulous pot luck". They were preparing for a Shrimp and Tri Tip Dinner to be held on January 23rd in place of their Crab Feed. Lodge President John Statti introduced 5 new members consisting of two families who were eager to become part of the Gold Country Family and were ready and prepared to work for the lodge. Great way to begin a New Year with new members joining.

January 23rd, I had the pleasure of initiating 28 new members in the newly installed Diamond Valley Lodge. Congratulations President Joe Scarsella and all your Officers and Members. Welcome to the Grand Lodge of California Family. I would like to thank all the State Officers and Chairs, Filial Lodge Officers and Members who were in attendance and the many lodges that donated monies and sent congratulatory wishes to welcome our new baby lodge. A wonderful luncheon followed the Installation Ceremony with over 100 people in attendance. It was so exciting and rewarding to have a new lodge welcomed into our family in such a warm fraternal manner.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Grand Council Meeting to be held in Santa Ana at the DoubleTree Hotel on March 19th. We would like all of you to join us.

Recording Secretaries, I ask that you please share with your lodge members all the communications sent out by the Grand Lodge. We are trying to keep everyone abreast of all that is happening within the Grand Lodge. In turn, members don't forget your State Officers including your State President (most of all) are only a phone call away to answer any questions or concerns you may have. We are here to serve you!

In closing, Bill & I wish you all a very Happy Valentine's Day!

A New Lodge Is Born

by Andy Pampuro

On Saturday, January 23, 2016, a new lodge became a reality in the city of Hemet, California and will be known as the Diamond Valley Lodge. The installation of this lodge took place at the Anchor Bay Club Restaurant in Hemet. It was well attended by many of our state officers as well as members of the various lodges. The Joanne Coccia Lodge in Fontana is the Madrina Lodge and their officers all took their positions and opened the installation. Our State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy presided over the initiation of the new members of the new lodge with Second State Vice President John Costa acting as Herald. After the initiation the installation of the lodge's officers took place and once they received their regalia they all were escorted to their places. The president of the Diamond Valley Lodge is Joe Scarsella. He looked very proud as he accepted the gavel from our state president. Hank Lowinger, a member of the Saddleback Valley Lodge, was appointed their state deputy. Many donations were made to the new lodge to help them get a good start as a lodge in our great Order.

The dignitaries who were in attendance were our State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy, her husband Bill who is the chair of the Grand Lodge Home Committee, State Second Vice President John Costa and his wife Donne Lee who is the Ritual and Protocol Committee Chair, State Third Vice President Ted Seibel and his wife, Lucille, State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi, State Financial Secretary Gabe Domenici and his wife, Mardell, State Trustee South Marco Zonni and his wife, Nina, State Trustee North Joy Bruno, Past State President David Prisco, Past State President Chris Lotito and his wife, Mary, who is the Athletic Committee Chair, Past State President Joseph LaBanca and his wife, Mary, Scholarship Committee Chair Rosemarie Vanderhaar, Italian Language and Culture Chair Vita Zaccaria, Media Committee Chair Andy Pampuro and his wife, Louise, and our beautiful State Queen Emily Eslick.

Following the festivities a delicious buffet was served enjoyed by all. We certainly wish the new lodge much success and with them the best.



The president of the new lodge Joe Scarsella with our State President Lynn Lawrence-Murphy.



The new lodge flag

**Please join the Royal Court of
the Golden Lion.
Any donation would be
appreciated. It is for
a good cause. Call Chris Lotito
for more information.**

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From the Editor's Desk

by Andy Pampuro
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I went for a swallowing test the last week in December and I did not pass so it it back to the drawing board with more therapy and patience. I will get there yet. Thanks for all your concern and prayers. Congratulations to the our new lodge, the Diamond Valley Lodge, which was installed into our Order on Saturday, January 23, 2016. It was a great affair and we certainly wish the new lodge much success. You can read all about the event starting on the front page.

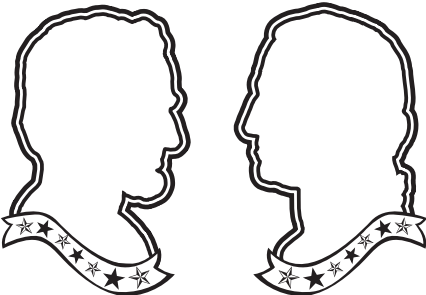
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Debbie, Louise and I wish you all a very happy Valentine's Day. May you spend the day with your loved one having a great romantic time.



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News from the Central

by Arlene Nunziati
State 1st Vice President



Our rain has come and is still coming. No complaints, we really need it and my lawn is nice and green again!

January has been a very busy month especially trying to get back into a routine after all the partying and holidays.

The committee is hard to work on the GALA to be held at the Hilton Hotel in Santa Clara September 17. 2016. We are currently working on our honorees and still awaiting word of acceptance from them. Mark the date please.

The 365 Fundraiser seems to be doing very well. Looks like more tickets have been sold this year which is a good thing. They are still available so send in your \$30.00 and ticket stub. The first winners of 2016 were recently chosen.

I made a visit to the Valley this month and attended two great meetings. Thank you to State Trustee Joy Bruno who accompanied me and thank you to State Trustee Pauline Richmond for her hospitality. We stayed with Pauline for two days and had a delightful tour of Exeter. What a quaint town! First on the agenda was attending the monthly meeting of the Hanford Lodge where I enjoyed a delicious polenta dinner cooked and donated by the Leoni and Nardini Families. An initiation of 11 new members was held, 6 of those being children! It was a great meeting, expertly ran by President Louise Silacci. I have been to several of their events but it is completely different attending a meeting. It was a great evening and a great experience. It was wonderful to see Past State Queen Kelsey Counter there; her

little nephew and Hazel Ann's great grandson was initiated. Speaking of experiences, the next day Janis Hansen took us to the Superior Dairy for an ice cream sundae. Everyone told us to only order one scoop. We did but that sundae was like ten scoops of ice cream where I live!!! OMG to die for but of course we couldn't finish it!!! Thank you Janis.

Thursday evening I attended the meeting of the Enrico Caruso Lodge where it was so good to see so many old friends. Another delicious dinner prepared by their chef Larry and staff, steak and pasta! A great meeting run by President Nick Notarnicola and one new member initiated. Again, must reiterate, you have to attend meetings to really see how lodges are doing. Visalia has many exciting events coming up, lobster dinner, pancake breakfasts. What deals for very reasonable prices. State Queen Emily stopped in to see us and I was thrilled to see her.

I am sorry that I was unable to attend the installation of our new Diamond Valley Lodge due to my Mother's birthday but I wish them much success and hope to meet them very soon.

By being home that weekend, I was able to attend the annual Cornelia Vita Nuova Polenta Dinner which I haven't been able to attend the last couple of years. Delicious polenta, my favorite, as always.

A few tidbits from the office. The staff would like to remind all regular members to please update your beneficiaries. New forms may be obtained from your Financial Secretary. Also a note to Financial Secretaries, please carefully check your per capita invoice regarding junior members. All junior members turning twenty six (26) years of age are classified as "Associate". If you want their status changed to Regular, please contact the office.

My sincere sympathy to the Pignati Family on the loss of Ugo's beloved mother. She was such a wonderful lady.

Ciao until next month.

News from the North

by John Costa
State 2nd Vice President



As you are reading this we have just completed installing our newest lodge. Congratulations and welcome to the Diamond Valley Lodge members. We look forward to seeing you in the future. What a great way to start off the New Year. Membership is the key to our future. Just think if every member would bring in one new member this year. Let's challenge ourselves to do this.

As we enter into the second month of the first quarter, state deputies, it is time o start working on those reports. This is a vital way of communication between the local lodges and the Grand Lodge vice president. It's time to get caught up and turn in all those back reports also.

February is a time for valentines, chocolate and flowers. A nice gift that can give back multiple times is the "365" winner every day raffle tickets. You can get one for your sweetheart or just for friend that gives you a ride. They are still available and some of the big prizes are in the horizon.

I am looking forward to attending the Diablo Valley lodges 50th anniversary party this month and trying to rearrange my schedule to attend the Shasta Lodge's anniversary also later this month. It's amazing when you think back in time when these lodges started. I am typing this on a laptop and emailing it to our editor. Back then I would be writing it or typing it on a typewriter and mailing it. The changes keep on coming and we as a Grand Lodge and local lodges need to realize these changes.

We celebrate two US Presidents birthday's this month, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. How about each lodge recognize their own president and show their appreciation for what they do for your lodge. A simple Thank You for being president goes a long way.

"Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. It comes to us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it is put in our hands, it hopes we have learned something from yesterday" John Wayne. Think about it!

Until next month, ciao

News from the South

by Ted Seibel
State 3rd Vice President
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We elect our Local Lodge and Grand Lodge officers because hopefully they were the best choice to lead us and we give them our trust and support to guide us to success.

Who are these people we call our leaders? The truth is they are ordinary people like you and me. They live, eat, breathe, laugh, love, cry and make mistakes like us. They are good people that abhor pain and suffering for their fellow man. They want a better life for their children and their children's children. They usually have experience in leadership, which includes wisdom. They don't have an ego problem because people aren't fooled for very long and wouldn't allow such a person to lead them.

Officers are aware they must make difficult decisions based on logic and reason and must ignore their conflicting emotions. They know they must face their decisions, whether right or wrong, good or bad. They know they must lead with understanding and compassion, rather than an iron hand.

When we think about it, our officers receive a huge responsibility when we vote them into a leadership position. They must satisfy their membership, because failure by leaders carves away the key ingredient of a lodge ... membership. Is your lodge membership growing? If so, then tell your officers they are doing good. Everyone needs an occasional attaboy. If it isn't growing, then simply ask them, "Why?"

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Monterey #2003	2/5/50
Diablo Valley #216	2/13/66
Shasta #2453	2/23/80
Joanne Coccia #2553	2/19/84

Congratulations!!!



Membership Committee

by Joe Simoni
Membership Chairperson
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So begins a new year of expectations, excitement, challenges and hopes for a better tomorrow. Your membership committee has been focused on ways to increase and retain our membership. We have had several discussions on the tools needed to accomplish this goal. On Saturday, January 16th, the committee met from 10:30 – 4:00 to review the Membership Manual to determine what needed to be changed and added to make it more user friendly and have included several modifications. The committee has decided to schedule Membership seminars in each district. The major difference between these seminars and the others is that, once the seminars have concluded, each committee member is assigned a follow-up meeting with the lodges in their respective areas to validate the progress being made in implementing the recommen-

dations made in the seminars and to answer any questions the lodge may have. When your lodge is contacted that a committee member will be at your meeting, please make them feel welcome and allow them time to make their short presentation. As of this writing, it is in the draft stages but will be ready for our first seminar. The Good News: the 4th quarter brought us 52 new members. Congratulations to the top 3 lodges: ROMA (6); ANAHEIM (5); C. COLOMBO (3). There were also 4 members who came back to the family (reinstated). The not so good news: There were 81 cancellations and 25 who transferred to the Grand Lodge in the Sky. The Net Total for the 4th quarter of 2015: -50. I gave you a few recommendations in my last article on minimizing your membership base, and I will end this article with a few more: 1) Prepare flyers, newspaper articles and talk to other organizations about your lodge; 2) Get volunteers from other organizations to help and offer your services for their events; 3) Create a Board made up of junior members. According to the Grand Lodge, we ended the year with 5,172 members. Sounds pretty good, huh? Oh, did I mention that included in that total are 726 junior members? Do the math. Let's work together to reverse this slide before it's too late.

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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.



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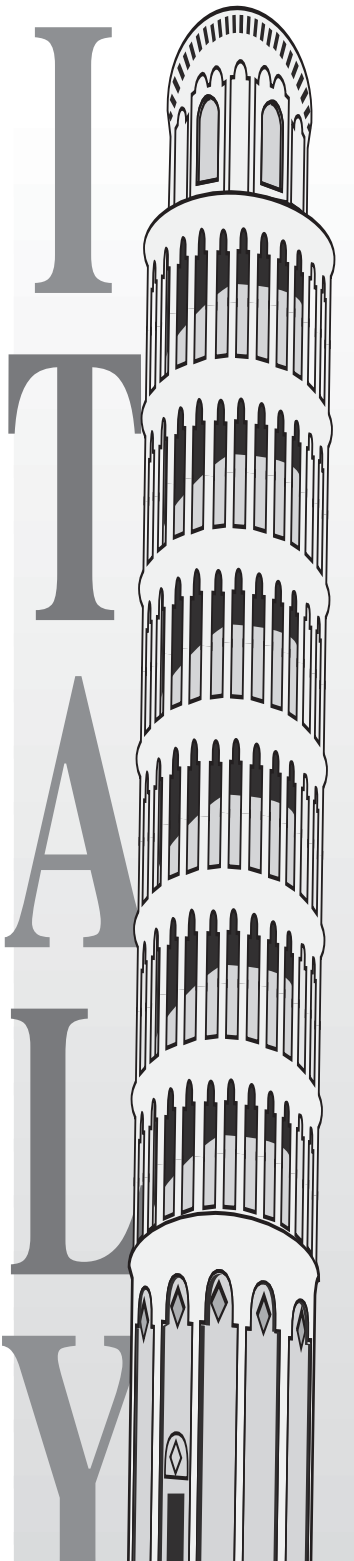
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The True Meaning of Valentine’s Day

by Tony Ricevuto



A lot of us never knew the history behind Valentine Day. The below article explains the Italian influence and how Saint Valentine became the inspiration behind the saga. This day brings together lovers, families, friends and children and brings happiness for one day to the world. Happy Valentines Day to all members of Sons of Italy, and IL Leone readers.

Valentine’s Day is always celebrated on February 14th in most major countries throughout the world. It has an extensive history and it is also ranks second to retail sales right behind Christmas. We pamper our significant others with Valentine’s Day gifts and this increases retail sales immensely throughout the year. It’s more than just a holiday for celebrating love. Consumer spending results in major retail sales that help many businesses beat their bottom line each year. Research shows that a man spends twice as much as women and generates a great business for Valentine’s Day cards, candy, and jewelry. Flowers, candy red hearts and romance is this what Valentine’s Day is all about? Well, maybe not? Surprisingly this day is also beneficial for private investigators conducting surveillances on cheating spouses and or girlfriends. I found a great quote from anonymous “*Valentine’s Day is when a lot of married couples are reminded what a poor shot cupid really is.*”

Many people I have talked to really don’t know the origins of St. Valentine’s day. Its roots lie in the ancient Roman pagan festival of Lupercalia. For over 800 years the Romans dedicated this date to the God Luper-cus. A young man would draw the name of a young woman in a lottery and would then keep the woman as a sexual companion for the year. Not sure if this was a better deal than a modern day Powerball/ lottery (You would have a better chance of winning that’s for sure). The Catholic Church had enough so they change it to a lottery to have both young

men and woman draws the names of saints whom they would then emulate for the year. This continued to be an occasion for young men to seek the affections of women and it became a tradition to give out handwritten messages of admiration that included a Valentine’s Day message. Does this sound like the countless Valentine’s Day cards that we received from grade school on to our adult life?

St. Valentine was a Roman Catholic priest who encouraged Romans to marry within the church in contrast to the Roman Emperor who edicted a proclamation that prohibited the marriage of young people. St. Valentine secretly married them and was eventually caught, imprisoned and tortured for performing marriage ceremonies. He became known as a patron saint of lovers. The Catholic Church in 1969 officially dropped St. Valentine’s Day from the Roman calendar worldwide. But of course it has gained recognition by consumers, who are bit by the love bug as St. Valentine’s Day.

Did you know that over 1 billion Valentine days’ cards are exchanged and it is a second seasonal card selling occasion of the year next to Christmas. Almost 83% of Valentine’s Day cards are purchased by women. February 14th is the most important holiday for florists. Approximately 110 million roses, the majority of them being red will be sold and delivered within a three day time. During the celebration, 73% of people who buy flowers are sending by mail.

Everyone knows that Italians are in love with love. It is actually part of our culture. Romance is a necessity for all Italians. It’s in the air, it’s in food, it’s in books, it’s in cinema and it’s expressed in our wonderful language. So go out and charm your love one, spoil them on this day because if you don’t the pagan God Luper-cus may turn into that wolf and make you the Casanova who almost was hanged for his legendary womanizing.

Remember to use Italian terms on your loved ones: Cara mia ti voglio bene (my darling I love you); Come sei bella (how beautiful you are) and if you’re brave, Scusa se ho dimenticato il giorno di San Valentino (Sorry I forgot its Valentine Day).

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State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy with State Second Vice President John Costa.



State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy reading the charter presented to the new lodge.



The new members of the Diamond Valley Lodge being initiated.



The new officers of the Diamond Valley Lodge being installed.



Dear Lodge Presidents and Queen Contestants,



Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is ready for the New Year. The convention is only five months away and we are working hard to get everything done. Hope tickets sales are going well and if you need more tickets, call the Grand Lodge Office to request them. Also, please send in a wallet size photo of your queen to the Grand Lodge so that it can be put into the Il Leone. Best of luck to you all.

Eva Lavezzari
Queen Contest Committee Chairman

Rumors

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A general definition of “rumor” would be “unsubstantiated information of uncertain origin usually spread by talk.” The word is used as a noun, and as a verb, meaning to spread or tell something by rumor. Someone who goes about rumoring is known as a “rumormonger.” Rumors can inflict serious damage on innocent and disadvantaged people and on both novel and established social activity. The law tries to protect us from false statements that can damage our reputations and livelihood, and often cause emotional suffering and disrupted lives. We have libel and privacy laws to protect us.

Rumors circulate from person to person. They can spread like a chain reaction. They sometimes grow worse. Social scientists have conducted research on the spreading of rumors. Some regard rumor as a type of propaganda. Misinformation is simply false, while disinformation is deliberately false.

William Stern did pioneering research on rumor in 1902. Stern used a “chain of subjects” who passed a story from “mouth to ear” without the right to repeat or explain it. He found that the story was changed by the time it reached the end of a chain. His student Gordon Allport was another pioneer in the field.

Robert Knapp published “A Psychology of Rumor” in 1944. Knapp classified rumors into three types: (1) Pipe dream rumors that reflect public desires and wished-for outcomes; (2.) Bogie or fear rumors that reflect feared outcomes. (e.g., an enemy surprise attack is imminent); and (3.) Wedge-driving rumors that intend to undermine group loyalty or interpersonal relations (e.g., German-Americans, Italian-Americans, Japanese-Americans were not loyal to the American side in the Second World War). Knapp also found that negative rumors were more likely to be disseminated than positive rumors.

In 1947 Gordon Allport and Joseph Postman made a study that concluded that as rumor travels it grows shorter, more concise, more easily grasped and told. They found that about 70% of the details in a message were lost in the first 5-6 mouth-to-mouth transmissions.

In 2004, Prashant Bordia and Nicholas DiFonzo published “Problem Solving in Social Interactions on the Internet: Rumor as Social Cognition.” They said rumor transmission is probably reflective of a “collective explanation process.” The researchers found that a rumor went through four-stages of development in which a rumor was introduced for

discussion, information was volunteered and discussed, and finally a resolution was drawn or interest was lost.

The study of rumor is an ancient one. The Bible condemns gossip. Possidius described Saint Augustine as someone who despised gossip. Aristotle discussed political rumors in his “Rhetoric.” Rumor has always had a role in politics. Some experts believe that negative rumors about an opponent are more effective than positive rumors about one’s own position. The Internet and cell phones circulate rumor rapidly to a great number of people -- almost instantly to the world. For example, some people have claimed that President Obama was not born in the United States and had no legal right to become president.

There are some interesting terms in reference to rumor. A “smear campaign” is a coordinated effort to attack a person’s character. “Spin” means to frame or re-frame an event or a statement in

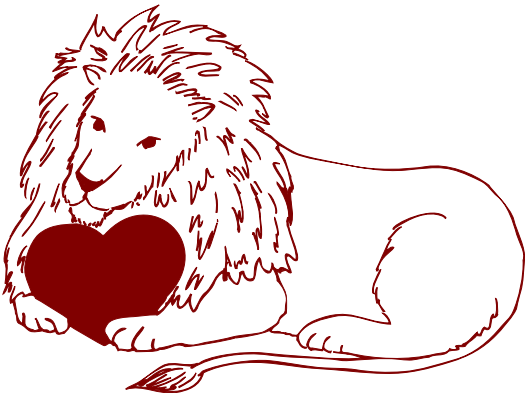
a way advantageous for one own side and detrimental to another. In 2006 Jayson Harsin introduced the concept of the “rumor bomb.” And “scandal” is disgraceful gossip about the lives of other people.

Daniel Bernardi noted, “Like their explosive cousins, rumors can be created and planted by nearly anybody, require limited resources to utilize, can be deadly for those in its direct path, and can instill fear” (Nanette Asimov, “Researchers Help U.S. Military Track, Defuse Rumors” San Francisco Chronicle, 10/14/2011). Rumormongers also make ambiguous remarks potentially appealing to different audiences.

Some people are intolerant of others and are pathological liars. When a rumor becomes widely circulated it is very difficult to debunk. It is important for Italian Americans to recognize the nature of and damage done by rumors so that we can defuse them quickly. The Italian noun for gossip is “diceria”; the verb is “pettegolare.”



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Vallejo Lodges

by Sharon Silveira

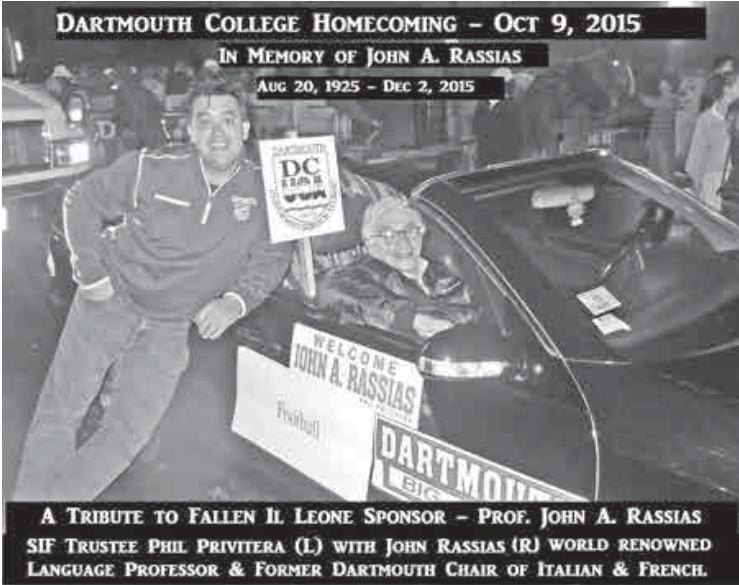
Delizioso....Delicious.....definitely the correct adjective to describe our Polenta & Stew dinner on Friday, January 15th. Working their culinary magic in the kitchen, the dinner chairpersons, Josie Agosta and Don Cahan, along with their helpers - Ray Airolti, Steve Branch, Tim Coragliotti, Bert Harris, Judith Johnston, Marlene Parr and Jessica Ray.

Un grande grazie to the servers - Donna Lee Costa, John Costa, President Ray Bini, Rick Silveira, Jordan Carter and Katelyn Clemons. Taking your money at the Reception Table: President Pamela Bini, Evelyn Fox and Regina Coragliotti. In charge of libations: Regina Watson and Rick Branch. Peter Mustico presided over the dice game. Chelli Castagnola & Sharon Silveira sold the lucky raffle tickets. Rick Silveira and Tony Intintolli handled the 50/50 Board. Always gratifying to see a large crowd and we thank you for joining us.

February brings Valentines, the Ground Hog, Presidential Birthdays and a Pesto & Ham Dinner on Sunday, February 21st. Social Time starts at 4 p.m. with dinner served at 5:30. Chairs for this dinner are John Costa and Sharon Silveira. Please call Adeline Nettleton 642-3486 or Josephine Agosta 642-1658 for a reservation--\$15.00 for adults /\$7.50 for children under 12. Come and experience a Vallejo Lodge's dinner and hospitality.

Let's get down to business....our business meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of the month and is preceded by a 6:30 p.m. dinner, priced at \$7.00. Previous main courses have included chicken marsala, meatloaf, roast turkey. Please don't expect a long and boring business meeting because we never have those! Come and participate in the decisions of your lodge.

Vi auguro ogni beno nel 2016.



Professor John A. Rassias invented a system of teaching languages that has flourished internationally. He has been decorated by the State, Federal and International agencies who have utilized his system and been inspired by his energy. Professor Rassias is the former Chair of Italian and French at Dartmouth College.

Very few people in life can make you feel better about yourself every time they speak with you. For Sons of Italy Foundation Trustee, Attorney Philip J. Privitera (and for countless others), John Rassias was THAT person.

Privitera recounted: *«no matter what we spoke about, I always came out feeling better about myself and believing I could accomplish anything. John Rassias served as my Master's Thesis advisor and encouraged me to go to Law School. From his inspiration, I went on to become a successful attorney, investor, developer, and an entrepreneur. I was blessed to have IL Leone Sponsor, John A. Rassias, in my life.»*

Saddleback Valley Lodge # 2566

Mission Viejo, CA
by Andy Pampuro

On Friday, January 8th, the Saddleback Valley Lodge held its monthly business meeting. We were suppose to have crowned our new queen and initiate some new members. BUT would you believe they were all sick and we had to postpone everything until next month. Even our Recording Secretary Bernadine Neil as well as our Chaplain Louise Pampuro were sick with whatever. The sad thing was that our State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy had planned to attend this meeting as she and her husband Bill Murphy were in town and paid a visit to the Pugliese Lodge the night before. Even though we had to cancel all of our plans they attended our meeting anyway. We also were honored to have our State Trustee North Richard Luzzi and his lady friend, Judith Braddon, visit us also. We had a very short meeting and then everyone enjoyed eating pizza and salad and some great deserts. We heard a few choice words from Richard Luzzi as well as from our wonderful State Deputy Rosemarie Vanderhaar and last but not

least from our State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy. President Andy Pampuro presented Lynn with a beautiful necklace and earring set as a remembrance of her visit with us. Our Trustee Pete Dito showed us a slide show on his trip to Milan, Italy that he and his wife, Pat, and their granddaughter took last year. It was a very interesting presentation which the members enjoyed after their pizza and salad. At our February business meeting we will be having the crowning of our new queen followed by a Queen's Dinner which will be prepared by our queen's mother and grandmother. The cost will be \$10 per person and all the proceeds will go for the queen's raffle tickets. Then on April 2nd and 3rd we will be having a rummage sale at the home of our queen's grandmother, Bernadine Neil. All profit sales will go for the queen's raffle tickets. We need all of our members to come forward and do their part so our queen will have a successful reign.



Lodge Trustee Pete Dito narrating his slide show on Milan.



Standing from L/R are Jean and State Trustee South Al Trentini and State Deputy Rosemarie Vanderhaar. Seated are Judith Braddon, State Trustee North Richard Luzzi, Grand Lodge Home Committee Chair Bill Murphy and our State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy.

Valley of the Moon Lodge # 1959

Sonoma, CA
By Ellen Toscano
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The New Year has officially arrived and we kicked it off in style with a big, enthusiastic attendance at our January dinner. Members and guests enjoyed fabulous chicken, polenta, and tripe cuisine, and as always, it was an outstanding meal enjoyed by all thanks to our Queen of the Kitchen Beth Bruzzone and her entourage. We warmly welcomed all our special guests as members of the extended family. Jo Grant's oldest nephew Fiorenzo Gardin and his wife Linda of San Francisco, were among these special guests. "We come every year for the tripe dinner! We can't get it like this in San Francisco," Linda said with a smile. Fiorenzo is the eldest of 36 cousins (Now THAT'S Italian!) and while he was especially excited to fill up on tripe, he also loved getting to spend time with his Aunt Josephine and cousins Paul and Tony Grant.

Information on our Sons of Italy scholarship dinner was announced as well and we are beyond thrilled to report that the great Tommy Thomsen will be performing! He and his fellow musicians perform a mixture of Western Swing, Boogie Woogie, Texas Blues, Honky Tonk, Classic Rock, and Hawaiian Slack Key. We plan on having a Country Western Theme complete with a Western BBQ dinner. This is going to be a big, fun and fabulous event not to be missed, so reservations are a MUST! The event will be held on Saturday, March 5th beginning at 6pm with a no-host bar and appetizers, followed by a 7pm dinner and live music, dancing, and mandatory fun until 11pm. Ticket prices are \$35.00 per person and ALL proceeds will be going toward our scholarship fund. So pony up and contact Karen Carroll today (707-938-1295 or karencar@yahoo.com) to reserve your spots for this sure-fire finger-lickin' good time and come say howdy to your fellow Sons of Italy clan out here in good ole' Sonoma!

Last, but certainly not least, we would like to give a heartfelt welcome to our newest members: Susan Hahn, Theresa & Mario Pardini, George Storck, Paul Torzilli, Ellen Toscano, and Helene Waxman. After getting sworn in as official members of the order Sons of Italy, each new member briefly spoke a bit about themselves, their heritage, and what impressed them about this wonderful community. While each of their backgrounds varied, they all had the same consensus: An enthusiastic pride for the Italian heritage and feeling like they are part of an even bigger family as members of the Sons of Italy.

Welcome them in person and come mingle with us next

month on February 16th at 6pm for our Valentine's Day Dinner! Make your reservations early with Phyllis Serafini (707-938-5691) or Karen

Carroll (707-938-1295). There will be great food, great company, great raffle prizes, and, as always, great fun! Ciao!



Our newest members happily posing with President Paul Grant after getting sworn in.



Treasurer Eleanor Berto, her granddaughter and new member Ellen Toscano, and their guest Lucas Domingue after the delicious New Year's meal.



President Paul Grant leading the way during the Sons of Italy meeting Tuesday, January 19th in Sonoma

Centinela Valley Lodge #1991

Torrance, CA
by Annette Porter

Hope you all enjoyed your New Years!!!

We are already coming near to the end of January, how time flies.

Around the corner will be our February Crab dinner dance, it is one of our popular events. It is scheduled for Saturday February 27th, you will have your choice of crab or ribeye steak for those who do not enjoy shell fish. Our entertainment for the evening is Tony with The Sicilian Band. He is a fantastic entertainer. Mark your calendar. Don't wait give a call and make your reservations. Please call Annette Porter (310) 371-1041.

We are having our Memorial Mass on Sunday March 13th, we would love to have you attend. More information to follow.

We are also having in March another dinner show. The Wake of Matty O'Malley, it is a perfect time for St. Patrick's Day. Mark your calendar it is March 19th. Tickets are selling fast, we have limited seating. The tickets are \$45.00 for adults, \$20.00 for children 12 and under. Please call Annette Porter (310) 371-1041. This event we will not be accepting reservation or payment at the door.



Enrico Caruso Lodge #1463

Visalia, CA

At our January Dinner Meeting, we were honored to have First Vice President Arlene Nunziati make an official visit to our lodge. Another guest was Northern State Trustee Joy Bruno. They enjoyed a steak dinner that was chaired by Donna Grist with help from Larry and Marlene Romanazzi, Doris Hildreth, Frances Jungwirth and Alan Spano. On Monday, January 18, ten of our lodge members went by bus to Eagle Mountain Casino north of Fresno. We were joined by two other members there and we had an enjoyable day. In March our lodge and the Hanford lodge are going to San Antonio de Padua Mission in Jolon on the Fort Hunter-Liggett Military Base. Our Grand Lodge Queen contestant Christine Bianco, has a lot of fundraisers planned. We also have a lot of fundraisers and other events going on these next few months. Ciao from Visalia.

Hanford Lodge #1543

by Jackie Giacomazzi
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In keeping with a tradition started by their parents and grandparents many years ago, the Leoni and Nardini families hosted a delicious polenta and stew dinner at the January meeting of the Hanford Lodge. Shown (left to right): Matthew and Chaya Gomes; Mark, Kelsie, and Debbie Nardini; Mycaela Leoni; Megan Henkel; Michael Leoni; and Lisa and Brad Young.



Hanford Lodge welcomed eleven new members in January. State First Vice-President, Arlene Nunziati and State Trustee from the North, Joy Bruno did the honors of conducting the ceremonies of Initiation. Shown: Front row: (left to right): Ashley Alvarez, Arlene and Joy, Serena Alvarez, holding, Brayden Counter. Back row: (left to right): Dylan, Oscar, Noah and April Magnia; Kris Neves; Nancy Allen; Kim Brown, Jaclyn Allen, and Hanford Lodge President, Louise Silacci.



State officers, Pauline Richmond, Arlene Nunziati, and Joy Bruno, (center of middle row) pose with officers of the Hanford Lodge during their visit in January. Pictured: Top row: (left to right): Jackie Giacomazzi, Janis Hansen, Carol Todd, Charles Sant'Agata, Hazel Ann and George Christin; and Debbie Nardini. In the middle row: serving as "bookends" for the State officers are Louise Silacci, and Joan Little. Front row: (left to right): Michael Magana; Mark Nardini, Matthew Gomes, and Michael Leoni. Officers not pictured are: Patricia Scialo, Jill Caviezel-Hoots, and Steve Ike. The members of the Lodge will host a "Sweetheart Serenade" dinner on February 9, featuring a home-cooked Italian style dinner, musical entertainment, raffle, and silent auction. Janis Hansen is chair of this event with the chief chef being Jim Venturino.

Hanford Lodge #1543 recognizes Long-Time Member ERNEST J. BERTAINA 88 Years Young!



Sons of Italy - Hanford Lodge #1543 held its annual polenta and stew dinner on January 13, 2016 and even though it was member Ernest Bertaina's 88th birthday, that is where he wanted to celebrate it! He has been a dedicated member of the Hanford Lodge for 66 years and was the appointed "Vino Server" for 600 guests at the annual Hanford Lodge - Chicken & Ravioli dinner / dance held in the 50s, 60s and 70s.

Ernest Joseph Bertaina was born on January 13, 1928 to Barney and Rosie (Pretari) Bertaina in Hanford, California. His father, Barney was born in a small northern Italian town of Busca. His mother Rosie was born in Hanford, however, her family came from the northern part of Italy as well. After serving in the Italian Army, Barney came to America and enlisted in the United States Army, serving in World War 1.

Ernest was born and raised on the family ranch where he currently lives in Hanford. So that he could attend school while his parents worked on the family ranch, he lived in town with his maternal grandparents, Giacomini & Marietta Pretari. His grandmother quickly found out that after dropping Ernest off at school, he could beat her back home by choosing an alternate route....Ernest only spoke the Italian language and did not want to go to school where only English was spoken! He

later attended Thomas McCarthy Catholic School in Hanford and graduated from Hanford High School in 1947.

Ernest's parents Barney and Rosie were very involved with the Sons of Italy Lodge and were also active members of the American Legion and WWI Veterans. His father, Barney and Aunt Virginia (Pretari) Bertaina were charter members of Hanford Lodge #1543.

Ernest worked hard on the family ranch and drove school bus for Hanford High School from 1945 to 1949. He went to work for Kings County as an Animal Control Officer in 1952 and retired from there in 1993 after serving the county for 41 years. He was a City of Hanford Police Reserve Officer from 1956 to 1986 and served as Deputy Constable from 1957 to 1985. In 1968 he began working part-time at Whitehurst-McNamara Funeral Home in Hanford and continues to work part-time there to this day.

Ernest is surrounded by his family and their love: Wife; Gladys, Sister; Elsie, 4 children; Michael, Cheryl, Ken and Mathew, 4 grandchildren; Steve, Aaron, Jennifer and Chase and 5 great grandchildren; Haylie, McKenzie, Morgan, Talan and Taylor. Ernest, or "Ernie" as he is known to family and friends, is very proud of his Italian heritage, his family and his love of God...he always has a story to tell that is guaranteed to put a smile on your face!

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La Costa dei Fiore Lodge # 2424

Encinitas, Ca.
by Mary DeFalco

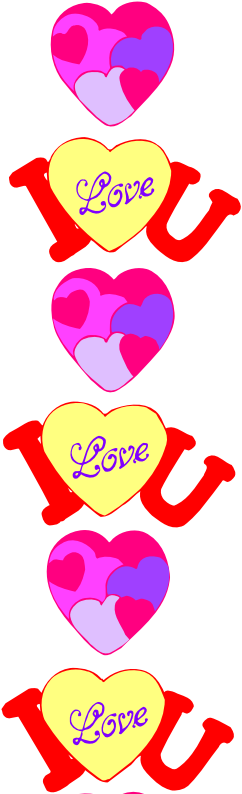
Happy New Year from Southern California! Lots of great things happening as we closed 2015 and we are planning an even better 2016!

Our October Annual Dinner Dance was a huge success! We wish you were there; and to end the fun, we had the best Christmas Dinner we've ever had with a great turnout. We are a small group so 50 members in attendance is a great turnout for us. We invited 6 Marines from Camp Pendleton who brought a "Toys for Tots" box with them. We not only filled it up but managed to raise \$300 in additional cash to donate to their cause. We have a new member with us who is a retired florist and her vision and great ideas was the catalyst in our success. Patricia made beautiful Christmas centerpieces for our dinner tables that were raffled off at the night's end. We will do the same for Valentine's Day in case you need an idea for your own monthly dinner meet.

We open up the year with lots of fun things planned and ideas to make our monthly meetings more enjoyable and educational and for those of us who cannot speak our mother language, we just may even throw in some Italian language classes. Adding music and a guest speaker can do lots for changing the mood of the evening. We are on a mission to prospect for young Italians who'd like to join us and learn more about their culture.

We'd love to hear what you do to add spark and dazzle to your monthly meetings. Please call me at 760-518-1819 to share your ideas, we'd love to hear from you!

Cerchiamo di essere orgogliosi di chi siamo e di ricordare che è stato il nostro antenati che hanno contribuito a costruire questo grande paese. Mantenere American forte e Dio benedica gli STATI UNITI D'AMERICA



Rodolfo Valentino Lodge # 1449

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

Last month: A good time was had by all, enjoying the Penne Pasta in red sauce, fried chicken, ham, potato salad, scones, and chocolate chip brownies. Preceding the meeting there were deviled eggs, salami, chips, and pepperoncini for everyone to enjoy. Toys for Tots were collected and by now are distributed to the Clovis and Fresno area recipients.

Also **Last month:** we had the pleasure of the company of Charles and Joyce Sant 'Agata from the Hanford Lodge. They wanted to announce the Hanford Sweetheart Serenade Marti



Jenny & Gracie Rivera at our December dinner.

Gras party to be held on Fat Tuesday, February 09, 2016, at their facility. Contact Charles at 323-9523 to get tickets.

This month will be Baked Potatoes; bring your favorite toppings and side dishes. "For food, tomatoes and oregano make it Italian; garlic makes it good" -Alice May

Brock.

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 DeCarlo on the accordion; space for dancing will be in front of the stage area.

Isabel Ronzano and Fran Catallo visited Nikki (Nicoletta) Jackson, Verona DeLuca, and Robertha Matranga, and reported that they were doing well. Also, Joe Mazzeo, husband to our former Trustee, has now relocated to the Clovis/Fresno area.

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, 2016; and for **National scholarships** the date is generally November to February of any year (for more information go to <https://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.

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Shasta Lodge # 2453

Redding, CA

Happy New Year to all of you from Shasta Lodge, and our wishes for a very successful year for you.

This past week our "traveling cooking crew" members Jim Nobili, Ed Reynolds, Jim Lamanna, Leonard Duz, John DiMatteo and Leonard Duz, traveled to the Redding Gun Range to cook pasta and meatballs for the Redding Peace Officers. This was our second year helping them with their event. They use this event to generate funds to help support their cadet program. It is a great way for us to be involved with the local law enforcement.

Due to the closing of Crab Season in California, our January Crab Feed was postponed and is now scheduled for February 5th and 6th. Within just

a couple of days Saturday was sold out. Our crab is coming from Washington or Oregon and we should have another successful event.

We also have our 36th Anniversary Party on February 20th and our theme this year is Valentines in Venice. Our member Pat Karch will be performing with his quartet and our Most Honored Member of 2015 will be announced. If you would like to join us, please give us a call for more details.

We have a great schedule of activities lined up for 2016. We are always looking for new members to join our lodge and share the fun. We welcome any of you to come visit our meetings and any of our other activities.

Happy Valentine's Day.

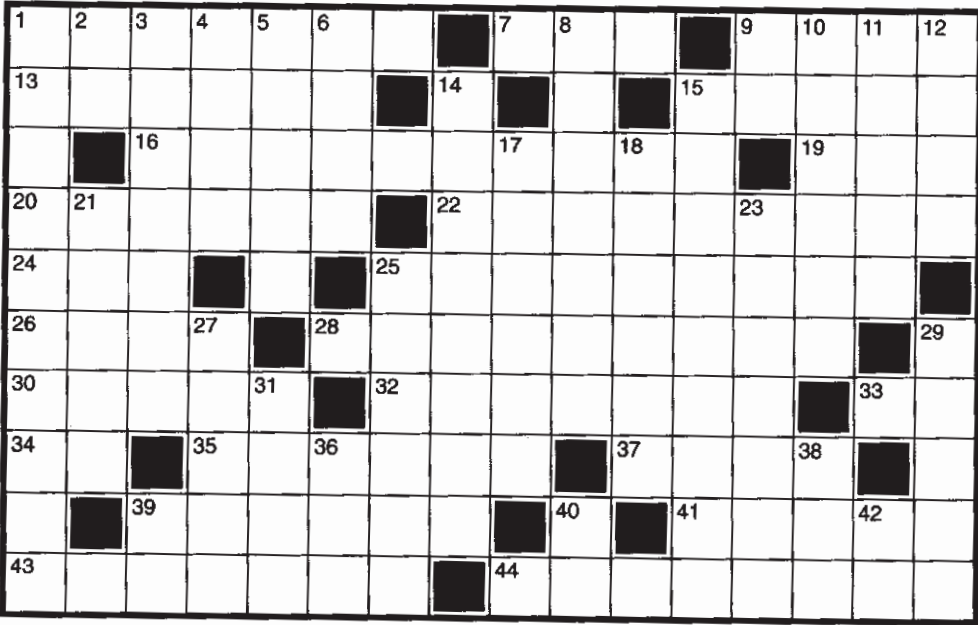


JD JT... In back John Tasello, our Treasurer, and in front John DiMatteo, our Vice President, placing waddle along the border of our parking lot to try to keep the heavy rain from leaving us big puddles.



"Traveling Cooking Crew" Ed Reynolds, Jim Lamanna, John DiMatteo, Leonard Duz, Paul Monette, and Jim Nobili, cooking pasta for Redding Peace Officers.

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America Lodge # 1609

La Habra, CA
by Yolanda Campanelli, Historian

President Linda Enneman chose the January 17, 2016 meeting to present Person of the Year Lucy Sacco with her certificate, as Lucy had been unable to attend the Christmas Meeting. Again the presentation was met with applause and "so well deserved".

America Lodge will be lending its support to the new Lodge in Hemet. President Linda Enneman, Ann Eaton, Lucy Sacco and Joe Rossi will be attending the Installation of the Diamond Valley Lodge. Congratulations.

Following the meeting on February 21, 2016 the Lodge is planning a "fun time" with a "White Elephant Sale". We were given a sneak peek at some of the BIG and little things that will be on sale... WOW!! something for everyone. All are invited so join us in what should be a lot fun.

A trip to the Pauma Casino is scheduled for Saturday February 20th. They had such a good time and some had good luck, last time that they are doing it again. Contact Ann Eaton (562) 691-0635 for details.

A "Save the Date" flyer was distributed, announcing April 17, 2016 will be the annual Pasta Lunch Fundraiser, to be held at the La Habra Community Center. We hope to see many of you there, everyone always has a great time, good music, dancing and fantastic raffle prizes.

After the meeting we were treated to an array of beautiful, delicious cupcakes by Danielle More in honor of her Grandmother, long time member, Sue Monell's Birthday.

The new year for America Lodge is off to a great start. Ciao



President Linda Enneman presenting the "Person of the Year" Certificate to Lucy Sacco.

90th
Save The Date
Saturday, April 16, 2016

Roseville Lodge #1413
90th anniversary dinner celebration

Sierra View Country Club
Roseville, California

Happy Valentine's Day!

Vincenzo Bellini Lodge # 2519 Chico, CA by Jeanne Smith

I hope everyone got an opportunity to read the article published this month in the Il Leone entitled "Feudalism" by Stephen Contrado, B.A., Th.M. The article described roughly 1000 years of Italian history immediately following the fall of the Roman Empire, it was a primitive and brutal time. Many castles and ruins in Italy date back to the time of feudalism as well as many traditions.

Congratulations to the members and officers of the new Hemet Lodge! Welcome to the Order, we wish you much success!

Our Membership Committee, chaired by Joe Azarito is already looking at ways to grow our membership and retain current members in 2016. He plans to organize a wine and whiskey tasting at a local vintner and maybe a few sauce or lasagna tasting contests. Of course bocce ball is popular too. We'll see what's in store!

Last month I mentioned that our Lodge is looking for a new home at the Chico Grange Hall at 2775 Nord Ave. Several of our Lodge Officers will be meeting with the Grange Council to further advance the negotiations. We know that the Shasta Lodge has a similar arrangement with the Grange in their area, which has proved beneficial to both organizations.

Our 2016 Spaghetti Dinner is co-chaired by Michael Smith and Don Smith. The date will be April 3rd, from 1pm to 6pm at the Chico Elks Lodge. The dinner is well known for the home-made meatballs and sauce which is lovingly prepared by real Italians! In my next article I will have all the important details required so you can attend this dinner which is Vincenzo Bellini Lodge's SIGNATURE fundraiser! Meanwhile, mark your calendar and tell your friends and family about it! There will also be a car show, weather permitting!

Happy Valentine's Day to all you Young and Young at Heart Lovers!



Pugliese Lodge # 1375 Los Angeles, CA by Rosemarie Biagetti Vanderhaar Recording Secretary

State President's Visit

The Pugliese Lodge was honored at their January 7th meeting at Casa Italiana with a visit from State President Lynn Lawrence-Murphy and First Gent, William Murphy President Michael DiGiuro along with Officers and members, also welcomed State Trustee Marco Zonni, State Deputy Nina Zonni and Past State President, Joseph La Banca.

Prior to the meeting, a delicious light buffet supper was served. Mary Lotito chaired the committee that provided the meal and all the fancy candies, cookies and dessert. Committee members were Carla Lotito Komar, Alexa Lotito, Sean Dankowski and Michael Gatti.

Following the regular business meeting a wonderful speech was given by the State President during the Good of the Order segment. Afterwards, Lodge President Michael Di Giuro presented State President Lynn Lawrence-Murphy with a gift of appreciation and thanked her for visiting the lodge.



L to R: Carla Lotito Komar, Lodge Vice President, State President Lynn Lawrence-Murphy, Nina Zonni, Lodge State Deputy and Alexa Lotito, Lodge Queen.



L to R: Lynn Lawrence-Murphy, State President, Lodge President Michael DiGiuro and First Lady Edithe DiGiuro.



L to R: Lodge First Lady Edithe DiGiuro, Roberta Overton, Mistress of Ceremonies, Vita Zaccaria, Orator, Rosemarie Vanderhaar, Recording Secretary, State President Lynn Lawrence-Murphy, State Deputy Nina Zonni
Front Row: Carla Lotito Komar, Vice President and Alexa Lotito, Lodge Queen



L to R: Sean Dankowski, Lodge Trustee and Historian, Lynn Lawrence-Murphy, State President and Rosemarie Vanderhaar, Lodge Recording Secretary.

Cesare Batisti Lodge # 1518 Petaluma, CA by Les Villanyi

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We were very happy to have made a profit on our Christmas party and New Year's Eve Dinner Dance. The amount wasn't large but it was a profit. Alcoholic beverage sales at New Year's were way down as an older crowd opted for less expensive bottled water and decreased chance of a DUI. Thanks to everyone who helped with both events. It does take a lot of work and unfortunately only a small number of members participate by helping out or buying tickets for themselves and friends and family. Kudos to those who selflessly work to make these events a success.

Based on the instability of the crab situation, we decided not to have a Crab Feed in February. That eliminates one of our biggest money makers. I am sure other lodges will have successful crab feeds. We look forward to resuming it next year.

We had moved to the Lucchesi Park Community Center a number of years ago because of steeply rising hall rental costs. It is happening again as our membership ages and decreases and we are unable to break even on the monthly meetings.

At the January meeting we decided not to have our annual Achievement Awards to high school seniors this year because the expenditure of \$3,000 did not make sense with our current finances.

Ultimately our whole situation, which I believe is common among not only OSIA lodges but other fraternal organizations, revolves around relevance. In the beginning, OSIA was set up for Italian immigrants and their families. The tradition continued with the next generation, but by then their children had become assimilated into the American society and family history and culture stayed at home.

By relevance I mean - why would someone want to join the Sons of Italy or what's in it for them? With the greatly increased number of non-Italian members there is less of a need to monthly immerse oneself in Italian culture. The children of members don't come because there are very few members of their age.

What is relevant is the fact that 10,000 people turn 65 every day in the US. One out of every seven people in the US is over 65. Locally and nationally aligning our lodges with organizations that treat old-age diseases like Alzheimer's can only help to bring our lodges into the limelight and hopefully attract new members.



State President Lynn Lawrence-Murphy with cake honoring her visit.

Weed Lodge #1269

Weed, CA
by Peggy Soletti, Recording Secretary

2016 has taken us by storm, both literally and figuratively! We welcome the rain and snow, hoping to ease the drought in our area. The early opening of the Mt. Shasta Ski Park was a prayer answered for all skiers and snow boarders.

We closed 2015 with a Christmas Social on December 13 for our members and families. Thanks to Sally Acquistapace and Gloria Bagley for chairing this event, as well as the decorating crew. Santa and Mrs. Claus made an early appearance to our Lodge with gifts which delighted all the children. The buffet tables were loaded with tasty appetizers and desserts. The hit of the afternoon was the REAL story of "Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer." Ron Dohrn, Rod Vinall, Jeanette Vinall, Peggy Soletti, Linda Elsnab, and Sharon Dohrn were awesome! Guests were asked to bring canned food items to donate to Siskiyou Food Assistance. Due to their generosity, we were able to provide 3 boxes of non-perishable items. The spirit of Christmas is alive and well at Weed #1269.

The first big event of the year was held on January 16 – our annual Crab Dinner. We were fortunate to purchase fresh and meaty crab at a good price thanks to R & R Quality Meats and Seafood in Redding. Chairs Brenda Zandona, Jon Elsnab, and Richard Negro and their kitchen staff fed nearly 155 guests with crab,

rigatoni, salad, French bread, and spumoni for dessert. Students from the Weed High School Senior Class served as waiters to earn money for their senior class trip. They were pleasant and efficient, and went home with \$658.00 in tips. Great job!

We were able to help the Siskiyou County Museum with their Black History Month display to be highlighted in February. We loaned pictures, articles, and trophies from the early days of the Weed Sons baseball teams which welcomed African American players.

We mourn the loss of our guard, Phil Robustellini, who unexpectedly passed away in his home. We also lost longtime members Maria Minoletti, 81 years with Weed #1269; as well as Rizzieri "Ritz" Brunello, 80 years in our Lodge. May they all rest in peace.

We will cater a luncheon for the Siskiyou Seniors on January 21, under the direction of chair, Sally Acquistapace. We are becoming more adept at hosting these types of events and welcome other groups to contact us for their requests.

Our Lodge recently added an additional event to our calendar. Jon Elsnab and Brenda Zandona will chair a roast beef dinner on Saturday, February 13, 2016. What a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day!

Until next month, Ciao!



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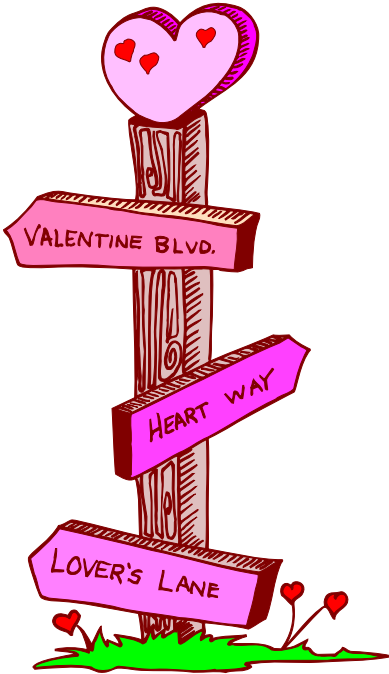
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I am an Italian-American. My roots are deep in an ancient soil, drenched by the Mediterranean sun, and watered by pure streams from snow capped mountains.

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.

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<p>PUGLIESE LODGE No. 1375 <i>Anniv. Sept. 5, 1925</i> LOS ANGELES PRES.MICHAEL DIGIURO 1957 Mt. Shasta Drive San Pedro, CA 90732 Phone: (310) 522-9224 Email: mgdigiuro@yahoo.com Rec. Secty. Rosemarie Vanderhaar 801 West Duarte Road #1 Monrovia, CA 91096 Phone: (626) 254-0449 Email: rgeorev@aol.com Meets 1st Thurs. 6:30 p.m. Casa Italiana 1039 N. Broadway Los Angeles, CA 90012</p>	<p>ROSEVILLE LODGE No. 1413 <i>Anniv. Apr. 4, 1926</i> ROSEVILLE PRES. MARLENE CRISTANELLI 2924 Carradale Dr. Roseville, CA 95661 Phone: (916) 791-3753 Email: 20aces17@gmail.com Rec. Secty. Christina Buchner 525 Harpford Ct. Roseville, CA 95747 Phone: (916) 749-7594 Email: ccorrealebuchner@surewest.net Meets 3rd Thurs. 7:30 p.m. 1924 Carradale Drive Roseville, CA 9566</p>	<p>SALINAS LODGE No. 2082 <i>Anniv. Mar. 8, 1959</i> SALINAS PRES. PAMELA DE ROSE 541 Belmont Dr. Salinas, CA 93901 Phone (831) 757-6843 Rec. Secty. Dianne Yniguez 114 4th Street Gonzales, CA 93926 Phone: (831) 262-6699 Mets 2nd Wed. 7 p.m. Madonna Del Sasso Parish 320 E. Laurel Dr. Salinas, CA 93906</p>	<p>VALLEY OF THE MOON LODGE No. 1959 <i>Anniv. May 17, 1947</i> SONOMA PRES. PAUL GRANT 22500 Burndale Rd. Sonoma, CA 95476 Phone: (707) 939-8650 Email: 101727@comcast.net Rec. Secty. Karen Carroll P.O. Box 198 Sonoma, CA 95476 Phone: (707) 938-1295 Email: karenecar@yahoo.com Meets 3rd Tues. 7:30 p.m. Veterans Memorial Bldg. 126 First Street, West Sonoma, CA 95476</p>	<p>WEST COVINA LODGE No. 2056 <i>Anniv. May 14, 1956</i> WEST COVINA PRES. RICHARD SALVATORE 354 E Tudor St., Covina, CA 91722 Phone: (626) 339-8001 Email: .sal4tore@verizon.net Rec. Secty. Margaret Salvatore 354 E Tudor St., Covina, CA 91722 Phone: (626) 339-8001 Meets 2nd Wed. 7:30 p.m. K. of C., 4315 N. Vincent Ave Covina, CA 97122</p>	
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