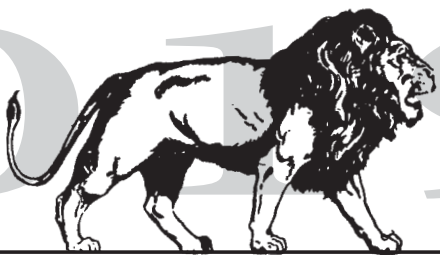


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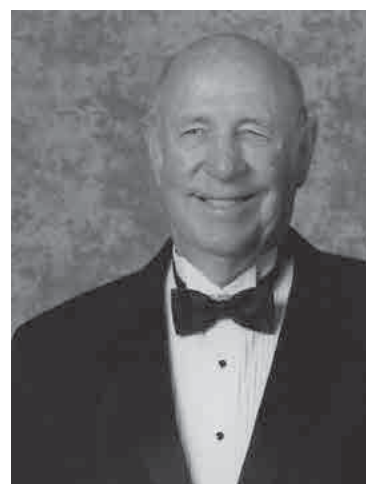
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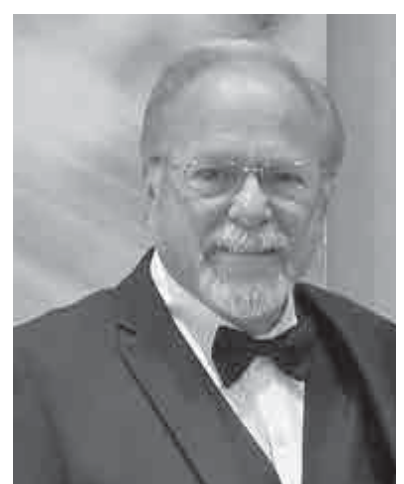
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From the Editor’s Desk

by Andy Pampuro
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The Grand Lodge of California held it’s annual convention at the beautiful Atlantis Hotel in Reno, Nevada. Many thanks to the Christoforo Columbo Lodge in Reno for hosting this convention. Compliments to our State President John Costa for running very successful meetings and we must say congratulations to John as he won the right to run again as our State President.

I hope you enjoy reading about the convention which is laid out in this issue and also the many pictures which were taken. Some of them did not come out good as the rooms were kept on the dark



side and it makes it hard to take pictures,

The next convention will be held in Concord, California in June of 2020. It will also be the Royal Pageant year so start looking for that girl or your man to represent you r

lodge. They really enjoy the titles and have a great time.

Remember that selling the raffle tickets is a good way to make some monies for your lodge.



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Memorial Statue for Italians Lynched in New Orleans

The Largest Lynching in United States History



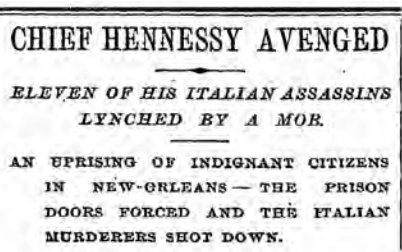
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Successful in helping heal that wound, the Commission for Social Justice—the anti-defamation arm of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (www.osia.org)—engaged the current New Orleans Mayor for an official Proclamation of Apology, which was offered at a recent April 12, 2019, ceremony in New Orleans.

The Commission for Social Justice has started a fundraising drive to create a memorial for these Italian Americans. This fund drive is to support our efforts to engage a prominent artisan to create and deliver a striking memorial statue, to be erected in a prestigious location in New Orleans, with excess funds to educate fairness, acceptance and respect for all people.

The statue will serve not only as a memorial of those who were killed, but also as recognition of the prejudice that

Italian Americans suffered upon immigrating to the United States.

Please join in and help.

If you would like more information about this project, the lynching that occurred in 1891, or the public apology issued by the City of New Orleans, please contact the Commission for Social Justice: csj@osia.org

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Sacramento Lodge #1352

Sacramento, CA
by Pam Stewart

Our June meeting / dinner was packed with nearly 50 people in attendance. We enjoyed a traditional Italian dinner of spaghetti and meatballs prepared by Joe Januszak and Louie Lodi. The meal was outstanding and enjoyed by all, especially Joe’s homemade meatballs! Thank you to Louie and Joe for preparing this wonderful meal. The winner of the “Ways and Means” drawing for June was Angie Smith. Also, during the meeting we acknowledged Louie Lodi for 15 years and Loretta Redman & Pam Stewart for 3 years of Lodge membership and held a fun raffle with lots of great prizes.

Congratulations to the East Sacramento Little League Champions the Royals! The Royals had an amazing season this year and our lodge was honored to sponsor them. We celebrated and recognized the players and their families during our June dinner.

Our next *Dinner and Meeting will be on Wednesday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m.* Ribs with all the fixings will be served.

Mark your calendar and please join us for these upcoming events:

- Our Bocce Ball tournament on Sunday, September 15
- Tickets are now available for our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Annual Shrimp Feed on Saturday, November 2nd in Rancho Cordova. Please contact Dan Marinelli at (916) 698-2928 for tickets.



League Champions for the 2nd year in a row. The Royals, sponsored by the Sons of Italy – Sacramento #1352 Lodge.

Gold Country Sons & Daughters of Italy Scholarships Awarded

by Tami Welch
El Dorado Hills, CA

The Gold Country Lodge #2705 Sons & Daughters of Italy in America awarded three scholarships at the annual dinner meeting on May 21, 2019 in El Dorado Hills, California. For 19 years we have recognized graduating high school seniors attending El Dorado Union High School District campuses. \$1,000 is awarded to a student of Italian decent. Adele Gargiulo from Oakridge High School received this scholarship. She will be attending Point Loma Nazarene University San Diego and be majoring in Biochemistry-Premed. \$500 was awarded to Courtney Heller, a student who had exemplary performance in the Italian language four year course of study at Oakridge High School. She will be attending Chico State University and majoring in Physiology with the goal to attend graduate school to earn her doctorate in Occupational Therapy. Lynn Lawrence Murphy our State Deputy presented a \$1000 scholarship from the Grand Lodge of California Western Foundation to Sophia Barden from Oakridge High School. She will be attending U.C.L.A.and majoring in Biology/Neuroscience. For the first time we expanded to include Folsom Cordova Unified School District for a \$500 Italian Heritage Scholarship. Cole Porter is the recipient from Vista Del Lago High School. He will be attending Dominican University of California and majoring in Environmental Science and Sustainability. He was not present at the dinner because he was receiving his award from Joanne Hyman (Scholarship Chair) at his school awards ceremony.



L-R:President Anthony Scotch, Courtney Heller, Adele Gargiulo, Sophia Barden. Not pictured:Cole Porter



Oakridge Teacher, Ivan's Arostegui presents award to Courtney Heller



Sophia Braden receives award from State Deputy Lynn Lawrence Murphy and Joanne Hyman, (Scholarship Chair)

Garibaldi – Meucci Museum

by Joy Bruno
State Chair/
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Antonio Meucci, the true inventor of the telephone, was born in Florence on April 13, 1808. He was fascinated with electricity and developed an electroplating workshop experimenting with shock therapy to treat headaches. In 1849, during a treatment, Meucci heard a patient's cry transmitted through copper wire by electricity. This was the first of many experiments leading to the invention of a "speaking telegraph". In 1850, Meucci and his wife Ester settled on Staten Island. He met and befriended the exiled Giuseppe Garibaldi who lived and worked with him for some time. A prolific inventor, Meucci patented a type of smokeless candle among other things and also continued his electrical experiments, eventually constructing a primitive telephone to communicate with his ailing wife.

Due to a Staten Island Ferry explosion in 1871 he was hospitalized for many months. On the brink of poverty, his wife sold his telephone models for \$6. Rebuilding his models he was able to secure a one-year caveat in 1871. Because of his impoverished state he was unable to renew the caveat after 1874.

He submitted his models to the New York Telegraph Company, when he tried to reclaim them, "his plans had been lost". An employee for the Company, Alexander Graham Bell, received a patent for a nearly identical invention soon after. Meucci died before a judgement in his favor was determined.

In June 2002 the US Congress passed a resolution recognizing Muecci as the true inventor of the Telephone.



365 Fund Raiser - Winners

May 16-30		
16	\$25.00	Northern Salono Lodge #2534
17	\$25.00	Sage Velasquez
18	\$25.00	Johan Danzo
19	\$25.00	Chantal Fazio
20	\$25.00	Pam Tedesco
21	\$25.00	Linda Anderson
22	\$25.00	Pam Tedesco
23	\$25.00	Nancy Zanolini
24	\$25.00	Tyler Watson
25	\$25.00	Carmine Baffo
26	\$25.00	Rodolfo Valentino #1449
27	\$25.00	Michael Silva
28	\$25.00	Mike Fistolera
29	\$25.00	Mike Carroll
30	\$25.00	Vera Girolami
31	\$50.00	Valley of the Moon
June 1-15		
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3	\$25.00	Bobby Pignati
4	\$25.00	Richard Megro
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6	\$25.00	Joe Ferraivolo
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12	\$25.00	Sal Aiello
13	\$25.00	EvaVami
14	\$25.00	John Russo
15	\$25.00	Carol& Edward Esposito
June 16-30		
16	\$50.00	Louise Silacci
17	\$25.00	Gale Spano
18	\$25.00	Jo Grant
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20	\$25.00	Sofia Pignati
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24	\$25.00	Doris Hildreth
25	\$25.00	Shirley Firpo
26	\$25.00	Bill Rivertto
27	\$25.00	Michael Leoni
28	\$25.00	Cat & Rob Westover
29	\$25.00	Harper Depaoli
30	\$50.00	Annette Porter

365 Winners

In last month's issue we made a terrible error saying that someone won \$200 on the 25th of the month. This was not true. the person only won \$25. The only time the prize is bigger is as follows:

- Last day of the month - \$50
- Mother's Day - \$200
- Father's Day - \$200
- Christmas Day - \$200
- New Year's Day - \$200
- and Columbus Day - \$500

This is it, if you see something different once in a while it is wrong.

We try our best not to make mistakes but it does happen and we do apologize if it causes any misunderstandings.

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William Paca Lodge #1960

Mountain View, CA
by Peggy Ludwico

We had a good turnout for the pasta dinner on June 5. Eugene and I enjoyed preparing the pasta, a family favorite, and everyone seemed to enjoy it as well. We would like to thank, Paula Chidichimo for her delicious antipasto plates, Linda Clausen for the great salad and Mary Lou Cirina’s for her tasty cake and cupcakes to finish off our meal. We could not have pulled it off without all your help.

Our longtime member, Dan Ditri, turned 87 on June 15 and is going strong. We all sang a rousing Happy Birthday to Dan.

George Ravetto had an unusually lucky night. George who “never wins anything” won the monthly members only drawing, a \$25.00 gift card and he won a prize in the 50-50 drawing too. Hope he can keep the lucky streak going when he heads off to Reno for the convention. He will be joining his wife, Gloria who is going as a delegate. Good Luck George!

As always it was a fun night with lots of laughter and socializing with friends and family.

Our next dinner meeting is scheduled for July10, 2019. Mike Ravizza and Carlo Marengo, our chefs for the night, will be preparing an old fashioned, Family Style Spaghetti Feed. I know it will be delicious and I can’t wait. If you would care to join us for a night of good food and conversation, give me a call at 408-745-1775 for details.

Well I guess that is all for this month. Keep a smile in your heart and on your face. Life is easier that way.



United Lodges of Southern California

by Andy Pampuro

The United Lodges of Southern California held their meeting on Sunday, June 2. with our new president, Hank Lowinger running the meeting and did a great job. During the meeting he honored our outgoing president Carmine Baffo by giving him a beautiful plaque for his services as our president. Hank also gave him a bottle of Chavez Regal from him and his wife. Carmine was most appreciative of this honor. Carmine is holding the plaque while Hank is presenting him with the bottle of booze.



Saddleback Valley Lodge #2566

by Andy Pampuro, Immediate Past President

On Friday, June 14th, the lodge held a Father’s Day meeting which was catered by the women of the lodge. It was an array of delicious food and desserts. President Hank Lowinger called upon Andy Pampuro to present the Amendola Scholarship. Unfortunately the girl getting the scholarship had to go to New York to the college she is planning on attending so she was not able to attend our meeting. However, we invited her grandfather Emmett Yana, his wife Cindy, their daughter Karen and her daughter Gabriella who four years ago won the same Amendola scholarship. Andy presented the certificate to Isabel-la’s mother who said her daughter was most appreciative of the honor. The award is in the name of Greg and Carol Amendola and made possible by their four sons each year. In the picture are l/r Karen Riggione, Immediate Past President Andy Pampuro and lodge president Hank Lowinger who announced that he is planning to run for State Trustee South. I’m sure he will make a good state officer.



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Victoria Ibleto



Victoria Ibleto, a treasured and indispensable partner to her husband both in their Sonoma County businesses and throughout Arturo Ibleto's years of leadership in the Sons of Italy, has died only miles from where she born.

The former Victoria Eleanor Ghirardelli began her life on the Petaluma vegetable farm of her parents, William and Matilde Ghirardelli. She and Arturo Ibleto, Sonoma County's beloved "Pasta King," lived most of their nearly 68 years together in Petaluma's neighbor to the north, Cotati.

Until failing health due to heart trouble sidelined her in recent months, Victoria Ibleto worked daily with her husband, her daughter Annette Ibleto Spohr and her son, Mark Ibleto. Her grandsons, Ryan and Benjamin Spohr, lived nearby.

She died peacefully at home on Good Friday surrounded by her family. She was 87.

"Everybody who met her loved her," her daughter said. "She would move mountains for her family."

Ibleto was instrumental to her family's enterprises, including the growing of premium wine grapes and the "Pasta King" catering and frozen foods businesses.

She was a constant companion, advisor and inspiration to her Italian-born husband during his years of active involvement in The Grand Lodge of California. Arturo Ibleto served as its president from 1995 to 1997.

Victoria Ibleto was born in Petaluma on May 13, 1931. She was a senior at St. Vincent de Paul High School when newly arrived immigrant and World War II combat veteran Arturo Ibleto came to work for Ghirardelli Bros., the vegetable farming business run by her father and her uncle, Emilio.

Art Ibleto, now 92, recalled in his memoir, "I met Vicki in September 1949, during dinner at her house."

Some time passed before the ambitious farm laborer, then 22, felt right about speaking to the 18-year-old who was the daughter of one of his bosses and the niece of the other.

"I was immigrant, you know," he wrote, "and she went to high school. After a while I say to her, 'Why don't we see a movie?'"

He said she asked her mother if it was OK. Her mother agreed, as long as she could come along, too. "So I have to go to the movie with her and her mom," Art Ibleto wrote.

The couple married Sept. 30, 1951, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cotati.

Victoria Ibleto was doing well as a bank teller when, at age 23 in 1954, she fell suddenly ill. She'd contracted polio.

With the help of doctors at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital and the iron-lung treatment she received at the former county hospital on Chanate Road, she fought the potentially fatal or debilitating disease and recovered without serious impairment.

She had given birth to her first child, Mark, in 1958 and to Annette in 1964. Julie Ann, another daughter born prior to Annette, died shortly after birth.

Willing to work hard and take risks, the Ibletos built themselves and their children a good life by creating a custom-butchering service. They tried growing potatoes, and when that didn't work out they switched to Christmas trees. Later, they replaced the trees with premium wine

grapes. The Ibletos also built and rented out duplexes and invested the proceeds in more rentals.

A pasta concession by the Sons of Italy led in the early 1970s to the creation of the Spaghetti Palace on the county fairgrounds in Santa Rosa. From there, the Ibletos founded Pasta King and began catering and selling their pesto and marinara sauces, minestrone and other foods to grocery stores.

Last fall, the couple celebrated 67 years of marriage.

"I'm a lucky man," Art Ibleto declared in his memoir.

Leisure time was always a rare commodity for the Ibletos. For many years, they traveled annually to Italy to visit family.

When she could set aside the time, Victoria Ibleto savored going with her mother and daughter to a casino and playing the slots. And she liked to cook for her family.

Annette Spohr thought of something else that made her sweet-natured and good-humored mother happy: "She enjoyed sitting in the sun."

In addition to her husband, son, daughter and grandsons, Vitoria Ibleto is survived by her brother, Bill Ghirardelli, of Sebastopol; her brother-in-law, Angelo Ibleto, of Petaluma;

her "foster" son, Regile Fontenot, of Oroville; her nephews and nephews in America, Mike, William and James Ghirardelli and Angela Ibleto Dellinger and Alison Mengali, and numerous other nephews and nieces in Italy.

Funeral services at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cotati were followed by entombment at

Petaluma's Calvary Catholic Cemetery.

Ibleto's family suggests memorial donations be made to Hospice of Petaluma, 439 College Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95401, or www.stjoesonoma.org/foundations/donate-online.

Camelia-Colombo's 95th Anniversary

Camelia-Colombo Lodge #1294 celebrated its' 95th Anniversary at the river front cabin of President Oliver Spires. The party was well attended with members, spouses, friends and special guest Barbara Wisniewski, State 3rd Vice President and her husband Ken. The weather was great, the food was wonderful and the fellowship was fantastic. Happy Anniversary Camelia-Colombo.



Standing on the left is Dave Doveri Lodge Vice President and to the right is President Oliver Spires. Sitting is Barbara Wisniewski State 3rd Vice President and husband Ken.



Yolanda Rosterolla a 75 year member of Camelia-Colombo with President Oliver Spires and his good buddy Avery.



Vicki and Arturo Ibleto on their wedding day.



Valley of the Moon Lodge
1959
Sonoma CA
by Susan Antonini –
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WHAT IF?
While watching the number of folks that gather together.... and seeing happy faces and waving arms and the delight of visiting with friends..... WHAT IF we couldn't gather....then what? Thank God for the freedom we have to congregate and enjoy each others company over good food and wine at the Sons of Italy monthly dinners!

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!
It takes people to make this all work...
So invite your friends and acquaintances to the dinners... and join SOI if you haven't already done so!

NEW MEMBERS ANNOUNCED SOON
Three new members will be joining our Lodge in July... Welcome!!

STILL CROCHETING...
Jean Morenzoni continues to make lap robes for various fund raisers...the newest one is red, white and blue!
Thank you Jean for your generosity!

THE VILLAGE
We in the kitchen are grateful for our chef John Berger. Working with John makes the times fly by and the work light! We are also grateful for all the volunteers that make the wheels turn...one member was helping to clear off the table and said, "just doing my part to help"! For those of you that missed the ravioli and zucchini....it was DELICIOUS!
July will be pulled Pork... slaw...and what ever John adds to complete a delicious meal!

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Cesare Battisti
Lodge # 1518
Petaluma, CA
by Louise Vicino

Greetings from Petaluma!

What a beautiful day in Petaluma! We are indeed in God's Country. Everybody rushes around in circles while they should be enjoying the beauty of nature with its beautiful sky and scenery, and enjoying life itself. Stop and be thankful for what have in our lives.

Ernie held a good meeting, however, we could use more of our members attending. Ed Santero and his kitchen crew provided us with a nice dinner, we want to thank them. We also want to thank the ladies who donated the desserts and a thank you to all those who helped in any way.

Discussion was held on our future activities: steak dinner in October.

The winner of the beautiful lap robe is Dennice DiGirolamo, our newly rejoined member. Thanks to the lovely lady Helen for having donated it to the Lodge.

The winner of the monthly drawing was Ron Benson.

Our next meeting is July 11th. Menu is unknown to me, but reservations must be made. So give Ernie a call: 707-585-2928. When a reservation is made, please attend. If something comes up and you can't make it let the Lodge know as we order the food on the count given to the cook. When you do not attend, it is not only a loss in attendance but a loss in the finances to buy the food needed.

I encourage everyone to try and mingle with all the members. Especially when we get new members, introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

Thinking of you Bruno Fomasi, happy to hear you have returned home. May you have a good recovery and be back to the meetings. Also get well wishes to Father Raimondi and Mary Kesaris and to anyone who is ill.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those celebrating this month. Also, this month we celebrate our independence, so Happy Fourth of July. God bless our service members and may God keep them safe, especially in these troubling times. Keep that Grand Old Flag flying and God Bless America.

Remember to be nice to someone, you will always get it back.

Ciao
Louise Vicino

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Roma Lodge # 1573

Tulare, CA
by Larry Dutto

Roma Lodge held its meeting on June 3rd with over 65 members and guest in attendance. The Sola Family prepared an excellent meal with tri-tip and ravioli for ev-

eryone to enjoy. As a special treat, in conjunction with the meeting, Frances Sola Della gave a brief history of the Sola Family who immigrated from Italy in the late 1800's.

The family along with lodge members also celebrated her 90th birthday during the meeting. Frances also presented the lodge scholarships as she will

be passing on the chair to Melissa Watkins for next year. Frances has been the scholarship chair for the lodge for many years and has done an outstanding job.



The Sola Family celebrating Frances Sola Della's 90th birthday at the Roma Lodge meeting in June.

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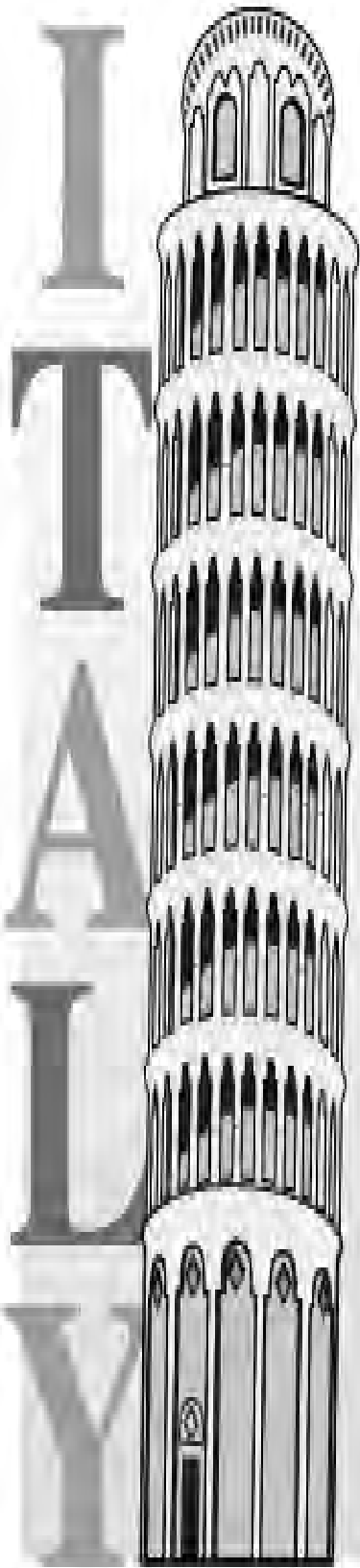


Angie Milanesio and Frances Dell celebrated their 90th birthdays in June.

(l-r) Sherry Reinart, Todd Reinart, Katrina Reinart, Frances Della, Joann and Leroy Beecher celebrate Katrina's winning of the \$1,000 Roma Lodge Scholarship. Katrina will be attending UC Santa Barbara in the fall. The other recipient was her cousin Garren Dutto who lives in Oregon and was unable to attend.



(l-r) Angela DeRose and Anna Lisa McLafferty work the serving line for the Roma Lodge ravioli dinner which was discussed at the June meeting so action can be taken to make next years even better.



83rd Grand Lodge Convention Atlantis Hotel in Reno, Nevada

The convention opened on Thursday, June 27th at the beautiful Atlantis Hotel in Reno, Nevada.

Grand Herald Madeline Zunino, a member of the Cristoforo Columbo Lodge in Reno introduced all of the committee chairs who were present, then on to the Past State Presidents and the Grand Lodge Queen and her court. Then our State President John Costa was escorted in to the take his place at the podium. Convention co-chair Lynn Lawrence Murphy introduced the president of the Cristoforo Columbo Lodge in Reno who welcomed the attending delegates. She gave a beautiful speech.

Past State President Maria Pignati sang the American and Italian anthems and was magnificent as always. We were honored to have with us this year Father Adam Forno who did the Invocation each day. Co-chair of the convention was our Past State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy who along with our Grand Lodge Secretary Lori Rossi welcomed the delegates. She introduced the chair of the Queen Contest Eva Lavezzari who in turn introduced the Royal Court who each said a few words.

Lynn then turned the meeting over to our State President John Costa who also welcomed the delegates and friends.

John introduced Congressman Mark Amodei who welcomed us to Reno and talked about his love for Italians.

John introduced our National President Vera Girolami who gave a magnificent speech.

Past State President Maria Pignati did the Necrologio asking us to remember our lost brothers and sister whom we miss very much.

National Secretary and a good friend of the Grand Lodge of California sent a message that he would be unable to attend our convention this year because his own lodge was having a convention at the same time. This is the first time Phil Privitera missed our convention in five years. He asked our State President John Costa to announce that he is giving Andy Pampuro \$1000 for the IL Leone. Phil, I know you read our newspaper so let me say "Thank you, thank you, thank you."

It was announced that our Financial Secretary Gabe Domenici resigned due to a problem with the financial report.

It was also announced that our Treasurer Al Trentini had a gaul bladder surgery then

broke out with the shingles. we certainly wish him well.

We broke for lunch which was the President's Luncheon which was MCed by Pamela Ricci, the president of the Cristoforo Columbo Lodge in Reno. She introduced the Past State Presidents and then each president of the filial lodges. Each received a gift from the Reno Lodge.

When we returned to the meetings after the luncheon Judge Al Girolami did the judiciary reports. Many by law changes were voted on but did not pass. I will not bore you with what we voted on.

The first night was theme night and the theme was Star Wars. They suggested you wear a costume but it wasn't necessary. Many did and looked great. Prizes were given to the best. Louise and I wore Star War T-shirts.

We held an election for officers of the Grand Lodge Council. The results of the voting were as follows.

- State President
John Costa
- State Delegates
Mark Rossi
Pam Ricci
Joesph Simone
Annette Porter
Andy Pampuro
- First State Vice President
Barbara Weisniewski
- Second State Vice President
Pauline Richmond
- Third State Vice President ...
Sadie Tamburine
- State Orator
Mark Vaona
- State Recording Secretary ...
Lori Rossi
- State Financial Secretary ...
David Lavezzari
- State Treasurer
Al Trentini
- State Trustee North
Bill Murphy and Ray Bini
- State Trustee Central
Pam Buldo and
Mary Jane Cambria
- State Trustee South
Hank Lowinger and
Manny Finazzo
- The five arbiters who were
voted are
Mark Rossi
Pam Ricci
Joe Simone
Annette Porter
Andy Pampuro
- The National Delegates are
Maria Pignati
Arlene Nunziati
Al Girolami
Bill Murphy
Sadie Tamburine
Pauline Richmond

We voted for the three vice presidents to see who is going to come in as first, second or third. They are

- #1 Barbara Weisniewski
- #2 Pauline Richmond
- #3 Sadie Tamburine

At this time Past State

President Roy Vanoni took over the meeting as CAO of the Western Foundation. He called upon Ugo Pignati to give a financial report. He also announced that there would be two golf tournaments this year, one in the south and one in the north. Michael Colletti Smith and Joseph LaPorta each reported on the golf tournaments in their district.

We also heard from Rosemarie Vanderhaar with her scholarship report, Michael Carroll with his medical charities report and Roy explained the workings of the Royal Court of the Golden Lion which the next luncheon was for. This was started many years ago by Past State President Chris Lotito. Due to the death of Chris our State President has taken over. He presented diamonds which are added to the golden lion pin to the various members who made a large donation. Some members have so many diamonds on their lion pin that they are going to need another lion.

When we returned to our meeting after the luncheon we a few words from Caroline Cocciard who spoke on the Mona Lisa painting. It was very interesting. She was selling her book on the subject which many delegates purchased.

Mark Rossi presented the membership awards to the lodges with the most retention of members.

Third place went to the Centinela Valley Lodge,

Second place went to the Saddleback Valley Lodge and third place went to the Napa Lodge.

Each lodge received a monetary gift. Monetary gifts were also given to the members who brought in the most members. I'm sorry but I did not get their names.

Eva Lavezzari spoke on the Royal Pageant and the new rules. We will be having another contest

coming up in the next few months and the royal pageant will take place at the convention in Concord next June.

I had to give my Il Leone report and made it clear that we need some big time ads in order to survive. I any of you know someone who would like to take out an ad in our paper please let me know.

On Thursday we had an entertainment night. It was an amazing night of pure entertainment. The man's name is Aaron Caruso. He sang like you never heard and told jokes that kept you laughing even the next day. He was truly amazing.

On the last day Hugh Ricci gave the results of the bocce

tournament. Each winning team received a medal and a monetary gift.

First place team consisted of John Costa, Donna Lee Costa, Rick Silveria and Sharon Silveria. Second place team consisted of Pauline Richmond. Pam Buldo, Brianna Simon and Lizzy Simon. Third place team consisted of Bill Murphy, Lynn Lawrence Murphy, Rick Branch and Donna Branch.

Brian Watson brought all kids to the last meeting we had. Each of the kids introduced themselves.

They present a gift to every lodge who sent in money to help the kids have a good time and not only the lodges but the individual members who sent them money. The kids are very fortunate to have Brian do this year after year.

Hugh Ricci was honored with the Janet Cappello Mem-

ber of the Year award. Hugh is a member of the Cristoforo Colombo Lodge in Reno. His accomplishments are unbelievable. The award went to the right person.

The last night is the night I always hate because when it is over we may not see some of these people again. Our leaders seem to be dying off. Those that have died are sorely missed.

Any way the last night was the Black and White Ball. After a delicious dinner the scholarship awards were made by Chairlady Rosemarie Vanderhaar. We had five students who were present to accept their awards. Rosemarie always does a fine job with this program.

Many thanks to the Cristoforo Columbo Lodge members for being the most gracious hosts. Thanks also to Lynn Lawrence Murphy and Lori Rossi for all their hard





7/10/99

Congratulations!!!

*You're in our hearts, in our
thoughts, and in our prayers.*



Ukiah Lodge #2104

Ukiah, CA
by Doreen Venturi and Karen Ferraiuolo

Hello from Sons and Daughters of Italy here in Ukiah.

Our spring polenta – dance at the end of March was a success and we were able to make monies to give back to various organizations and special-needs in our community.

President Gary Dogali welcomed everyone present with appreciation for making it possible for our Lodge to support community needs. Special thanks to all the cooks who organized and prepared a great meal, including the polenta stirrers, sauce makers, salad preparation. Renee Adair and her helpers did another beautiful job decorating the tables with an accent of spring flowers. Many members assisted with table set up to make it happen in a short time. Jeff Basili and Carvet Wiles held down the bar, co-chairs Mary Ann Anderson and Shelly Bazzani prepared the pies for serving. And, as always, our music Pied Piper, Donna Moschetti was there to get the crowd dancing. Our thanks to the Youth Explorers from the Redwood Valley-Calpella Fire Department Dante Galletti (great-nephew of Larry and Doreen Venturi), Corbin Doek, Gavin Seng and it Damien Amaya, who helped serve and bus tables. They were rewarded with donations from appreciative attendees. We are thankful for the many hands who put this dinner together.

Our February meeting was hosted by Kathy Thompson and helpers with a traditional spaghetti dinner. March meeting was hosted by Dennis Hunt, Gary Dogali, Jeff Basili and Carvet Wiles, it was a delicious corned-beef dinner. April was our appetizers and dessert pot luck dinner where members shine at bringing their favorite specialties.

Two large maps, one of Italy and one of the World, were at our March and April meetings with the intent of locating where our members’ heritage is. Many, of course, from our beloved Italy, but many from central western Europe and Scandinavian countries, as well as scatterings from other countries. Next year will be Ukiah Lodge’s 60th Anniversary and more will be heard of this gathering of information.

We are looking forward to our summer tradition of holding meetings at the Thompson family patio in Redwood Valley. In June we will be awarding scholar-

ship recipients, two for vocational students and two for academic students of \$1,000 each. The receiving students and their families will be invited to meet our members.

Delegates from Ukiah Lodge are anxiously awaiting the June Skate Convention.
Ciao until next time.



Polenta Dinner Dance
Members Serving left to right – Shelly Bazzani, Joanne Peasley, Kathy Bogner, Kathy Thompson, Lynn Lawrence Murphy, Doreen Venturi, Angela Silver -in back- DJ. Donna Moschetti.



Polenta Dinner & Dance
Salad & Sauce Crew, left to right – Donna Moschetti, Barbara Roveira, Kathy Thompson, Mary Lynn Hunt, Doreen Venturi.



Polenta Dinner Dance Pres. Gary Dogali, Doreen Venter & Gary Mirata.

Mary Lucido



Mary Lucido, 21, Past Grand Lodge Queen and C. Colombo 1315, Antioch, California Trustee graduated on May, 2019 from California State University Sacramento, earning a Bachelors of Social Work degree. We wish Mary good luck in her future endeavors.



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Centinela Valley Lodge # 1991

Torrance, CA
by Annette Porter

Our May 70th Anniversary dinner was a terrific evening! We had a wonderful prime rib or chicken wellington dinner. The food was fantastic, as usual. Our caterer did another outstanding job. The members that help put this event together, created a beautifully decorated hall. Without each and every one of them our events would not be as successful. We would like to thank each of the lodges and state officers that attended our anniversary; America Lodge, Anaheim Lodge, Enrico Caruso Lodge, Hacienda Lodge, Joanne Coccia Lodge, La Costa Dei Fiori Lodge, Pugliese Lodge, Renaissance Lodge and Saddleback Lodge. The state officers that attended were: our State Deputy and Scholarship Chairperson Rosemarie Vanderhaar, State Media Chairperson Andy Pampuro and wife Louise, State Pageant Chairperson Eva Lavezzari and husband David, Our Queen and State Miss Italy Marissa Lavezzari, State Trustee South Manny Finazzo, State Head Trustee Central Pauline Richmond, State Treasurer Al Trentini and wife Jean, State Orator Mark Vaona and wife Gilma, State 2nd Vice President Sadie Tamburine and our State President John Costa.

Our honorees Annette Porter had her family in attendance. Annette has been a member of Sons of Italy for the past 19 years. Annette has been a big part of the lodge supporting it in many positions. She also is now the Hall Manager and bringing in many rentals. She also supports the lodge now as the Immediate Past President. She is always there when something needs to be taken care of. Without her support things would not get done in a timely manner.

At our July meeting we had the pleasure of presenting our scholarships to one young students from our local high school, her name is Eden Zafran. Our present also had the pleasure of presenting Ann Wendel with her 35 year pin.

We have scheduled a Texas Holdem Fundraiser on Saturday July 13th, a fundraiser Pasta for People on Sunday July 21st, this is for our charity STAR House. We have our July Red, White and Blue dinner dance on Saturday July 27, our August Luau with our Hawaiian dancers on Saturday August 24th, hope to see many of you there.



Annette and her husband Pat enjoying the evening.



Bernard Torres, Serafina Accetta and Pat Porter enjoying each other celebrating this special evening.



Gilma Vaona and Bernard Torres enjoying each other.



President Steve Guthrie with State President John Costa and our MC/State Orator Mark Vaona.



President Steve Guthrie and Pauline Richmond.



Honoree Annette Porter and lodge queen and State Miss Italy Marissa Lavezzari.



President Steve with Annette and Mark.



Our Lodge Queen Marissa saying a few words about our honoree and lodge members enjoying themselves.



President Steve presenting Ann Wendel her 35 year pin.



State President John Costa presenting Brian with a certificate from the Grand Lodge.



President Steve and the student Eden Zafran that received our scholarship.



Student Eden with her parents.



Steve with Andy and Louise Pampuro.



Many lodge member and many lodges in attendance.

Rodolfo Valentino

Lodge # 1449

Clovis, CA
by Carole Watson, President;
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Last Month: The United Lodges of the Central San Joaquin Valley: The June meeting was held in the 14th Street Historical Church, with four members of our lodge attending. Regular business was banded about, especially relating to the upcoming convention.

Also, last month was the convention in Reno at the Atlantis Casino; your delegates were Carol Watson and Lou Catallo; at this writing, there is no info on what transpired, so take a read in the Il Leone when they publish. Brian Watson was there, as he chairs the Youth group for the Grand Lodge.

Hope you all had a safe and great Fourth of July.

The Roman Republic began in 509 BC. The rule of Kings was disliked by the Romans of that time because the populace felt an imbalance of power. Two Consuls (holding executive power) had supreme control over civil, religious, judicial, and military matters, while 300 Senators (representing the landowners and elites) and the Assembly (representing everyone else, and the most democratic group) made the laws, rules and regulations. Ten Tribunes (an officer or magistrate chosen by the people to protect them from the oppression of the patricians, or nobles; to defend their liberties against the Consuls and Senators) were also selected and had equal status to the Senators. The Republic fought and conquered their neighbors, the Latins, Etruscans, and Gauls (Celts) during this period, getting tributes and manpower from them afterward. They also beat Carthage and ground the city into the dust with their chariots. Eventually, in 29 AD, someone thought Rome needed an Emperor, and Julius Caesar was selected to the post and took Rome into an new era.

This Month, Monday, July 15 will be Potluck.

Next Months: August 19 and September 16 meetings will be Potluck! Mark your calendar and **Save the Date:** the October Fest Dinner will be on the 28th of the month. Let your friends and family know of the date change and sell them their tickets; they will thank you for it.

Please share your comments and historical photos about our lodge history. Let me know what you have at my email address (above) and we can publish it in this column.

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Alessandro Cagliostro

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Cagliostro was one of the greatest occultists of all time. He was born on June 2, 1743 into a poor family in Palermo, Sicily. His real name was Giuseppe Balsamo. His grandfather and uncles provided the means for his education. At a Benedictine convent he became an assistant of an apothecary and learned the principles of chemistry and medicine.

The young Cagliostro associated with social outcasts and was constantly in trouble with the police. He was involved in the beating and robbing of a wealthy goldsmith in Palermo and fled the city. He befriended a man named Althotas with whom he traveled to Africa, visiting Egyptian temples and acquiring esoteric knowledge.

After the death of Althotas, he went to Naples where he opened a gambling house, but he decided to leave the city due to pressure from the Neapolitan authorities. He went to the Papal States and established himself in Rome as a sort of doctor, making money, and living in luxury.

At this time Cagliostro met the young and beautiful Lorenza Feliciana and married her with much ceremony. His residence became the resort of undesirables and card-sharpers. Jesuitical writers of the Inquisition claimed he was responsible for the ruin his wife's good character. He and his wife were forced from Rome and spent several years wandering about in southern Europe.

From Lisbon they traveled to England, then resumed their travels, going next to France. Cagliostro and his wife frequented the royal courts and associated with persons of high rank. They contributed ideas to Freemasonry and established Masonic Lodges that accepted women. Various accounts state that Cagliostro cured people by laying of hands and mesmeric influence, that he charged nothing for his services, and that he distributed large sums of money, raised by the Masonic Lodges, to the poor.

Cagliostro became famous as a magician and occultist who could summon spirits. Disbelievers, however, made claims that he was a fraud. He was accused of stealing a diamond necklace and sent to the Bastille.

After his release from the Bastille he returned to Rome where he attempted to create an order of Freemasonry, but he was imprisoned by the Church and sentenced to death. Pope Pius VI commuted the sentence to life imprisonment. He died in prison on August 26, 1795. A great deal of mysterious surrounds him. After his death rumors that he had miraculously escaped and was still alive persisted for years in Europe and America.



Portrait of Cagliostro



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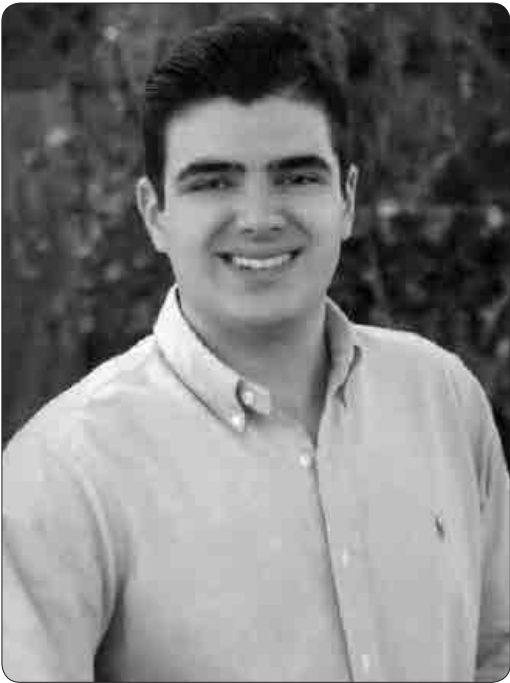
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David Silva, Napa High School pictured with Scholarship Chairman, Seth Rossi, President, Anna Graeber & Napa High School Principal Frank Silva.



Justin Andino, American Canyon High School pictured with Reza Arsham (our 2018 Scholarship Recipient from American Canyon High School, who flew in from college for 1 day to present Justin with his Scholarship!) Thank you Reza, you are the best!



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