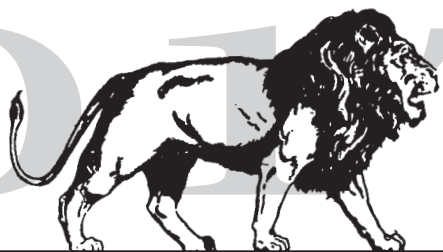


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## A Message From The State President



*State President  
John Costa*

First let me start by wishing everyone a belated Happy Thanksgiving to all of you, I hope everyone had a wonderful time spending the holiday with family and friends. Sometimes I get thrown off schedule as to when my article is due and what holidays are coming. With that, now the holiday season is in full force, Christmas carols are being played in the stores, decorations are going up. You might even have time to get on the good list, unless you like being on the naughty list.

The first part of November I along with the First Lady Donna Lee, went to our happiest place on earth for the super heroes half marathon weekend, where I participated in the 5K race, then supported Donna Lee as she did 10K on Saturday and then the half marathon on Sunday for a total of 19.3 miles. I was winded just waiting and watching these people run.

Upon our return I had the privilege of being the first male State President to attend the Beatrice Portinari Lodge meeting, not event but meeting, since this is the only "women's only" lodge left. I had a great time; President Pam conducted a super meeting.

November has been a busy month eating Polenta. The Vallejo Lodges did a wonderful job serving over 200 people, Great job Marlene, Bert, Tim and your crew; I know I ate my fair share. But I guess I needed

some more because the very next day it was off to Ukiah for their Polenta Feed, another packed house. Great job to President Gary and your crew. After enjoying the holiday with family, it was now time for Christmas parties.

On December 1st, I was able to take the Grand Lodge office staff to lunch for the Christmas holidays as a thank you for the past years work they have accomplished. I am also looking forward to being a judge at C. Colombo Lodge cuccidati cookie contest, I have been asked in the past to be a judge but dates conflicted so looking forward to it this year, "GOT MILK".

Our membership program is almost ready to go, all the data is input or the last of it is being done, This is a long time coming and fingers crossed it will be live at the first of the year.

Speaking of membership this is something we all need to work on, just think I each lodge brought in one member we would have 50 new members, but if each person brought in one person we would have 4000 new members, I don't expect this but let's try and increase our membership.

We once again will be having the 365 winner everyday raffle ticket; they make a great Christmas present or stocking stuffer. So contact the Grand Lodge to get your tickets or any State officer will have them also, many lodges have been winning, and winning multiple times, how about every lodge buys one for their lodges.

In closing First Lady Donna Lee and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all of you and your families. Buon Natale and Felice Anno Nuovo. (And for my Norwegian half, god jul)

Ciao till next month!

Worthy State President Grand Council Members and State Delegates,

We are pleased to report our 19th annual California Golf Classic was very successful.

Although we only had 64 players, we had a great turnout for the dinner and auction.

Our day started with our frozen meatball putting contest and I am happy to report Roy Vanoni's son Brian Vanoni from Sacramento sunk the putt and won the \$170.00 golf driver.

The event was broadcasted on the local news station in Chico.

A great lunch was cooked and served and donated by Recology, consisting of peppers, onions and sausage along with home made pesto and pasta, salad and bread. Each player was given a bottle of local fresh pressed olive oil as a gift.

Everyone had a great day on the links at the beautiful Canyon Oaks Country Club golf course.

Canyon Oaks did a great job working with us, and I thank them for a great outing.

Dinner was served after golf in the dining room consisting of chicken piccata, seasoned tri-tip, potatoes, salad, bread and canollis for dessert.

Raffle and live auction was very successful and fun. Total funds raised this year was over \$10,300.00.

I want to especially thank our worthy State President John Costa for joining us again as he has for the past 15 plus years along with Roy Vanoni Western Foundation CAO.

Many thanks to Sons of Italy players from Northern California lodges, Rick Branch, Donna Branch, Louie Lodi, Fred Asche, Sal Macasib, Ray Bini, Gary Smith, Dominic Sanfalipo, Anthony Sanfalipo.

## 19th Annual Sons of Italy Western Foundation California Golf Classic

by Michael Colletti Smith  
Vincenzo Bellini Lodge #2519  
California Western Foundation Golf Chairman



*Rich Branch looks on as the salami gets auctioned off.*



*Mike Colletti Smith auctions off items as President John looks on.*



*Past President of Chico lodge Gary Smith, Jonny Kole, President Chico lodge Mike Colletti Smith, Rich Bernier, Sponsor from Los Angeles.*

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# From the Editor's Desk

by Andy Pampuro  
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I must apologize to all the lodges listed in the Il Leone in the lodge directory. Last month. The directory was completely all wrong. It was so bad it was embarrassing to me and Debbie. If you look at the September issue the lodge directory was right from beginning to the end. What happened last month is something neither Debbie nor can explain. When I proof the paper before it goes to the press i guess I take it for granted that the lodge directory is always the same. But ..... I guess I was wrong. Debbie



and I are trying to figure out what happened that for the month of November the directory was all screwed up. Debbie is going to go through her files and get rid of any other directories she may have and I promise I will check it out each month that I proof the paper. You know what they say ... S\_\_\_\_\_ happens and when it does I can expect to get a lot of irate phone calls which I have. Again we are so sorry that this happened. In spite of all this Debbie, Louise and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a

very Happy New Year. May 2018 be a good year for us all. 2017 wasn't a very good year for us. First our daughter passed away, then Louise fell and fractured her wrist, then I broke out with the shingles and was in terrible pain and finally some woman rear ended Louise a block and a half from our home totaling out our car which meant I had to buy a new car. We are waiting for the other shoe to drop before the ball drops on Times Square New Year's Eve.



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## News from the Central

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



Since my last article I have been flying from one state to another!

I traveled to Washington, DC and Virginia with National President Vera where I was a chaperone at the Youth Summit. It was a great event and the eleven youths all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We were fortunate to have three of our students join the summit; Elizabeth Lavezzari, Mary Lucido and Carlos Pujol.

The first day started off badly with our leader Kathy Drummond falling and needing hip surgery. Thankfully she is fine and recuperating. She was missed and had done a great job of planning.

We traveled all around the Capital, National Mall, Superior Court and visited the monuments. They saw the National Lodge and dinner was at Buca di Beppo. They finished the evening with games.

The next day was full of dignitary presentations and Italian lessons. Pizza party that evening with an Italian movie.

Earlier in the week, Vera and I visited the National office and met with the Ambassador to Italy, Armando Varricchio, who was very concerned about the fires and victims in the Napa Valley.

Our Columbus Day committee wrap up dinner was great and this year was one of the most successful years to date.

A meeting of the CIAO Marketing Committee was held and a website has been formatted to publicize events from all organizations.

I spent a very cold but great weekend in Madison, Wisconsin visiting Grandson Emilio. It's a beautiful campus with an "iced over" lake! I was very fortunate to see Wisconsin win their football game and cinch their division.

And while I was gone, the 49ers won their first game!

Vera and I were initiated into the PIASC. What a wonderful group of people.

One of the lodges from New York called the Grand Lodge and will be having a new banner made for the Santa Rosa Lodge. The original was lost in the fire. Now that is true fraternity.

Hope everyone had a lovely Thanksgiving and didn't eat too much. Christmas is almost here! Now starts the hectic times!

Ciao for now.

## News from the South

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



I trust everyone had a perfect Thanksgiving with family and friends. Congratulations to Saddleback Valley Lodge for their 37th Anniversary, to their Honoree, State Treasurer, Al Trentini for his many years of service to his Lodge and the Grand Lodge. Congratulations to the America Lodge on their 86th Anniversary, to Honoree Annette Porter, President of Centinella Valley Lodge for her dedication and passion for the organization.

It is the time of the year for Christmas parties and holiday cheer. May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year.

The bi-annual Humanitarian Gala will be celebrated in the South on September 22, 2018. SAVE THE DATE. Let's make 2018 one of the most successful galas we have had. With everyone's support I know it will be.

Now for some Italian trivia.

The king of swing Michael Bublé started a sell-out

tour of his new homeland in Padua on Friday, after he recently gained Italian citizenship. At the pre-tour press conference the crooner from Vancouver flashed the new passport - issued on October 21 - which means he now has dual Italian-Canadian nationality. The singer was eligible for Italian citizenship thanks to his grandfather Demetrio Santa'ga', who comes from the village of Preganziol, which is some 40km away from this northern town.

He puts his success down to his Italian roots. "If I'm here today and if I've achieved what I have, I owe it to my grandpa, who is Italian," he said. "My grandpa paid for my music lessons and helped me discover the music that he loved." Bublé's gigs in the Bel Paese are part of a European tour to promote his new live CD, Caught in the Act. It features a duet of You'll Never Find Another Love Like Mine with Italian pop sensation Laura Pausini.

At the press conference Bublé confessed that he is not a great lover of live albums. "I had to choose between a Christmas record, a home-made blue movie or a live CD, so I went for the latter," he quipped. "I prefer to have a direct relationship with the public. In fact, by the end of the year I'll have done around 300 concerts."

Keep negating the lies that are being spread about Christopher Columbus.

Until next year.



## Lodge Anniversaries

December  
Giuseppe Mazzini #2011 12/10/50

**Congratulations!!!**

## News from the North

by Barbara Wisniewski  
State 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President



I want to wish all my sisters and brothers and their families a happy and holy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

I just came back over the mountain from my first outing since my surgery. I am feeling wonderful and was thrilled to see snow in the passes. I always hope it stays there and doesn't come down to the valley floor here in Reno. For those of us who live in areas where snow falls, it's nice for a little while but I'm always happy to see it go!

I was able to visit Gold Country Lodge and initiate eight new members. We had an early Thanksgiving pot luck and each dish was better than the one before. Thank you President Anthony Scotch and all my sisters and brothers for making us feel so welcomed.

The next day my husband Ken and I were invited to the Roseville Lodge board meeting. It was good to see business taken care of so efficiently. I believe that President Marlene Cristanelli will be moving forward with this Lodge in the new year. Deputy Roy and myself will be available to assist in any way

needed. I would like to thank sister Yvonne and brother Roy Vanoni for allowing me and Ken to stay in their home during this visit.

Next stop was Northern Salano Lodge. It was wonderful to see old friends and make new ones. President Don Craddock and all the officers, sisters and brothers made us feel so welcomed. While there I was honored, along with State Deputy, Louie Lodi, to assist in the initiation of four new members. The kitchen crew included our State Recording secretary, Lori Rossi, and her family. Dinner was delicious with an amazing dessert. I would like to thank Sister Joy Bruno for putting us up during that visit.

The next stop was Vallejo, Beatrice Portinari and Virgilio Lodges. Ken and I attended their polenta feed and I could have eaten polenta all evening long. It was cooked to perfection! So many Lodges represented at the fundraiser. It was great to see the support of sister lodges.

During my trip, I was so very happy and proud to note that our Lodges were utilizing correct protocol during our meetings and rituals. If you have any questions on protocol please read your Ritual and Protocol book, ask a state officer, or contact the Grand Lodge. We all have copies of the book and have participated in most of the rituals.

Remember, the rituals are something that unite us. We can go to any Lodge in the nation and feel at home during the meetings and rituals because we all follow the same process.

Till next month...





## Visit with Ambassador to Italy



Vera Girolami and Ambassador Armando Varricchio.



Vera Girolami, Ambassador Armando Varricchio and Arlene Nunziati.

## Italian Heritage Day Los Angeles

OCT 16: Los Angeles I made a presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the National Lodge Order Sons and Daughters in America to Los Angeles City Councilman from Long Beach Joe Buscaino at the October 12th Heritage Day celebration held in the City Hall at a dinner attended by 300 or more L'Italo Americans upon the invitation of brother Joe who carried the fight in City Hall with other Councilman to preserve Columbus Day. Although this

effort failed in brought together members of the entire Italian community thus gaining solidarity. The Council in doing away with Columbus Day established Italian Heritage Day and month. I trust that the Sons and Daughters of Italy thru its Commission for Social Justice will make this information available. Please note I was personally interviewed by the Italian Broadcasting Network RAI' and the interview has been distributed.



Frank at MIC LA CITY Hall Italian Heritage Day



Frank with Joe Buscaino Italian Heritage Month.

## Modesto Lodge # 2021

Modesto, CA  
by Antonella Turchetti

Italians are notorious for being polemic, speaking their minds, and loving to ignite discussions on every possible topic, not just politics! So, as a citizen of The Boot, I am not immune from this "disease" that is bringing me today to write on these pages. Money is one of the hottest issues for our lodges: we always look for ways to save dollars and raise them through fundraisers to have enough for running our business and for helping the community with donations. Now, why don't we take advantage of new technology to lower the expenses? Il Leone could easily be delivered in a few seconds with a click, by email, instead of being printed, stamped, and sent. We have done the same with our Lodge Newsletter, leaving the choice to members to opt for the electronic delivery or the traditional method and OSDIA is sending out its national bulletin by email too. Five dollars from each member's dues are annually withdrawn to support Il Leone and also, donations are made at the convention with the same goal. Every business and association should be run with the principle of a household, where often the back bone of family savings is built up by the coin. And don't get me wrong, I am from another era and I still prefer reading my books on real paper, but this is just a short newsletter and, following Machiavelli, the end justifies the means! I know, it doesn't seem like a big deal, but for lodges that struggle to keep their door open, it could translate into money for covering another monthly rent.....just a thought!



Our very best wishes for a happy holiday season!



Andy & Louise Pampuro  
Chairman, Media Committee



Buon Natale e'  
Felice Anno Nuovo  
a tutti da



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Every culture keeps track of time and has a calendar of sorts. Ancient astronomers helped make calendars. The modern calendar we use is that of ancient Rome, which Julius Caesar adjusted to insure its accuracy. The Roman year began in March. When George Washington was born, the year began on March 25 in England and America. This wasn't changed until 1752.

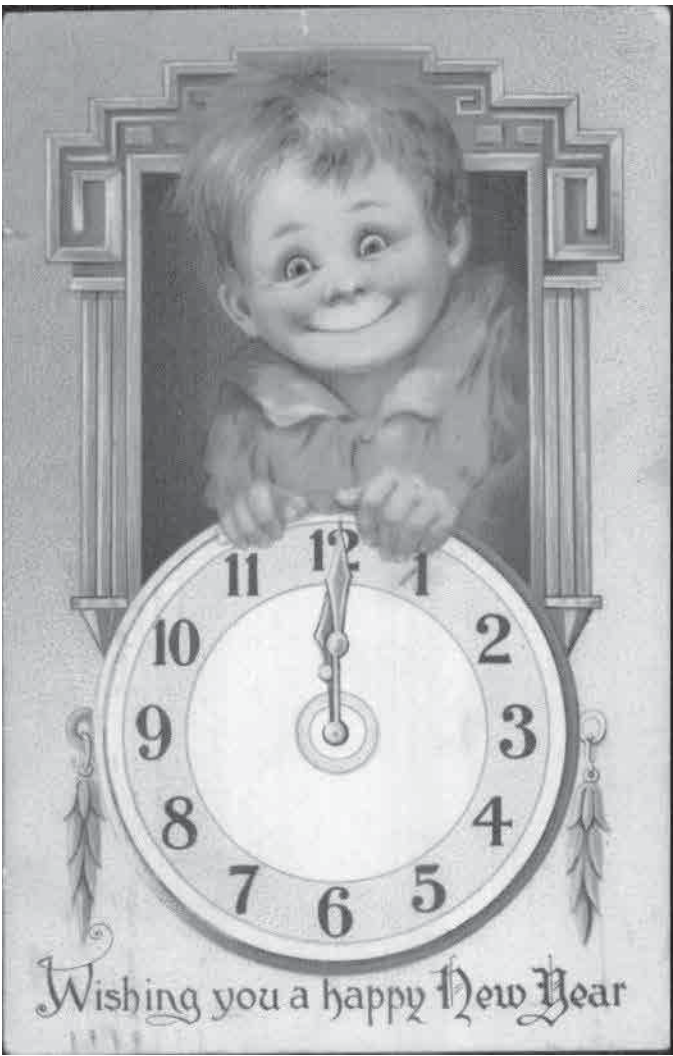
We welcome each New Year with festivities and traditions. People celebrate with parties, music, and noise (especially with loud horn-blowing). People like to say goodbye to the old year and welcome in the new one. Ancient party-goers believed a ruckus would drive away evil spirits. Ancient cultures also expressed a reverence for animal horns, with which they sometimes pictured their deities. Horns, they believed, had magical powers. Today, the horn often serves as a symbol of the New Year.

Many people traditional-

ly make lists of New Year's resolutions. Making New Year's resolutions is derived in part from the ancient purification rituals performed for the New Year. The Romans bathed in ashes at their New Year festivals of atonement. (The Church converted that tradition into Ash Wednesday observances.) Some people turn a new leaf on the New Year. Perhaps it is an auspicious day.

January 1 is a legal holiday in the United States and many other parts of the world. Some churches have special services to pray for a good year. Past times are remembered with nostalgia, and English-speaking people sing the New Year song, "Auld Lang Syne."

Italian-Americans feel a sense of pride in celebrating the New Year because the calendar and principal traditions are of Italian origin. The Italian New Year salutation is "Buon Anno!" – Happy New Year!

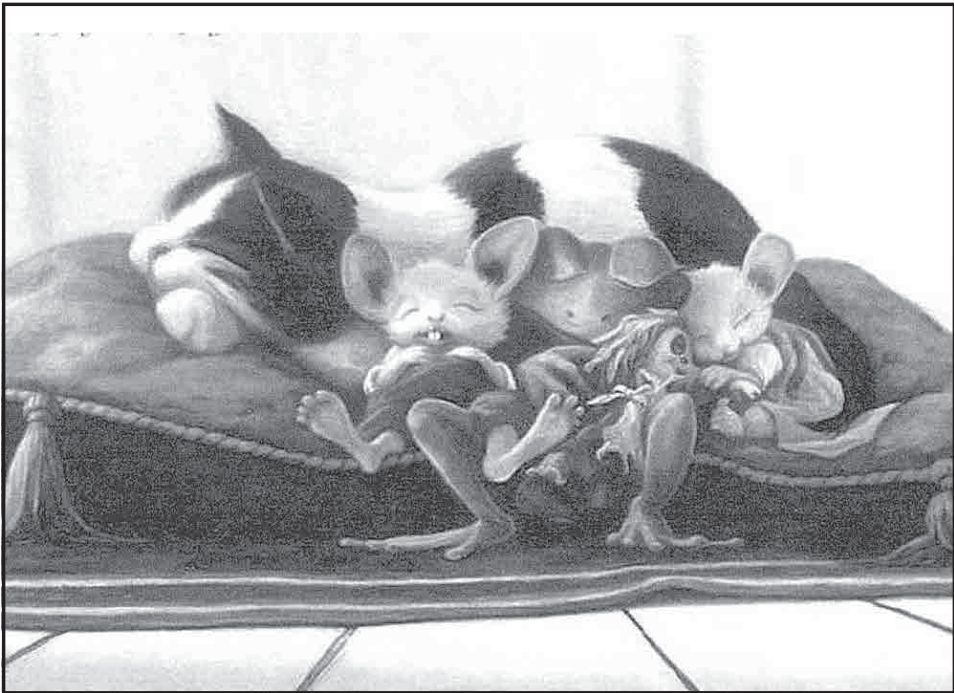


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## Fred J. Finazzo 1935-2017

**Joanne Coccia Lodge #2553**  
Fontana, CA  
by Anthony N. Finazzo



Brother Fred J. Finazzo was born in St. Louis, Missouri on October 23, 1935, and entered heaven on October 8, 2017, at the age of 81. His parents, Frank Paul Finazzo, Sr. and Maria Finazzo, were from Cinisi, Palermo, Sicily. He was the third oldest of five children. He is survived by his wife Gerry Finazzo; their four devoted sons, Christopher and wife Connie;

Matthew and wife Janet; Cory and wife Katey; Roman and wife Che; along with eight wonderful grandchildren. Fred was a member of the Joanne Coccia Lodge #2553 for many years.

Fred graduated from Chaffey High School in Ontario, California, in 1953. He performed on stage during their annual extravaganzas receiving many ovations for his performances. He also served in the United States Air Force for two years.

Fred and Gerry owned and operated dance studios in Riverside for 63 years known as the Freddie Finn Dance Studio (F.F.D.S). He opened his first studio in 1954 when he was only 18 years old which helped support and further his continued dance lessons. Fred received many offers to dance professionally on Broadway, which had been his dream. However, when he met Gerry, who took dance lessons from him, Fred fell in love and that is when his life truly began. They raised four wonderful boys.

Fred enjoyed travelling over the years. He loved going to Cinisi, Sicily, to visit relatives, he loved the Alaska cruise with our lodge and family members, and the enumerable trips to Las Vegas to visit his sister and brother-in-law, Francie and Frank Sclafani, to see the lights and musical stage shows.

He was a great husband, a great father, and a wonderful grandfather. His staff said he was the best boss, always with a big smile on his face, full of energy and charm.

Fred and Gerry were asked to judge hundreds of dance competitions throughout the U.S.A. Freddie, Gerry and their staff taught thousands of marvelous students. Their students loved them dearly because their lives were touched in many ways. A number of his students went on to become professional dancers on Broadway.

Today we focus and celebrate a wonderful man who lived his life to the fullest as he would want us to celebrate his accomplishments. Freddie will continue to touch all of our lives with his amazing spirit.

Fred and Gerry retired their dance studio in July 2017, the same month that Fred was honored with a proclamation from the Riverside City Council for his outstanding dedication and service to the city and his students for 63 years.

For the last year-and-half Fred enjoyed having lunch with his brothers, Frank, Anthony and Manny every Friday at different Italian restaurants. They talked about the good old days growing up, politics, sports, and health issues.

We will make sure that his memory lives on in all of us for as long as we live. Brother Fred, you will always be remembered, always be loved and always be someone so many people were glad to know. The beauty of a life well-lived such as Fred's life will live on in our loving memories of him.

Our beloved Fred, rest in peace and may the perpetual light shine upon you forever.

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28	\$25.00	Andy Pampuro
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31	\$50.00	Arlene Nunziati

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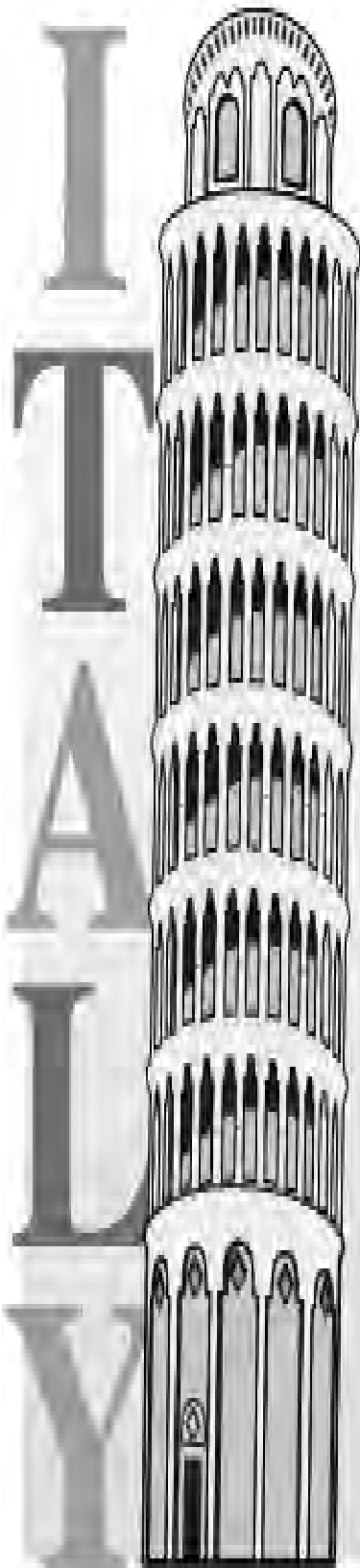
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# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018!!



# Youth Summit

by Arlene Nunziati



Students at Youth Summit.



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Elizabeth, Carlo and Mary.

As Miss America for the Grand Lodge of California, I have spent an amazing year with many opportunities to engage in our Italian culture and visit local lodges. Of these experiences, one of my favorite events was attending the OSIA Youth Summit in Washington D.C. Ten other students and I from across the country spent a busy weekend in our nation’s capital visiting monuments, touring the Capitol, playing traditional Italian games, and learning more about our heritage. I truly enjoyed the trip and was excited to see other young Sons of Italy members participating as well. The youth population is so important to the future of the organization. Programs such as California’s Queen (now Queen

and King!!) Contest and the national youth summit are essential in fostering passionate, dedicated and involved members to keep our Italian culture alive. I would like to thank the chaperones and all those who played a part in organizing, planning and hosting the summit because I know how much work went into it. I would definitely encourage other young Sons of Italy members to attend the Summit in the future. I am thankful for the new friends I have made, everything I learned, and the memories made! Ciao!

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Lavezzari

# Colombo - Stella Lodge # 1149

Fresno, CA  
Olivia De Liddo Gallegos,  
President

Merry Christmas to all! Whew, that was fast! Here comes another year to a close. Lots of great moments, lots of not so great ones, too. We suffered some huge losses both personally and to our Order in 2017, and as we reflect on those wonderful people we lost, we try to always remember not only what truly wonderful people they were, but also the feelings of friendship and love they brought out in all of us.

The last 2 months of 2017, our Lodge has not been too busy with any business. Our Fundraiser in September, while quite successful, was the last thing we did. Our October meeting was not very well attended. We do need to remember to bring in some new members and new ideas. We have quite a bit of money we need to disburse to our various charities, and we would love to bring in some new ones, too.

November meeting is on the 21st.. We are having our 3rd annual Bingo Night and we open it up to our Local Lodges within the United Lodges area. We also usually do a soup and salad in November, so we are combining the two. Bingo night is just a really fun night for us to get together without any business or stress, just friendship and fraternity.

Upcoming is the United Lodges Quarterly meeting on Dec 10th. Our Lodge is hosting it at the Spaghetti Factory in Clovis on Shaw Ave, at 11:30am. Hope to see you there. There is no meeting in December. We will be having our Annual Christmas party instead. Details will be at the Nov meeting.

Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas. For me, personally, the best part of this time of year is that both my kids (and my new daughter in law) come home for a visit. It revives my soul and I feel useful again! There are many of you that have recently suffered losses of loved ones, and some that are still missing people that we love. This time of year can be very hard sometimes. A song that brings happiness to one person can bring tears to another. Please remember these people in your prayers and include them in your festivities.

We only have each other. God Bless you all. Until next year, Ciao!

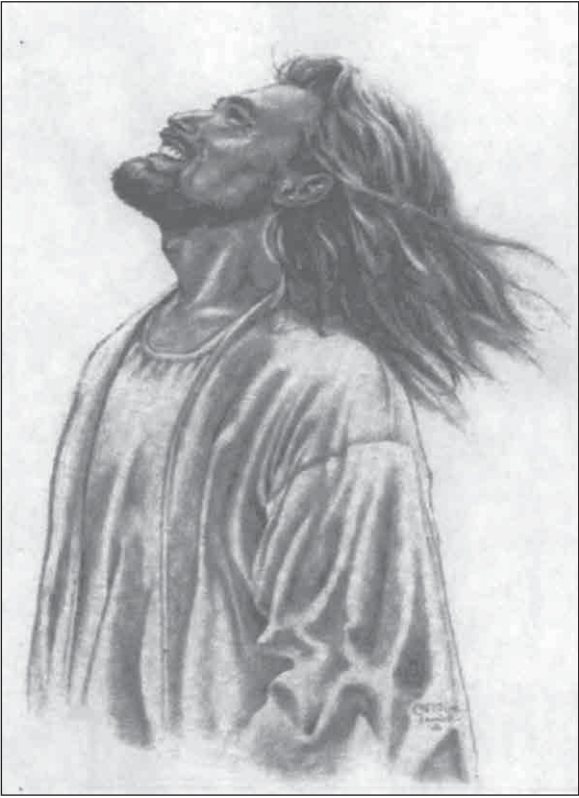




Christmas Greetings  
from the  
Officers & Members of the  
ANAHEIM LODGE #2076

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Eva Lavezzari, President

Merry  
CHRISTMAS



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Vita Zaccaria,




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Happy New Year



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Saddleback Valley Lodge #2566  
wishes you all the many joys and  
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President Hank Lowinger and wife, Michelle

Eureka Lodge #1274

Eureka, CA  
by Josephine Silva

It's been a busy few months with fun activities. September 1, 2017, the Eureka Branch of Sons of Italy #1274 held their annual Italian festival at the Redwood Fields Ball Park. The sun was shining, birds singing and the bocce players honed their skills for their competition. The courts were newly repaired and raked. Ten bocce teams vied for the coveted first and second place awards.

Bocce dogs, polenta and sauce, ice cream, biscotti, wine, beer, and soda were some of the wonderful goodies enjoyed by all attending. Thirty raffle prizes were given away. All this was enjoyed to the melodic tunes played by the Humboldt Accordionaires! Dancing, singing, and laughing, with a few lies thrown in for good measures (whoppers). In the bocce area, a memorial bench was dedicated to our dear sister an avid bocce player, now departed, Vittorina

Bisio. Her son Frank and grandson Ryan were present for the dedication.

Next event was the Humboldt Veterans Stand Down in Ferndale October 3rd. A pasta dinner was prepared with three different sauces for approximately 200 Veteran's and families. It was a three day event with barbers, animal care, doctors, etc. We enjoy being part of this event. We are so grateful for the time these men and women who gave a part of their lives for us.

The bi-annual Chicken and Polenta Dinner was October 29<sup>th</sup>. We have polenta, chicken, salad, bread and dessert, ice cream and homemade biscotti. It is a fun event and enjoyed by all who attend. We have a raffle with about 30+ items, including wheel barrels. We plan for about 300+ guests. It takes lots of preparation by our cooks, set-up people, servers, merchandise sellers, dishwashers and raffle sell-

ers. We also sell wine and sauce for a reasonable price. Try to make it next year. We hold the dinners in April and October. Check out our website.

The Lady Veterans luncheon was November 3. A wonderful luncheon was prepared and served as a sit-down luncheon to lady Veterans of tri-tip, fresh string beans with sundried tomatoes, salad and cake. The ladies were honored.

Our annual Christmas celebration is scheduled for December 3 at Abruzzi's in Arcata. We will have a lovely catered meal. The company and wine will be enjoyed by all. Wish you could attend!

If you are in our area, come and visit us. We are where the redwood trees kiss the ocean! We would love to show you or beautiful scenery and extend fellowship to you.

Ciao.



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# Saddleback Valley Lodge # 2566

Mission Viejo, CA  
by Andy Pampuro  
Immediate Past President

On Sunday, October 29th, the Saddleback Valley Lodge held their 33rd anniversary at the Norman Murray Senior Center. It was an afternoon event with a brunch catered by Jolanda and enjoyed by all. President Hank Lowinger welcomed the people to the event. Immediate Past President Andy Pampuro led us in the pledge of allegiance and our chaplain Louise Pampuro did the invocation. President Hank introduced the dignitaries who honored us with their presence. Our Second State Vice President Sadie Tamburine represented the State President John Costa.

Sadie was with her husband, Sid. State Financial Secretary Gabe Domenici, our honoree Al Trentini, State Treasurer, was with his wife, Jean, then we had State Trustee South Manny Finazzo, Past State President Joseph La-Banca and his wife, Mary, State Deputy as well as the Scholarship Chair Rosemarie Vanderhaar and Media Committee Chair Andy Pampuro and his wife, Louise. Our beautiful lodge Queen who is Miss Convention City, Baylin Herington.

We were honored to have a few lodges represented. They were La Costa dei Fiori Lodge,

Sal Denardo, president, Pugliese Lodge, Michael DiGiuro, president and his wife Edithe, Centinela Valley Lodge, Annette Porter, president, America Lodge, Linda Enneman, president, and the Renaissance Lodge, Mary Jane Cambria, president. We also had representation from the Joanne Coccia Lodge and the West End Lodge.

President Hank called upon our queen for a few words which she did so beautifully. Then he introduced our lodge prince Joseph Perez who also said a few words.

Sadie Tamburine was representing our State President and

she also had a few words to say. She presented a certificate of appreciation from the Grand Lodge to our honoree Al Trentini.

This event was in honor of our past president Al Trentini who received a beautiful trophy from our lodge. He also was presented gifts from various people in attendance.

Al worked for the Los Angeles County for 32 years retiring in 1992. He joined the Saddleback Valley Lodge in 1994 held many offices and then held the office of president for 12 years. In 2013 he ran for the office of State Trustee South and ran for two

terms. Then in 2017 Al decided to advance in the Grand Lodge and ran for and became our State Treasurer. Al is a devoted and valued member of the Saddleback Valley Lodge and very deserving of this honor.

We enjoyed a beautiful brunch and music provided by Tony Ciaramitaro. We also had a very successful silent auction for some very beautiful items. We thank everyone who attended.

Many thanks to our First Lady Michelle Lowinger for chairing this event and to Bernie Neil and her daughter Kerry Herington for decorating the hall.





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# FACT: Columbus Sailed the Ocean Blue in 1492.

Dear Fellow Members of the Order of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America,

A radio program on UBN on October 13, 2017 called Truth Be Told recently interviewed the Commission of Social Justice’s President Kevin A. Caira and OSDIA/CSJ Reps from California/Nevada, Colorado, and New York: Tony Ricevuto, Jerry Carleo, and John A. Fratta respectively. The radio discussion was enlightening to many listeners.

My sister and I would like to add to that discussion with some thoughts.

In reference to: The unjust attack on our Italian Heritage.

A. Some questions:

- a. Do we understand that a group of people, many with Hispanic surnames, are taking money from Indian Casinos and elsewhere to launch attacks on Columbus, an explorer who lived over 500 years ago? They are trying to erase or destroy history...a universal crime in itself!
- b. Do we understand that these people have and are spreading false-facts, while crossing the U.S.A with vicious lies about Columbus...trying to alter history because they are offended by us “celebrating” an explorer who spent a good part of his life trying to prove or verify that the Earth was not flat?

c. Who are “they”? They apparently are an underground grassroots-organization whose members then come forth, surrounding the wagons and attacking in secrecy, often taking us by total surprise!

B. We learned a great deal from the Truth BeTold October 13, 2017 radio interview mentioned above and we hope everyone has listened-in.

C. We learned a lot at the Columbus Day Celebration on October 1, 2017 at the L.A. Columbus Celebration at the Casa Italiano.

- 1. Yes, perhaps many Italians are too comfortable and have become complacent.
- 2. Yes, the millennial generation knows what they should do, but they just do what they want.

D. Let us continue to unite! We know that the OSDIA, its Foundation, and CSJ are all working very hard in defense of our Italian-American culture and our right to celebrate and are very happy that the Knights of Columbus are joining us in this on-going struggle. This underhanded attack on heritage and history is very dangerous to the whole wide world. But it is also racist, discriminatory, and anti-Catholic!

E. We do not know if the Commission on Social Justice (various OSDIA Lodges, as well as the Knights of Columbus) is already taking this approach, but this is what we discussed as we brainstormed.

- 1. We need a legal team of lawyers with a constitutional knowledge of the intricacies of the Constitution and its Bill of Rights. These lawyers and this document are our finest weapons!
- 2. We need to find out how the naysayers communicate and listen-in on their communications to discover what is being planned. (We need to tune-in to radio and T.V. channels, newspapers, computer sites, or other social media being used in this negative campaign.) We need to anticipate what is being planned by the intensity of the rhetoric used.
- 3. We must defeat surprise!
  - a. We refer to the unexpected removal of any mention of Columbus in some San Francisco public school history textbooks;
  - b. We point to the tricky-unfair methods used in L.A. like the arbitrary changing of dates for the L.A. City Council Meeting many times and then the tactic of not even providing time for speakers to voice their descent! All this was part of the Council’s obvious pre-decision used to remove Columbus Day from the Los Angeles City Calendar.
  - c. We refer to the deceptive method used to gain approval for the removal of a Columbus statue in San Jose... to name a few...

d. If we have a heads-up, we have a good chance to keep this anti-Columbus movement off balance thru court injunctions or by suing them for interfering with our rights under the Constitution. Even if we don’t win all the time, court actions will throw them off balance and cost them money.

F. What is the advantage in changing a date, a name? This is a sinister method that can be used to cause disequilibrium within the Italian-American Community and in the World at large. But “they” will not stop with us...they wish to erase what seems like ancient history (The history of Genoa, Italy and Palos, Spain), saying that it is time to move-on. They would like Columbus’ and other statues in our country taken down or destroyed...because they wrongly think they can erase the past by removing a visual object or editing historical documents. Trying to fully-change, to erase, or eradicate history is a fool’s task....but at the same time, they have set a very dangerous course to sail! (While we cannot erase the past or defend it, we have the opportunity to learn from it.) And we have news for them. America doesn’t have ancient history. We are still a very young Nation compared to most of the rest of the World. Not even 300 years old.

G. Is this a question of Religion and Culture? Is this a conspiracy against Religion, the most stabilizing element in civilized cultures? We all felt this attack starting with the taking down of Christmas manger scenes. In fact, businesses nationally for a time felt they could not have their workers say Merry Christmas but instead they were told to say Happy Holidays. Then they attacked memorial crosses placed on the top of mountains, and later on our own Los Angeles City Seal they removed the cross on the top of a California mission picture, etc. Do you think this was accomplished by the same “They”? At our L.A. Columbus event on October 1, someone said they are now going after Thanksgiving Day celebrations...

H. What to do? What to do? An article in a recent L.A. Times Sunday edition (October 8th or October 15th,2017 )called “Confederates, Columbus, and Everyone else” by Stephen Marche suggested that although statues of Columbus were often raised to celebrate the contributions of Italian-American immigrants, the naysayers are gunning for Catholic symbols, Columbus being a Catholic...”because such statues are part of a conspiracy to establish Catholicism”. (Quote marks pinpoint what was said by a member of the Ku Klux Klan.)

- 1. Let us ask the authorities why they apparently have not even tried to apprehend and prosecute vandals of statues! Surveillance equipment could be used...Are Indians or others doing this in New York, Phoenix, and other places? Let’s find out.
- 2. So what may be suggested here: It would be wise to stop defending all the aspects of the life of a navigator and explorer of a way-different time and milieu which no one living today really can understand and instead focus on the pride Italian-American immigrants and Italian-Americans living today take pride-in: the fact that this navigator and explorer, Columbus, gathered knowledge for many years, had faith in God and a plan, waited in Spain about 9 years before he could present this plan to the rulers of Spain, and, when succeeding to explain this plan, sailed to his destiny with the hope of establishing a new trade route to the Indies and with the desire to spread a Faith he held dear. (His journals verify this.)

I. On October 22, 2017, an article in The L.A. Times Sunday edition: “New monuments to Confederacy rise as others fall” by Jenny Jarvie tells us that, from 2000 to the present in America, Confederate memorials have been growing in many Southern states because those who died in the Civil War were sons (and ancestors) of Americans whether they thought the North or South was right about states’ rights, sectionalism, or slavery. They lived and died and that history cannot be eradicated! Now many of these memorials cannot be legally-removed because they were made with private money and were placed on private property...

- 1. So what may be suggested here: Continue to raise-up Columbus statues when statues are taken down...because Columbus lived and died and is part of the World’s history!
- 2. Focus on placing these statues on private property, perhaps in the vicinity to where they were taken down....

In conclusion: Manger scenes, crosses on mountains, a cross on a mission building on a government seal, Columbus statues, Confederate memorials.... Who or what will “they” attack next?

American-Italians, Stand Strong!

CIAO,

Elaine and Eleanor Bersano

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# Dolly Sinatra Lodge # 2400

Palm Springs, CA  
by Andy Casey

The blistering heat of summer slowly dissipates, the evenings cool and the Lodge doors open finally and welcome us back for another wonderful season this October 4th. The wait from the end of May, when the doors closed, seems an eternity, but it's to bloody hot in the summer here, and half our members have fled the heat, so the doors shut till October.

And we happily greet our fellow members, both old and new! In addition to that joy of reunion there was a big surprise awaiting. Our Vice President and Director of Entertainment, Frank DiSalvo and his amazing lady, Addy Walker, were married this summer in Italy while on vacation, and had decided to repeat their vows to all of us in a little wedding ceremony. Replete in her wedding gown and Frank in his tuxedo, and having asked me, your writer, to officiate the ceremony we performed the vows. I can't even begin to tell you how honored I was to perform the wedding! I basically fumbled through, Frank prompting me where necessary, and they were united to tumultuous cheers! And they even had a weddingcake too! Enjoy the photos!

Frank wasn't done, because as Director of Entertainment, and arguably the best performer in our desert, he led of our evening of amazing singers, and humor. Always on the first Wednesday Frank puts on the show, and with so many of our members, accomplished entertainers themselves, coming to perform with him,

well, there is no other word but magnificent! What an evening we have! No doubt, why we lead in acquiring new membership, it gets so busy during the season that we have to turn members away from some meetings, because of fire occupancy laws and over-crowding.

A special shout out goes to our Larry Del Rose, who in addition to signing a few songs also gave a hilarious rant on the joys of being the chosen ones, namely Italian and dishing those who would disparage Christopher Columbus! Three cheers to Larry!!!

We lost our regular fourth Wednesday singer Antheny Shane, and his wonderful accompanist Jimmie, to major surgery this season. Antheny has been serenading our Lodge since nearly the inception, and a major factor in the Lodges success! We all wish Antheny a fast and complete recovery! Luckily we have a remarkable entertainer, Geraldo Colucci, to step into the slot. Geraldo specializes in performing Italian favorites that have me wishing I spoke the language to fully understand the lyrics. He has an amazing voice and mannerisms that bring out the joy and passions of his songs. Geraldo, a many award winning artist, has been with the Lodge for a long time and we're lucky to have him.

And lastly it's time to thank all our volunteers for their totally selfless contributions that make us such a magnificent Lodge, and of course where would we be if not for our President Joe LaPorta!



The joyful couple now married receive congratulations!

The cake eating ceremony.



# Rodolfo Valentino Lodge # 1149

Clovis, CA  
by Carole Watson, President;  
Lou Catallo, Historian; (559) 299-2205 lcatallo@aol.com

**Last Month:** We had our Thanksgiving Dinner and it was a good showing of our membership.

**This Month:** For our Christmas / Holiday Dinner we will have our usual catered meal. The location and menu have not yet been announced, but details are available from Carol at this time. Mark your calendar for December 18 for this happening event. All members free, but non-members will be asked to kick in \$15.

**Next Month:** January 18 will be our usual meeting, with Pot Luck; bring what you can; no details yet.

Life often hits you in the head with bricks; use the bricks to improve your life.

I would like to repeat that The Fresno County Museum is interested in establishing an Italian Immigrant section in their floor-space to show the contributions to our area of our early pioneers. We are looking for family stories, histories, fruit box ends, wine presses, .... Any historic relic, tools, recipes, food samples, and photos, that you can share will be appreciated. No item is too small or "insignif-

icant". The museum will sort and categorize the entries to make for a sensible display. The museum is located inside the Fresno County Fairgrounds, off Chance Avenue and is worthy of a visit. Current displays include tributes to our Japanese and Armenian neighbors; Mexican communities have been authorized. That just leaves us Italians and everyone else ... Can we be next? We can answer that question only by responding with a loud voice. Call me at my above phone number. Don't wait for someone else to do it.

Steve Jobs once advised "Stay foolish; stay hungry".

Do you have comments for our lodge members? Historical lodge photos? Let me know at my email address (above) and we can publish it in this column. *Dr. Oz once said "A prepared mind is a luckier mind". Get prepared and luckier by applying for our Sons & Daughters in America scholarship(s). Contact Scholarship Chair, Isabel Ronzano, at (559) 297-0851, for information on this topic. The Scholarship Deadlines are: for Clovis Lodge, March*

31, 2018; for California State Grand Lodge: March 01, 2018; and, for National Lodge the date is generally November to February of any year (\$500 to \$5,000 awards). Go to <https://www.osia.org/students/scholarships.php> for grants/tours/studies information in Italy. These are great for any student on a budget or not.

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



Frank DiSalvo and Addy Walker are reciting vows to Andy Casey.



# News of The Western Foundation

by Roy T. Vanoni, CAO

As many of you know, there are two major fundraisers for Western Foundation that provide for our organization to have unrestricted funds that can be used to support our charities and scholarships program. One is the Western Foundation Gala that is held every other year with the next one being planned for 2018. The other is the Sons of Italy Western Foundation Golf Classic that has been held annually since 1998.

The 19th Annual Golf Classic was held in Chico, CA on October 2, 2017 at Canyon Oaks Country Club and, once again, was very successful. The event included a lunch for all participants and, following 18 holes of golf, a banquet for the golfers, helpers and guests. A lively auction and raffle was held following the dinner that resulted in significant income. As usual, a highlight for the day was the “Frozen Meatball Putting Contest” which aired on local television.

Following is a summary of the 19th Annual golf classic written by Michael Colletti Smith, Chairman of the Sons of Italy Western Foundation Golf Classic.

## 19Th Annual Sons of Italy Western Foundation California Golf Classic Cont. from pg. 1

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Yvonne Vanoni, Debbie Rossi

Our sponsors: Recology, Stifel Financial, JP Morgan Management and Hartford Management and Coors Light helped to make this possible.

I want to thank all the Grand Lodge officers, lodges and members of Sons of Italy that helped support this worthy event with tee sponsors, raffle prizes and playing.

I personally want to thank Debbie Rossi our Financial Secretary for once again helping to raise major funds and prizes and running the financial side.

Yvette Sanfilipo and Lauri Aiello for running the basket making and Ron and Marilyn Cervantez for the tons of raffle gift donations and my wife Laurie and daughter Michele for standing by me for 19 years and helping to make this event a success.




Left to Right – Michele Mokers, John Dahlmeier, Mayor Linda Dahlmeier, Live Jernigan, Amy Jernigan.




Michael Mokers and Lenny Stefinelli: founder of Sunset Scavenger company San Francisco.

*Wishing everyone a  
Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year*



From The Members of the  
Enrico Caruso Lodge #1463



*“From Visalia With Love”*

**Merry  
Christmas  
and a Happy  
New Year!**



Ted Seibel and wife, Lucille

Buon Natale  
To all our Sisters & Brothers  
from the Hacienda Lodge #2168







Attention all Filial Lodges



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

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,  
Eva Lavezzari  
Royal Contest Chairperson

Hanford Lodge # 1543

Hanford, CA  
by Jackie Giacomazzi  
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The cooks (for both sauce and spaghetti) take a break to pose for a photo on the Saturday before the drive-thru spaghetti/meatball dinner/sauce sale held on October 29 in Hanford. The Tesoriere family chaired the event as a fundraiser for Queen Annamarie Tesoriere.

This group has been making outstandingly delicious meatballs for many, many years under the guiding eyes of Joan Little, Michael Leoni and Jim Venturino.



After bagging bread in preparation for the drive-thru spaghetti dinner, these workers spent many hours delivering over 600 meals and sauce to customers on a Sunday afternoon.




Christmas Greetings to  
One and All!




Pauline Richmond  
State Trustree Central

Joan Little, chair of the Thanksgiving dinner potluck held at the November meeting of the Hanford Lodge, fills her plate with an array of all the fixings that make up a perfect dinner, including homemade (by Michael Leoni) sourdough bread.





Merry Christmas  
and best wishes  
for the New Year!



Past State President and Western Foundaton CAO Roy T. Vanoni  
and wife, Yvonne



Queen Annamarie Tesoriere poses with her family members following an opportunity drawing which they hosted to raise funds for the upcoming Grand Lodge Royalty Selection. (L to R) Yvette Tesoriere, Anna Williams, Queen Annamarie, Annette Nicely, and Louise Tesoriere.



# Roma Lodge #1573

Tulare, CA  
by Larry Dutto

For many years the Roma Lodge has celebrated our Italian heritage with a delicious meal of polenta and stew at the November meeting. This year was no exception with nearly 70 members and guests attending. Michael DePaoli, Maci Daramy, Nick Serafin, Dominic and Josh Pitigliano along with Giovanna DePaoli made a great meal for everyone to enjoy.



(l-r) Nick Serafin, Josh Pitigliano and Michael DePaoli stir the polenta for the November meeting.



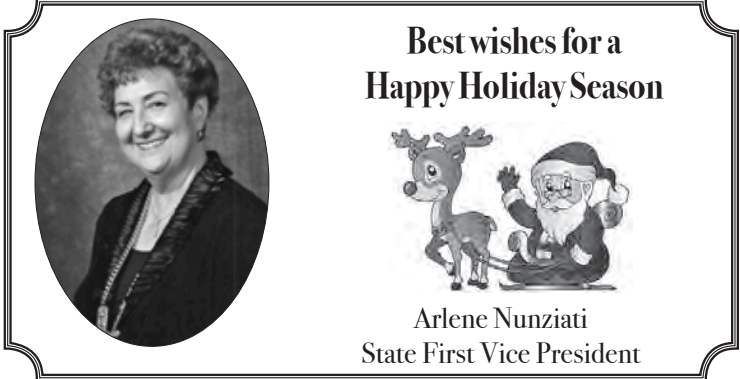
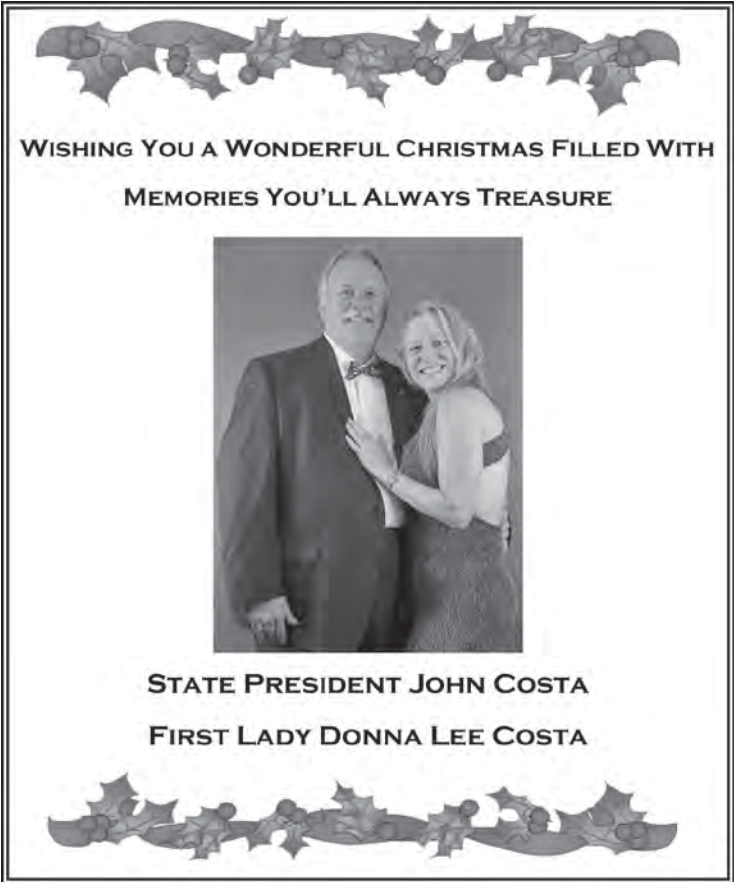
Part of the large number of Roma Lodge members and guests at the November polenta dinner meeting.



Pamela Sola has graciously volunteered to serve as the Roma Lodge Junior Member chair and shows working with junior members at a craft table at the meeting.



Roma Lodge initiated several new members at the October meeting. They are from left to right Roy Beecher with grandmother Joann Beecher, Amelia Curti with parents Justin and Navin Curti, Haydyn DePaoli with mother Leslie DePaoli, Kate Watkins with mother Melissa Watkins, Camden Taylor with mother Nicole Taylor and Savina, Sebastian and Sylvia Pedroncelli.



## PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Cesare Battisti Lodge # 1518

Petaluma CA

by Ann Albertoni

**Upcoming Events:**  
December 8 (Friday)  
Cesare Battisti Christmas Party at Lucchesi Community Center: Polenta and Stew  
January 11 (Thursday)  
Monthly Meeting and Dinner: Risotto and Chicken  
February 3 (Saturday)  
Crab Feed! All You Can Eat!

- Lodge News:**
- Our Children’s Christmas Party will be on Friday December 8 at Lucchesi Community Center. This party is open to members, their families and friends. Santa Claus will be there for the children. Ticket prices are: age 12 – adult \$20, children under 12 are \$5. Reservations are required by Thursday, November 30. Please call Elsie Albertoni at 707.762.4712 for your reservation and/or mail your check to Elsie Albertoni at 515 Sunny Slope Avenue, Petaluma CA 94952. Elsie will forward your tickets for the event. No host bar and soft drinks at 6 pm, Santa Claus at 6:30 pm and the traditional Polenta and Stew dinner at 7 pm.
  - Our Thanksgiving Dinner in November was a wonderful event. Everyone had a great time and the food was divine. Thanks to Ed Santero, Linda and Louise Santero, and the rest of the cooks for putting together a memorable meal. Special thanks to the members who cooked the turkeys and everyone who helped to serve.
  - You should be receiving the membership 2018 dues statements soon. Please send them back with your payment as soon as possible. Also enclosed will be the tickets for the 2018 \$100 monthly drawing. We need separate checks for dues and raffle tickets. Please respond quickly and be eligible for all the drawings.
  - We need a few more people to help with set up, tear down, and serving for all our dinners, particularly the Christmas party. Please call Ann Albertoni at 707.763.4213, or Angelo Leone at 707.763.4626. Your help is greatly appreciated!
  - I attended the dinner in Santa Rosa for those in the Italian Community that have been affected by the fires. Lodges members from the north bay united lodges were in attendance as were special guests for the evening, Counsel General, Lorenzo Ortona who spoke to the Italian community in regard to recent disasters that have occurred in the North Bay, in order to listen and be updated and have an exchange of views on how to possibly assist those impacted, and Past State President, Maria Pignati, Immediate Past State President, Lynn Lawrence-Murphy and Past State President, Arturo Ibleto. The event was so well represented, so many people lost their homes including a volunteer fireman, Clint St. Martin who spoke of his involvement in the fire.
  - The Grand Lodge of California – OSIA has forwarded tickets at \$30.00 each. Proceeds go to: 2018 General Fund. 365 Winners - 1 each day of the year. Daily winner \$25.00, last day of the month \$50.00, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day \$200.00. Please see me for your ticket.
  - State Trustee, Ray Bini will make a visit to our lodge at our meeting January 11, 2018. Plan to attend this meeting and welcome our new State Trustee.
  - New State President, John Costa will be honored at Vallejo Lodge Saturday, December 16. \$17.00 for adults. Reservations required. I will be attending this event and would like our lodge members to join me. Please contact me and ride with me to this event.

**Sick Members:** Don De Carli recovering from surgery.

**Member Birthdays:**  
Gerry Benson 29th, Christine Camozzi 18th, Pat Del Prete 29th, Peter Figone 21st, Sharon Hromek 29th, Mary Kotaris 4th, Richard Lemos 26th, Vanessa Miller 5th, Jerry Roberts 24th, Linda Santero 27th, Justin Tarca 12th.

William Paca Lodge # 1960

Mountain View, CA

by Carolyn Franklin


Our annual polenta and sausage dinner was a huge success. Even though we feel the passing of time with changes that come about from age, from changes in our life style, some things remain constant. Friends and family are always with us either beside us or with us in spirit. I was looking for an authentic chicken cacciatore recipe recently and in browsing through our Il Leone cookbook, I came across so many wonderful memories of members from the past and those who are still with us to celebrate being together.

John and Gloria Collins,- Terry Field, Gina Dal Favero, John Linda, Ray and Helen Zanella, Bob and Jo Savelly, Joe and Margaret Cusimano, Loraine Marcolini McCutcheon, Ray and Connie Pagura, Al and Rosalia Margarit, Carlo and Rose Marengo, Henry Malatesta, Bianca and Lou Riga, John and Asunta Romano, Frank and Marie Gagliardi, Lena Membrino (my Mother) - all who are immortalized in our Lodge cookbook. It brought back memories of happy times, Italians doing what we do best - enjoying life! (By the way I found a great cacciatore recipe - my Mother’s!)

These are some of the Italians who helped build the Lodge and make it a place of family and memories. Now we have the new generation coming up: Isabella and Alexia Margarit, Jimmy Marengo, Chiara and Alice Mauro. They will carry on our banner and it’s our job to see that these youngsters show the world the drive, ambition and strength of those who have gone before us. We are so proud of them.

Il tempo ti passa presto se l’hai passato bene.

Wishing you all the many joys and blessing of the holiday season



Barbara Wisniewski State 3rd Vice President and husband Ken

Best wishes to all for a joyous holiday season



Past State President Maria Fassio Pignati and husband, Ugo Pignati

May your home be filled with the joy of the Christmas Season



Merry Christmas

From Lori and Mark Rossi




Buon Natale to all



Hugh & Pam Ricci



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
from the Officers and Members of  
Centinela Valley Lodge #1991



Annette Porter, President

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



President Mary Jane Cambria

Buon Natale




Merry Christmas  
from  
Past State President John Tedesco  
and Pam Tedesco, Past First Lady




### Napa Lodge # 2043

Napa, CA  
by Anna Graeber  
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James L. Gunby  
January 1924 - October 2017

Jim as everyone knew him was such a delight to know. Those of us who had the pleasure of being close to him like Jim Cusimano will tell you Jim Gunby was one of a kind and a friend for life. Jim and his wife Sally have been members since 2002. Jim will be missed as Jim and his smile indeed brightened any room he came into.



Eloise Rota  
February 1924 - October 2017


The beloved wife of our member of 50 + years, Ernie Rota. Eloise always joined Ernie at many of our functions, was an inspiration to speak with and was dearly loved by all. Eloise was the essence of the perfect lady! Eloise we will miss you... Until we meet again

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# Italian Consul General Visits North Bay Fire Victims

by Maria Fassio Pignati, Past State President

On Friday, November 10, the Hon. Lorenzo Ortona, Italian Consul General in San Francisco, went to Santa Rosa to meet with members of the North Bay Italian community that were impacted by October's disastrous fires in the area. Also present was the Consul's lovely wife, Sheila Pierce-Ortona, members of the Consulate, as well as members of COMITES. It was the Consul General's desire to listen to persons affected, and be updated and have an exchange of views on how to possibly assist those who suffered immeasurable losses.

The meeting was hosted by the Santa Rosa Lodge, and held at their meeting hall at the Brookwood Mobile Estates. The program began with a warm welcome from Lodge President Joan Acquistapace and Immediate Past State President Lynn Lawrence-Murphy, followed by the Italian and American anthems sung by yours truly and the invocation given by Jerry Caine. Messages from State President John Costa, and National President Vera Girolami, who were both unable to attend, were shared. Over 85 persons were in attendance, and were treated to a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings, as catered by the Union Hotel of Occidental as well as members of the North Bay lodges. After dinner the Consul General spoke and expressed his heartfelt solidarity with those who had suffered damage or lost their homes, and offered the assistance of the Italian Consulate in replacing Italian passports and important Italian documents and any other aid that might be needed in these areas. Those in attendance remarked how wonderful and special it was to have the Consul General come up to the area, meet the community, and offer to help. His concern was most appreciated.

The Consul then invited Clint St. Martin, a former Marine and a volunteer firefighter, to speak to the audience. Clint described his life-saving actions as a first responder, and how he and his fellow first responders saved many people that first night of the firestorm by warning residents of the impending disaster and getting them out of their homes. Thankfully, people were spared their lives, but sadly, this selfless hero lost his own home, and came frighteningly close to being surrounded by the fire. When Clint finished his spellbinding story he was

given a standing ovation for his bravery and heroism in the line of duty. Regretfully, there were several people in attendance that lost their homes, but thanks to the courageous actions of others, they were able to escape the raging inferno.

Lodge President Joan then spoke and described how she spent 14 days working at the Vet's Memorial Building during the fire as an RN, helping set up and then working in the 'hospital', handling the evacuations of both Kaiser and Sutter hospitals, as well as a few SNFs (Skilled Nursing Facilities) and some private care homes (Assisted Living). Sister Joan was in charge of the supplies and medications for the whole place; interfacing with the Emergency Operations Center and other shelters. They performed 'MacGyver medicine', working with what they had – and they didn't always have what the doctor wanted. After two weeks, the shelter transitioned from a medical model to a Red Cross organizational model, releasing the need for licensed nurses. Another hero in this unimaginable disaster.

State officers present at the event in addition to our Immediate Past State President Lynn were State Trustees of the North Bill Murphy and Ray Bini, and State Trustee Central Louise Silacci who brought her mother Loretta from Petaluma with her. Also present was Past State President Arturo Ibleto who brought some of his wine (he looks great at 91!), and Medical Charities Chair Mike Carroll and wife Karen from Sonoma. Visiting Lodge Presidents included Paul Grant from Valley of the Moon Lodge of Sonoma and his mother Josephine, Ann Albertoni from the Cesare Battisti Lodge of Petaluma, and Pam Bini of the Beatrice Portinari Lodge of Vallejo with member Donna Branch. Gloria Garibaldi and the Murphys came from the Napa/St. Helena lodges, Doreen Venturi came from the Ukiah Lodge, and Louie Lodi from the Sacramento Lodge serenaded the assembly with songs. There was also representation from two branches of the ICF, the North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation, and the Italian American.

As liaison between the Sons and Daughters of Italy and the Italian Consulate for this event, I wish to express my deepest gratitude to Santa Rosa Lodge President Joan Acquistapace, who was able to successfully put this dinner meeting together

on very short notice. As a former Marine herself, Joan took charge and did an outstanding job, along with her co-chairs, Lynn Lawrence-Murphy and husband Bill, who donated their wine and helped coordinate the

food. Committee members include Sue Tunstall, Ruth and Fred Acquistapace, Santa Rosa Lodge State Deputy Doreen Venturi, and other OSDIA members who graciously donated their time, talents, and food to make

this event successful. This evening was a great group effort....a family-style get together that offered unity, compassion, and a healing message for those who needed it most.



Consul General Lorenzo Ortona speaking to the assembly.



l to r: Sheila Pierce Ortona, Past State President Maria Pignati, Past State President Arturo Ibleto, Santa Rosa Lodge State Deputy Doreen Venturi, Santa Rosa Lodge President Joan Acquistapace Caine, COMITES Secretary Sonia Spadoni-Alioto, Imm. Past State President Lynn Lawrence-Murphy, Consul General Lorenzo Ortona, Francine Passa, Italian Vice Consul Luigi Biondi, Mariangela Guarienti, Josephine Grant, Mariangela's husband, and Valley of the Moon President Paul Grant.



Enjoying the delicious turkey dinner.



First responder Clint St. Martin shares his story.



# Gold Country Lodge #2705

El Dorado Hills, CA  
by Tami Welch

The Gold Country Lodge #2705 recently held its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall Bocce Bash on October 22, 2017 in El Dorado Hills, California. 16 teams competed in a single elimination tournament in the sold out event. The participants were treated to homemade Italian sausage (by the Lodge members) and pepper sandwiches in the park as they enjoyed the amazing fall weather. President Anthony Scotch congratulated the first and second place teams. First place team, *4 Amicis*, was Carl Renner, Joe Lima, Ray Lenci and George Koster. Second place team, *Bugatti*, was Dave and Pat Palmer and Tom and

Patty Worth. The camaraderie and sportsmanship were exemplary and a credit to the game. Many thanks to the teams that participated in the event, the donors of the wonderful raffle prizes and the lodge volunteers. The Gold Country Lodge's Fall Bocce Bash is an excellent venue in which to promote community spirit and Italian heritage. Proceeds from this event will go towards our Annual Scholarship Fund that benefits seniors in the El Dorado Union High School District and the Oak Ridge High School Italian Class.



We had Installation of New Members on 11-14-17. We celebrated with a yummy Thanksgiving feast prepared by our members. Thank you to Barbara Winsniewski our State 2nd Vice President in doing the honors of installing our new members. Pictured l-r: Jen Chelini, Alice & Bill Carpentier, Jan Keahey, Barbara Winsniewski, President Anthony Scotch, Lee Reis, Bill Laut, Bob & Patricia Goldsand

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Happy Holidays!





# Shasta Lodge

# 2453

Redding, CA  
by Carole Dellaragione

Happy Holidays from Shasta Lodge.

On Saturday, November 11th we held our Annual Thanksgiving/Memorial Dinner. This is our dinner to honor our deceased members and veterans. All the proceeds from this dinner go to our scholarship fund. I am happy to say we had about a hundred people in attendance and raised about \$1250 for our scholarship fund.

The memorial service was lead this year by Julie Warren. She opened with a prayer and a poem for the veterans in attendance. She then turned the service over to John Tasello who read a list of nearly a hundred deceased members. As names were read, votives were turned on at tables as people recognized family or friends who had passed on. Julie then gave a lovely closing prayer.

It was a delightful dinner prepared by the council members. Very nice event.

We have many parties to be held at the lodge in December, starting with a party for the kids on December 2nd. They will do crafts, play games, sing carols lead by members of Enterprise High School Music Department. They will then have lunch followed by a visit from Santa Claus.

Then we have five catered parties throughout December, and one the first weekend of January. They will be followed closely by our Crab Feed on January 19th and 20th, then we will host a dinner for the Redding Police Explorer Cadets.

We will all be ready for a break for Christmas. Wishing you and your families a very blessed Christmas and of course a wonderful New Year.

Ciao,  
Your friends at Shasta Lodge.

# Commission For Social Justice

by Tony Ricevuto

The Commission for Social Justice continues to convince cities and states throughout the United States to recognize Christopher Columbus for his achievements and recognitions and not portray him as an aggressor who provoked rampage and destruction among Native Americans. Unfortunately, his legacy has been tarnished due to a movement that has been critical of historical figures who have been wrongly labeled in an attempt to destroy American history. Their premise is that Columbus brought torture, misery, slavery, and destruction to the indigenous people, but that they never mentioned the atrocities committed by the native indigenous people to themselves. We acknowledge the atrocities did happen in the 14th century but to blame one individual among many of the explorers who came to America is politically motivated. CSJ and other Italian organizations including the Knights of Columbus have been forerunners to preserve Columbus's legacy. His legacy as a navigator, explorer and devoted Christian led to the discovery of America. This discovery became a Gateway for Europeans to settle and discover a new land called America. Kevin Caira, National Chairman, CSJ has done a remarkable job attempting to call attention and to city and state politicians organizations to observe the legacy of Columbus and the date of October 12 as recognition of his achievements in the Italian-American communities.

We, as Italian-Americans, knowledge and grateful that our forefathers were able to travel to the Americas at great risk leaving their homeland and seeking a better life for our generations. Italian-Americans have contributed so much to making this country great and have endured mistreatment and ridicule throughout the years.

Notwithstanding, our ancestors were able to enjoy their new life and freedom. They treasure freedom and work hard to obtain a legacy for us. They also endured hardship and they were classified as enemy aliens who might show sympathy to the enemy during World War 11.

National president Vera Girolami, shared a letter she received from Chet Campanella an 86-year-old Italian-American, who was de-

tained by our country and interned along with his family as an "Enemy Aliens". In 1942 there were over 695,000 Italian immigrants in the United States. More than 1900 would be taken into custody and detained under wartime restrictions. Italians along with Japanese Americans and German-Americans suffer the same consequences in camps not able to work or own businesses or take care of their families. Mr. Campanella described the mistreatment and injustices during this period. Italian-Americans were forced to be fingerprinted, photographed and given alien identification booklets which they had to carry as identification. Their houses and businesses were searched without search warrants and some of their properties and possessions were confiscated. Families who were displaced were discriminated against because they were Italian-Americans and had a hard time finding work or lodging, waiting for their loved ones to be released. The government kept these mistreatment and injustice as classified information and were not released to the public. At the same time, Italian men and sons were fighting and dying for freedom as military soldiers. The Japanese that were interred received reparations and apologies. Each Japanese survivor received \$20,000.

Mr Campanella wrote two congressional bills H.R. 1706 that request the Secretary of Education grant \$3 million to be used to educate the American population on these horribleness treatments. H.R. 1707 requested a formal public apology from our government for the mistreatment of Italians during this period. He requested that you contact your Congressional Representative and Speaker of the House, Paul Ryan, to support and bring both bills to the house for a vote.

I pray that everyone is enjoying their Thanksgiving dinners with families and friends and remembering our Italian brothers and sisters that have served in the United States military or as law enforcement officers and first responders. They have sacrificed their time and lives supporting our great country. Italian-Americans are known to be a patriotic nationality who loves our country and Italy.





May the Spirit of Christmas Be With You Throughout the Year




Past State President, Chris Lotito  
Athletic Committee Chair, Mary Lotito

Our very best wishes for a happy holiday season

Sadie Tamburine, State Second Vice President  
and husband Sid Tamburine

## Buon Natale



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Antioch, California  
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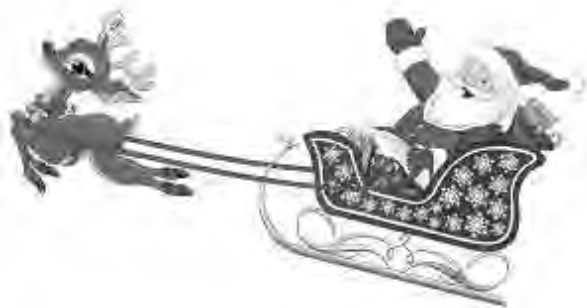
Merry Christmas!



Believe in the magic of Christmas!



State Queen  
Mary Lucido





## Sacramento Lodge #1315

Sacramento, CA  
by Pam Stewart

Our Annual Shrimp Feed, our largest Fundraiser of the year, was held on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to our President Dan Marinelli for chairing the event and to Deangela Smith and her son Mike for a delicious dinner. The evening culminated with raffle prizes and dancing.

At our November Dinner/Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> we recognized four lodge members celebrating special Member Anniversaries: Abbie Baroni - 20 years, Richard Inderbitzen - 25 years Barbara Alfidi - 38 years and Dave Carboni - 42 years. Congratulations to everyone!!

Our final event for 2017 is our December Christmas Dinner. It will be held on Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Verna Carboni will be preparing a special Holiday Dinner with all the trimmings. Hope to see everyone there.



*Celebrating Anniversaries (L-R) Richard Inderbitzen, Abbie Baroni, Barbara Alfidi, Dave Carboni and President Dan Marinelli.*

*Enjoying themselves at our Annual Shrimp Feed (L-R) Roseville Lodge Member Yvonne Vanoni, Sacraento Lodge Member Dave Carboni, Grand Lodge Queen Mary Lucido and Past State Presidet Roy Vanoni.*



## Vallejo Lodges

by Sharon Silveira

**Mangiamo....**Let's Eat....and with Polenta and Stew as the entre, a very large crowd did just that on Friday, November 17th. A standing ovation for the kitchen crew: Marlene Parr, Bert Harris, Gail Morton, Tim Coragliotti, Ray Airoldi and Steve Branch. The Vallejo Lodges are fortunate to have such excellent servers lead by Donna Lee Costa and kudos to Kaitlyn, Shelby, Vanessa and Rick Clemons, Jana and Sean Houston and Cristina Bini. Congratulations to Nick Bini who won the Money Board. Our next Polenta Dinner will be Saturday, February 24th.

**Reservations Are Essential....**absolutely The More The Merrier---but our cooks need to know how many people will be putting their feet under our table! If you are joining us for a Tuesday Night Meeting Dinner then we need your reservation by Sunday. If you will be attending one of our Sunday Dinners or Events then please RSVP a minimum of 3 days prior. Reservations to: Josephine Agosta 642-1658/328-

2610, Michele Castagnola 853-0386 or Pamela Bini 567-2938.

**UC Davis Presentation** of our Wine Tasting & Silent Auction funds from our 2017 event happened on Tuesday, November 14th at their Walnut Creek facility. Extreme gratitude is expressed for our yearly donation because it helps fill the gaps left by grant funding. Dr. Charles DeCarli spoke to us about maintaining a healthy aging brain, as well as the multiple focuses of their current research. Their web site has been updated and includes several U-Tube videos. Check out [www.ucdavis.edu/alzheimers](http://www.ucdavis.edu/alzheimers) and click on the Educational Tab.

**Looking Ahead....**December 16th a Ravioli & Roast Beef Dinner honoring our State President John Costa. Entertainment by The Sparks Sisters. Tickets \$17.00. January 13th Crab Feed. Tickets \$40.00 and advance sale only.

**Essere Bene ed Eserre Felici!**



*Making Polenta - Steve Branch and Bert Harris.*



*UC Davis Presentation*  
Front row: Rod Haskins, Rick Branch, Sharon Silveira, Ray Bini and Jayne LaGrande.  
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*Anniv. Sept. 21, 1975*  
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*Anniv. June 27, 1927*  
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*Anniv. Oct. 22, 1978*  
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*Anniv. Apr. 19, 1983*  
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*Anniv. Apr. 20, 1952*  
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*Anniv. Feb. 5, 1950*  
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*Anniv. Apr. 24, 1955*  
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