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81st Grand Lodge Convention

by Andy Pampuro

The 81st Grand Lodge Convention was held this year in the city of Fresno at the beautiful Double Tree Hotel. Some of the delegates arrived on Tuesday, June 20th while the rest arrived on the 21st. The convention officially opened on the 22nd,

Edna Esposito from the C. Colombo Lodge announced the names of all the State Chairs and the State Officers. The president of the Columbo Stella Lodge, Olivia Deliddo Gallegas welcomed us to the convention.

The Grand Lodge Honor Guard presented the colors. They were Manny Finazzo, Mauro Romagnoli and Marco Zonni. All were service veterans. Immediate Past State President Maria Pignati sang the Italian and the American National anthems. The invocation was given by Father Rod Craig, a local priest.

Our State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy welcomed the delegates. The host lodges presented our First Gent, Bill Murphy, with a great big bottle of booze.

Our Queen Committee Chair Eva Lavezzari introduced the top five queens who were in attendance. They each said a few words and was presented a small gift. They were our Grand Lodge Queen Mary Locido, Miss America Elizabeth Lavezzari, Miss Italy Christine Bianco, Miss California Gabrielle Benedetti and Miss Convention City Baylin Herington.

The Sons of Italy National Foundation Trustee Phil Privitera was introduced to the delegates. He spoke very highly about our Grand Lodge and he also spoke very highly of the Il Leone newspaper and it's editor. Last year he donated \$1000 to the Il Leone sponsorship program and this year he doubled it to \$2000. Such a wonderful gesture.

The necrologio was beautifully done by John Nardi, the president of the Columbia Lodge. The list of the deceased is very long.

The credential reports



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John Costa*



*State 1st Vice President
Arlene Nunziati*



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*State Trustee South
Carmine Baffo*

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STATE OFFICERS!

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From the Editor's Desk

by Andy Pampuro
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The 81st Grand Lodge Convention was very successful. We now have a new administration of Grand Lodge officers. They are all pictured on the front page of this paper. We wish them all a successful reign.

A new Il Leone Sponsors list is appearing in this issue. Is your name on it? If not you can still get on the list. Just mail me a check made out to the Western Foundation and earmark it Il Leone. It is just \$25 per person. More if you like.

Phil Privitera, our National Foundation Trustee



was in attendance at the convention again this year. He was very generous to the Il Leone. Last year when he was at the convention he donated \$1000. This year he generously donated \$2000. God bless this man, he was very generous with many of our charities. Thank you, Phil!!!!

And a great big THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the Il Leone.

John Costa is our new State President. He has a lot of new ideas and I wish him the best.

Brian Watson did a great

job with the kids at the convention. He kept them well entertained. Brian took over when his father passed away and has done a great job.

Will your lodge have a queen for the convention next year? Let's try to get every lodge to have a queen. Details will soon be coming out from Queen Contest Chair Eva Lavezzari.

Next year the convention will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Ontario. It will start on the fourth Thursday in June.



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Convention
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was given each session by Pam Buldo who did a great job.

Each of the State Officers gave their reports as did the chairs of committees. We started off with our State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy and then on down the line. We missed our State Financial Secretary Gabe Domenici who could not attend the convention this year because his wife, Mardell, recently had a stroke and Gabe had to be home with her. We certainly wish her the best.

We broke for lunch to attend the President's Luncheon. Our State President was honored as well as all of the Past State Presidents who were in attendance and the local lodge presidents. Olivia Deliddo Gallegas was the M.C. for the event. Each president received a gift.

Our National First Vice President and Past Grand Lodge President Vera Girolami told us about her family life. It was very interesting. We are hoping Vera will be elected our National President.

More discussion on the sale of the Grand Lodge building was held and it was pro and con. We voted to give the Grand Lodge officers permission to further investigate the situation.

For the evening event we attended an American Graffiti Dinner Dance. Many of the delegates dressed in costumes and the winners of the best costumes were for 3rd place Hank and Michelle Lowinger, for 2nd place Joy Bruno and for 1st place the winners were Mark and Lori Rossi. They were all fantastic. We were entertained during the cocktail hour by the singing of Louie Lodi and the accordion playing of Joe Simoni. It was a lot of fun.

On Friday morning we heard from Judge Al Girolami about the proposed by law changes.

Brian Watson, chair of the Youth Committee brought his kids into the convention hall and each one introduced themselves. They gave special gift to President Lynn and then they had a gift for all who donated to the youth group.

CAO Roy Vanoni took over for the Western Foundation explaining all the donations made to the Western Foundation.

Nomination for State Officers, State Arbiters and National Delegates were held and after the election the results were as follows. State Trustee North Bill Murphy and Ray Bini. For State Orator Mark Vaona. The arbiters are Mark Rossi, Andy Pampuro, Roy Vanoni, Rick Branch, and John Bianco. The National Delegates are Bill Murphy, Al Girolami, Arlene Nunziati, Pauline Richmond, Sadie Tamburine and Donna Lee Costa. For First State Vice

President Arlene Nunziati, for Second Vice President Sadie Tamburine and for Third State Vice President Barbara Wisniewski. All of the new State Officers have their picture of the front page. Most of them were in by acclamation.

The Royal Court of the Golden Lion held it's annual luncheon on June 19th. Tribute was paid to those who contribute year after year to the Royal Court. This is Past State President Chris Lotito's favorite project.

When we returned to the afternoon session the winners of the bocce tournament were announced.

The winners received cash and the first place winners received special medals. Third place winners were John and Donna Lee Costa and Rick and Sharon Silveira, Second place winners were Alec, Anna Marie, John and France Tesoriere and the first place winners were Bill and Lynn Murphy and Rick and Donna Branch.

Jerry Cain, one of the delegates, spoke on Italian heritage and had some very interesting stories to tell.

Our new webmaster or should I say webmistress Anna Graeber spoke on how lodges can get on the web sight.

Membership chair Joe Simoni announced the lodges who brought in the most members. They were the Saddleback Valley Lodge, the Dolly Sinatra Lodge, the West End Lodge, the Sacramento Lodge and the Christoforo Columbo Lodge. All were given a reward.

State Trustee Central Frank LoCicero announced the winner of the Janet Cappello Distinguished Member of the Year Award. That honor went to LeRoy and Joanne Beecher from the Roma Lodge.

They were both honored and surprised.

Friday evening was Entertainment Night and entertained we were. We were honored to have Frank DiSalvo from the Dolly Sinatra Lodge sing for us. He put on

fabulous show and received about six standing ovations. He even had the dance floor packed all night. Great show, great night.

On Saturday morning donations were made for the various charities we support. I don't have all the amounts we raised but I do know the Il Leone collected \$6500 for the sponsor program.

Our outgoing State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy gave a beautiful outgoing speech prior to the installation of the new State Officers. Our new State President is John Costa. He gave a wonderful acceptance speech.

A mass was held and celebrated by Father Rod Craig from the St. Anthony Retreat at the Three Rivers.

Our last evening at the convention was the Black and White Ball. Our M.C. for the evening was Immediate Past President Maria Pignati. The pledge of allegiance was led by Past State President and National First Vice President Vera Girolami. The invocation was given by State Trustee Pauline Richmond. Our keynote speaker was Edward Fanucchi, Honorary Vice Consul of Italy in Fresno. We also heard a few words from our Grand Lodge Queen Mary Lucido.

It was at this event that Scholarship Chair Rosemarie Vanderhaar awarded special scholarships to five worthy and brilliant students.

The last night of any convention is always a little bittersweet. The next convention will be held in Ontario in 2018 and who knows who won't be in attendance any more. This year we dearly missed Joe and Mary LaBanca, Aldo and Pam DeRose, Gabe and Mardell Domenici and Frank DeSantis.

We also missed Hugh and Pam Ricci who were absent because their daughter presented them with new granddaughter.

Enjoy the photos. A few of them were taken by Jackie Giacomazzi which we added to mine.



Our newly elected State President John Costa and our First Lady Donna Lee.



Youth Committee Chair Brian Watson and his youth group.



National Foundation Trustee Phil Privitera donated \$2000 to the Il Leone.



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Scholarship chair Rosemarie Vanderhaar with five of the students who were awarded scholarships. On each side of Rosemarie are Nicolas Battaglini and Domenic Liberta. The three young ladies behind them are Rebecca Snell, Sydney Reinhart and Kiegan Lee.

Royal Court of the Golden Lion

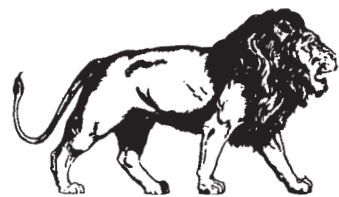
by Chris N. Lotito, Chairperson
2017 Doubletree Hotel, Fresno, CA

I was pleased with the turn-out at the luncheon held at our convention in Fresno, California. The only thing missing were more bodies, I do not understand why many members and lodges do not participate in a program in our Western foundation that is worthy of its generous contributions to various charities in our jurisdiction. Money collected is set aside to be given out during our Galas in the North, central and South. The selection is made by the committee in the appointed area and is given at that time.

I am grateful for your continued support and your generosity every year that continues to enhance this program. Many thanks to all the contributors that believe in a program that will achieve its goal. Many personal thanks to Gloria Garibaldi who contributes \$1,000.00 every year and now has a total of \$16,250.00 total contribution. Coming up fast is Madeline Zunino who gives multiple donations the last three years, starting 2015 and now has a total of \$3,500.00. To all of you that have given every year words cannot express my sincere gratitude. Welcome back, Mark Vaona, who has been missed for the last few years but we appreciate your coming back. As the increments increase diamonds are placed on the gold lion. To obtain a gold lion you must have donated \$3,000.00 and every \$1,000.00 increment a diamond is placed on the lion.

I want to thank, Phil Privitera, who has contributed \$2,000.00 and will receive his silver lion that is in the mail!!!!

MY GREATEST PLEASURE WOULD BE FOR MORE MEMBERS AND LODGES BECOME A PART OF AN OUTSTANDING PROGRAM.... AS UNCLE SAM WOULD HAVE SAID " WE NEED YOU" WITH HIS FINGER POINTED RIGHT AT YOU. I HOPE I AM MAKING YOU FEEL GUILTY THAT YOU HAVE NOT CONTRIBUTED AS OF YET. IT'S NEVER TOO LATE BECOME A PART OF A WONDERFUL PROGRAM.



News From The Athletic Committee

By Mary M. Lotito
2017 Fresno Convention

The Fresno Covention Bocce Tournament was again outstanding with a showing of 40 participants ready and eager. Awards and monies were presented to the three place winners on saturday:

- 1st. Place received \$240.00
- 2nd. Place received \$160.00
- 3rd. Place received \$100.00

Wish to thank 1st. Gent Bill Murphy and Nina Zonni (Ha-cienda Lodge) for laying out the courts. Without our schooled referees there would be mayhem. Ha!!!Ha!!!

Big thanks to Bill Murphy, Ugo Pignati, Manny Finazzo, Muro Romagnoli and Al Girolami who excelled as refs. Available, Marco Zonni, John Costa, Louie Lodi, and Chris Lotito. Taking photos, Carla Lotito kKomar. Adding color to the event with gold "pom poms", cheer leaders, Vera Girolami, Maria Pignati and Arlene Nunziati.

Many thanks to subs taking drop out positions, Phil Privitera, National Foundation Trustee, Nina Zonni and Michael Carroll.

Ciao a tutti



First Place Winners
L/R Lynn and Bill Murphy, Chairlady Mary Lotito and Donna and Rick Branch.



Second Place Winners.
L/R Chairlady Mary Lotito, Alec, John and Frances Tesoriere. Missing is Anna Marie Tesoriere.



Third Place Winners
L/R Donna Lee Costa, John Costa and Sharon Silveira. Missing is Rick Silveira

America Lodge #1609

La Habra, CA
Yolanda Campanelli, Historian

America Lodge Officers and members have had a couple of busy months. The Pasta Lunch Fundraiser in April which, was a huge success. good food, good music, and raffle prizes were top notch. The Community Center was very colorful and festive adding to the good time we had visiting with friends and dancing to the great music of Tony Ciaramitaro 's Sicilian Band.

On May 7th a group of America Lodge members, Linda Enneman, Tina Forte, Dee Tucker, Lucy Sacco, Joe Rossi, attended the Anaheim Lodge Anniversary, and on May 27th they attended the Centinela Valley Lodge Anniversary. In attendance at both events were Grand Lodge Queen, Mary Lucido from the C. Colombo Lodge and Queen Elizabeth Lavezari, Miss America from the Anaheim Lodge. What a pleasure it was to see each of them. Fun was had by all.

In June Scholarship Recipient Nicholas Rossi was presented with his Certificate. Grandfather Joe Rossi is oh, so proud of Nicholas, who graduated with a 4.21 GPA, and will attend Loyola Marymount School in Los Angeles His course of study will be Mechanical Engineering. During lunch his parents announced that they will be taking him to Italy to visit his

Grandfathers' family in Milan. Perhaps he will attend a Lodge Meeting and tell us about his visit.

The Grand Lodge Convention was June 22, 23, 24 and 25. America Lodge Delegates President Linda Enneman and Lucy Sacco were looking forward to seeing fraternal family and friends.

Congratulations to Grand Lodge President John Costa and his newly elected State Officers. Special congratulations to Mark Vaona on being elected State Orator. Mark is America Lodge's State Deputy.

Preparations are underway for the annual La Habra Lions Club Corn Festival, scheduled for August 4, 5, and 6. America Lodge will have a booth in the Food Court. At our next meeting Sunday August 16, 1:30 pm at Yolanda Campanelli's home we are having an Ice Cream Social which should be "tasty" and fun. If you are in the area Call 562-691-5487 for directions, we would certainly like to have you join us.

Our Anniversary Lunch will be Sunday, November 5, 1:00 pm at Knotts Berry Farm Hotel, in Buena Park. Contact President Linda Enneman for more information (714)309-6112. CIAO for now



Grandfather Joe Rossi, Scholarship Recipient Nicholis Rossi, Father Michael Rossi and Mother April Rossi.



Vallejo Lodges

by Sharon Silevira

Let's Celebrate for so many reasons...John Costa elected State President. Ray Bini elected State Trustee North. Glen Rushing stepped up and has been installed as Virgilio's President. In addition 7 new member initiated on Tuesday, July 11th meeting by our Deputies Karen & Mike Carroll. Welcome to Lee, Nancy & Violet Sparks, Helen & Scott MacKenzie, and Carol & Mike King. Our Kitchen Queens, Marlene Parr and Bert Harris, gave us a July Picnic with hamburgers, hot dogs, macaroni and potato salads, watermelon---and for dessert red, white and green iced cupcakes with little Italian flags.

Happy Happy Happy Brithday to Belva Gibson and Betty Moreno! The Vallejo Lodges celebrated these two lovely ladies with a champagne toast to their 90th birthdays, at our Tuesday Meeting Night Dinner on June 13th. Of course there was cake, flowers, presents and a special pork chop dinner cooked by The Kitchen Queens Marlene Parr & Bert Harris. Family members and friends added to the merri-ment.



Belva Gibson and Betty Moreno celebrate 90 years young.

Chicken Marsala & Garlic Butter Pasta highlighted the menu for our Sunday Dinner on June 11th. Donna Branch and John Costa chaired this event and were also in the kitchen with Glen Rushing, Rick Branch, and Steve & Lucy Branch. Our Lead Server Donna Lee Costa was joined by Shelby Clem-ons, Vanessa Franco, Rick Clemons and Donna Saia. Pete Mustico presided over The Dice Game. Mixing it up in the bar Ray Bini. Chelle Castagnola, Jessica Ray and Pamela Bini took care of tick-et sales. The Raffle Ladies were Melanie Rushing and Sharon Silveira.

Italian Heritage Baseball Nights....A's is August 25th and Giants is August 31st. A special themed giveaway is included in the ticket price of \$32.00 Contact John Costa 707 483-9604 for tickets.

Looking ahead.... All cooks are taking a break in August and so there will be no August Sunday Dinner.

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Belva Gibson and Betty Moreno.
Welcome Mike & Carol, Helen & Scott, Lee, Violet & Nancy.



Congratulations John,
Glen and Ray.



Xenia Tchoumitcheva

by Stephen Contrado, B.A., Th.M.
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Xenia Tchoumitcheva was born in Magnitogorsk, Russia, reportedly on 5 August 1987. Her name is a bit long for some people to remember, let alone to spell, so she uses the shortened version, Xenia Tchoumi.

When Xenia was 6 years old her family emigrated to Lugano, Switzerland, into a Swiss-Italian culture. She speaks Italian as her mother tongue. In 2010 she graduated from the Università della Svizzera italiana with a bachelor degree in economics. After graduating, she enrolled in acting classes at the New York Film Academy. She appeared in the film Without Men with Eva Longoria and Christian Slater in 2011.

Xenia speaks six languages, Italian, Russian, German, French, English and Spanish. Now she is living in London, UK, but she travels a lot as a model, actress, blogger and entrepreneur.

Xenia is a modern entrepreneur. She is an expert in communications, having over 6 million fans on Facebook alone. She also has a large following on Twitter and Instagram. She trav-

els extensively promoting various brands of clothing and accessories, cosmetics (Revlon), and other products (Nikon cameras). She works with brands such as Versace, Ferragamo, Scervino, and Roll Royce.

Xenia has hosted and appeared on TV shows. In March 2012 she began hosting her own TV show about Italian businesses called “L’Italia che funziona” on Italian channels Rete 4 and Italia 1.

She is also a journalist and writer of articles for magazines, including a monthly column for the luxury US magazine Haute Living. In 2013 she launched her own online business, fashion, and lifestyle blog called Chic Overdose.

Xenia loves her work. She gives public speeches at universities and conferences about business and female leadership. It is amazing how much this glamorous, young woman has accomplished in so short a time. She certainly has put her intelligence, good looks, personality, and Italian heritage to good use.



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July	
Hanford #1543	7/27/27
Santa Rosa #1898	4/5/40
Columbia #1940	7/30/44
Cold Country #2710	7/20/96
Paradiso Lodge #2743	7/10/99

August	
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21	\$25.00	Diana Picone
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23	\$25.00	Carolyn Lawrence-Murphy
24	\$25.00	Paulette Lagana
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27	\$25.00	Patricia Dito
28	\$25.00	Watsonville Lodge #2016
29	\$25.00	Millie Hokin
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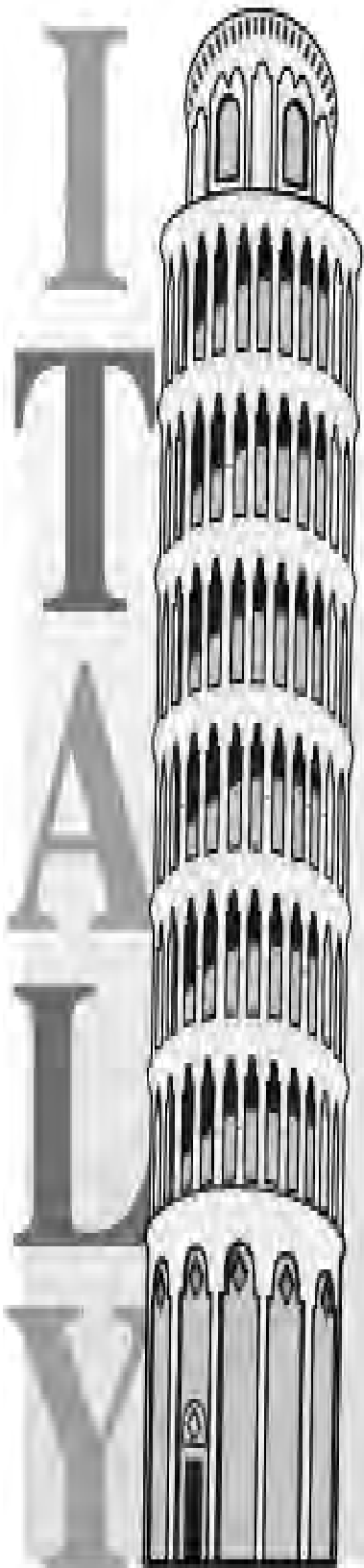
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Gold Country Lodge # 2705

El Dorado Hills, CA
Joanne Hyman

The Gold Country Lodge #2705 Sons of Italy in America awarded two scholarships at the annual dinner meeting on May 16, 2017 in El Dorado Hills, California. For 17 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. Anna Marie Repetto from Union Mine High School received this scholarship. She will attend Cal Poly and be majoring in Business with a minor in Spanish. The second,

\$500, was awarded to Louis Gomes, a student who had exemplary performance in the Italian language four year course of study at Oakridge High School. He will be attending UCSB with a major in Theatre and Cinema. As always participation at our Polenta Dinner, Crab Feed, the Third Annual Pasta Bowl tournament and dinner provided income for our scholarship fund. The lodge is grateful to the lodge members and community who enthusiastically supported our efforts.



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Watsonville Lodge # 2016

Watsonville, CA
by Janey Leonardich

Hello, The Sons of Italy Watsonville Lodge #2016 has awarded its scholarships for 2017. The following students of Italian Heritage and graduating from Santa Cruz County High Schools have become recipients of several scholarships. Our members were delighted to meet the students when joined us for dinner at our May meeting and dinner. The Earl and Noemi Van Dusen Scholarships were awarded to Charles Bailey, Soquel High School and Ally-

son Paul, Scotts Valley High School. The Lodge scholarships were awarded to Keigan Lee, Aptos High School, Luca DiGrazia, Aptos High School and Giulianna Castrillo, Watsonville High School. We have invited them to our Annual Bob Moresco Chicken BBQ on Sunday, July 16 at the Corralitos Padres and hope they will join us in the festivities. If you have any questions, please contact me at 831-722-7958.



Charles Bailey, Allyson, Paul, Keigan Lee and Luca DiGrazia.



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Lodge # 1441

Fremont, CA
by Linda Abronzino

Happy Summer everyone. Please note that the lodge will not be having meetings in July and August. Our next meeting will be September 8th at 6:30am with a Baseball theme. More details will be forthcoming as hot dogs and hamburgers will be on the grill and members are asked to wear any baseball clothing from school to minor league to major league teams. Should be a fun time.

Our convention delegates, President Gina LoVecchio and Mary Meiring will be reporting on what took place at this year's State Convention at our September.

Ducks for Bucks' was good this year for the lodge. David LoVecchio won first prize as his duck went over the finish line with tens of thousands following behind. The Lodge made over \$300 which will be given to the Lodge's Scholarship fund. Speaking of scholarships, Chairperson Susan Dunsford had the honor of presenting the Lodge's first scholarship after many years, to James Santos of American High School. We hope to have James at one of our functions.

Upcoming events in the months to come - Mark on your calendar and details will be sent out as we get closer to each date.

September 8; Dinner Meeting, Pot Luck Baseball Theme

October 6 – Annual BBQ fundraiser. Great fundraiser for the lodge and not to mention the great food, music and fun. More details Forthcoming

November 3 – Possible Italian potluck Dinner Night.

December 3 – Annual Christmas Party at Spin-a-yarn.

At this time the Lodges wishes to extend our sincere sympathies to the Comandatore family and to the Caserta Families on the loss of their mother. Eleanor Comandatore was a long time member of the Order and Helen Caserta (mother of our recording secretary, Cathy) was 101 years young.

Wishing you all a very Happy Safe and Fun Summer. Happy Birthday to all our summer birthday babies.



Saddleback Valley Lodge #2566

Mission Viejo, CA
by Hank Lowinger, President

Our members came out in force to listen to the presentation for Honor Flight Southland.

We again had over 60 members and guests present to see exactly what Honor Flight is all about.

Representing Honor flight was Chairman and Co-founder Craig Van Doren and his wife Sandi, Vice chair/Co-founder Luci Miller and Nurse Sue Hill. It was a very educational and moving presentation.

Two of our members, Al Alfieri and Tony Marraccino also spoke about their experience on the flights they went on. James Robinson also spoke about his war experiences. It was very enlightening listening to Craigtalk about all they do for the Veterans. Because of the generosity of the members

and guests the donations exceeded \$1,550.00. I received a message from Craig stating that amount would cover the total cost for one Veteran to go on a future flight for free. I am so proud of our members for donating to such a worthy cause.

Anyone interested in supporting Honor flight Southland please contact Craig Van Doren at 949 310-6143 or Go to www.HonorFlightSouthland.org . It is truly amazing what they do for our Veterans. I am proud to say this was one of the most rewarding meetings we have had. Not only did we have the Honor Flight presentation we had a Father's Day dinner hosted by our First Lady Michelle Lowinger assisted by several of the women of the lodge.



Honor Flight Southland Guests

L/R - Co Founder and Vice Chair Luci Miller, Co Founder and Chairman Craig Van Doren, Head of the Blue Team Sandi Van Doren, Joseph Alfieri a member of the lodge, Nurse and Head of the Red Team Sue Hill, Lodge President Hank Lowinger and Lodge Trustee Tony Marraccino.



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che lavoravano nella risaia - 16. Una Dora tra i fiumi - 17. Vago indizio - 19. Tabelle per viaggiatori - 21. Li reggono i nocchieri - 22. Georges, scrittore belga, creatore di Maigret - 27. Troppo grasso - 29. Bruciati - 30. Biblico fratello di Sem - 31. Tenente scritto in breve - 32. Sigla di Varese - 33. Un po' di sport - 34. Limiti di podisti.



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Diablo Valley Lodge #1267

Pleasant Hill, CA
by Larry Risner (Vice President)

Annual BBQ

The Diablo Valley Lodge held our annual BBQ at Viano’s Winery in Martinez California on June 4th. The attendance was over 90 which included our own Diablo Lodge members, Antioch Columbo Lodge members and many other guests. The catered event was enjoyed by all and we were entertained by Roy Gonzales on his guitar and also our favorite DJ Eddie who played 50’s & 60’s oldies. We are already looking forward to next year’s annual BBQ and possibly a polenta dinner/dance later this year the same as we did last year. As usual it was a nice opportunity for all to get acquainted and have a good time with great food and local wines.



Camelia-Colombo Lodge #1294

Klamath Falls, OR
by Bonnie Sims

Camelia-Colombo 93rd Annivarsary

In lieu of our meeting in May, Camelia-Colombo Lodge #1294 met at a local restaurant to celebrate the Lodge’s 93rd Anniversary. A good time was had by all. A special Thank You to Jim and Tina Lamanna for the purchase of our cake. In the picture is President Oliver Spires and one of our past Presidents Yolanda Rosterolla.



Cesare Battisti Lodge #1518
Petaluma, CA



Ann Albertoni
Newsletter Editor
June 2017

Upcoming Events:

June 8 Monthly Meeting / dinner of ribs and roasted potatoes
July 13 Monthly Meeting

Lodge News:

1. We are sad to report the passing of Marie Neve on May 18. Marie was a 49-year member of Cesare Battisti Lodge #1518, she always donated roses to the award dinners for scholarship recipients. The generous contribution was always appreciated. Our sincere condolences to the Neve family.
2. Dinner is open to the public. Bring your friends for a delicious summer dinner of ribs and roasted potatoes. As always, please call Marie De Carli at 707-486-5085 by June 1 for your dinner reservations. Dinner will be \$15.
3. **The Il Leone needs an editor!** Articles in the Il Leone are lacking and Cesare Battisti Lodge needs representation. Please let any board member of your interest in filling this position.

Sick Members:

Don De Carli, surgery.

Member Birthdays:

Ronald Benson 1st, Frank Cresci 8th, Jim Gambonini 16th, Angelo Leone 12th, Mary Mc Kay 6th, Ernest Piantanida 17th, Father Michele Raimondi 22nd, Evelyn Ransom 23rd.

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John Keating	Joanne Coccia	2553
Guido Arecco	Santa Rosa	1898
Vince La Banca	Hacienda	2168
Bebe Moretti	Northern Solano	2534
Clementina Biale	Napa	2043
Bernard Ferro	Napa	2043
Jean Remorini	Diablo Valley	2167
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Carmella Lopiccio	Centinela Valley	1991
Angelina Peters	Centinela Valley	1991
Midge Sauro	Centinela Valley	1991
Eleanor Comandatore	Centinela Valley	2011
Bonaldo Bonaldi	Cristoforo Colombo	1534
Alice Petra -Goldie	Sacramento	1352
Alfred Sirignano	Centinela Valley	1991
Robert La Briola	Las Vegas	2158
Joe L Curto	Shasta	2453
Ronald Litterst	Shasta	2453



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Save the Date

Sunday, October 1, 2017
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1:30 p.m.

More information to follow

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Grand Council honors Maria Pignati



Please save the date September 23, 2017. This is when we will be honoring Past State President Maria Pignati at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel in Santa Clara, 4949 Great American Parkway. Reservations for rooms must be made by August 22. Phone number is 408-330-0011. Dinner will be at 6:30 and the choices are charbroiled steak or chilean sea bass with veggies, salad, dessert, coffee or tea.

The Grand Council meets from September 22 -24. Hope you all can attend to honor this great lady. Price is \$65 per person. RSVP with your choice of meals by September 15th.

If you need more information please call the Grand Lodge office.

Cristoforo Colombo

Lodge #1534

Reno, NV
by Historian, Maria Nelson.

We had a record-setting Festa Primavera this year on May 6. Our new location, the Reno Elks Lodge, allowed us to accommodate more people in a larger, more comfortable setting. Our Grand Lodge President, Lynn Lawrence Murphy and her husband, Bill, attended. Since last year was also a great success and this year was even better, we are increasing our donations and scholarships. Our Lodge is so happy their hard work has paid off. We are blessed to have such dedicated, hard-working members.

Our April meeting was attended by Mary Schultz from the Savitt Medical Library at the University of Nevada. We presented her with our \$1000 donation and she showed us the new plaque that will be displayed in the library for our Son's of Italy Lodge. It is bigger and brighter and in a prominent location for all to see. Our annual donations started in 1979 along with the Giuseppe Verdi Lodge in Sparks and have provided books and periodicals for many students in the medical field.

In May we initiated five new members, Pete and Stacey Anderson, Mary Ann Henry, Pasqualino Ivoineella, and Ericka Sorensen. Our Lodge is growing and we are so thrilled to have many active members who enjoy the fraternity and being part of the Italian heritage.

In June we presented our two scholarships to graduat-

ing students in our area. The \$2500 scholarship was given to Connor London who graduated from Spanish Springs High School. Connor is going to Texas A & M to study Aerospace Engineering. He and his family attended the meeting. Connor was gracious and gave a wonderful speech about his Italian heritage. The second scholarship winner, Melinda Raulino, graduated from Bishop Manogue High School. She received the \$1000 scholarship. Melinda was accepted to Pepperdine University in Malibu, California and will study business. Unfortunately Melinda was very ill and could not attend the meeting. We wish them both Buona Fortuna!

Our member, Antonio Ricci, continues to cook us wonderful meals each month. At our meetings, our children have a great time learning about their Italian culture from Silvana Ricci, with help from Niko Hobbs and Sherrie Moore.

Our delegates are excited about attending the 80th Grand Convention in Fresno and we want to congratulate President Lynn-Lawrence Murphy and her leadership team for a productive four years. We wish her all the best in the future.

Veni Vidi Aavi - We came, we saw, we loved.

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Date: Sunday, August 6, 2017

Location: Coyote Point, San Mateo, Ca

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Details: \$20/person includes burger, pasta, salad, and dessert bar plus a drink ticket (beer/wine/soft beverage) as well as a raffle ticket.

Note: More raffle tickets available for purchase. Please bring your own additional beverages (Coyote Point prohibits hard alcohol).

RSVP by July 16 to Angela Silva

650 291 3595 or angelamsilva_2008@yahoo.com





Shasta Lodge # 2453

Redding, CA
by Carole Dellaragione

Greetings from Redding,
We returned from convention to more triple digit weather. Will probably remain hot through August. But that doesn't deter Shasta Lodge from our activities.

We are having bocce social nights every other week and everybody is having a great time either learning to play or practicing for the tournament at Paesano Days in September.

Then John Tasello, with help from Rose Nobili, Roland and JoAnne Harris, and junior members Sierra and Cole Anderson, taught kids bocce for two mornings as part of the City of Redding's Camp X recreation program. All the kids had great fun.

We had a good general meeting earlier this week. We initiated two new members who want to be active in our lodge, Lori Rossi and Doug Runciman. Doug's daughter Amanda also filled out an application for our next initiation.

We then presented Jessica Toombs a scholarship for \$1000. Jessica is studying Finance at California State University in Chico. We had also presented a scholarship to Madison Pulice at our June meeting, also for \$1000. Madison will be attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah studying Biology with her goal set on becoming an eye doctor. We presented a \$1000 scholarship to Bryce Giacomelli at Shasta High School but he was unable to attend this meeting because of basketball practice. He will attend Shasta College this fall.

Kim Chamberlain and her husband George Winship

presented two Ambassador for Peace medals from Patriots and Veterans Affairs Republic of Korea. They were given posthumously for Ron Litterst to his wife Marcia, and for Ken Carroll to his wife Gerry. This was a very touching ceremony with many tears.

Lastly we had a presentation by Bruce Riecke and Amy Kritzer from Veterans K9 Connections. These are rescue (or donated) dogs who are trained to help veterans who have PTSD. Almost all the cost of training the dogs and their veteran companions is by donations. Mokey was with Amy and is one of the younger dogs in the program.

Always on the move, this Sunday, July 23rd, many of us will be on a bus trip to see the San Francisco Giants beat the San Diego Padres at ATT Park. This is always a fun trip with Bingo, trivia and other games on the bus to keep it lively.

We have been challenged by Chico's Vincenzo Bellini lodge to a spaghetti sauce cook-off. So, we are trying to schedule a Saturday in August or early September for a sauce contest and bocce contest. We hope Paradise Lodge, Weed Lodge, and Klamath Falls Camila-Colombo lodge will be able to join us, too. It should be a fun afternoon with great comradery between our lodges. If any other members would like to attend, please give me a call.

We hope you have a good summer.

Your friends at Shasta Lodge 2453



Initiation of new members. Lori Rossi and Doug Runciman.



Frank Rose with the Canines 4 Veterans.



City of Redding Camp X kids who learned to play bocce.



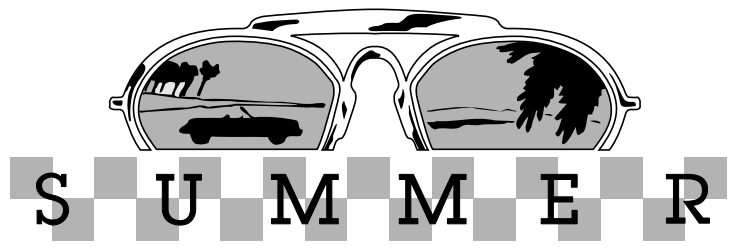
Gerry Carroll getting a posthumously awarded Ambassador for Peace medal from Patriots and Veterans Affairs Republic of Korea.



Madison Pulice (center) with parents, receiving a \$1000 scholarship from Shasta Lodge.



Jessica Toombs with her family, receiving a \$1000 scholarship from Shasta Lodge.



Winner Every Day Raffle

1. Purchase a Winner Every Day Raffle ticket for \$30. If your lodge does not have any, you can order some through the Grand Lodge.
2. Mail your ticket stub and check to the Grand Lodge of California, 5051 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94112
3. Once received, your ticket goes into the ticket drum.
4. Tickets are drawn every two weeks, until the end of 2017, one ticket for each of those days. If you are a winner, a check for \$25. will be mailed to you. Winners names are also listed in the most current issue of the Il Leone newspaper.
5. Your ticket is put back into the drum for all future drawings.
6. There are several days throughout the year that have a higher dollar amount. Those days are listed on the back of each ticket.
7. Grand Prize of \$1,000.00 will be given only if 1000 tickets are sold and returned by December 21st, 2017. Or if 4500 tickets are sold the Grand Prize will become \$15,000. 4500 tickets are one ticket per each of our members!! Buy a ticket and become a big winner.

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Julia Raven
Napa High School 2017 Scholarship Presented by John Ray Cardinale, our Jr. Member and recipient of the 2015 Grand Lodge of California Peter Mondavi Sr. Scholarship

Napa Lodge # 2043

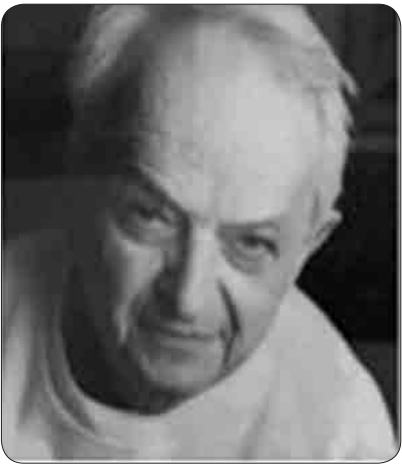
Napa, CA
by Anna
In Memory of



Francesca Wignall
1930 - 2017
Long time member, Frances enjoyed many activities and volunteering in the valley.



Ben Ferro
1923 - 2017
Long time member and volunteer in many organizations in the valley



Adam Mello
1926 - 2017
Always friendly with entertaining stories. Adam was the loving father of our long time member Lena Mello.

2017 Scholarship Recipients



Reza Arsham
American Canyon High School 2017 Scholarship
2017 Sylvia Varni Memorial Scholarship pictured with Joanne MacDonnell, Sylvia's daughter and Seth Rossi, Scholarship Chairman



Sophia Cravea
New Tech High School 2017 Scholarship pictured with Seth Rossi, Scholarship Chairman

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Rodolfo Valentino Lodge #1449

Clovis, CA

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

Last Month: What a great 90th year celebration! Our volunteers (members, friends, and helpers) did an outstanding job setting up for the party ... a professional team could not have done a better job, food-wise or hall set-up. Our kitchen staff of Brian Watson, Ruben and Mike Catallo, & Carol Watson worked diligently to get out the beef entre, pasta, sausage and salad preparations. To all that helped to make this such a great event, we thank you!

Next Month and follow-

ing: July will be a No-Meeting-Month and August and September will be Pot Luck. October will be our annual Fall Harvest Fest Dinner (it's OK to remind your family and friends now).

Our next meeting of the Central San Joaquin Valley SoI (CSJVS) will be at Andiamo's Restaurant in Clovis on Shaw Ave at 11:30 AM; lunch fee will be \$20.00, and will be held on September 10.. At our last meeting in Visalia, our lodge donated over \$1,700 toward the Valley Children's Hospital Child Defect Library Fund, which is

sponsored during our yearly meeting there. Three of our Clovis Lodge members are officers in the. CSJVS. The CSJVS allows us in the valley to have a bigger voice with the California Grand Lodge.

Do you have comments for our lodge members? If so, let me know at my email address (above) and we can publish it in this column.

I once read: *You have to make a decision, right or wrong; the world is full of flat squirrels that could not decide what to do. Get your decision headed in the right direction by applying for the many SoI scholarships avail-*

able to you by contacting Scholarship Committee 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 (for more information, and grants available for tours/studies in Italy, go to <https://www.osia.org/students/scholarships.php>); National scholarships are for \$500 to \$5,000. 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/>.



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Staying Connected

By Rosemarie Biagetti Vanderhaar
Scholarship Committee Chairperson

Recently I became connected on the “Social Media: with several 2016 Scholarship recipients and several 2017 recipients as well. I already have an ongoing “email” connection with many of them.

It’s gratifying to see how the scholarship students of the past year are doing and know that our scholarship program played a part. This is a testament to our donors and our filial lodges and members for their generosity. I wish to take this opportunity to thank those who gave so generously at this last convention.

By keeping connected with these young people, if not already members, hopefully one day will become members ensuring the future of our Order.

Again thank you to all who donated to the scholarship program. Have a safe and wonderful summer.

We Welcome Gino!



Past State President and National Trustee Maria Fassio Pignati and Past State Financial Secretary Ugo Pignati joyously announce the birth of their second grandchild, Gino Major Pignati, born on March 31 at 12:07 a.m. Gino weighed in at 6 lbs 13 oz, and was 19” long. Proud parents are Michael and Julie Pignati, and big brother Luca, who loves to hug and kiss his little brother.



Centinela Valley Lodge # 1991

Torrance, CA
by Annette Porter

Our May 68th Anniversary dinner was an enjoyable evening. We had a wonderful prime rib or chicken wellington dinner, the food was fantastic as usual our caterer did another fantastic job. The members that help put this event together, we would not have had a beautiful decorated hall. Without each and every one of them our events would not be successful. We would like to “Thank” each of the lodges and state officers that attend our anniversary; Torrance Mayor Pat Furey and wife Terry, America Lodge, Anaheim Lodge, Cornelia-Vita Nuova Lodge, Joanne Coccia Lodge, La Costa Dei Fiori Lodge, Pugliese Lodge, Renaissance Lodge, Saddleback Lodge and West End Lodge. The state officers, our State Deputy and Scholarship Chairperson Rosemarie Vanderhaar, State Media Andy Pampuro and wife Louise, Italian Language & Culture Chairperson Vita Zaccaria, State Grand Lodge Queen Mary Lucido and guest, State Miss America Elizabeth Lavezzari, State Trustee South Al Trentini and wife Jean, State Orator and Representing the State President Sadie Tamburine and husband Sid.

Our honoree Enrica Stuart had her friends in attendance. Enrica has been a member of Sons of Italy for the past 38 years. She has been a big part of the lodge members travel agent since 1990. She took special care for each and everyone of them with their special requests and needs.

At our June meeting we had the pleasure of presenting our scholarships to two young students for our local high schools.

We have our July Red, White and Blue dinner dance scheduled for July 22nd, hope to see many of you there. We have scheduled a fundraiser Pasta for People on Sunday July 30th, this is for our charity STAR House. Also, our August dinner dance is our luau on Saturday August 2th.

Grand Lodge Queen Mary and Miss America Elizabeth and her two sisters blessed us with coming to our anniversary. These two girls are beautiful.



Enrica Stuart with our State Orator Sadie Tamburine, our Master of Ceremonies Mark Vaona and Lodge President Annette Porter.



Members of our lodge, State Trustee South and our Torrance Mayor with his wife she is also a member. Enjoying each other company and having an enjoyable time.



Andy and Louise Pampuro presenting Enrica with a nice beautiful orchid.



President Annette and our State Deputy Rosemarie Vanderhaar with our two students that received our scholarships.

Watsonville Lodge # 2016

Watsonville, CA
by Janey Leonardich

Our Lodge has been very busy this month, we participated in the Spirit of Watsonville 4th of July Parade and also had our Bob Moresco Annual Chicken BBQ.

The parade has been a tradition in Watsonville for many years and many local clubs and youth groups participate either with floats, marching or riding in cars, trucks and farm equipment. We were fortunate to have two beautiful convertible Camaros from Chevrolet of Watsonville.



David Delfino and Lester Pedrazzini



Front Row: Casey Clark, Gina Gallucci, Silvia Prevedelli, , Lois Hagen, Janey’ Malatesta Leonardich
Back Row: David Delfino, Tracy Wise and Lester Predrazzini

Then, on July 16 we gathered at the Corralitos Padres park and enjoyed a delicious chicken BBQ in the name of the BBQ’s founder, Bob Moresco. Bob made sure that every July the Watsonville Lodge carried on a tradition is as old as our lodge. So we named the event in his memory. We again had a sold out BBQ and our lodge members and family and friends were in attendance. The weather could have been a little cooler as temperatures reached the mid-90’s but sitting under the shade of the Redwood Trees made it pleasant.



Our own Freddy Trabano & Roger Serpa.

Louise Silacci, State Trustee Central

Along with these events, we have Dinner meetings every 3rd Thursday of the month and enjoy our Sons of Italy family gatherings. We invite members and non-members to join us by making reservations with Diana at 831-724-1816.



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