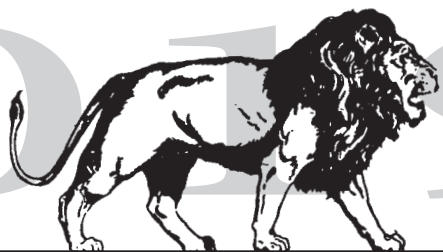


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A Message From The State President



*State President
John Costa*

The summer is flying by and fall is fast approaching. Time doesn't stop. First I want to thank all of you in showing your support in me to lead our Grand Lodge for two more years. I would like to start my article with my acceptance speech from the 2017 convention.

Good morning/ good afternoon,

Worthy National 1st Vice President Vera, State Officers, delegates and guests. Special thanks to our outgoing officers. It has been a pleasure working with you these past two years. Fortunately I know all of you are very passionate towards the order and you heritage, so you won't be going far.

As I mention I feel I still have work to be done and with the help of this Grand Council I believe we can accomplish a great deal of work put forward to us thru by you the delegation. Thank all of you for your support and trust in me to continue to lead us into the future (our theme) the future is ours let us grasp it by the horns and take the Grand Lodge of California to new heights. Am I optimistic? Probably, but with all of you as my extended family we can do it

My work ethics come from my parents; I personally will not put less than 100% into any task put before me. Yes I work full time, I have showed dedication to my job being there for 26 years, the president of my company, knows that I have taken this job seriously and they are willing to allow me the time off to give my all to the grand lodge obligations. Once I say

I will work on accomplishing a task I will try with every effort to get the results we as a team are looking for. We will work as a team, that old saying... there is no I in team. We as a council will work together

Again watching a group of Italians get together and discuss, agree to disagree and finally compromise, shows that Italians are passionate about their and show that live in a true democracy that we have in this country, and this was noted again to us in last night's entertainment night during the singing of "GOD BLESS AMERICA"! That song makes the hair on my neck stand up "THAT'S FOR YOU VERA" Thank you again all the veterans for this right. On a personal note, please keep all of your military in your thoughts and prayer, my son in law just left June 8 for a one year tour in Afghanistan, he is a major in the Army jag corp.

Remember as a Grand Council, "Don't aspire to be the best on a team, aspire to be the best team".

A lot of issues came up at this convention. Some with heated discussions but in the end we can still be friends and family. Remember the end of Davinci presentation "love conquers all" and what Brother Phil stated in his message to us about "harmony". Harmony being the greatest strength of our fraternity.

We have talked a lot about membership and retention of members; we had some great ideas from you the delegates. Membership is a key item we as a grand lodge need to work on, but this is all of us. We all have to work together to grow together.

We will also work closely with our new Hall rental manager 5051 Mission St, to help them maximize the utilization of our Grand Lodge building and adjacent lot. I will have our financial officers establish an account to place monies from our rentals for reserve for any repairs.

In closing I want to Thank National Chaplin Father For-

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*State 1st Vice President
Barbara Wisniewski*

My Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I would like to thank all of you who voted for me as First Vice-President. I believe we have much work to do in order to maintain a high quality of communication and add members to our Grand Lodge. As we communicate so will we better understand each other's needs.

I would like to thank all the volunteers from the Cristoforo Colombo Lodge #1534 for all their hard work in helping to make for a successful Grand Lodge Convention!

Your Vice-Presidents have already had a Conference Call together and one with our Grand Lodge President, John Costa.

We have forwarded our lists to our choices of Deputies and Grand Lodge Officers assignments. We will get Deputy Manuals for all who need them. Please let us know if you don't have a manual.

To you Lodge Presidents, you are aware that the Deputy represents our Grand Lodge Presidents and deserves all the honors that you would afford our President, John Costa, were he at the meeting. This includes presiding over initiations of new members, the opportunity to speak under "Good and Welfare of the Order" and being acknowledged as he enters the room or at the beginning of the meeting.

An updated Report back form is still not available so continue to use your old forms.

We have voted on our new Membership chairs, One for each District. Our Chair for the North is Louie Lodi of the Sacramento Lodge. He is

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*State 2nd Vice President
Pauline Richmond*

The 83rd Grand Convention held in Reno, NV. at the Atlantis Hotel was very successful and productive!

The State delegates had a lot to report back to their lodges. A new term for some newly elected Officers and a second elected term for others. Congratulations to our elected State President John Costa for a second term and all newly elected State Officers.

My sincere appreciation for the support and confidence in electing me as your State 2nd Vice President.

A lot of work was done, and many decisions were made to move forward with our Order

I completed my lists to assign State Deputies and State Officers

Official visits to the various lodges in the Central district. This is one of many tasks of the State Vice Presidents as well as enhancing communication between the lodges/members and State Officers. Another task will be to oversee the progress of the various committees; thus, creating a team effort for the future endeavors of OSDIA.

First and foremost is membership which is everyone's priority. A Membership Chairperson has been appointed and approved for each district. For the Central district; Steven Barra has been appointed from the Colombo-Stella Lodge, Fresno, Ca. I'm looking forward to working with Steven, as well as Pamela Buldo and Mary Jane Cambria, our State Trustees-Central.

On Thursday, July 11, 2019 the Enrico Caruso Lodge #1463 held a successful Annual Scholarship Dinner. To-

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*State 3rd Vice President
Sadie Tamburine*

Hello everyone, I hope you are keeping cool as we experience a nation wide heat wave making our way through August.

Did you know Tony Bennett turned 93 in this year. Born in August, 1926 as Anthony Dominick Benedetto, he is a world-renowned Italian singer who has won 19 Grammy Awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award and 2 Emmy Awards. Bennett is a World War II veteran and has performed for 11 U.S. presidents. His signature song, "I Left My Heart in San Francisco, was recorded in 1962. He has sold over 50 million records and is also an artist, signing his works Anthony Benedetto. His latest tour wraps up on August 17 in Vienna, VA.

Some trivia about Sicilian beliefs and superstitions about bread: Bread was fresh baked and stored in a drawer uncovered, in the kitchen. When it became hard it was grated, mixed with some spices and used as bread crumbs in cooking. Children were taught to respect bread. It was never placed on the table upside down. If it happened mother would kiss it, say a prayer and ask for forgiveness. If even a small piece fell on the floor, they had to kiss it, raise it to God and ask for forgiveness for their carelessness. "Good as a piece of bread" was the highest compliment that could be given to someone. Making a living was "earning bread". When one was reduced to misery, it was referred to as to "bread and onion". Notice it was referred to a single onion, food of poor people. One would never eat bread with pasta. Bread was used to absorb the sauce left over on the plate. It was a sin

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From the Editor's Desk

by Andy Pampuro
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I don't know where the time goes but it sure goes. Here it is September already and before we know it it will be Christmas. I'll tell you with the terrible heat wave we've been having I'll welcome the winter.

It is not too late to become a sponsor of the IL Leone. You can become one for only \$25 per person and your name will appear until the next convention. They tell me the IL Leone is in the red and believe it or not the sponsorship program really helps. What would really help would be if I could get some real big advertisers. There was a time when I did have a couple of



real big advertisers but no one patronized them and after a while they just cancelled out. You can't blame them but it is the advertisers who literally help pay for the publication of the paper. Look at any magazine, newspaper or newsletter and it is filled with ads and it is

these ads that help produced the paper or magazine. If any of you out there know of anyone who would like to advertise in our paper please let me know. The last thing I want is to fold up the paper because we cannot afford to publish it any longer.

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President’s Message
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no for once again for attending our convention and look forward to seeing you again in 2020. Also I would like to thank our National President Vera for her support, and congratulations on completing your term as National President. Thanks to both Lynn and Lori for working hard to allow us to have a successful Convention.

Well Donna Lee, the last two years have definably been an “E” ticket ride for sure. “Looks like we now have a fast pass for two more years to ride all the rides, are you ready?

Again thank all of you, the delegates, and guests for all of your support the last two years by making me feel like family and look forward to the next two years with open eyes for the future.

THANK YOU

I am writing this upon my return from the National Convention in Texas, where California’s own Vera Girolami ran a very successful convention and is now the Past National President, Congratulations to our new Nation-

al President Nancy DiFiore Quinn and to all of the newly elected officers. For more information on The National Convention please look at our National Trustee Lynn Lawrence Murphy’s article.

I have set a some goals for my term as your President, one being membership, I want to increase our membership by 10% prior to the next Convention in 2020. I believe that this goal is attainable if we all work together. This is approximately 300 new members. Communication is also a key to our existence.

I have established a Social Media Committee where we will use our Facebook page to get our “face” out there; we are also establishing an Instagram & Twitter page. A lot of people say “We are the best kept secret” time to get the secret out!!

Grand Council is fast approaching this September in Visalia, where we will also celebrate Hanford Lodge’s 90th Anniversary.

Again I am looking forward to being your president, and I am willing to work for the better of the order. Mille Grazie.

State First Vice President
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already working to get new members. He has suggested that all our Lodges find some Italian stores or pizza establishments and see if they would be willing to hand out membership brochures. This would get our name out to the community. We need to let people know we are here. We will continue to share information with you via the Il Leone and hope you will reach out to us with your ideas.

Let me know what your Lodge Membership Committee is doing, and we will pass the information on to the other Lodges.

Ken and I traveled to Camelia-Colombo Lodge to celebrate their 95th Anniversary. We had such a wonderful time and the Officers and Members took such good care of us. Thank you so much, a little after the fact!

Ken and I attended the National Convention in San Antonio, TX. The Delegates from all over the country and Canada showed how Fraternism works. It was wonderful. I would like to thank our Immediate Past National President, Vera Girolami for representing our Grand Lodge as National President with such a love of our Order. She ran interesting and informative meetings. She truly has made us all proud!

Thank you for all you do to keep our Order strong.

Till next month
Fraternally
Barbara

State Third Vice President
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to throw away bread. While preparing sauce, one would dip a piece to test the flavor while it was cooking. The part most desirous was “the butt” (in English it’s the heel). It was forbidden to cheat by cutting the bread from both ends.

The lodges have received their State Deputy announcement and the list of officers that will make a visit to your lodges. Please remember to treat the deputies with respect as they are there representing the State President. Invite the State officers to your lodge when you are having something special, i.e. initiation of new members.

Please stay well as summer winds down. There will be more trivia to come.

More superstitions and trivia to come.

Commission For Social Justice
by Tony Ricevuto

Monday, October 14, 2019 we celebrate Columbus Day throughout the United States. Unfortunately, there have been some successful attempts to totally eliminate Columbus Day and instead celebrate indigenous people’s day. Throughout the great state of California many cities have attempted to discredit Columbus’s historic voyage and heroic efforts. This is happening not only in California but in other cities and states across our nation. Thankfully with your support we have been able to stop this process in certain communities throughout the United States.

Columbus, Ohio was named after this great explorer and for the first time Columbus Day will not observed its namesake holiday. Ohio’s capital city is the most populated city named after Columbus. They allege the decision was not spurred by radical movements to replace Columbus Day with indigenous people, but that the city lacks funding to give its employees the day off and would rather provide their employees the day off for Veterans Day saving taxpayer money. Nevada has taken the same approach and in the past the Governor has made a proclamation honoring Columbus but the state does not celebrate his achievements.

Unfortunately, this is tied to political elements in our society and one national political party that issued a statement discussing their commitment to American Indians and Alaska natives rather than honoring a true icon.

The sons and daughters of Italy along with other prominent Italian-American organizations are committed to aggressively pursuing to stop these outside movements who are dedicated to defame and stereotype Italian-Americans

Recently the delegates at the national convention have chosen a new national President Nancy DiFiore. She has appointed Robert Ferrito as the new President and for Commission of Social Justice. Mr. Ferrito is an aggressive defender of Italian-Americans values and definitely will be an asset to the organization. Mr. Ferrito has worked closely with Kevin Caira the outgoing CSJ President. During Mr.Caira’s reign he established a great working relationship forming coalitions with other Italian-American organizations throughout the United States. His legacy will continue to confront any organization or company who discredits our nationality. We still need your support when we need letters, telephone calls or donations to assist other Lodges who need additional assistance to protect our image from discrimination.

State Second Vice President
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tal of, ten lodge Scholarships were awarded. Including scholarships for; in memory of deceased members plus the \$1,000.00 Grand Lodge – Central district Scholarship.

Wednesday, July 24, 2019 I participated on the Webinar called “Social Media to Grow Membership”. Carly Jerome, OSDIA Director of Operations and Programming, gave a presentation on different types of social media channels and how to use them to gain followers. It was very informative! To view Carly’s Webinar presentation, go to [http//youtu.be/8z_jfdQsg](http://youtu.be/8z_jfdQsg).

Sunday, July 28, 2019 I attended the Columbia and Cornelia-Vita Nuova Lodges first Annual joint picnic. A wonderful idea for two lodges to share a social event.

They had bocce, bingo and games for the children. Delicious food, music and raffle made it a fantastic day for members and children in attendance. That’s what’s called “Fraternism”.

On August 13 thru 18, 2019 I had the opportunity as National delegate to attend and just returned from the 56th Biennial National Convention, held in San Antonio, Texas. It was a wonderful experience and time to see the workings of a National Convention. I will give a report on the events/sessions in next month article.

Our outgoing National President Vera Girolami made us proud of her accomplishments and the time she has given in her two years term of office.

“Millie Graze, Vera”
Ciao – until next month

Columbus Day

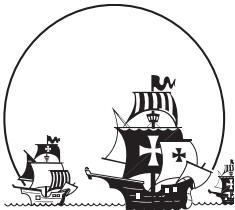
During the month of October many lodges will be celebrating Columbus Day with civic ceremonies. In the November issue of Il Leone we’ll have all the stories. Below are photos of different types of statues depicting Columbus that the Sons of Italy was responsible in erecting.



This bust of Columbus stands in the courtyard of the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana.



This statue was erected on the grounds of the Los Angeles County Mall.



This beautiful statue of Columbus trying to convince Queen Isabella of Spain to finance his voyage while his son Diego looks on stands in the rotunda of our Capital Building in Sacramento.



Youth Committee

by Brian Watson

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

What a great convention for the youth in Reno this year. The kids had a blast while we were in Reno! Thank you to all the lodges and members who have contributed to the youth committee this and every year, your generosity is greatly appreciated!

This marked my 10th convention as the Youth Committee Chairperson and I have loved every minute of it. For every year I have been running the youth program we have been able to provide a free package to ALL the kids who have attended convention. Thank you to everyone who has donated and helped over the years.

I am still planning on providing a free convention package for the youth members who would like to attend the 2020 convention in Concord California. There should be a lot of fun things for the kids to do up there next summer. I would like to ask anyone from the area who has ideas on events for the kids to please contact me and let me know any ideas and or suggestions for the 2020 youth program.

I would also like to ask for everyone’s support with the Little Lion Program on all parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles to support the Little Lion Program again as an individual, as a lodge, or as both. I have again set up different levels of support for the program. Those who donate over \$100 will be part of the elite Platinum level, donations up to \$100 are in the Gold level, up to \$50 donations are silver level and the bronze level is up to \$25.

This is a great way to invest in our youth and the future of our organization. For those of you who were at convention and saw the looks on the faces of our youth members could see how excited they were about being a part of the order and how they want to do more with their lodges and other youth members.

If you have a youth member who would like to attend convention this year ask them what kind of things would be exciting for them to do and to learn about and call, email, text, or write me and let me know what’s on their minds.

With our summer days starting to dwindle away I am working hard preparing a fantastic list of events for the youth convention in June. I am exciting to heading to Concord as there are so many wonderful and exciting things for the youth to do there. Again I am still planning on providing a free convention package for the youth members who would like to attend but we will need your help again. I am calling on all parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles to support the Little Lion Program again.

The last time we were in the Bay Area I used the Go San Francisco pass that allows entry to 25+ attractions for one price and we had a great time with it. Since Concord is close to San Francisco I have been looking into these passes again. Some of the attractions included in the pass are, California Academy of Sciences, Madame Trussauds wax museum, Bridge to Bridge cruise, Ripley’s Believe it or Not!, Alcatraz Island, Great America (probably a little too far away though), SF Museum of Modern Art, the Exploratorium, Aquarium of the Bay and many many more. Great thing about this is you can go to as many as you want while you have the pass. I am also looking into a Giants baseball game, if I have my dates right they finish a series with the Mets and start a series with the Dodgers while we are in town. Nothing is set in stone, I am just starting out my event planning at this point. If you are from the area I would love to hear from you with ideas for events also, no one knows better than those who are local to the convention city.

With a no cost convention youth package for the kids I am calling on everyone to please support the Little Lion Program either as an individual, as a lodge, or as both. I have again set up different levels of support for the program. Those who donate over \$100 will be part of the elite Platinum level, donations up to \$100 are in the Gold level, up to \$50 donations are silver level and the bronze level is up to \$25.

This is a great way to invest in our youth and the future of our organization. For those of you who were at convention and saw the looks on the faces of our youth members could see how excited they were about being a part of the order and how they want to do more with their lodges and other youth members.

If you have a youth member who would like to attend convention this year ask them what kind of things would be exciting for them to do and to learn about and call, email, text, or write me and let me know what’s on their minds.

Fraternally,
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Highlights of the 2019 National Convention

by Lynn Lawrence Murphy
National Trustee for California

Having just returned from the National Convention in San Antonio, TX, I wanted to share a few highlights of the meetings. The following delegates represented the Grand Lodge of California: State President John Costa, 1st State Vice President Barbara Wisniewski, 2nd Vice President Pauline Richmond, 3rd Vice President Sadie Tamburine, State Trustee North Bill Murphy, Past State President and National Sons of Italy Foundation Trustee Maria Pignati, National Alzheimer’s Chair and Co-Sports Award Chair Arlene Nunziata, National 1st Gent Judge Al Girolalmi, and me, your National Trustee. Our National President Vera Girolami conducted an informative, productive and well-organized convention starting each session promptly and being sure we stayed on task. A new term that was mentioned frequently throughout the convention was: “Keep the Lion on the Move”. A good slogan for all of us to follow to keep our lodges and the Grand Lodge moving forward and reaching out to help our membership grow and stay strong.

FINANCES: The financial reports showed that all three branches of National: Supreme, the Sons of Italy Foundation, and the Commission for Social Justice are operating in the Black. As a result of this positive financial picture, it was announced that there will be no per capita increase until the 2022. The Direct Mail Program has brought in over \$300,000 for the year and continues to grow. The Legacy Program initiated by Past National and State President Frank De Santis brought in close to \$800,000 thanks to two donors. It was suggested that a committee be set up to activate a policy to handle the Legacy donations. The October Month Calendar brought in over \$12,000 and NELA brought in over \$10,000 with money still coming in. Don’t forget to file your 990s by May 15th and send a copy to the Grand Lodge office. An investment Committee was set up and formed an Investment Policy for both Supreme and the Foundation. They recommend that we approve hiring Silver Spring Capital as the Money Manager.

SIF: The Foundation is doing very well. Next year’s NELA takes place at the Hilton in Tyson-Cove, VA with the Polo Family being one of the donors. Joe Di Trapani just recently returned from Italy to view the school that the \$200,000 we donated to the Bocelli Foundation helped rebuild after the earthquake two years ago. At NELA we donated \$20,000 toward the purchase of a Specially Equipped Van.

CSJ: CSJ under the leadership of Kevin Caira has been constantly working on the Columbus Issue with some successes and some losses. They are attempting to set up a 501 C4 in order to lobby with legislators regarding the Columbus and other issues regarding our Italian Heritage. We are approaching the Columbus Issue in a positive way (check out the new pamphlet and the fact vs fiction talking post cards on Columbus). National will sent them out free. Share all the good we do for charities, etc. by explaining who we (Sons and Daughters of Italy in America) are and why we are proud of our ancestors and our culture. Our by-laws state that Columbus Day is the official Day of the Order. Our COO Joe Di Tripani will be holding a luncheon in September with fifteen legislators in Washington D. C. to discuss these issues. We did get an official apology in May from New Orleans on the lynching of the Italian men back then.

MEMBERSHIP: Chairman Dr Mark De Nunzio stated they held monthly calls and took minutes to have a record. They have created a new brochure. At the February Breakout Session on membership, promotion, marketing and retention were the top three concerns and suggestions. They held a couple of Webinars and will be having another one in November. The importance of State Deputies being active and getting involved with

Alzheimer’s	\$72,965.59
Cooley’s	\$69,209.86
Doug Flute Autism	\$46,257.23

A total for \$92,294.18 donated by the Grand Lodges at the convention.

Our new National Officers are:
President Nancy Di Fiore Quinn
1st Vice President Robert Bianchi Esq.
2nd Vice President Joseph Boncore Esq.
3rd Vice President Michael G. Polo
4th Vice President Richard Della Croce Esq.
5th Vice President Thom Lupo
Foundation President Joe Sciamè
CSJ President Robert Ferrito

California offers our congratulations and support to all them!

Next National Meeting: The Winter Plenary will take place in Orlando on February 12 – 16, 2020.

their lodges was stressed, impressing people with all the Great Things we (OSDIA) do, the importance of communication to all members, and getting and keeping our members involved were a few suggestions given. It was stated that we need to offer more Italian cultural activities at meetings. Our National Membership for the 2nd Quarter of 2019 was 32,221. We are experiencing a decline of 4.3% a year and we must continue to work on increasing our membership. Reach out – Just ask someone to join us. A Retention Manual has been created and can be found on the National Website.

The Garibaldi Meucci Museum is having its Annual Luncheon November 2nd. Please sell your tickets to support our “Home”. Call Joy if you want more tickets.

The Student Summit was a huge success. California had 2 young men and 2 young ladies that attended this year. They had a great and informative time.

Saturday was the day of Charity Donations and the installation of our new National Officers. Speakers from Alzheimer’s, Cooley’s and Autism spoke to the delegation. A truly informative and emotional time. Progress is being made by all these groups thanks to your generous donations. As I have often stated, our organization is a truly amazing and generous group as the following figures indicate:



Saddleback Valley Lodge # 2566

Mission Viejo, CA
by Andy Pampuro
Immediate Past President

Our meeting on July 12th was a full night of activities. First we initiated three new members, Grace Dragotto, Terri Marracino and Sylvia Huber.

We were honored to have our State Third Vice President Sadie Tamburine and our State Deputy Sal Denaro with us that night and they took over the initiation.

Then our President Hank Lowinger presented our lodge scholarship to Christina Polcuch, daughter of member Patricia Polcuch. Christina thanked the lodge very much.

Rosemarie Vanderhaar, the chair of the scholarship committee, asked our president if she could present a scholarship to a young girl who was supposed to have been at the Black and White Ball in Reno to get her scholarship but unfortunately this girl had a dance recital which she had to attend. President Lowinger gave Rosemarie permission to present this young lady her scholarship at this meeting. The girl came with her mother and father and gave a beautiful speech when Rosemarie presented her with her scholarship certificate. She was presented with a \$5000 Trincher Perpetual Scholarship. Mr. Trincher is the CEO of Sutter Home Winery and makes this donation every year. Katrina Lelani Reinart is a very lucky girl.

After the scholarship presentations we enjoyed a delicious dinner of a variety of

foods donated by our members.

Our president Hank Lowinger was congratulated by all for being elected our new State Trustee South.

On July 13th membership chairlady Marilyn Vecchio arranged to have a few of us set up a table in front of Claro's, a local Italian deli to try to get some new members. Marilyn was there with her two Andy's. Andy Ginocchio and Andy Pampuro. Her grandson Alex made an appearance also. We were not rushed with people wanting to join our organization but we did get some names of people interested.

On September 9th we had our general meeting-which turned out real good. We had a capacity attendance ready to enjoy a homemade dinner which was prepared by Adrienne Esco, Giuianna Fanton, Elsa Girgis, Maria Marin and Lina Terrano.

The meal was absolutely delicious. The desserts were furnished by Louise Pampuro and Michele Lowinger and they were to die for.

Before we enjoyed our dinner President Hank Lowinger presented a scholarship certificate to junior member Stephanie Dito who also was awarded a \$3000 scholarship from the state at the convention.

Pete Dito show a very funny comedy which everyone enjoyed. A nice evening to a great evening.



At our meeting on August 9th president Hank Lowinger presented a scholarship certificate to junior member Stephanie Dito. Stephanie also won a \$3000 scholarship from the state. Notice in the lower right corner that Grandma Pat Dito is looking proudly on.



Scholarship chair Rosemarie Vanderhaar [center] presenting a scholarship certificate to Katrina Lelani Reinart with lodge president Hank Lowinger looking on.



Lodge president Hank Lowinger presenting a scholarship certificate to Christina Polcuch.



Membership chair Marilyn Vecchio with her two Andy's, Andy Ginocchio and Andy Pampuro in front of Claro's Italian Market trying to recruit new members.

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Cristoforo Colombo Lodge # 1534

Reno, NV
by Historian, Maria Nelson

Summer finally showed up July 12. June and the beginning of July were quite chilly even for our High Desert City.

Our Festa Primavera on May 4 was another success! Profits from the Festa enable us to fund our scholarships and other charities. We had a sold out crowd, fabulous raffle prizes and silent auction items. Our dinner this year was catered by Savory Catering but they used our recipes. This gave a little break to those usual members who work so hard during Festa in the kitchen, next year we will have our younger members step up!! We still made a really great profit for our organization and love the venue of the Reno Elks Lodge.

Our May meeting speaker was Jim Forbes and his wife Dawn. He helps sponsor many Honor Fights and helps the Veterans enjoy the experience. He gave us a slide show of one of the trips to Washington, D.C. It is quite a wonderful thing this organization does for our Veterans as you see the gleam in their eyes when they return to such a welcoming crowd.

Our June meeting was for our scholarship winners: Scott Rescigno receiving \$3000; Liam Iovinella, who is a Junior lodge member receiving \$2500; and Emma Miner receiving the \$2500 Grand Lodge Athletic Scholarship. The recipients and their families attended the June dinner. They were thrilled and appreciative of their scholarships. We look forward to hearing from them in the future to see where their education has taken them. We are so happy and proud to help these young, eager, students with their educational dreams.

The 83rd Grand Lodge Convention at the Atlantis from June 26-29 was a busy time for the workers and a fun time for all attendees. Our Lodge hosted the event along with the Grand Lodge and it was a big success. We would like to thank Lori Rossi, Lynn Lawrence Murphy, and Alexis Cardenas for all the organizing they had to do and coordinating with the Atlantis staff; President John Costa for running a great meeting and bringing in an interesting speaker on Leonardo DaVinci; and all the hard working volunteers from the Reno Lodge as well as Marianne Campbell from the Sparks Lodge...Grazie Tanto!! The Delegates were able to have some energetic discussions but remained respectful of all points of view. Rick Branch and his crew made sure the elections ran smoothly, congratulations

to all the new officers! The Janet Capello Distinguished Member Award was given to Hugh Ricci, Past President of our lodge and Past Trustee of the Grand Lodge...WOW was he surprised and honored to receive that award, the first time we really saw him speechless!! The events were fun, Wednesday started off with a great Bocce tournament, always exciting to the very end. We want to thank so many of you for participating in the costume contest on Thursday night, Star Wars characters did show up! Friday night was very special with Aaron Caruso entertaining us with his beautiful voice and Italian stories...even Frank DiSalvo got into the act!! Saturday morning, we were able to give away our raffle prizes and we really appreciate all of you delegates and guests buying tickets and also participating in the Wookie Wine Pull, it was a fun time and we made some money there for our lodge. Then the week ended with the beautiful Black & White Ball where we honored our scholarship winners and new officers. We want to thank you for all the compliments and so happy you had a good time. Be sure to check out our website (www.renonsosofitaly.org) to download the photos taken by Nelson & Sons Photography. Just go to the Links page and get them there.

August we are planning to have our annual picnic at Idlewild Park. The Anderson's make and donate their delicious Italian sausages and members provide many other food items at this fun-filled picnic. Of course, the salami toss will be there, and it is always the favorite game to play.

Our youth continue to attend our meetings which is very special. It is so wonderful to see them year after year. Pretty soon they will be sitting in our meetings as adult members.

Thank you for reading about our Lodge. Fino alla prossima volta (Until next time).

11 ways to say goodbye in Italian (formal and informal): **Arrivederci; Buongiorno/buonasera; Addio; Ciao or (ciao ciao ciao ciao ciao); Salve; Alla prossima; A presto; A risentirci/risentirla; A dopo; Ci sentiamo/vediamo presto; Ci vediamo dopo.**

Please visit our Face book page at Reno Sons of Italy and our website for more information: www.renonsosofitaly.org. Learn more about our Lodge, your Italian heritage and upcoming events.

Gold Country Lodge # 2705

El Dorato Hills, CA
by Tami Welch



L-R: Joanne Hyman - Scholarship Chair, Cole Porter, Anthony Scotch - President



"23" YEARS

Gold Country Lodge #2705 had a very rewarding July meeting on Tuesday the 16th. We awarded for the first time a \$500 Italian Heritage Scholarship to a student from the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. We choose Cole Porter who graduated from Vista Del Lago High School. He will be attending Dominican University of California and majoring in Environmental Science and Sustainability and playing soccer for them also. Cole gave us an interesting presentation on his Italian heritage and his future plans in college. We also as pictured above, celebrated our 23rd anniversary!

Cesare Battisti Lodge # 1518

Petaluma, CA
by Louise Vicino

Greetings from Petaluma!

Looked at the calendar and saw I'm at the deadline for my article, so had to get busy. We're half way through the year already, my but time goes fast.

Had a good meeting, with President Ernie starting on time and getting us home early. We had a nice group of members who enjoyed a lasagna dinner provided by Ed Santero and his great group of assistant chefs. Thank you Ed and all who helped in any way. Thanks to Margaret Patrizi and Claire Hopkins for the delicious cakes they donated for dessert.

A report on the convention was given by President Ernie and Ron. Rick Branch gave a report as well. Report on the Sons of Italy Bldg. in San Francisco was given. It will not be sold, as it is showing a profit. There will not be an increase in the per capita for four years.

The Steak Dinner to be held Oct. 20th is being chaired by Angelo Leone. If we have a large crowd they might rent the larger hall.

The Christmas Party this year will be at the regular meeting.

It was voted on to give a donation of \$250 to the Hatchery.

Karen Bonfiglio won the monthly drawing.

Get well wishes to Father Michele Raimondi. Glad to hear that Bruno Fomasi is home now, hope to see him soon at one of our meetings. Get well wishes to anyone else who is ill.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those celebrating this month. Hope to see all of you at the next meeting.

With so many problems in our Country at this time, please pray for our homeless, service members, victims of senseless crimes and for peace and unity in our Country and the world.

Remember to treat people with love and kindness and you will get it back in return.

Ciao,
Louise Vicino



Pugliese Lodge # 1275

Los Angeles, CA
by Mary M. Lotito

Our bowling banquet was held at Paco’s Mexican Restaurant in Arcadia, CA. On Sunday, June 9, 2019.

We started with a sit down luncheon followed by the presentation of awards given by Mary Lotito.

Congratulations to our 1st Place Team, “Lights Out,” Captain Bill Komar, Kent Monteleone (son of Frank and Diane), Tresa Fellows and Yolanda Pierotti.

On sweepers (the last night of league play) Lights Out was the team to pull through taking home most of the cash prizes. This is pretty good for first time bowler Kent Monteleone who has never bowled or participated in competitive sports growing up. Unfortunately, for Kent he was unable to attend because of a prior “boys trip” vacation. There to receive his trophy and winnings was his 10 year old son, Sean (a 138 avg. bowler). It was a perfectly fitted team who supported one another from start to finish.

It comes with heartfelt feelings that after many years coordinating The Pugliese Lodge Bowling League this will be my last year.

Bowling Square is where we have bowled for over 10 years has closed their doors because of the sale of the building that will become high- rise apartments. And, after checking numerous bowling alleys in the area most are for recreational play and not league play. So due to these unfortunate circumstances it calls for me to retire and hang up my shoes. I tried to have someone take over the position but there were no takers. This has been a great joy and loving part of my life. Chris and I did an outstanding job for many to enjoy.

I want to thank each and every one who stayed loyal to our league and made it what it was. You are all Champs!

I’d like to give a special thanks to my secretaries Carla Aranda and my sidekick Carla Lotito for their extended help in running our league.
Ciao!



First Place Team. Light’s Out
Yolanda Pierotti, Captain Bill Komar, Sean Monteleone (standing in for his father, Kent) and Mary Lotito.



Roma Lodge # 1573

Tulare, CA
by Larry Dutto

Roma Lodge dedicates its August meetings to junior members. The lodge has 61 members 18 years of age or younger and works diligently to keep them engaged in lodge activities. The August meeting focuses on a meal of hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken nuggets and fries to cater to what kids like to eat. A special raffle is held with back-to-school supplies as juniors are starting back to school in early August. Junior members are the future of any lodge organization and need to be kept engaged for the future of the lodge.



Roma Lodge Junior Members show off all the great back-to-school items they received as part of the special raffle just for them.



Past Grand Lodge Queen Maci DePaoli-Daramy setup a lemonade stand featuring CALIFIA FARMS lemonade and tangerine juices as a fundraiser for the junior members at the Roma Lodge August meeting. Maci works for the organization.



Melissa Watkins organizes a meeting of Junior members to discuss a junior member fun activity in September.



Roma Lodge Junior members lineup to get their back-to-school supplies.





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Sons and Daughters of Italy
Dolly Sinatra Lodge

Golf Tournament

Monday November 18, 2019
Indian Canyons Golf Resort
1097 E. Murray Canyons Dr. Palm Springs, CA 92264
Registration - Opens 7am
8:00 am - Shotgun start
\$150 Members \$175 Non-Members \$42 Lunch Only
Includes green fees, cart, Italian Buffet
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William Paca Lodge #1960

Mountain View, Ca.
by Peggy Ludwico

Everyone should be recovered from the Convention by now. Convention is always fun and not just work. I enjoy listening to everyone voice their ideas. Everyone has an opinion and wants to be heard. Just like a family gathering with all the aunts and uncles.

At our dinners over the last year we passed around a bag for members to drop in a donation as well as having Coolies Anemia cans setting by the coffee pot. As a result, we collected over \$1,250.00. Our President, Gloria Ravetto, and Recording Secretary, Peggy Ludwico, were so pleased to be able to make donations to the Western Foundation Medical Charities for Coolies Anemia and for Birth Defects Libraries-Stanford.

Our Spaghetti Feed in July was a big success. We had several special guests, including His Honor Al and wife, our National President, Vera Gerolomi, along with Arlene Nunziati and Frank Locicero. The spaghetti was delicious, but then I have never tasted spaghetti that I did not like. My favorite food ever. Not sure if it was the good spaghetti or the good company but three of our guests filled out applications to join our lodge, Mario and Carole Mussomelli, and Brent Borges. Welcome to our SDIO family in the William Paca Lodge.

Special thanks to our chefs, Carlo Marengo and Mike Ravizza for preparing a delicious meal. Gloria Ravetto provided a salad as well as an Italian Rum Cake, Paula Chidichimo provided the antipasto, Peggy Ludwico brought polenta bites for appetizer, and some pizzelles to go with the dessert. Remember when you went to noni and nono’s house on Sunday after church. Everyone pitched in the get the meal on the table. Yeah, that is how it is at the dinners at William Paca Lodge. As always it was a fun night with lots of laughter and socializing with friends and family.

Our next dinner meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2019. All the chefs are taking the night off so we will be serving pizza from a local pizzeria. If you would care to join us for a night of good food and conversation, give me a call at 408-745-1775 for details.

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

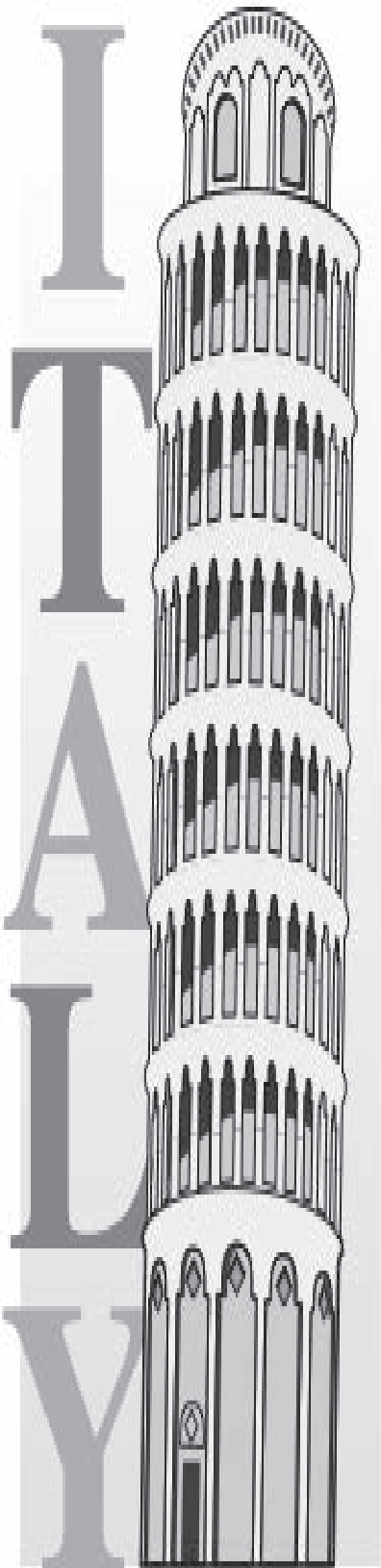
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Vallejo Lodges

by Sharon Silveira

Vallejo Highlights from the Grand Lodge of California State Convention---starting with congratulations to Virgilio's own John Costa and Ray Bini, who both won their bids for reelection! Also congratulations to all the other newly elected or reelected members of The Grand Council. The Beatrice Portinari Lodge's Melanie Rushing, serving as this year's chairperson for the Janet Capello Distinguished Member Award, did an amazing presentation highlighting Janet's illustrious years of membership and then talking about this year's recipient, Hugh Ricci, of the Cristoforo Columbo Lodge in Reno.

Scholarships Donated at convention to honor living or deceased members has been a tradition for decades. This year's \$500.00 Grand Lodge Scholarship was donated by Virgilio to honor a 90 years young member---Robert Daprian. Beatrice's \$500.00 scholarship was donated in memory of Dorothy Branch.

Summer=Vacation....and so there will be no Sunday Event Dinner in August. Do consider joining us on Sunday Sept. 15th, Sunday Oct. 20th or Saturday, Nov. 16th for our famous Polenta & Stew dinner. Reservations a must 3 days prior to the dinner---Pamela Bini 707 567-2938.

Italian Heritage Night at the SF Giants is August 30th. This year's themed gift is a messenger bag. Tickets are available from John Costa 707 483-9604.

Buona Estate!



Northern Solano Lodge # 2534

Fairfield, CA 94534
by Rick Tracy and Pam Boes

It seems impossible that the summer should have passed so quickly. Solano County has had its share of variable weather. The month of August has had temperatures as high as 107 degrees. We were thankful that the temperature evened off at a perfect 82 degrees for our annual Geno Bruno Picnic.

Thanks to Juanita Stopponi, Caroline Abughazaleh, Rick Tracy, and Shari Anacleio who were able to continue our monthly card night throughout the summer. We always welcome new players and are ready and willing to teach the game or games of the night. Those attending always surprise us with the variety of snacks they bring for all to enjoy.

The summer months have also seen our membership grow. In June, with the help of Past State President Roy Vanoni and State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi, we formally initiated the following members: Maria and Mario Roberto, Bruce Du Clair, Ken and Lynn Gallagher, Glen Takahara and Joe and Gloria Niccoli. In July we welcomed Maria and Vincenzo Frugoli, Sandra Butler and Dee Dee Carrasco with the initiation rites being conducted by State Deputy Louie Lodi and President Mark Rossi.

Our book club continued to meet during the summer at Louise and Frank Rossi's and Sue Bell's homes.

Great discussion took place on the books: "The Jamestown Experiment" and the "Paris Architect". If either of these titles spark your interest, feel free to contact any member of the book club if you would like to borrow a copy of either book. We also welcomed Rod Neubert to the group.

The 2019 scholarship recipients and their families were invited to our May Lodge meeting. Those Attending were: Michael Davini, who was awarded the Rose Simon Memorial Scholarship, Domanik Almanzo, recipient of the Joe Ragusa Memorial Scholarship and Dominic Berardi who was presented the Alert Galli Memorial Scholarship by Pat Galli. A huge thank you to Susan Cahan and her committee for such a

fine job selecting three finalists from nine very qualified applicants. Howie Tomson, one of the 2014 Scholarship Recipients, visited our Lodge in June. Howie graduated in May from Sonoma State and will be attending Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia for his Masters Degree.

Of special note from the July Lodge meeting was the presentation of a certificate of appreciation to Frank Rossi for the many years of service to our Lodge. Frank was our nominee for the Janet Capello Distinguished Member Award for 2019.

The members of our Lodge again came through in support of the annual school supplies drive coordinated by Kay and George Locatelli. George was seen at the entrance to the picnic with a huge sign announcing the collection of more supplies. It is to be noted that his trunk was filling up fast. The recipient of school supplies this year will be David Weir School in Fairfield.

August 17th will go down in history as the perfect day to celebrate our annual Geno Bruno Picnic. A huge THANK YOU to Rod Neubert for inviting us to use the park located in Blue Ridge Oaks. All the basics were provided by the Lodge with our members bringing the salads and desserts. Ninety-plus attended which included members, family and friends. Dave Ricco, Vincenzo La Novara and Louie Lodi were our grill masters cooking the sausage, hot dogs and hamburgers to perfection. Considering the number of desserts and salads on the serving tables, nobody went away hungry. A special thank you to Louie for also making fresh cannoli on the spot and later leading us in song. All who helped coordinate, set up and clean up for this yearly event are very much appreciated by all the members of the Lodge. Be sure to attend our September Lodge meeting as pictures of the picnic will be on display.

Mark your calendar for our annual Columbus Day Dinner on October 19th. This fundraising event helps provide resources for our many charitable projects.

Garibaldi-Meucci Museum

by Joy Bruno
State Chair/National Overseer

Austrian troops hunted him. French troops hunted him. Spanish troops and Napolitan troops hunted him. So here he was – Giuseppe Garibaldi – setting foot inside a simple, Gothic Revival-style house built in Staten Island, New York. Antonio Meucci greeted him, offering Garibaldi refuge in the home where he and his wife lived.

The year was 1851, almost a decade before Garibaldi would lead his "Red Shirts" to victory and unify Italy. At this point, however, after several failed attempts at revolution, he needed sanctuary from those pursuing him. The man who provided it – Meucci - was the man who would later invent the telephone

Before either of them gained historical renown, they spent three years living in this Staten Island cottage-and making candles. Meucci, who moved from Cuba to Staten Island just a year before Garibaldi appeared, started making smokeless candles and opened a small factory on his property. Side by side, Meucci and Garibaldi worked in the factory, manufacturing these candles.

In 1854, Garibaldi returned to Italy to lead the Risorgimento, achieving Italy's unification in 1860. Just a year later, he was invited by President Abraham Lincoln to return to the United States in order to serve as a Major General in the Union Army. Garibaldi, however, insisted upon two conditions: that slavery would be abolished, and that he would be given full command. Lincoln could not agree to those conditions, so Garibaldi remained in Europe.

Meucci's house was bequeathed to the Italian Community so that it would be preserved originally as a tribute to Garibaldi. In 1919 the Garibaldi Society passed the house to the Order Sons of Italy in America.

Today the house – the same one where Garibaldi and Meucci lived as candle makers still sits on Staten Island. It has been converted into the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum. It's mission to maintain, preserve and exhibit historical objects and artifacts relating to their lives. As you enter the Museum walking its brick walkway etched with names of supporters you will step into a place where two historical figures lived in humility and left behind a world of Italian Culture.

Shasta Lodge # 2453

Redding, CA
by Carole Dellaragione

Greetings from Redding:

Convention is over. Our congratulations to the new officers who were elected. We wish them a productive and successful term of office.

In June, we lost one of our long time social members, Joe Soltis. Joe was always here to help with anything we needed, especially all thing electrical. He was also one of our best tickets sellers for the raffle, dinners, etc. We will miss you Joe, rest in peace.

We were so pleased to have some guests join us for our trip to the San Francisco Giants game in July: Past State President Roy Vanoni and his lovely wife Yvonne who was Shasta Lodge's state deputy; Past State First Vice President Arlene Nunziati; Past State Trustee of the North Joy Bruno with her fiancé Dr. Rod Neubert. We had a wonderful trip, and the Giants WON!

Some of our members took our signature sauce and helped prepare a spaghetti dinner for the Anderson Police Department's fundraiser for their canine program. They serve about 600 dinners.

We are underway with preparing for our second big event of the year, Paesano Days. The dates are Friday, September 13th from 5PM – 10PM, and Saturday, Sep-

tember 14th from 10AM to 9PM. We will have the start of our bocce tournament Friday night along with our annual spaghetti dinner. Then on Saturday we will have the bocce tournament going all day, Italian food, soft and adult beverages, a huge raffle and silent auction, games for the kids, some vendor/crafter booths and of course Canoli.

Our former Junior Member Nichole Gullixson graduated from Southern Oregon University in June and that night her boyfriend Nick Akimoff proposed to her. They were married on August 14th at the family cabin in Shingletown. Nichole will be staying in Ashland, Oregon where she is employed by Irvine and Roberts Winery while her husband Nick is deployed in the military to Africa for a year. Congratulation Nichole and Nick.

Also Junior Member Blake Zufall received his white jacket recently as he begins medical school at Western University. His brother Adam Zufall just went to work for NASA.

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Ciao! Pamela Ricci



From: the Scholarship Committee Chair

Dear Members:

The following letter is from one of the students that was awarded the Student to Italy Study Grant I shared the letter with the State Officers and several suggested having it published in the Il Leone.

Since being the committee chairperson for several years, I have received many thank you notes, cards and emails and some gifts from many of the scholarship recipients.

I had the pleasure of meeting Ryan and his parents who were guests of the Hacienda Lodge. President Bill Viverto graciously invited the Dunns so I could personally present Ryan with the certificate. Ryan's Italian roots are from his mother's side of the family.

I hope this letter will encourage and increase continuing support of the scholarship program through the Western Foundation.

Fraternally yours,
Rosemarie Biagetti Vanderhaar
Scholarship Committee Chairperson

July 23, 2019

Dear Rosemarie,

I hope that you and your family are doing well! I just wanted to write briefly to thank you again for awarding me the Student to Italy Grant. I greatly appreciate that you afforded this opportunity to me - it was the experience of a lifetime!

I had the opportunity to meet, study with, and interact with a wide variety of people. Both the local Italians and American students were kind, and I've forged many new friendships. My host family was amazing and I am very happy to have been put with them. It was also great getting to know Mark over this last month - I am happy that I shared the experience with him.

Staying in Siena was an exciting time. I was able to enjoy the Piazza del Campo, il Duomo, and events like the Palio. I was also able to visit Firenze (Florence) see the Cathedral & climb the dome. I also visited Rome for a weekend, saw the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, Palatine Hill, and the Vatican, and much more. The school also took us to small towns like Montalcino and Marittima Maremma, along with a trip to the beach. These are all memories that I will cherish for many, many years.

I was fortunate to visit Italy and enjoy the cuisine. The food was impeccable. One of my favorite dishes was a pasta specially made in Siena called "Pici", which was like a thick spaghetti noodle. The other foods - pastas, pizzas, and sandwiches - were all fantastic.

I'm also very happy with the school we were sent to. The Staff were immensely helpful, kind, informative, and intelligent. I learned a fair bit of Italian in my Beginners' course. The Italy: Land of Migrants course was very interesting. I truly learned a lot on this trip, both about academia and Italian culture.

So, thank you again! I am very happy that you chose me for this award - it is an honor. I am also happy to have met you to receive the award a few months back. I wish I could've made it to the event in Reno, but, as you know, I was already in Italy. Keep up the great work in the Sons & Daughters of Italy - it is a fine organization, with lovely members. Your generosity has touched me, and I am indebted to you for this award. Seriously, thank you.

Most Sincerely,

Ryan J. Dunn

365 Fund Raiser - Winners

July 16-31

16	\$25.00	Dr. Steven Cramlet
17	\$25.00	Mary Lucido
18	\$25.00	Giovana Defadi
19	\$25.00	Louise Silacci
20	\$25.00	Mane Grassick
21	\$25.00	Paula Lehn
22	\$25.00	Ugo Pignatti
23	\$25.00	Harry Parrino
24	\$25.00	Bernadine Neil
25	\$25.00	Kathy Driano
26	\$25.00	Rick Delcarlo
27	\$25.00	Annette Porter
28	\$25.00	Edithe Di Giuro
29	\$25.00	Eva Lavezzari
30	\$25.00	Stephanie Ditto
31	\$50.00	Pamela Bini

August 1-15

1	\$2500	Ellen Weaver
2	\$25.00	Veronica Golden
3	\$25.00	Deborah Webb
4	\$25.00	Foster Westover
5	\$25.00	Janey Leonardich
6	\$25.00	Doris Hildreth
7	\$25.00	Martha Hill
8	\$25.00	Pauline Richmond
9	\$25.00	Annette Porter
10	\$25.00	Kathy Briano
11	\$25.00	Patti Denito
12	\$25.00	Marie Dellamaggiorei
13	\$25.00	Nyota Wiles
14	\$25.00	Kyle Popoy
15	\$25.00	Kate Walkins

365 Winners

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

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

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Valley of the Moon Lodge # 1959

Sonoma CA
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NEW MEMBERS
Linda Huddleston of Sonoma
Jan McCarthy of Sonoma
Mary Ellen Graham of Sonoma
WELCOME!

WINE MAKER
John Albini, a new member that makes wine and gave the Lodge a case of Rose'
Thank you John!

SCHOLARSHIP DONATION
In the amount of \$5,000. on behalf of the Larry L. Hillbloom Foundation, Inc. presented by Peter Donnici.
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Dee Weaver and Susan Sordelli both of Sonoma...Welcome!

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Thank you to all who volunteers each month, serving, or helping to prep food or setting the tables...it takes a village!
And the list goes on...and on...

ILL and HOUSE BOUND
We miss you!
You are in our thoughts and prayers!

Ciao

Cesare Battisti Lodge # 1518

Petaluma, CA
by Louise Vicino

Greetings from Petaluma!
We had a small crowd for our August meeting. We had a delicious dinner prepared for us by Ed Santero and his cooking crew. Thank you so much to all who helped in any way. The desserts were delicious and our thanks to those members who provided them for us.

President Ernie conducts a great meeting. He needs the support of the members. So do try to attend the meetings and the events that we have.

Fred Schram spoke about our donation of \$250 to the Hatchery and invited members to visit the Hatchery and see what it is all about.

Our Deputy Rich Branch spoke to us and it was nice to see him. He always attends our meetings

Our next meeting is September 12th.

We will be having our steak dinner on October 10th.- \$25. Make your reservation with Carol 707-559-3119. A reservation is neces-

sary.
Try to bring in a new member. It is so important to make anyone who joins feel comfortable and welcome.

I read this article and thought it was interesting.

Remember me. I'm the one who was asked to join. I paid my dues and then I was asked to be a loyal and faithful member. I'm the one who came to every meeting but nobody paid any attention to me. I tried several times to be friendly, but everyone seemed to have his or her friends to talk to and sit with. I sat down among some unfamiliar faces several times, but they didn't pay much attention to me. I hoped that someone would ask me to join one of the committees or to somehow participate and contribute but no one did. Finally because of illness, I missed a meeting. The next month no one asked me where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much whether I was there or not.

On the next meeting date I decided to stay home and watch a good television program. When I attended the next meeting no one asked me where I was the month before. You might say that I'm a good person, a good worker and I love my community. You know who else I am? I'm the member who never came back.

Everyone is thinking of Father Raimondi and hoping that he will be well enough to attend our meetings.

Get well wishes to anyone who is ill. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to anyone celebrating this month.

Remember to pray for the homeless, our service people, victims of crimes and our country.

Also, remember to be nice to someone, you will always get it back in return.


Ciao,
Louise Vicino



President Paul Grant and new member MaryEllen Graham.



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Rodolfo Valentino

Lodge #1449

Clovis, CA

by Carol Watson, President;

Lou Catallo, Historian; (559) 299-2205 lcatallo@aol.com

Last Month: We had an interesting meeting, discussing issues such as the upcoming October Fest dinner, with the date being delayed to the 28th of October instead of the usual 3rd Monday of the month. The price will remain at \$15 for adults / \$7.50 for children. The Boy Scouts will again help in set-up, execution, and clean-up, which really helps the rest of us. Kitchen crew will also be added. Afterwards, a great snack of Chicken Fingers, California wraps, Pizza, Tuna Salad, 5 bean salad w/ ginger, and Boo-Bean Bakery Cookies for dessert; can it get any better than that? If so, we try better every month.

The United Lodges of the Central San Joaquin Valley: The September meeting will be handled by the Tulare Lodge, but in Visalia, September 08, 11:30AM, at the Marie Calender's Restaurant, 350 Mooney Blvd, \$20.00. RSVP to Carol Watson before September 02, 2019, or Larry Dutto at larrydutto@yahoo.com, or phone 559 735-9677. Normal business will be discussed plus a great meal at the restaurant.

Our new State Delegate has been assigned: Charles Sant' Agata has been assigned to us by our new Central Valley Vice President, Pauline Richmond. Charles lives here in Clovis with his wife Joyce and is retired from a career in public relations.

On the map, Italy seems to be a huge country, but it is only slightly larger than the state of Arizona. Italians claim to have taught the rest of Europe how to cook (when the diminutive Maria De' Medici (1575 – 1642) married the King of France, Henry the IV, she took her cooks with her, starting "French Cuisine"). Italy introduced us to ice cream (from China), coffee (from Ethiopia), and fruit pies; Italy claims to have made the first French Fries (along with the Belgium folk, and the French). The first Italian cookbook was written in 1474 by Bartolomeo Sicca, but there does exist a recipe from the early 1300s for a dish that has become known as Lasagna.

This Month, Monday, September 16, will be Potluck.

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

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/>.

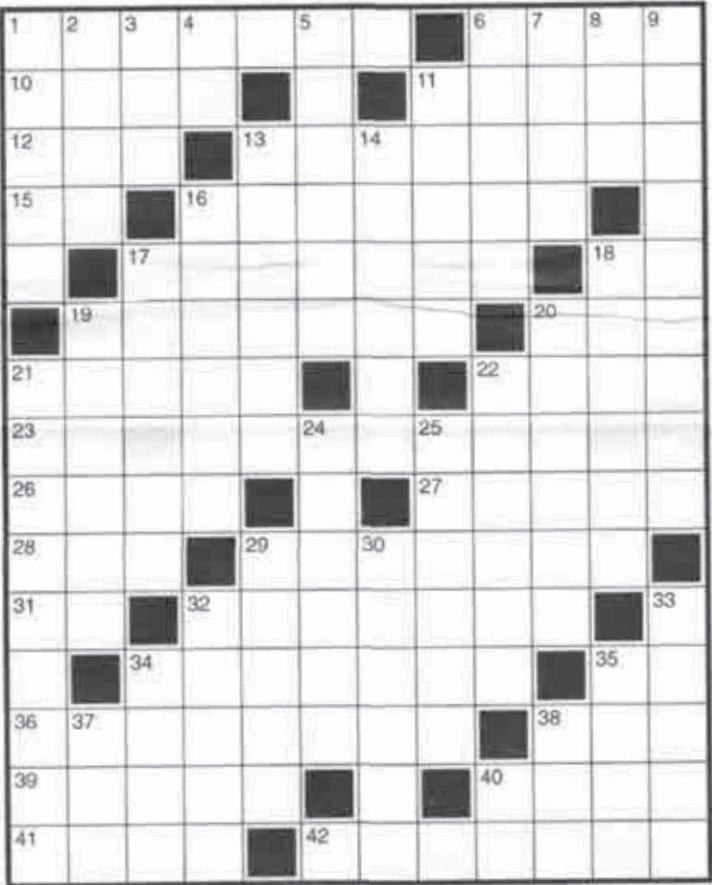
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1. L'arte della navigazione.
6. Mario dell'arte povera.
10. Affezione cutanea.
11. Usci dal labirinto.
12. In mezzo a.
13. Gigi della canzone.
15. In alto e in basso.
16. Carrozza tirata da un cavallo.
17. Uomo in armi.
18. Il ferro delle formule.
19. Relativo all'attività intellettuale.
20. Così in latino.
21. La sua capitale è Nicosia.
22. Il Penn del cinema.
23. Bloccarsi... nel fango.
26. Impresa di comando.
27. Gira nell'imbarcazione.
28. Verso di corvo.
29. Più che drammatico.
31. Limiti d'opzione.
32. Santo caro ai Napoletani.
34. Fare il sensale.
35. Due lettere per centimetro.
36. Si dà la propria all'iniziativa interessante.
38. Un'arte del Novecento.
39. Risultato di sottrazione.
40. Volti, facce.
41. Con le "Storie tese".
42. Strozzino.

VERTICALI

1. Provincia sudafricana.
2. Misura terriera inglese.
3. La prima ora.

CRUCIVERBA



4. Si offre in tazza.
5. Sottile pasta cotta tra due stamper.
6. Inviato comunale.
7. La grande di Spagna.
8. Marina cantante.
9. Scienza dell'allevamento degli animali.
11. Depone al processo.
13. Timothy attore.
14. Manca a chi inganna.
16. Scrisse "Lord Jim".
17. Mollusco... con l'osso.
18. Recipiente o insuccesso.
19. Recitare a gesti.
20. Fatto di seta.
21. Un tipo di assegno.
22. Andare in alto.
24. Macchina utensile.
25. Dire di no.
29. Senso di noia profonda.
30. Frutto tropicale.
32. Può essere affettuoso.
33. Molto largo.
34. Dodici in un anno.
35. In questo modo.
37. Preposizione articolata.
38. Porta romana.
40. Sigla di Verona.

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Columbo Stella #1149	9/22/22
Pugliese #1375	9/5/25
Giuseppe Verde #1441	9/6/27
Desert Valley #2352	9/21/75

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Dogs

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Animals are intelligent. Each species has unique abilities that have fascinated man since prehistoric times. The dog is best known for be-friending and serving man. It was one of the first animals to be tamed. Scientists say the ancestor of the dog was the wolf. Some speculate that the first use of the dog was to warn its masters and to chase away predatory animals.

The ancient Greeks devel-oped “lapdogs” to keep a la-dy’s stomach warm. Over the centuries, dogs have worked diligently for man. They have helped during hunts to track game. They have pulled loads. They have herded cat-tle and sheep. And they have guarded children and prop-erty.

There are now hundreds of breeds of dogs. In the nineteenth century mainly wealthy persons owned and selectively bred dogs. Today dogs are kept chiefly as pets and companions. They are prized for their intelligence, strength, and beauty. People join kennel clubs and attend dog shows. The winning dog is awarded a prize by the judges.

Dogs can be specially trained in dog schools. They are trained to assist blind and visually impaired people. Dogs have unique personali-ties. Some are playful; others are dignified. Some are fast; others are slow. Some are ag-

gressive; others are gentle. Dog owners become very attached to their pets. It is il-legal for anyone to injure or abuse a dog. At pet shelters, dogs are kept from being killed, and we may acquire them for pets.

There are many true sto-ries of animal affection for humans – especially regard-ing dogs. Dogs have been taken and lost hundreds miles away from home to places they had never been, and they have found their way home.


Dogs have demonstrated psychic abilities comparable to those of man. Yes, animals can have ESP. Dogs are said to feel the presence of spir-its. And people have report-ed seeing the ghosts of dogs. Things paranormal for man occur for dogs also. Parapsy-chologists are studying some of these interesting cases.

In Christian folklore a “church grim” is a guard-ian spirit that watches over a church and prevents from anyone committing a sacri-lege in the churchyard. The church grim is usually a large black dog.


The dog is called “man’s best friend.” It is loved for its intelligence and sense of loy-alty. The iconography of Saint Domenic includes a dog. The term Dominican is derived from the Latin words “Do-mini canis” and in English means the “Lord’s dog.”



Mosaic at the entrance of a door in Pompeii that reads “Cave Canem” (Beware of the dog).



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Sacramento Lodge # 1352

Sacramento, CA
by Pam Stewart

Our July dinner was so delicious! Terry Corcoran did an amazing job with dinner and served ribs, mac and cheese, baked beans, green salad and corn bread. I was told that David Carboni helped Terry and made the mac and cheese. A big thank you to you both!

After dinner we held a meeting and the winner of the "Ways and Means" drawing for July was Evelyn Baroni and the winner for August was Dan Marinelli. We also sang Happy Birthday to our July and August birthday members and acknowledged lodge membership: Angie Smith, Jesse Vargas, and Chris Campbell for 3 years; Evelyn Baroni for 14 years; Gianna Tedesco for 18 years; Jennifer Carmassi and Richard Inderbitzen for 27 years; and Elsa Luchini was honored as the longest tenured member with 59 years. Elsa also celebrated her 90th birthday in July too! We had the privilege of presenting Siena Mazda with the Grand Lodge of California North Allocation Scholarship certificate and enjoyed having her and her family join us. The highlight of the evening was we were entertained before and during dinner by our Vice President Louie Lodi and two guests Jan Vecchio and Robby Rossi singing traditional Italian songs. They all were outstanding, and we hope they will join us again soon! We ended the evening with a fun raffle with lots of great prizes.

Our next *Dinner and Meeting* will be on *Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m.* Dinner will be a Pot Luck followed by a fun night of Bingo! Last time we did this it was a huge hit with lots of delicious dishes! Can't wait to see and taste what everyone brings!

Please join us for our Bocce Ball Tournament on Sunday, September 15 at East Portal Park. It's going to be a day of Bocce, Food, Raffle Prizes, and Fun. For more information, please contact Dan Marinelli at (916) 698- 2928; Louie Lodi at (916) 966-5634; or LaRay Macchiavelli at (916) 641-7274.

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



Lodge president Dan Marinelli presents Siena Mazda with the Grand Lodge of California North Allocation Scholarship.



Jan Vecchio and Robby Rossi entertain the lodge at their July meeting singing traditional Italian songs.



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