

### A Message From The State President

delicious, music enjoyable

and the camaraderie out-



### by Lynn Lawrence-Murphy State President

"Fratellanza"

It seems March marched in roaring as a lion and left calm as a lamb. We welcome the freshness and beauty of Spring. Just like our lodges and the Grand Lodge, we survive the storms and hard times that occur within, and move forward welcoming the freshness and beauty of new members and new ideas. I would like to suggest the following slogan for all of us to follow, "We are Italian Americans Celebrating Our Heritage and Building a Better Tomorrow" - That's who we are - Italians proud of our Culture and Heritage, wanting to move forward as a family, and to share and include everyone into our fold. We can accomplish this with determination and the willingness to accept the changes that are necessary to meet the needs of today's population.

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, Bill and

standing. That Friday and Saturday we sadly attended the rosary and funeral of long time member, Past State Vice President, Past State Trustee, Past Columbia Lodge President, Mario Marcucci. All who knew Mario, his warm friendly smile, many stories, and the pleasure we all received from his singing, will truly miss him. Our prayers and condolences go out to his wife of 76 years Norma, our State 1st Vice President Arlene and their family on the loss of this true "Son of Italy and Distinguished Member of the Order". The next day March 12th, Bill and I travelled to Tulare to attend the United Lodges of San Joaquin's Meeting. It gave me a chance to meet with representatives from the local lodges, and personally answer and address any questions and concerns they had. This open communication and face to face meeting, leads to fewer misunderstandings, and to clearer and positive ways to address issues. We not only had a very enjoyable lunch, but I feel we all came away with a better understanding of each other, and the importance of all working together to move forward as an united family. On Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, the Honorable Lorenzo Ortona, the Italian Consul and meetings in the future. On Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>,

it was down to Torrance to prepare for the Grand Council Meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. Bill and I helped Scholarship Chair Rosemarie Vanderhaar set up for her Scholarship Meeting on Friday the 17th where her committee worked on evaluating the 2017 Scholarship Applications. Bill worked with the Scholarship Committee while I joined the Trustees Meeting at 1:00, and at 3:30 conducted the Executive Council Meeting. Saturday, March 18th, was the Grand Council Meeting which was held at the Centinela Valley Lodge Hall. Thank you, Lodge President Annette Porter and your lodge members for the delicious breakfast and lunch, and allowing us to meet at your hall. That evening we all attended the Thank You Dinner honoring retired Convention Chair Chris Lotito which took place at the Double Tree by Hilton in Torrance. Many local lodge presidents, State Officers, Committee Chairs and members were in attendance to personally thank Chris for his many years of coordinating our State events and meetings.

The following are a few highlights from the Grand Council Meeting:

I would like to begin by thanking the Centinela Valley Lodge for allowing us to hold our meetings in their hall. I especially would like to thank Lodge President Annette Porter (what a worker), Mark Vaona and Steve Guthrie for the delicious meals and the warm hospitably they extended towards us. Our Council Meeting was dedicated to our recently deceased Past State Officers and Members, and for all our ailing members. Our Financial Secretary Gabe Domenici shared the financial reports for the General Fund and Western Foundation-both funds are in the black.

### **Eulogy of Mario Marcucci**

by James Nunziati



First, I want to thank you all for attending tonight and for your support of our family. We very much appreciate all the love you have shared as well as the love from so many others that could not be here tonight.

As I thought about speaking tonight the thoughts became a bit like one of my grandfather's stories; lots of details, a bit all over the place and it seemed like there was no end in sight.

So rather than tell you stories; I wanted to reflect on a few things I felt summed up my grandfather.

My grandfather lived a life filled with passion. He grew up on a farm in Half Moon Bay but he was truly a renaissance man. He loved his garden and animals. It was his retreat and there was rarely a day he could not be found watering, shoveling or caring for the chickens. Whistling as he worked away, it was never a chore but one of the joys of his life. He loved his sports as well. While he had his teams and players, his pride and joy were his 49ers. Nothing brought him more joy and pain than attending 49er games over the years. But unlike most of us men that this would be enough, he loved getting out and being social. He loved the sons of Italy organization whether it was meetings, conventions or more importantly the dinners. This is where he shined dancing and singing the nights away. He was so very proud of having attended 52 consecutive conventions, being awarded the "La Famiglia

Award" and Member of Distinction award.

My grandfather also lived his life as a TRUE FRIEND. Over the years I would see his goodwill and support for his friends no matter what they needed. He was there for them and truly cared for them as if family.

While many of his friends passed before him, he was over time always reaching out and making new friends. He had an open heart and his home was always a place for anyone who needed a meal, a family during the holidays or a good drink. God have mercy though on the visitor who attended a Marcucci Dinner and got that infamous seat to Mario's left. They were in for a night filled with stories, questions and passionate debate. But in the end, you were his friend and he already after a few hours have your back. What amazes me is that for everyone here tonight, there are another 100 that my grandfather touched and made an impact on their lives even if just for a night. They say you judge a man by his friends and Grandpa had more true friends than any man I know. As much as friends were important to grandpa, his family meant everything to him. Whether through his actions or his words, he raised us to know that family is the most important thing. Growing up he was not an easy man to please. At times, I would think wow how he

I traveled to Eureka to attend their meeting and acknowledge and thank Madeleine Stagnoli for her many years of devotion and commitment to their lodge and the Order. Unfortunately, Madeleine was ill, and I was unable to thank her personally; but I did have the opportunity to observe Eureka's Lodge President Eddie Fornari Morgan conduct an excellent meeting, rekindle friendships, and initiate 3 new members with 8 more applications coming in. Love to be able to welcome new members into our family.

March 4th, we attended the Valley of the Moon's Scholarship Dinner Dance. Attendance was great, food Grand Lodge Office. Our caterer, Gabriele Muselli and his family prepared and served a delightful lunch for the Consul General, his assistant Federico Bracero, Past State President Maria Pignati, State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi, office staff Martha Sanchez, Bill and l. Lorenzo focused on the importance of having the many different Italian Organizations that exist within his jurisdiction joining together to support each other and to work as an unified group. After our delightful luncheon, he toured the building and was amazed at the beauty of the Hall of Mirrors and the size of the meeting rooms-possibly opening doors for other Italian groups to use for events

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Our Western Foundation CAO Roy Vanoni reported on the work done by the Per-

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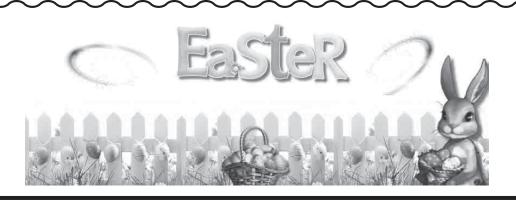
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### From the Editor's Desk

by Andy Pampuro apampuro@comline.com



My cohort Debbie Ure and her husband, Steve, surprised my wife and I with a visit from their Washington home on March 15th. Here we are enjoying a great Italian dinner at one of our famous Italian restaurants here in Orange County. It was great to be with them even for a short while.



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### **Grand Council honors Chris Lotito**



On Saturday, March 18th, the Grand Council honored Past State President Chris Lotito with a beautiful dinner at the Double Tree Hotel in Torrance, California. It was a very successful event with a capacity attendance. Andy Pampuro was the M.C. for the night and started the evening by introducing all of the dignitaries in attendance. They were of course Chris and Mary Lotito and their whole family which Andy left the introductions of his family to Chris when he got to the microphone. Then we had our wonderful State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy and her husband Bill who is our Grand Lodge Home committee chair, First State Vice President Arlene Nunziati, our Second State Vice President John Costa and his wife, Donna who is also the Ritual and Protocol Chair and also the president of the St. Helena Lodge, our Immediate Past State President Maria Pignati and her husband, Ugo, our State Orator Sadie Tamburine and her husband, Sid, State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi and her husband Mark, our State Financial Secretary Gabe Domenici, State Treasurer Barbara Wisniewski, State Trustee North Joy Bruno, State Trustee North Richard Luzzi, State Trustee Central Frank Locicero, State Trustee Central and also the head trustee Pauline Richmond, State Trustee South Al Trentinni, State Trustee South Marco Zonni and his wife, Nina, Past State President and National First Vice President Vera Girolami and her husband the honorable Al Girolami who is our Judiciary Chair, Past State President and chairman of the Western Foundation Roy Vanoni and his wife Yvonne, Past State President David Prisco, our beautiful Grand Lodge Queen Mary Lucido,

Scholarship Committee Chair Rosemarie Vanderhaar, Italian Language and Culture Chair Vita Zaccaria, Birth Defects Libraries Chair HazelAnn Christin, Membership Chairman Joe Simoni, the president of the Centinela Valley Lodge Annette Porter, the president of the America Lodge Linda Enneman, the president of the Pugliese Lodge Michael DiGiuro and his wife, Edithe, the president of the Renaissance Lodge Mary Jane Cambria, the president of the Saddleback Valley Lodge Hank Lowinger and his wife, Michelle, the president of the Joanne Coccia Lodge Paul Finazzo and the Media Committee Chair Andy Pampuro and his wife, Louise.

A beautiful invocation was delivered by Immediate Past President Maria Pignati.

After enjoying a delicious dinner we started our tribute to Chris. Andy spoke about Chris being our convention coordinator for 25 years doing a magnificent job each time we had a convention. Chris just celebrated is 90th year and was looking very good.

After many compliments about Chris Andy started to roast him much to the delight of the people. I think Chris enjoyed it as much as the audience. The best thing Chris did was to marry his sweetheart Mary. Together they had three daughters Jo Ella, Anna Lee and Carla Marie. These three gave Chris and Mary five grand children and five great grand children. When it was time for Chris to speak he introduced all of his family and friends in attendance. Of course knowing Chris you know he had to tell a few jokes.

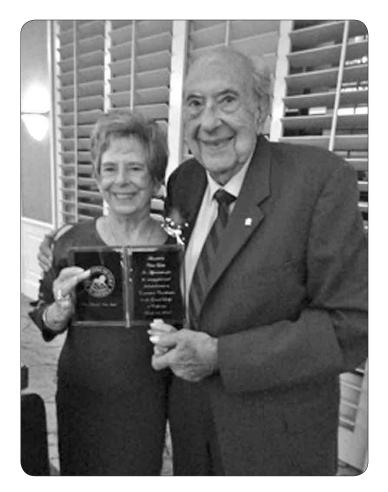
Andy called upon our beautiful Grand Lodge Queen Mary to speak and she had some lovely thoughts about Chris.

Our State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy spoke highly of Chris thanking him for his years of service to the Order. She presented Chris with a beautiful plaque with some very special wording.

There was a long line of people who had gifts for Chris which they all presented. Chris was very touched by all the accolades he received and I'm sure it was a night he will remember.



Seated are honoree Chris Lotito and wife, Mary. Behind them are their three daughters Carla Marie, Jo Ella and Anna Lee.



State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy presenting a beautiful plaque to honoree Chris Lotito.

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is so tough. But later in life I could see the method to his madness. As a father, I began to understand.

He loved us all so much, but he could not protect us from the harshness or pain in this world. He did all he could to prepare us for the world out there. While his methods might have been a bit old school, I never felt a day without his love and always wanted to make him proud. And if anyone ever treated us wrong, or wrong in his eyes, he was the first in line taking on our battle and protecting his kids.

Later in life, when I feel like he could see his job raising us was done, he changed. He relaxed a bit. And took those moments to remind you how proud he was of you and the life you were living. It was nice to see this transition and the joy he had seeing his family evolve.

The last thing I wanted to reflect on was my Grandfather as a husband. For over 76 years he was a loving, caring and supportive husband to my Grandma. Growing up people use to think my Grandmother was a saint to have to deal with Mario's energy, passion and intensity. But what so many people missed was the level of love he had for my Grandmother. It never weakened over the years and he truly, with his heart and soul, put her on a pedestal. While he acted tough in public and the head of his family, every day of his life I believe he let her know he was nothing without her.

In the end as many of you know, my Grandfather started to slip away. The last 5 years seeing the change was tough. It was easy to say he was gone and the man we all knew was no longer there. But the last couple of times I saw him and spent time, I started to think a bit different. As you looked into his eyes, it was not him remembering you as much as seeing that spark. That passion. It still was in there. A bit deeper, but it stilled burned. As my Grandma said to him yesterday, she never thought he would die. For a man that lived life so filled with passion, intensity and joy, none of us did. But just like the twinkle I saw these last few visits; I know his spirit lives inside of all of us. He will never be forgotten and Grandpa we are all better people for having you touch us and fill our hearts with your love.



L/R honoree Chris Lotito, State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy, Grand Lodge Queen Mary Lucido and M.C. Andy Pampuro.





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petual Scholarship Review Committee to develop clearer guidelines for administering these scholarships. Roy reported that the Annual Sons of Italy Western Golf Classic will take place on October 2<sup>nd</sup> this year in Chico. \$1,000.00 was donated from the Italian Language & Culture Fund to support Italian Clubs in 2 different high schools. It is so important that we support these young students in their efforts to learn the language, and share their Italian Culture within their schools. Don't forget to reach out to your local high schools and colleges to help with their Italian Clubs and programs. You'd be amazed how these young people want to learn more about their Italian ancestry, and it is a good way to invite them into our lodge families.

The Scholarship Committee was busily working on Friday and Saturday evaluating this year's 180 applications. Rosemarie Vanderhaar, the Chair, announced Saturday afternoon that the Scholarship Award Winners had been chosen. This is a very difficult task with the large numbers of outstanding applicants and so few scholarships being donated to Western Foundation lately.

Membership Chair Joe Simoni presented a New Membership Questionnaire and a sample for a new Membership Brochure that he will be presenting at Convention.

Judiciary Chair Al Girolami presented the internal By-Laws requested by the Saddleback Valley and Renaissance Lodges. He also presented the By-Law changes submitted by Hanford and Roma Lodges on reducing the number of State Delegates for Convention, and one submitted by the Cristoforo Colombo Lodge to change the term of the State President back to one 2 year term instead of two 2 year terms.

Be sure to check out our Website. Anna Graeber, the new Webmaster, has added lodge, District and the State. Submit your various lodge events, and everyone will be able to view the calendar to see the events taking place at any lodge within our Grand Lodge jurisdiction. She also is planning a mini workshop at Convention to assist you in your local lodge websites and making this part of the Grand Lodge Website as well as making it easier to access.

Our Youth Chair Brian Watson has a packed full agenda for those youngsters that will be attending Convention.

The rental of the building has picked up thanks to the Mission Rehearsal Management team.

The Grand Council approved the Grand Lodge of California sponsoring a Bronze Sponsorship (two tickets and an ad in the Journal) to the upcoming NELA Gala on May 25<sup>th</sup> to be held in Washington D.C.. Donations to the Auction, sponsoring a table or a Wounded Warrior for this event are graciously requested. Contact the Grand Lodge Office for more information.

I would like to thank our State Queen Mary Lucido for attending the Grand Council Meeting and the dinner honoring Chris that evening. Her enthusiasm and dedication to the Order and her Italian Heritage is a breath of fresh air, and is a true inspiration.

You will be receiving all the information that you need to attend this year's State Convention. If you have not submitted your Convention Delegate list, please submit ASAP. Bocce will take place on Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00. The Convention Package will be \$220 each for all 3 events. The Thursday President's Luncheon will be \$40. Room rates will be \$112++ with free parking. This is a great time to network and socialize with your fellow members. Guests are always welcome. Looking forward to seeing many of you at Convention.

In closing, Bill and I wish all of you a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

### News from the Central

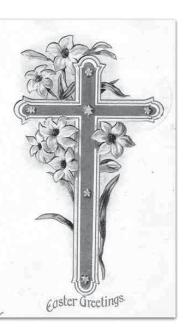
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by Arlene Nunziati State 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



On behalf of the Marcucci and Nunziati families, I wish to thank all of you for your heartfelt sympathy and expressions of love to me and my family on the passing of my Dad, Mario Marcucci. Dad loved the Sons of Italy, and sometimes SOI came before us. The Order was truly his family and it was shown by the many brothers and sisters attending his services. Dad lived a good 100 plus years and he will be missed. He was very proud of having attended fifty-two (52) consecutive conventions; serving many years as the Building Hall Chair and being a State Officer.

### RIP Dad.



## News from the North

State 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



Just when the rain had stopped, it came back. Looks like April showers have come early this year. March Grand Council is complete. Our State President Lynn did a wonderful job in conducting the meeting and keeping to the agenda. Looks like we are finally working on a solution to our membership program. Planning for our Convention in Fresno is in full force, info should be getting to the filial lodges soon. Thank you Centinela Valley Lodge for hosting our Grand Council meeting, Hats off to President Annette Porter and her members. That evening we had a great dinner at the Double Tree Hotel to honor Past Convention Coordinator Chris Lotito, a well deserving longtime member of the Sons of Italy. Congratulations to you Chris and your family.

As spring is upon us base-

ball is starting. For those interested, San Francisco Giants will be having a Italian Heritage game on August 31<sup>st</sup> and the Oakland A's will be having one on August 25<sup>th</sup>, I will once again have group tickets available, more information to follow.

Reminder, the Grand Lodge every day raffle tickets are still available, have you bought yours? As we see posted in the IL Leone a lot of people are winning, even some repeat winners. So let's all buy one to help your Grand Lodge. Another reminder is to sign up that new member.

Donna Lee and I wish you all a joyous and happy Easter, spending time with family and friends.

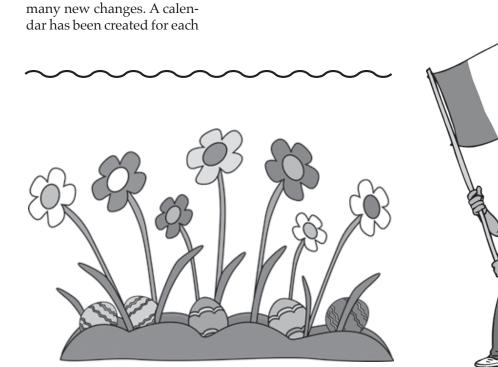
At Grand Council I announced that I will be running for State President at this year's convention in Fresno. I hope I have your support. "Let's work together to grow together".

"The adventure of life is to learn. The purpose of life is to grow. The nature of life is to change. The challenge of life is to overcome. The essence of life is to care. The opportunity of like is to serve. The secret of life is to dare. The spice of life is to befriend. The beauty of life is to give."

Until next month, Ciao.

Are you planning to run for a state office at the convention????? If you are, please send in your letter of intent to the Grand Lodge office. So far these are the candidates we have .....

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### **Youth Committee**

Brian Watson – Chair

Greetings Brothers and Sisters

I hope everyone is getting excited for convention in June, I certainly am! The youth program as a free event would not happen without the generous donations that it receives. This past Saturday (March 18<sup>th</sup>) I issued a challenge to everyone in attendance. A goal to raise \$500 for the youth program while I gave my report and we more than doubled the goal raising \$1375!!! I started off the donations with \$100 and said that if we hit \$100 I would double that, good thing I had my checkbook with me I would like to thank the following donors for their generous contributions to the Little Lion Program,

Platinum donors: Carol Watson,

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Thank you all so much for supporting the Lodges youth program.

I have a list of Youth events below that will outline what is planned for the Fresno convention. Below is a schedule of events.

Thursday Afternoon: Forestiere Underground Gardens and Lunch Thursday Evening: Theme night (American Graffiti) with delegates and dinner

Friday Afternoon: Fresno Chaffee Zoo and lunch Friday Evening: Fresno Grizzlies baseball game and Dinner Saturday Morning/Afternoon: Wild Water Adventure Park and lunch

> Saturday evening: Pizza and Pool Party/movie in youth room

\*Events, event times, and event days are subject to change based on availability \*

We are offering 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.

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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.

I am looking forward to the FUNtastic events we have set up for the youth and I hope they are we well!

Fraternally, Brian E. Watson Youth Committee Chair 4308 North DeWitt ave Fresno, CA 93727 (559) 285-6934 Pumbaa673@yahoo.com

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### Sculpture by Stephen Contrado, B.A., Th.M. 165 Nantasket Ave. # 9 Hull, MA 02045 E-mail: stephencontrado@gmail.com

Sculpture is a very old art. The cave men sculpted the shapes of the animals around them. The civilization of ancient Egypt sculpted many statues. One of the most famous Egyptian statues is of Queen Nefertiti, which was beautifully painted. The Greeks and the Romans employed great sculptors. Sculptors created works of stone, wood, and many other materials.

There are two kinds of sculpture. The first is called "in the round," which is a fully cut out object. The second kind is called "relief," which is a carving of a design on a surface so that the design stands out.

The marble statue of Venus de Milo, the goddess of love and beauty, slightly larger than life-size, is an example of sculpture in the round. Many reproduction of the Venus de Milo have been manufactured and sold. The frieze of the Parthenon is an example of relief sculpture. There are many wonderful examples of both kinds of sculpture still being made today.

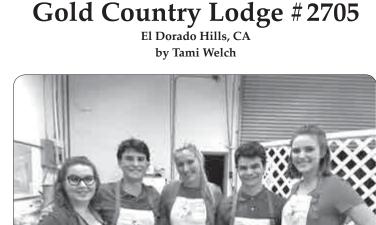
The Romans sculpted realistic busts that give us a glimpse of the characters of various individuals. Many Roman busts are exhibited on pedestals in museums in Italy and around the world. The

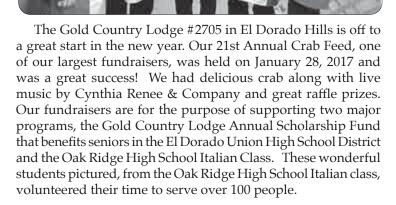
Gothic cathedrals of the Middle Ages have carved pictures on certain walls. Some statues of the cathedrals are architectural, that is, they are part of the structure of the building, such as columns serving to support an arch.

In the15th century, Italy had the greatest sculptors the world had ever known. Among them were Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Ghiberti, Donatello, Verrocchio, and della Robbia. Italy also led the way in sculpturing beautiful monuments and fountains. Granite and marble are favored stones for their beauty and hardness used in sculpture.

Many sculptors have worked with bronze since ancient times. They usually start by making a clay model. Then a mold is made and molten bronze is poured into it. When the bronze has cooled and the mold is taken away a solid statue remains. Bronze statues, like those made of other materials, vary in size.

Mysteries surround some statues. For example, it is not always clear how stones weighing several tons were moved miles from the quarries and set up. Or what a statue means; for example, the Sphinx. Statues can evoke strong feelings in people and are used to promote various beliefs and values.







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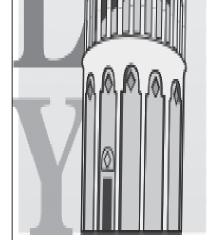
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### Hanford Lodge #1543

Hanford, CA by Jackie Giacomazzi jackiegiacomazzi@gmail.com



Vickie Baldini Mendez gave a wonderful talk telling of her Italian heritage with its ties to the Hanford Lodge. Her grandfather was one of the founding members of our Lodge. Her presentation was enjoyed by all. Vickie is the Newletter Chair of the Hanford Lodge.



At the March meeting, which was hosted by HazelAnn Christin and Joanie Little with a St. Patrick's Day theme, Linda Hatfield received the Member of the Month award presented by President Louise Silacci. Linda is a long-time who is always available to help out when needed. Members also listened to a talk given by Kerry Cromwell, a nurse at the Adventist Health Medical Center in Hanford. The Hanford Lodge donated funds to make blankets for a special project at the hospital.

### Saddleback Valley Lodge # 2566 Mission Viejo, CA by Andy Pampuro

At our meeting held on Friday, March 10th. we enjoyed a great baked potato bar. This was an idea of our First Lady Michelle Lowinger who bought and baked a whole bunch of potatoes. Then the various members brought different kinds of condiments to go with the potato. We had chili, onions, bacon bits, cheese, broccoli etc. which made for a terrific dinner. All this happened

after our president, Hank Lowinger, ran a great meeting. After dinner we enjoyed all kinds of desserts furnished by the members and then watched the movie "Marriage Italian Style" with Sophia Loren. This was enjoyed by all. Next month our recording secretary Bernie Neil is planning an

### William Paca Lodge # 1960 Mountain View, CA

by Carolyn Franklin

Sure and begorra it's that time of year the leprechauns come to lunch bringing their pot of gold - a caldron of corned beef and cabbage. On this lucky day Italians and Irish join forces to create a fun, colorful dinner. Our chef, Dan Ditri and his wife, Lucia, blended the flavors and colors into a Michelangelo masterpiece- a canvas of orange, green and white on the dinner plate - everyone agreed it was the best St. Patrick's Day meal yet - but no green beer or green wine.

Paula Chidichimo arranged a colorful and varied antipasto, always a treat to choose your favorite bits and Gloria Ravetto served us her smooth tapioca for dessert. Truly a meal to turn a leprechaun green with envy. Dove ce'e buona roba, rimane Venerdi e anche Sabado.

Have you ever noticed how the colors of the Irish dinner reflect the colors of the Italian flag? That cannot be a coincidence. Look closely – the corned beef is the red band, boiled potatoes the white band and, of course, the cabbage is the green band. When Julius Caesar moved out of Erin, he took that recipe home to Rome – a very practical souvenir.

Carlo and Rose Marenco had a bagna calda party with Carlo's favorite recipe, a truly Italian treat - any time or any place. A great idea for a Lodge party – we'd all come to that one!

Time Magazine said Naples was the best place to live – in Florida - disappointing. I hoped it was the City of Thieves, a far more exciting and colorful city than Florida could ever imagine. Dove si vive un giorno, si vive anche sempre domain.

Try to attend the Board Meetings of our Lodge at Gloria Ravetto's home. President Rosalia Margarit encourages sharing ideas and fellowship. Italians have a reputation of sharing and caring – Fa quanto una coda di gatto, perche te in trovi fatta.

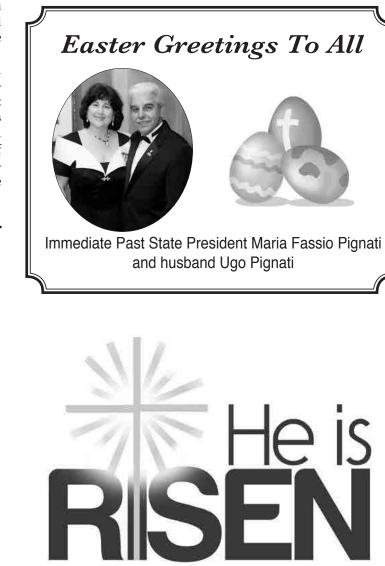
### Easter Greetings



State President Lynn Lawrence-Murphy and husband, Bill Murphy Grand Lodge Home Chair







Easter theme dinner. If you are in the neighborhood stop by and enjoy.





Pictured above is our First Lady Michelle Lowinger holding one of the gigantic baked potatoes she bought, cooked and wrapped in foil for us to fill with delicious condiments.

### Giuseppe Mazzini Lodge #1441 Fremont, CA by Linda Abronzino

It was a small gathering at our March meeting but none the less the food and fraternalism was excellent. April meeting is Pot Luck - information forthcoming.

Our President Gina spoke on the Ducks for Bucks event that we are participating in. Applications will be on hand until April 15th. Members at the March meeting were generous and please note that the monies we make will go towards our scholarship fund. The event will be on Saturday April 22, 2017 and Gina, Mary Meiring, and Judy LoVecchio will go a few days ahead to number the "rubber ducks". Great day to enjoy the outdoors with family and friends. Great prizes.

Plans are underway to have our May 5th Meeting (Cinco de Mayo) catered. Chairman Judy LoVecchio will be confirming all the details. Should be fun and different.

To all our Members celebrating an April Birthday – all the best on your special day.

And from all the officers to our members and their families – Buona Pasqua.



### **United Lodge Meeting**

Grand Lodge President, Lynn-Lawrence-Murphy was on hand at the United Lodge meeting hosted by Roma Lodge president David DePaoli and first lady Giovanna DePaoli on March 12, 2017 at Vejars restaurant in Tulare. She was very gracious in answering a number of questions submitted by filial lodges concerning a variety of topics regarding communication between the Grand Lodge and local lodges.

### Members Passing

Roma Lodge members were saddened with the passing of two long time members. Anna Dutto was a 72-year member of the lodge passed away on February 27th. Anna attended meeting and lodge activities on a regular basis. She had 56 descendants many of who are Roma Lodge members. Pete Milanesio passed away on February 18th and was a 53-year member of the lodge and over the years was instrumental in assisting with the annual ravioli dinner and World Ag Expo food booth. Pete's brother Dominic passed away a year ago, in March. Numerous Roma Lodge members were on hand at both services to bid their final farewell to these longtime members.







Anna Dutto



### Roma Lodge #1573

Tulare, CA by Larry Dutto

### Roma Lodge Celebrates 87th Anniversary

Roma Lodge #1573 is celebrating their 87th Anniversary this year. The lodge will be honoring members who have 25, 35, 50 and over 50 years of membership in the lodge. Members will be treated to a traditional meal of Italian sausage and risotto dinner on April 3rd.

### Our honorees will include:

25-Year Members Joseph Goni Joann Jones Renee Marinelli Frank Marinelli Shannon Speidel **35-Year Members** Kathy Briano Daniel Dutto Michael Pitigliano Pete Yribarren Mary Louise Yribarren **50-Year Members** Dennis Burner James Costa Carol McLafferty 51-Year Members Cliff Cleek Clarence Costa John Greco Mary Ann Luis 52-Year Members Marlene Peterson Mary Jean Kronbetter 53-Year Members **Agnes** Pelous Rosalie Milanesio 54-Year Member Leroy Beecher 55-Year Member Judy Paggi 56-Year Member **Richard Atkinson** 

**59-Year Members** Connie Spagnuolo Catherina Romero

**60-Year Members** Richard Paggi Ronnie Pedroncelli Angie Pasquini

**61-Year Members** Carole Burner, Janet Cabral, Johnnie Kaye Costa **Betty Pratt** Lorraine Cleek

George Rinaldi Angela Guerra 63-Year Members Sharon Barreto Joann Beecher

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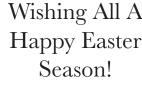
64-Year Members Lillian Cotta Sylvia Signorelli

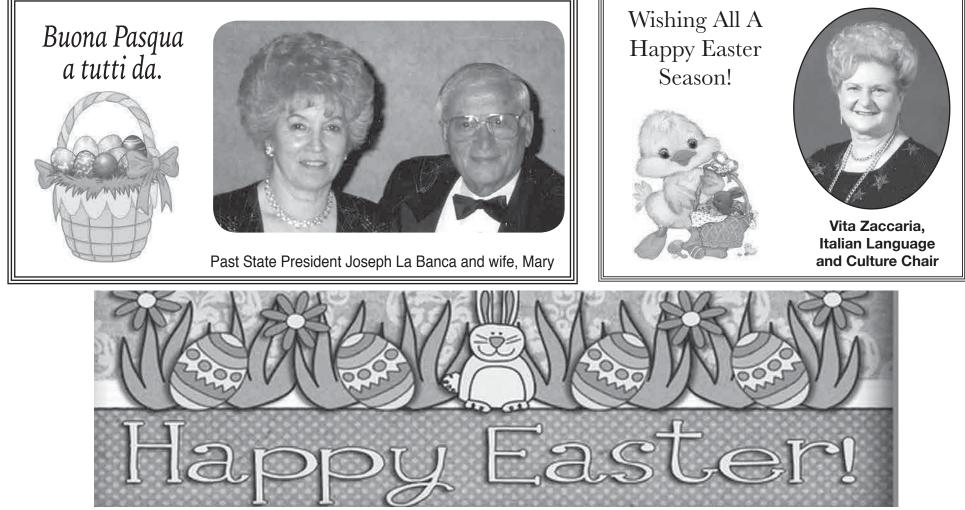
68-Year Member Catherine Atkinson

76-Year Member Oswald DaRos

81-Year Member Joe Signorelli Lilia Giacomazzi Grand Lodge Deputy

Roma Lodge will be hosting their 82nd Annual Ravioli Dinner on Saturday, May 13th at the T.D.E.S. Hall in Tulare. Last year nearly 900 people were served a great Italian dinner of ravioli, spaghetti, chicken and salad. The lodge will be doing a Takeout Dinner Only allowing diners to drive up and pickup their dinners without leaving their cars. Tickets may be purchased from Cathy Mederos, 687-1112 for only \$20.





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### Please send this letter to your local senators. If they want our vote they will stop trying to end Columbus Day!

#### **Dear Senator**

On behalf of the Commission for Social Justice, the anti-defamation arm of the Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA), I would like to express our regret that the State of Nevada is considering to rename the second Monday of October—the federal Columbus Day holiday—as Indigenous People's Day. OSIA is the largest organization of Italian Americans. Our mission is to promote the Italian culture, heritage, and contributions that our ancestors have made to this great country and the world. We are shocked and appalled that you, in your official capacity, would implement any measure that discredits Christopher Columbus and, in effect, slight the contributions that Italian Americans have made to this country and the development of western civilization as a whole.

Since 1937, Columbus Day has been a federally recognized holiday that celebrates a world-changing vision. In 1492, following the rise of the Ottoman Empire, which made it virtually impossible for Europeans to trade with Asia, it was Columbus who set out West in hopes of finding a new path East. Although it is generally understood that Christopher Columbus was not the first person to step foot on American soil, it goes without saying that his voyage is the one that changed the world. It was he who opened up a new land of opportunity to the oppressed masses of Europe. His arrival marks the time in history when Europeans began to make important worldly contributions, such as those in arts, law, government, and economics that have become the basic foundations of this great nation. It is for those contributions that the United States government recognized our favorite son of Genoa, Italy.

For Italian Americans, as well as other immigrant groups, who came over as oppressed masses in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, it was Columbus who served as their champion and gave them hope of a new life, one with opportunity. Thus, for Americans of Italian descent, Columbus Day serves as an opportunity to celebrate our ancestors and the struggles they overcame to assimilate into American culture. You and your state legislature are proposing to take away the symbol of their very identity and the contributions they have made since the early 1900s.

There are certainly questionable conflicting historical facts surrounding Christopher Columbus and his colonization of the Americas. I understand that this was a push by Native American groups to demonize Columbus as a slave trader who spread disease among the indigenous peoples. They proclaim the same skewed arguments that Howard Zinn presented in his one-sided tale of Columbus in A People's History of the United States. Zinn's story, as well as the story of the modern-day American Indian, presents an overly simplistic view that is completely out of context to the time in which he lived. Surely you, as an elected state senator, realize the conundrum of applying a 21<sup>st</sup> century understanding of morality to the people of the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

Though we recognize that gruesome incidents took place and cannot be condoned, this was no different from how Europeans treated other Europeans or Native Americans treated other Native Americans at that point in time. Today's concept of individual rights was simply nonexistent during the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Does the State of Nevada plan on desecrating George Washington and Thomas Jefferson and our forefathers at large for owning slaves their entire lives?

We wish that you would reconsider your resolution that renamed Columbus Day. We are in full support of recognizing Native Americans. In fact, the State of Nevada already does so three times a year ("Nevada Tribes Legislative Day," the second Tuesday of February; "Nevada All-Indian Stampede Days," the third week of July; and "Native American Day," the fourth Friday of September). Why, then, must recognition now replace Columbus Day? It is unjust to take away from Italian Americans a day that represents their roots, history and contributions to this country. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. expressed these sentiments best when he stated: "Injustice <u>anywhere</u> is a threat to justice everywhere." I hope that you exhibit the same unbound courage and resolve that Columbus did when he set out in the summer of 1492 and urge you to preserve Columbus Day while continuing to recognize Native Americans on the three separate occasions you do so every year.



### The Youth Committee needs your help!

Brothers and Sisters,

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Remember that the youth are the future of our order and we are dependent on them to take over for us in the future. Let us ALL join together and help build a stronger youth program to ensure that the Sons of Italy will last forever!

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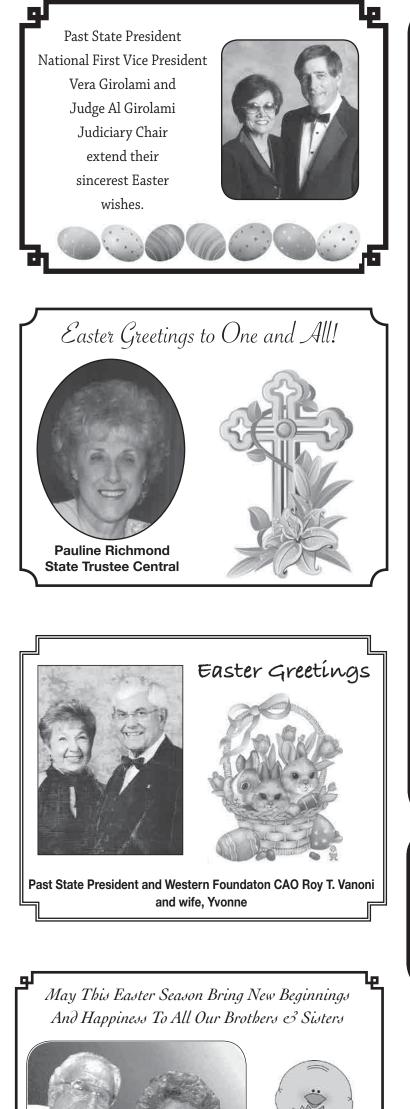
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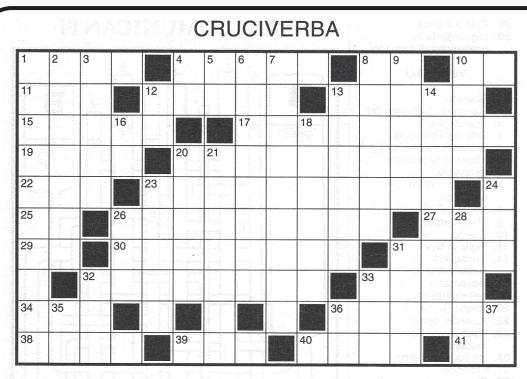
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25. Preposizione semplice - 26. Lastricato con laterizi - 27. Dignitario etiopico - 29. La città Dotta (sigla) - 30. Progenitrici - 31. Bombe in acqua - 32. Tipi di atti legali - 33. Legumi tondeggianti - 34. Il comico Teocoli - 36. Canale americano - 38. Il padre dei vizi - 39. In nessuna occasione - 40. Non è falso - 41. Un terzo d'Europa.

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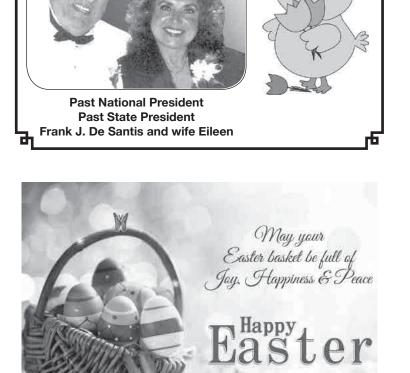
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## Become a Sponsor of II Leone!

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO YOUR FAMILY:

I'm sorry to have left you without



making any final arrangements.

The reason I didn't do this when I had the chance was...

The Italian Cemetery

Stewards of Your Family's Heritage Since 1899

ww.ItalianCemetery.com 650-755-1511 be honoring "ROSEMA-

RIE VANDERHAAR". The

event will be held at the

Holiday Inn on Beach Blvd,

in Buena Park, CA. This

will be a Sunday afternoon

Luncheon. Your invitations

should be arriving shortly,

if you have not already re-

ceived them. Please RSVP as

Lavezzari or Joe D'Ordine

**"WHAT WE HAVE BEEN** 

Anaheim Lodge Sons and

Daughters of Italy, spon-

sored a Pasta and Meatball

Luncheon for the Pacifica

High School Dance Program.

Two of our junior mem-

bers, Elizabeth and Marissa

Lavezzari, are part of this

program. The fundraiser was to help raise money for

the dance show that will take

place in June. We served 110

people. We would like to

thank all the members of the

Anaheim Lodge who came

out to support the fundraiser

and help with making the

event such a great success.

The girls in the dance pro-

gram were very excited with

the turnout and want to give

a great **BIG THANK YOU**,

to the Anaheim Lodge for

We held our "Annual St.

Joseph Table". The most

important Saint is Giuseppe

(Joseph), Father of Jesus,

whose day is celebrated on

March 19. Our sauce was

made by Sherry Monarcky,

which was terrific. 'THE

MEN IN THE KITCHEN"

Mike Guthrie, David Lavez-

zari, Charlie Aita, and our "MISS IN THE KITCHEN"

Meagan Guthrie, all did a

excellent job preparing the

food. We had a wonderful

dinner of Pasta, salad, rolls

and of course the fantastic

desserts.

Saturday March 18th,

hosting this event.

Saturday, March 11, The

for more information.

You may contact Eva

soon as possible.

DOING"

Anaheim Lodge #2076 Anaheim, CA

by Fran D'Errico

### Vallejo Lodges

by Sharon Silveira

### Mangia--Beve--Godere.... and Vallejo is happy to have such talent in our kitchen. With the weather in February

still in Winter mode, our Polenta & Stew dinner put smiles on the faces of a large crowd of hungry diners. Have you ever peeked into the kitchen and seen the vat of polenta being stirred with an oar? Thank you to the Polenta Kitchen Crew: Josie Agosta, Marlene Parr, Bert Harris, Ray Airoldi, Tim Coragliotti, Gail Morton and Judith Johnston. Kudos to dinner chairs Marlene Parr & Bert Harris.

More delicious food... served up by Rick Branch, John Costa, Glen Rushing, Steve & Lucy Branch at the Ham & Pesto dinner. This is definitely not your ordinary ham---it is beyond delicious. A smaller but appreciative crowd at this dinner. Thanks go to dinner chairs Melanie Rushing and Ray Bini.

It Takes A Village .... and a big thank you to all who come to our lodge dinner, bring raffle prizes and buy raffle tickets.....volunteer to serve, help with the clean up....take the reservations and help with the set up.....The list is long and WE APPRECIATE YOU!

The Second Tuesday of the Month.....why stay home when you can join us for libations at 5, dinner at 6:30 and learn what is going on with your lodge at the 7:30 meeting. Our Kitchen Queens Marlene Parr and Bert Arioldi are always cooking up something delicious. April meeting with be meatloaf, mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetable, salad and dessert. \$8.00----but if you are a member and stay for the meeting---only \$6.00....and so join us----BUT PLEASE CALL FOR A RESERVATION!

Circle you calendar for Saturday, May 13th .... our Wine Tasting/Appetizer Event with an extensive Silent Auction and Incredible Door Prizes. Event benefits Alzheimer's Research at UC Davis. Once again our venue is the fascination Classic Car Museum in downtown Vallejo. Only \$25.00 for a ticket. Advance ticket sale only. Call Adeline Nettleton at 7007 642-3486/334-6480 or Josephine Agosta 707 642-1568 / 328-2610 or Regina Coragliotti 707 315-2299.

<u>"SAVE THE DATE"</u> Blessed Sacrament Church, came and blessed the table SUNDAY - MAY 7, 2017. **ANAHEIM LODGE - 59TH** and gave the invocation. ANNIVERSARY, We will

Our Officers and lodge members bake these delicious desserts to place on the table and are purchased after the dinner. We did miss our Dear Sister Babe Peluso who always manned the "Cannoli Making Table", BUT don't worry her granddaughter Marissa Lavezzari stepped in, not to skip a beat and made her Nonna's receipt for the filling, and did one fantastic job. We know Sister Babe was right there by her granddaughters side.

### <u>"UPCOMING EVENT -</u> Please watch for the La Stella and Fliers"

Saturday April 8th, This event will be chaired and run by the Junior members. They are calling it "EARTH DAY EVENT". This has become their Annual event and always come up with great ideals with their planning. More information will come later and be sent out in a Flier.

### <u>"WHAT OUR JUNIOR</u> MEMBERS ARE DOING"

(PARENTS, GRANDPARkeeping the Italian Heritage going in our Junior Members.)

OURS,

We encourage you to attend and support our lodge... If you need a ride, call any officer and we will make arrangements for transportation. Especially now that we have our General Meeting during our monthly events. If you have Italian and non Italian friends who wish to come to our events, please bring them and see what a fun time we have and very friendly members. Our lodge has always been family oriented and we still encourage this standard in our lodge. We all want our Italian Heritage

ENTS, FRIENDS, SEND ME YOUR ARTICLE AND I WILL WRITE IT UP IN THE IL LEONE. Thank you also for

THIS is a REMINDER, MEMBERS WE NEED YOUR HELP, AND IF YOU NEED

to continue for generations



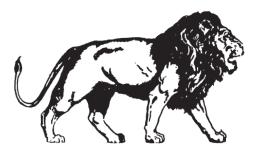


Father Angelo, from to come.

Schedule of Upcoming Events and Dates are all set, mark your calendars:

April:	Saturday 8th - Junior Members Event
May:	Sunday 7th - 59th Anniversary Dinner
June:	Convention in Fresno
July:	Sunday 23rd - Lodge Picnic East Gate Park
August:	Friday 25th - Angel Baseball Night Out

God Bless those serving and protecting our country, and Arrivederci until next time.





### Essere Bene ed Eserre Felici!



Last Month: A delegation

of four members attended

the Central San Joaquin Val-

ley Sons of Italy (CSJVSoI)

bimonthly meeting, in which

Grand Lodge President, Lynn

Murphy, and her husband,

Bill, were in attendance. In a

question and answer session,

she addressed about a dozen

issues that have bothered our

membership. She was able

to outline what the Grand

Lodge was doing to ease the

day-to-day problems that al-

ways come up, one being the

operation of the Grand Lodge

headquarters building in San

Francisco; a new Facility Man-

ager has been hired and is

now renting out underutilized

areas and space, including the

entire downstairs, the parking

lot, office space, kitchen area,

and other areas. She further

asserted that the building

itself is not now a burden

on the general membership,

and promised things would

improve in those areas. Most

members in attendance said

they were happy with the

information and the results

of the Grand Lodge efforts to

put this item to bed. Also, she

said the entire downstairs are

Americans with Disabilities

CSJVSoI will be May 21, 2017,

and will benefit the Valley

Children's Hospital Child Dis-

abilities Library; bring your

private donations to Carol

ing about: Crispy-skin roast chicken; chili with pulled pork; lasagna; baked ziti; citrus salads; green salad; apple strudle; glaze-crusted apple

Our last month's Pot Luck was definitely worthy of writ-

The next meeting of the

Act (ADA) compliant.

Watson.

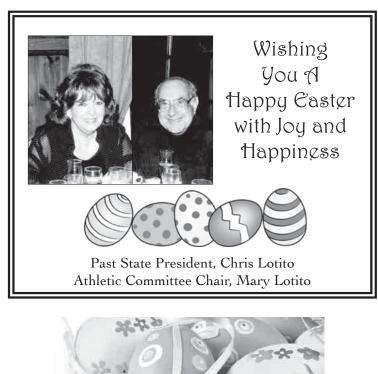


Marco Zonni State Trustee South and wife, Nina





Happy Easter from Past State President John Tedesco and wife, Pam Tedesco



pie; and pizza, which was popular with the little ones and adults. Special guests included Richard Gallegos and two representatives of Troop 4 from the Boy Scouts of America **This Month**: Our April

This Month: Our April meeting will be a membership-only celebration of our 90th anniversary at Luna's, so, bring your appetites.

Also this month: We will be setting up our float for the Clovis Day Rodeo Parade on April 29, 2017, starting at 09:00

### Rodolfo Valentino Lodge #1449

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

> AM. Be at the preparation area before that and you will be able to help decorate the float and ride along in the parade. We are planning to have our Italian dancing team and Rick DelCarlo will provide accordian music. Rick does a great job, playing his instrument throughout the entire parade route. If you don't want to ride on the float, be in the crowd to cheer us on.

Coming in June: A celebration dinner is planned for June 3, 2017, to let the area know that we have been here for 90 years. This will be a bash that you will not want to miss, so remind your family and friends. Tickets will be \$20 for this event, and will be well worth it. Music will be by Josh Bravo and Rick DelCarlo. The menu, so far, will include the pasta you love, sausage, string beans, salad, drinks, and a meat entrée. Can it get any better than that?

Also in June: The Grand Lodge Convention will be in Fresno, so read the Il Leone for more details. The Fresno SoI will be in charge and Clovis will assist in a few ways. Let our president, Carol Watson know if there are any concerns, at the state level, that you may have. Brian Watson will be in charge of the Youth program throughout the convention schedule. Any member may attend the meetings, and our delegates are there to represent us. This is also

an election year so a slate of candidates will be presented.

**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.

Coco Chanel almost said "Your education will help you learn who you are."; begin learning about yourself by applying for our SoI scholarship 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 <u>third Monday</u> of <u>each month</u>, 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/.







In support of all the men and women who have been called into military action. You're in our hearts, in our thoughts, and in our prayers.



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### Shasta Lodge # 2453 Redding, CA by Carole Dellaragione

Hello Brothers and Sisters: Welcome Spring. I know many of us welcome a slight reprieve from the rain, although it brought us out of the drought situation here in Northern California.

I announced last month that our Most Honored Member of 2016 was Paul Monette. During our 37th Anniversary Dinner we also awarded two 25 year pins. The first to Rose Gandy who has actually been in the lodge nearly 27 years and the other to Dominic DiNino who celebrates 25 years this year. Congratulations and thank you to Rose and Dominic to their dedication to Shasta lodge. While the attendance at the dinner was down a bit this year, the music by member Pat Karch's quartet was great and everybody had fun dancing. The gaming tables were also a bit hit...very crowded at times.

Shasta Lodge welcomed Enterprise Starship, the award winning musical show group from Enterprise High School, for our St. Patrick's dinner. They are celebrating their 25th year in existence and Shasta Lodge has been helping them from their beginning. After their show we passed the hat and between the generous donation from our guests and the lodge's contribution, we were very happy to present them with a check for \$950.

The day after St. Patrick's Day our Heritage Team, headed by Frank Rose (Columbus), participated in the annual Multicultural event sponsored by the Shasta County Sheriff's Department. Thanks to the team for representing our Italian culture at this event.

Our next event will have passed by the time you read this. Our traveling cooking team headed by Jim Nobili, will be proving lunch for the Welcome Home Vietnam Vets event sponsored by the Veteran's Association. We have been providing lunch for this event for the past 8 years and this year they expect about 200 people to attend.

There is a large group of

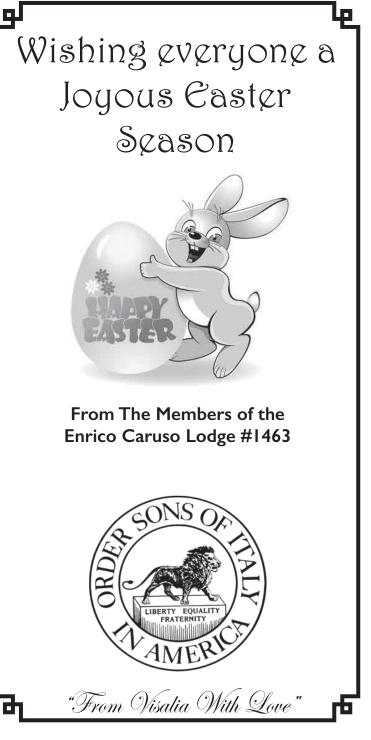
Many of our Shasta Lodge members also belong to the Redding Grange and they are planning their annual fundraiser for the two \$1000 scholarships they give out annually. It will be April 23rd from 4-7 at our lodge. We will have spaghetti and meatballs, a nice raffle and homemade cupcakes for sale. Please come help us help a couple of very worthy local students.

Wishing you a Joyful Easter from your friends at Shasta Lodge.



25 year pins were presented to Rose Gandy and Dominic DiNino at Shasta Lodge's 37th Anniversary Party.







Please join the Royal Court of the Golden Lion. Any donation would be appreciated.

us planning to attend the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge's annual Spaghetti Dinner. We wish them a very successful day and look forward to a great dinner.

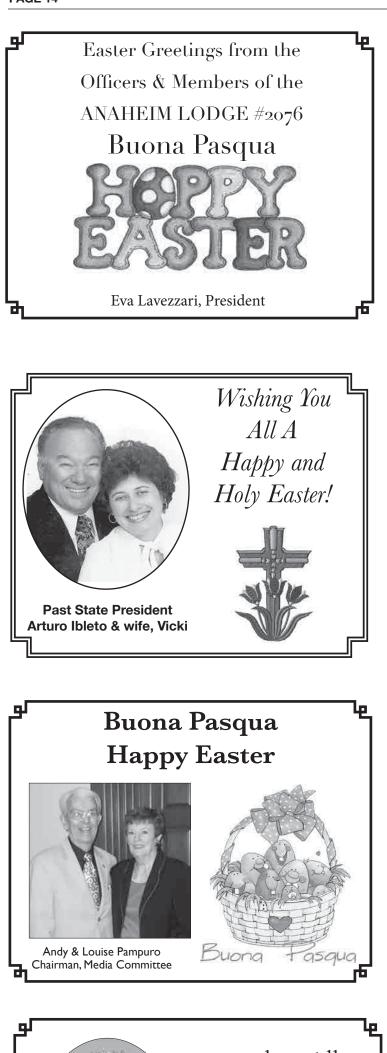
Julie Warren, Shasta County Sheriff Tom Bosenko, and Frank Rose at the Shasta County Sheriff's annual Multicultural event in March.





New Member Anthony Montini, far right with his family, daughter Caleigh, wife April, Sons Caden and Carson. Caden performed with Enterprise Starship at Shasta Lodge's annual St. Patrick's Dinner.

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Wishing All a Joyous Easter Season

America Lodge started 2017 making plans for the coming year. With the newly elected officers, Linda Enneman, President; Lucy Sacco, Vice President; Jeff Gardner, Orator; Yolanda Campanelli, Recording Secretary; Dolly Tuttle, Financial Secretary; Maria Sauer, Treasurer; Claire Cravatt, Manon Crow, Tina Forte, Joe Rossi, and Tony De Lorenzo as Trustees: Elizabeth De Lorenzo and Ida Sacco as Mistress of Ceremonies; Gina Danza as Guard, being installed at the January Lodge meeting by our State Deputy Mark Vaona, as the Installing Officer and Annette Porter, President of the Centinela Valley Lodge as Herald. Many of our members have never been to an Installation and for them the Installation Ceremony was a nice experience. The Installing Officer asked President Linda Enneman to join him at the front of the room, as the Herald introduced each officer, they were given their Regalia and Mark challenged them with the duties of their office. In turn each officer accepted the challenge. Mark then congratulated the officers for accepting the position.

In February we had our first themed Lunch meeting being Valentine. The menu was Sandwiches, Potato Salad, drinks and of course, Dessert. It was quite a success. After the lunch and meeting the members stayed to play Bingo. A fun way to spend an afternoon. March Meeting was an "Open House". Flyers were distributed, members were asked to invite family and friends and Gina Danza placed an article about the Open House in the local paper. At the meeting, printed material such as the History of the Lodge, flyers with information as to the meeting place, time and the schedule for the entire year. On February 25, President Linda Enneman, Dee Tucker, Tony and Liz De Lorenzo, Sue Monell, her granddaughter Daniele More, Forrest Zimmerman, Aurora Merthan and Adela Macaluso attending the Centinela Valley Lodge Crab Fest Dinner and danced the night away to the always great music of the Sicilian Band. What a "Treat" it was. Thank you, President Annette Porter! Our annual Pasta Lunch Fundraiser will be Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the La Habra Community Center 1:30 pm. Cost is adults \$18.00, children 12 and under \$12.00. Tickets are available, contact Chairperson Tina Forte. Tina has been in contact with some of the merchants in the area for donations to be used as raffle prizes, the members are also doing their share, so as always we will have great Raffle prizes. Music to enjoy and dance

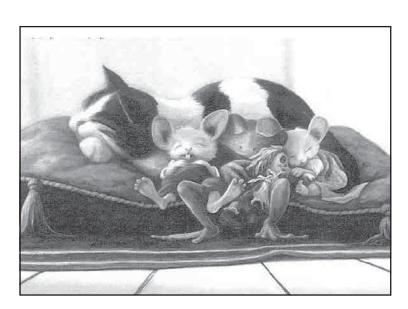
### America Lodge #1609

La Habra, CA by Yolanda Campanelli, Historian

to will be provided by Tony Ciamitaro, The Sicilian Band. With good food, good music, good friends, and many great raffle prizes this should be a super afternoon, so how about spending it with us.

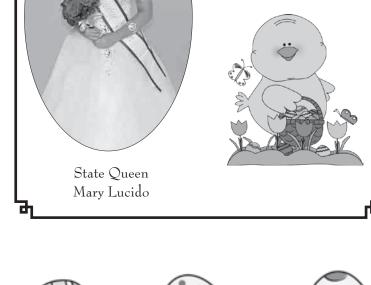
The Grand Lodge had their Grand Council Meeting in Torrance, CA. On the evening of March 18, President Linda Enneman, along with Lillian Rossi from the Saddleback Valley Lodge attended the Council Banquet Dinner honoring Past State President and Convention Coordinator, Chris Lotito for the many years he was the convention

coordinator. The evening was a delight to honor Chris and gave all an opportunity to enjoy each other's company and renew friendships. As our State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy once said "We are a family, a group committed to support, care for, and be there for each other at all times and in all situations. We are proud Italian Americans with big hearts, and are an emotional and dedicated family." From America Lodge, we thank you State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy, we love you! Ciao for now.



Praying for peace and harmony throughout the world! Happy Easter to all!









### ATTENTION PLEASE

Please make sure that articles are sent to debbie@sanddgraphics.com. and cc Apampuro@comline.com. I would also like articles sent in word to me and PDF to Andy if possible.

We appreciate all your help.

Thank you, Andy Pampuro Debbie Ure

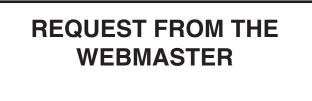
#### The Consul General Comes for a Visit By Maria Fassio Pignati, Imm. Past State President is created between our Grand On Monday, March 13, the Lodge and the Consulate, and Italian Consul General in San that we can help publicize Francisco, the Hon. Lorenzo each other's events through Ortona, and his Consular a greater use of social media. Assistant, Federico Brocero, Lunch was followed by a tour of the building, and the Consul mentioned that he was impressed with the size of the

came to visit our Grand Lodge home on Mission Street. Our wonderful caterer, Gabriele Muselli, prepared a delicious lunch for our guests...salad, ravioli, Chicken à la Gabriele and vegetables, plus a variety of dessert bites, all of which was served by Gabriele, his wife Barbara and daughter Violetta, who are all members of the Columbia Lodge. Delizioso! During lunch the Consul talked about some of the goals he would like to accomplish during his tenure here in San Francisco. He also said that it was important that a solid line of communications

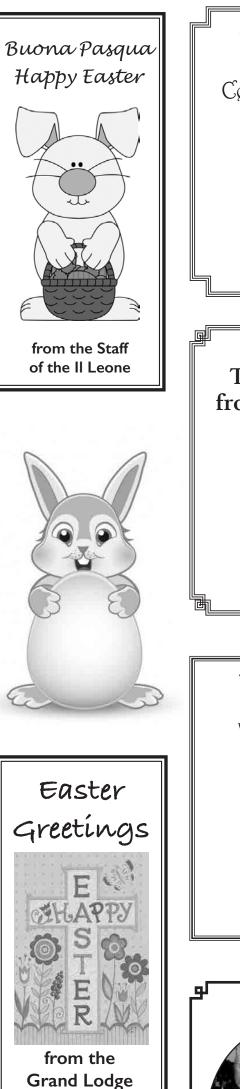
Lunch was followed by a tour of the building, and the Consul mentioned that he was impressed with the size of the hall and the meeting rooms. Enjoying the visit by our guests was State President Lynn-Lawrence Murphy and First Gent Bill, Immediate Past State President Maria Fassio Pignati, State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi and Grand Lodge Office Administrative Assistant Martha Sanchez. Consul General Ortona and Consular Assistant Brocero were very gracious and thanked us for our hospitality, and said they will be back again someday.



l to r: State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi, State President Lynn Lawrence-Murphy, Italian Consul General the Hon. Lorenzo Ortona, Immediate Past State President Maria Fassio Pignati, Consular Assistant Federico Brocero, and Grand Lodge Office Administrative Assistant Martha Sanchez.



Attention All Lodges...





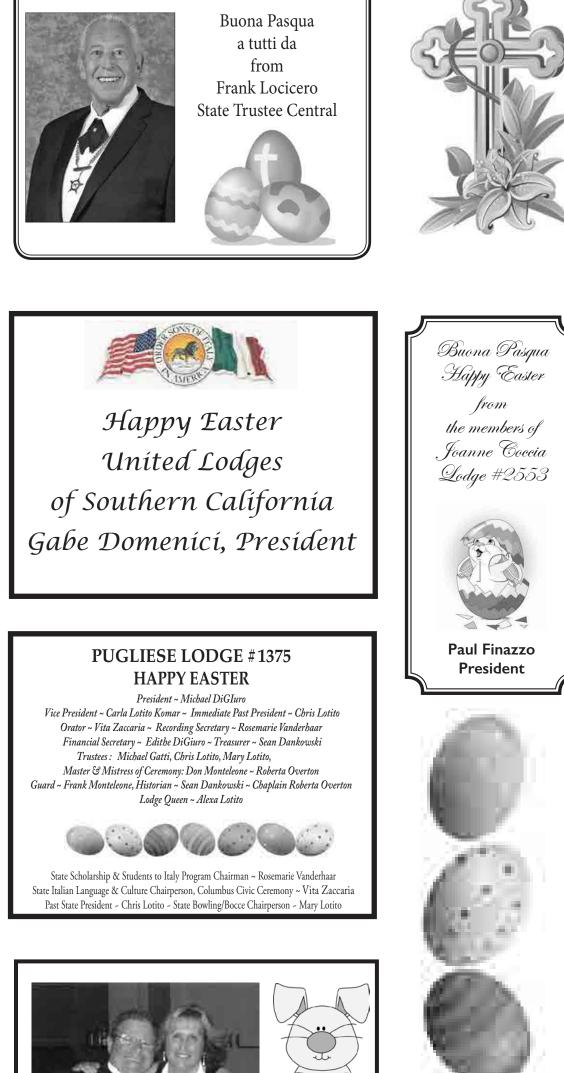
### Grand Lodge Website

We need the following please: Your lodges contact information President and Recording Secretary When/Where/Time you meet Your lodges website url link for example: (osiaca.org) Your lodges FaceBook Page url link Your lodges Twitter url link Your lodges Newsletter url link

Please email your information or questions to: osia.ca.webmaster@gmail.com



Happy Easter!



## Winner Every Day Raffle

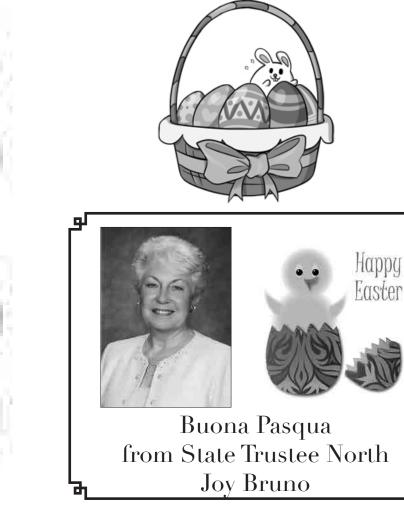
- 1. Purchase a Winner Every Day Raffle ticket for \$30. If your lodge does not have any, you can order some through the Grand Lodge.
- 2. Mail your ticket stub and check to the Grand Lodge of California, 5051 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94112
- 3. Once received, your ticket goes into the ticket drum.
- 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 II 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.
- 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.

It's that easy!! You have a great chance of winning more than one time!! And a chance at the Grand Prize!

Make checks payable to: Grand Lodge of California

If you have any other questions, please contact The Grand Lodge of CA (415)586-1316 E-mail: sonsofitalyca@aol.com

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### Happy Easter

State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi and husband, Mark

La Piu Grande e Moderna Impresa di Pompe Funebri nell'Ovest

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### Cristoforo Colombo Lodge #1534

Reno, NV

by Historian, Maria Nelson

At least for now, you can no longer call Nevada a desert. With all the rain and snow and snow melt to come, we will be overflowing. Tahoe will be a must to see!!

In January we installed our new officers for 2017-2019. Pamela Ricci will remain President; Larry Handy will remain Vice President; Christine Handy will remain Treasurer; Madeleine Zunino will remain Financial Secretary; and Dawn Romero will be our new Recording Secretary. Barbara Wisniewski will remain Immediate Past President and our Trustees are Nancy Anderson, Marlene Nelson, Patricia Rehn, and Elizabeth Rassiga. Thank you everyone for your dedication to our Lodge. A big thank you to Second VP John Costa for coming up in between storms and presiding over our installation. We have a Grand Lodge officer in our Lodge, Treasurer, Barbara Wisniewski, but she was not able to be here and it is always so nice to have a special visit from our VP John.

In February we had a very fun presentation by member, Salene Pecetti. She talked about Carnevale in Italy. She brought her beautiful masks, gave us a wonderful slideshow, and gave us the background history of Carnevale in Italy. The costumes and balls attended during these festivities are something to see. Salene gives us an interesting taste of Italy with a fun spin at least once a year. Also at our February meeting, Pamela Ricci, Hugh Ricci, and Madeleine Zunino, were elected delegates to the Convention for 2017-2018. David Pincolini, Ken Wisniewski and Silvana Ricci were elected Alternate Delegates to the Convention. The Lodge Arbiters elected are, Silvana Ricci, Kathy Stepina, and Ken Wisniewski. Alternate Aribiters are: Amy Hobbs, Sam Olson, and Jeff Schmidt. It was a busy and productive meeting with some great fraternity all arouond.

Our speaker for our March meeting is Karl Brekenridge. He is a journalist from old Reno and will give us interesting and fun facts about Italians back in the day in our Biggest Little City in the World.

Saturday, May 6, 2017, is our annual Festa Primevera. This year it's being held at a different venue-The Reno Elks Lodge, 597 Kumle Lane, Reno, Nevada. This is a bigger place with a larger kitchen. We are looking forward to another sold out crowd. This Festa is our fundraiser for the year and we work very hard to make it a success. We invite you to join us at this wonderful event. We will again have a really fantastic silent auction and many wonderful raffle prizes. The tickets are \$35. You can contact Christine Handy at 775-786-5294 or email at: handys75@gmail. com for tickets.

July 14th is our sponsored Aces Game at our beautiful ballpark in Reno. We usually have at least 25 to 30 in attendance. Barbara Wisniewski organizes this event every year. It's a really fun night and the weather is always gorgeous. Join us for the game. Email Barbara at barbreno1949@aol.com.

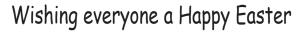
Mangia bene, ridi spesso, ama molto. – Eat well, laugh often, love much.

Please visit our website for more information: www. renosonsofitaly.org. Learn more about our Lodge, your Italian heritage and upcoming events.













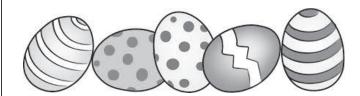
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The officers and members, of the Saddleback Valley Lodge wish you a Happy Easter



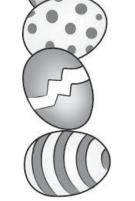
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Anniv. Mar. 16, 1924 EUREKA PRES. EDDIE FORNARI MORGAN 1812 McFarlan St. Eureka, CA 95501 Phone: (707) 267-4688 EMAIL: eddie.alexander. morgan@gmail.com Rec. Secty. Phone: Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. 7:00 p.m. St. Bernard's Parish Hall 7th & "I" Streets Eureka, CA 95501

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LODGE No. 1627 Anniv. Apr. 17, 1932 SAN DIEGO PRES. JAMES HILL 3196 Hawthorn St. San Diego, Ca 92104 Phone: (619) 280-5554 Rec. Secty. Sid Tamburine 1925 Circle Park Lane. Encinitas, CA 92024 Phone: (858) 537-9878 Meets 3rd Tues. 6:30 P.M.

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Anniv. July 27, 1929 HANFORD PRES. LOUISE SILACCI 13579 Francisco Dr. Hanford, CA 93230 Phone: (559) 639-9800 e-mail: silaccilu@gmail.com Rec. Secty. Janis Hansen 2195 Stratford Way Hanford, CA 93631 Phone: (559) 582-4731 e-mail: jahansen@sbcglobal.net Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. 6:00 p.m. Hanford Fraternal Hall 1015 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Hanford, CA 93230

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#### LAKE COUNTY LODGE No 2537

Anniv. Apr. 19, 1983 NICE PRES. KAREN WILSON 375 E. HWY 20 #15 Upper Lake, CA 95485 Phone (707) 275-9276 Rec. Secty Barbara Castaldo 17120 Knollview Dr. Hidden Valley Lake, CA 95467 Phone: (707) 987-4695 Meets 3rd Mon. 5:30 p.m. At various locations

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Anniv. Apr. 20, 1952 MODESTO PRES. DONNA FERREIRA 2028 Hickory Ct. Modesto, CA 95356 Phone: (209) 602-2056 Email: donnaferreira@att.net Rec. Secty: Rose Montoya 3008 Lancaster Way Modesto, CA 95355 Phone: (209) 872-4844 Email: rosenpaul@sbcglobal.net Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri. 6:00 p.m. Eagles Hall 126 Camellia Way Modesto, CA

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C. COLOMBO LODGE No. 1315 Anniv. Aug. 31, 1924 ANTIOCH PRES. EDNA ESPOSITO 223 West 5th St. Antioch, CA 94509 Phone: (925) 779-1969 Email: esposnca@sbcglobal.net Rec. Secty. Walaine Hankins 4620 Discovery Point Discovery Bay, CA 94505 Phone: (925) 437-4721 Email: whankins@sbcglobal.net Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. 7:00 p.m. Antioch Senior Center 415 W. 2nd Street Antioch, CA 94509

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**DOLLY SINATRA** LODGE No. 2400 Anniv. May 29, 1977 PALM SPRINGS PRES. JOE LAPORTA 1536 Enclave Way Palm Springs, CA 92262 Phone: (760) 219-9171 Email: joeydoor@dc.rr.com Rec. Secty. Laura Scavo 29851 W. Trancas Dr. Cathedral City, CA 92234 Phone: 760-327-3177 Email: N/A Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. 6:00 p.m. Dolly Sinatra Lodge Hall 1700 Sahara Palm Springs, CA 92262

**GIUSEPPE VERDI** LODGE No. 1441 Anniv. Sept. 6, 1927 SPARKS, NV PRES. ROY STRALLA 15510 Quicksilver Drive Reno, NV 89511 Phone: (775) 742-4400 Rec. Secty. Monica Domini 4790 Caughlin Parkway #502 Reno, NV 89519 Phone: (775) 843-3733 Email: monicadomini@gmail. com Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church - Social Hall 2900 N. McCarran Blvd. Sparks, NV 89431

LA COSTA DEI FIORI LODGE No. 2424 Anniv. Oct. 22, 1978 **ENCINITAS** PRES. SAL DENARO 150 Lancer Ave. Oceanside, CA 92058 Phone: (760) 433-1183 Email: saljd55@cox.com Rec. Secty. Jeffrey Steckman 4230 La Portalada Dr. Carlsbad, CA 92010 Phone: (760) 458-9404 Email: jsteckman1aol.com Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tues. 7:30 p.m. Encinitas Elks Lodge 1393 Windsor Road Cardiff, CA 92007

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**LODGE No. 2743** Anniv. July 10, 1999 PARADISE PRES. WANDA TESSARO 14170 Wingate Circle Magalia, CA 95954 Phone: (530) 762-0053 Email: jwtessaro@sbcglobal.net Rec. Secty. Steve Neeley 1173 Waltons Mountain Rd. Paradise, CA 95969 Phone: (530) 872-9325 Email: neeleymas2@ yahoo.com Meets 3rd Tues. 6 p.m. Paradise Ridge Senior Center 877 Nunneley Rd. Paradise, CA 95969

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LODGE No. 1375 Anniv. Sept. 5, 1925 LOS ANGELES PRES.MICHAEL DIGIURO 1957 Mt. Shasta Drive San Pedro, CA 90732 Phone: (310) 522-9224 Email: mgdigiuro@yahoo.com Rec. Secty. Rosemarie Vanderhaar 801 West Duarte Road #I Monrovia, CA 91096 Phone: (626) 254-0449 Email: rgeorev@aol.com Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. 6:30 p.m. Casa Italiana 1039 N. Broadway Los Angeles, CA 90012

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### ROSEVILLE

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SALINAS LODGE No. 2082 Anniv. Mar. 8, 1959 SALINAS PRES. PAMELA DE ROSE 541 Belmont Dr. Salinas, CA 93901 Phone (831) 757-6843 Rec. Secty. Lillian Filice 29 Alameda Place Salinas, CA 93901 Phone: (831) 758-0449 Mets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. 7 p.m. Madonna Del Sasso Parish 320 E. Laurel Dr. Salinas, CA 93906

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LODGE No. 1898 Anniv. July 5, 1940 SANTA ROSA PRES. JOAN ACQUISTAPACE 113 Brooktrail Ct. Santa Rosa, Ca 95409 Phone: (707) 292-1480 Rec. Secty. Sue Tunstall 115 Brooktrail Ct. Santa Rosa, CA 95409 Phone: (707) 570-7779 Email: sinanon219@att.net Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. 6:00 p.m. **Brookwood Mobile Estates** 7000 Montecito Blvd. (Mobile Park) Santa Rosa, CA 95409

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LODGE No. 2519 Anniv. May 29, 1982 CHICO PRES. MICHAEL SMITH 1020 Lori Drive Chico, CA 95972 Phone: (530) 682-5641 Email: vettemikie@sbcglobal. net Rec. Secty. Yvette Sanfillipo 16 Jac-O-Lyn Way Chico, CA 95973 Phone: (530) 519-2974 Email: bellayvettechico@yahoo.com Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. 4:45 p.m. 2775 Nord Avenue Chico, CA 95973

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LODGE No. 1269 Anniv. Jan. 6, 1924 WEED PRES. Rec. Secty. Peggy Soletti P. O. Box 130 Weed, CA 96094 Phone: (530) 938-2881 Email: sole@cot.net Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. 6:00 p.m. Sons of Italy Memorial Hall 155 Clay Street Weed, CA 96094



WEST END LODGE No. 2127 Anniv. June 10, 1962 RANCHO CUCAMONGA PRES. DAVID CERBONI 12730 8th St. Yucaipa, CA 92399 Phone: (949) 220-4466 Email: oneitaliansonDMC@ yahoo.com Rec. Secty Robin Sindicich 1751 Partridge Ave. Upland, CA 91784 Phone (909) 949-1387 Email: robinsin@earthlink.net Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. 6:30 p.m. 7945 N. Vineyard Ave., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

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