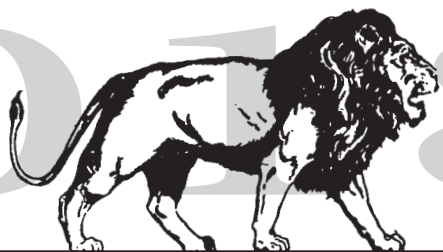


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A Message From The State President



State President
John Costa

As we turn the corner and enter into fall, we are once again reminded about the danger of fires. Again Northern California has been fighting wildfires. Next time you see a firefighter, thank them as they are putting their lives on the line to protect us. Pray for our members in Northern California (Redding, Shasta areas). Every year it seems the fire season grows. Be careful out there.

August has been a busy month, from picnics, to scholarship lunches, then back east, time with family and now it's September already. We need to slow the train down.

I just returned from our National plenary session in Crystal City, Virginia. I will give you a few highlights, but also see Immediate Past President, now National Trustee Lynn's report for more detail. National President Vera ran a very efficient meeting, keeping everyone on time. National, along with the Sons of Italy Foundation and CSJ are all running in the black. A legacy donation came to National last year in the amount of \$300,000, quite a surprise. This enabled them to pay down the mortgage on the Washington, DC office to be paid off in 2025. After a phone call from the lawyer of the estate the amount was increased by \$210,000, a portion of this was used to pay down the mortgage so the office will now be paid off in end of 2019. Besides this a van that has been modified for our wounded warriors

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News from the Central

by Arlene Nunziati
State 1st Vice President



Where has this month gone! Before I knew it, Andy was emailing me that it was the 20th and my article was due.

Nominations and elections of new officers for our filial lodges are just around the corner! Start thinking now of what office you would be interested in and who you would like for your officers!

More enjoyable picnics this month. The PIASC picnic at Blackberry Farm was terrific – more food than you could eat. The Monterey picnic was great and had all of my comfort food. Hot dogs and hamburgers. Great job Monterey Lodge. I am so proud of what they have done this past year.

Attended two Italian Heritage Nights; the A'a and the SF Giants. Great evenings and great crowds! Loved the gifts! And the fireworks at the A's were better than the 4th of July.

We attended the plenary in Crystal City, VA. That area has sure grown. It was a very successful session presided of course by our National President Vera Girolami. It was a great meeting, nice discussions and very relaxful. The meals were great. Great job done by Vera and National. We were supposed to bring our donations but some of the lodges are probably waiting for the convention next year in San Antonio but we raised a lot of money of our charities. I was very happy at the amount raised for Alzheimer's; \$25,501.00. Our lodge was second with our donation of \$5,600.00! Thank you California. Keep up the

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News from the South

by Sadie Tamburine
State 2nd Vice President



What a hot humid summer. I am so sorry I missed the last two days of Convention but my Grandson's wedding was a MUST for me. Congratulations to the Queen's Court and the scholarship recipients.

The hard work and many hours that West End put in was very evident

In the success of the convention. Thank you West End you make me very proud.

A lesson on Stress.

A young lady walked around the room holding a glass of water while leading a seminar stress management to her audience. Everyone expected her to ask the question "Half empty or half full"? She fooled everyone and asked "How heavy is this glass of water?" Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. to 20 oz.

She replied, the weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's no problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm.

If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes.

That's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy we won't be able to carry on.

As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with our burden – holding stress longer and better each time

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News from the North

by Barbara Wisniewski
State 3rd Vice President



This summer has been difficult for so many of us.

We lost Past State President, Chris Lotito. That was a personal loss for me as he shared so much knowledge of the Grand Lodge of California with me. I believe that his insight has put me in a better position to contribute to the Grand Lodge and you members.

The fires in California have affected so many of our Sisters and Brothers. I hope that any Lodge that has been affected would reach out to the Grand Lodge and let us know how we can assist. We here in Nevada have been dealing with the smoke and ash from these fires and many have had to stay indoors for most of the summer.

On a happy note, The Post Office in Vallejo was officially renamed the Janet Capella Post Office. What a tribute to an amazing woman. On a personal note, I met Janet many years ago at a National Convention in Parsippany, New Jersey. I drove her to a hair dresser to get her hair done and she never forgot. I was honored to be able to pick up the phone and to ask our Worthy Orator any ques-

tion as a Lodge President. Her advice has helped me become a better officer in our Grand Lodge.

Don't forget our Twelfth Annual Humanitarian Leadership Awards and Charity Gala. I know Second Vice-President Sadie and her committee are working hard to make this event a success. It would be wonderful to see the large crowd we have come to expect. This is a fund raiser for the Western Foundation, so it can continue to give monies to Charities and Scholarships. The Grand Council will be meeting that weekend so plan on dropping in on our meeting during the day. Both will be held on September 22nd at the Doubletree/Hilton in Santa Anna, CA.

It will be after Columbus Day before I get to speak to you again, so I'd like to say something about the continued controversy about Columbus. Did he and his men do all the terrible things that are being said about them? I don't know. I do, however, feel that holding 15th century people up to 21st century ethics is not reasonable. The thing is, we have considered Columbus Day as an Italian Heritage Day forever. I would hope that if cities, states, and our nation consider the renaming of a day that means so much to Italian Americans that they consider that.

We in Reno will be celebrating Columbus Day with our Annual Festival and I will be making sauce in the name of the Reno Sons and Daughters of Italy for you to sample if you come out our way on October 6th and 7th. You are welcomed to help with rolling meatballs or chopping herbs. Hope to see you then.

See you in October.



From the Editor's Desk

by Andy Pampuro
apampuro@comline.com



The July August issue of the Il Leone was quite large due to the convention. I hope you enjoyed the writeup on the convention plus all the pictures we published. The paper is done in increments of four pages so when we need to fill in we usually use the lodge roster and or the poem "I Am An Italian American." That is what happened with this issue. Debbie put in the two pages of lodge roster and the poem. I decided instead of the poem we will put in some of the pictures we left out just to full up the page which we did. There are a few repeats with the photos but that's okay as long as we

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filled the page. I am wondering how many of you even noticed repeat photos. Speaking of photos, you must have noticed that each month there are a bunch of photos of our Immediate Past Grand Lodge Queen. I have been asked about who pays for all those pictures. Just to let you know it is her grandmother Mary who pays and loves doing it. I hope I get to see most of you at the big Gala. Sounds like a great evening for three wonderful gentlemen.

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will be bought and donated. Sons of Italy Foundation will be purchasing van number 100. The Foundation is also investing a portion of the monies. The fundraiser for National (calendars) is doing well, California is leading the way by selling 177 calendars to date, they are still available, let’s try and hit 200 sold in California. We still have till the end of September.

The NELA held in May of 2018 was a success and plans for NELA 2019 are in the works. We were given a list of lodges not in compliance with the IRS. In California we are down to 3 lodges. We will be contacting you shortly. Many people ask me why they get calendars and T-shirts from the Sons of Italy Foundation. This a bulk mailing program the foundation does and it generates approx 300,000 dollars profit, we are not selling your addresses, it is just random. This has been a very successful program for fund raising.

First National Vice President Nancy is working on a revised Ritual & Protocol. We will have the first few sections available soon. The National Bylaws are being updated and should be available by the first of the New Year.

We presented our checks for the national charities; total for all grand lodges was \$69,203.00, Hats off to all the grand lodges for their generosity!

We are fast approaching our Grand Council meeting in September and our Western Foundation Gala. I hope to see a lot of members at Grand Council and come support our Gala. We will be honoring some amazing gentleman. This is one of the few fund raisers we have for the Western Foundation. Let’s all show our support.

October is right behind our Gala, and that means Columbus Day events, lets embrace our Italian heritage celebrate with respect and dignity. We are proud of our heritage so let’s show it.

Until next month....



First State Vice Predident’s
Message
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good work.

Exciting times coming up. Football season is again upon us! Looking forward to our Sunday games. So glad I live in California. I watched the 49er game in VA and was up until almost 2a!

Don’t forget the upcoming GALA. Get your ads and reservations in.

Ciao for now! Happy Labor Day.

Second State Vice
Predident’s Message
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practiced.

So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don’t carry them through the evening and into the night. Pick them up again tomorrow if you must.

1. Accept the fact that some days you’re the pigeon and some days you’re the statue!
2. Always keep your words soft and sweet just in case you have to eat them.
3. Drive carefully – It’s not only cars that are recalled by their maker
4. If you can’t be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
5. If you lend someone \$20 and never see them again, it was probably worth it.
6. Never buy a car you can’t push.
7. Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won’t have a leg to stand on.
8. Nobody cares if you can’t dance well. Just get up and dance.
9. Since it’s the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
10. The second mouse gets the cheese.
11. When everything’s coming your way , you’re in the wrong lane
12. Birthdays are good for you. The more you have the more you live.
13. Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
14. We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some pretty, some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.
15. A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY

Be the Kind of person that when your feet hit the floor each morning the devil says—“Oh Crap, she/he’s up!”

News Release: August 3, 2018

ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH
CELEBRATION

Where: Bowers Museum, Santa Ana, CA
When: Sunday, October 7th 10AM-12NOON

During the Italian Heritage Month Celebration, the Orange County American Italian Renaissance Foundation will honor Villa Park residents Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Eileen DeSantis. For over 45 years they have dedicated themselves to the betterment of the Italian community through their volunteer service, leadership and dedication in preserving and sharing Italian heritage and culture to the communities in Orange and Los Angeles counties, the State of California and the United States of America.

Other participants in the Italian Heritage Month Celebration will include local government officials, representatives of the Italian Government, represen-

tatives of Italian organizations and their members as well as community leaders and dignitaries.

Sponsorships will be solicited and encouraged to provide funds for use in the continuation and promotion of Italian cultural programs and exhibits at the world class Bowers Museum which has served as our Italian Cultural Center for Orange County since 1992, which was the 500th Year, the Quincentenary, of Columbus’ Discovery of America. During this historic timeframe, the Orange County American Italian Renaissance Foundation donated \$250,000 to the Museum in support of its expansion and renovation. Because of our generous donation, an agreement was contracted with

the Museum for the foundation to utilize the facility as a cultural center for the Italian American community.

Also in 1992, a bronze monument of Christopher Columbus was donated to the Museum and installed permanently in the Bowers Courtyard, which has been the site of Columbus Civic Celebration and wreath placement ceremony every first week of October along with other Italian themed festivities.

Submitted by Mary Jane Cambria
President, Orange County American Italian Renaissance Foundation

Garibaldi – Meucci Museum

Joy Bruno – State Chair/National Overseer

On behalf of the Museum and myself, THANK YOU to those who participated in the Flag fundraiser, it was a sight to behold again as it was last November.

“Hearing Voices” a DVD was played at the Convention in June. The conversations between Meucci and Garibaldi are, to be sure, the “voices” that everyone should hear. Inventor Antonio Meucci and General Giuseppe Garibaldi reunite as ghosts at the home they shared in

the 1850s, in Staten Island, New York. The two hash out their legacies of Italian Unification and the invention of the telephone and debate the bigger question : WHY DO WE FIGHT?

I have copies of the DVD if your Lodge would like one or I am happy to attend your meeting and show it for you.

The Museum is planning the annual fundraiser Luncheon on November 3, 2018 . I have attended for the last 3 years and am very proud to represent the California Grand

Lodge and Filial Lodges. Your Lodge will be receiving a book of tickets for the annual raffle, 1st prize of \$500, 2nd prize \$250 and 3rd prize \$100. It is only \$30 for a book of tickets please support this annual fundraiser.

We still have bricks available if you haven’t purchased one please think about it as a memorial of a special date or loved one. I have order forms and membership applications. Contact me , 1778 Nephi Drive Fairfield,CA 94534 (707)422-3391



Thank you

I would like to express that Chris would have been enamored by the love and respect that was bestowed upon him by the Order of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in his final farewell.

I am certain that at the funeral services held on July 23rd, 2018 he was looking down upon everyone in attendance and was in complete awe!

The Order was his second, if not his first family.

Words cannot begin to express my gratitude to our National President - Vera Girolami, State President - John Costa, Immediate Past President - Lynn Lawrence-Murphy, First Vice President - Arlene Nunziati, State Orator - Mark Vaona, North State Trustee - Bill Murphy, Central State Trustees- Pauline Richmond and Louise Salucci, South State Trustee -Manny Finazzo, State Committees/Chairpersons; il Leone, Media - Andy Pampuro and wife Louise, Birth Defects-Hazel Ann Christin, Budget /Finance - David Lavezzari, Queen Contest-Eva Lavezzari, Scholarship- Rosemarie Vanderhaar, Garibaldi- Joy Bruno and Lodges by their Presidents or Members; Anaheim, Centinela Valley, Columbia, Cornelia Vita - Nuova, Enrico Caruso, Hacienda, Hanford, Northern Solano, Pugliese, Renaissance, Saddleback. St. Helena, and Virgilio.

I have heartfelt thanks to family and friends for their unwavering love and support, the beautiful flowers that lit up the room, the many mass cards and the generous donations to the Chris Lotito scholarship.

God Bless to all.

With love,

Mary Lotito

Columbus Day

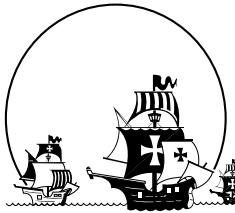
During the month of October many lodges will be celebrating Columbus Day with civic ceremonies. In the November issue of Il Leone we'll have all the stories. Below are photos of different types of statues depicting Columbus that the Sons of Italy was responsible in erecting.



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.

Saddleback Valley Lodge # 2566

Mission Viejo, CA
by Andy Pampuro, Immediate Past President



Our hostesses for our August meeting. L/R Theresa Vinciguerra, First Lady Michelle Lowinger and Andrea Carpenter. This is their first attempt to host a dinner and they were very successful. The meal was delicious.



Our Sunshine Lady spoke to us about her Grandfather and all he did in his lifetime. It was very interesting.

Valley of the Moon Lodge # 1959

Sonoma, CA
by Susan Antonini



State Deputy Gloria Garibaldi and New Member Kaaren Leslie Fuller Wilson and SOI President Paul Grant.

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Dice

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A typical die is a cube with each of its six faces showing a number of dots from 1 to 6. More than one die is usually thrown at a time so they are commonly known by the plural word "dice." In Italian, dice are called "dadi."

Swindlers sometimes use "loaded dice," which are made to land showing a preferred number in order to cheat at gambling. They have cheated using loaded dice since ancient times.

Not all dice are shaped as cubes, and their faces can be marked with symbols instead of numbers. Dice are used for generating random numbers. They are suitable for gambling and for tabletop games.

Dice have also been used for divination. Priests to know the will of the gods or to predict future events used them. Fortune-tellers and magicians sometimes incor-

porate dice into their practices. The early Christians saw divination as the work of the devil. The edict of Theodosius in 391 banned pagan worship and divination.

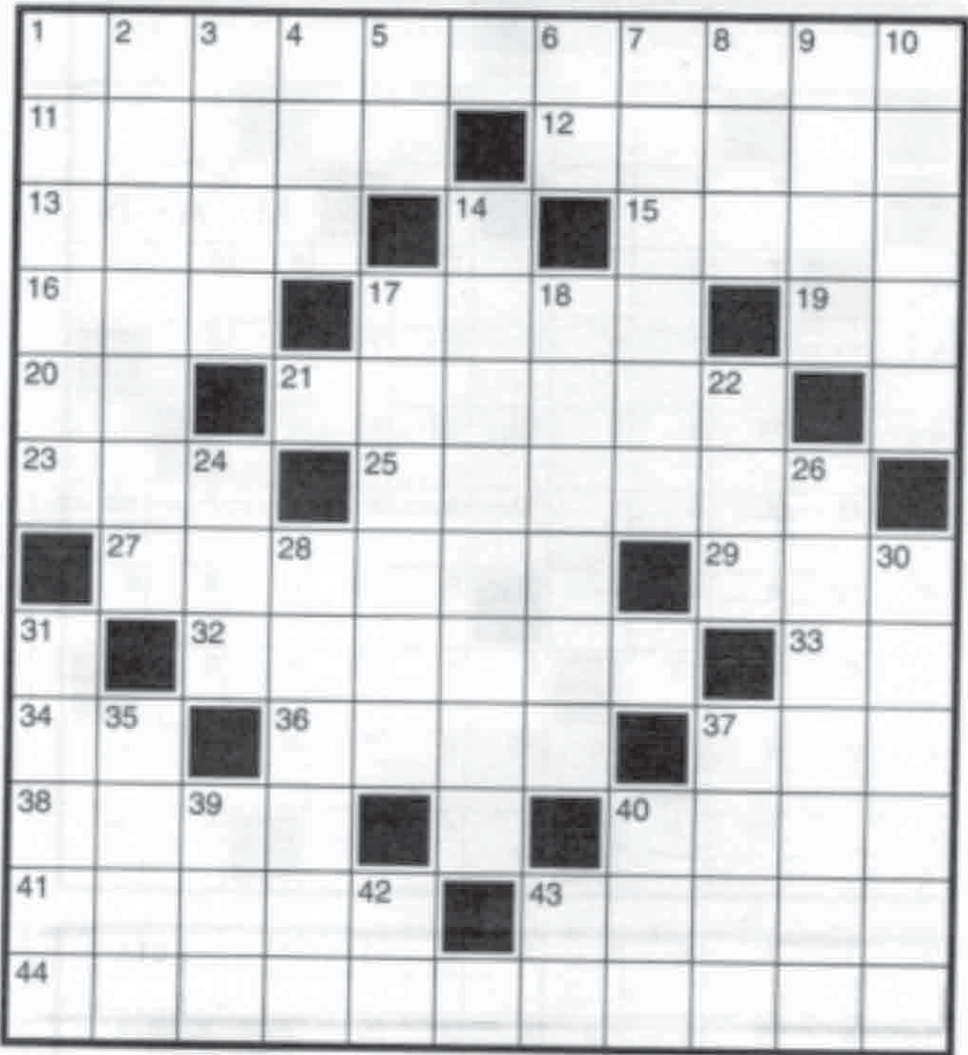
The Egyptian game of Senet was played before 3000 B.C. and up to the 2nd century A.D. The Romans were passionate bettors, mentioned by ancient authors and depicted in art. When Julius Caesar crossed the river Rubicon to march on Rome he was said to have declared, "Alea iacta est" (The die is cast).

People in all parts of the world have made and used dice. Some antique dice were made of expensive material such as ivory. Some dice were kept in special boxes, and a dice cup was used to throw the dice. Today, antique collectors seek those antique dice and dice boxes.



Dice made of ivory from the 1800s.

CRUCIVERBA



ORIZZONTALI: 1. Località della Costa Azzurra (due parole) - 11. Relativo al Mongibello - 12. Smangiati dalle acque - 13. Regalo - 15. James di "Gioventù bruciata" - 16. Uncino per la pesca - 17. Non tutti vengono per nuocere - 19. In luce - 20. Sigla di Rieti - 21. Uomo sposato - 23. Risonanza - 25. Scrisse "Pel di Carota" - 27. Misteriosa - 29. Aria dantesca - 32. Va saldato - 33. La prima consonante - 34. La Reggio del Sud (sigla) - 36. Colline di sabbia - 37. Veicolo pubblico - 38. Re marito di Ginevra - 40. Santa da Cascia - 41. Respiro - 43. Balzi - 44. Mucchio disordinato.

VERTICALI: 1. Placare - 2. Una bomba potentissima - 3. Canto patriottico - 4. Leggero difetto - 5. Sigla di Torino - 6. Capo coronato - 7. Tramata - 8. Edgar Allan scrittore - 9. Fratello di Giacobbe - 10. Il suo simbolo è "Zn" - 14. Anna di Tolstoj - 17. Uccello africano - 18. Un aeroporto milanese - 22. Adesso - 24. Ordine (abbrev.) - 26. Esordi teatrali - 28. Passato ad altri - 30. Vi lavora la mondina - 31. L'arte del gioielliere - 35. Solleva l'automobile - 37. Famoso Bufalo - 39. Segue il tic - 40. Ragioniere in breve - 42. Centro della Scozia - 43. Fine di corsa.

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Louis Smaldino	Pugliese	1315
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Roy Uccelli	Columbia	1940
Louis Sylvesteri	Valley of the Moon	1959



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Notes from the Summer National Plenary August 2018

Having just returned from the National Summer Plenary, I wanted to share a few highlights from the meetings. California was represented by State President John Costa, State 1st Vice President Arlene Nunziati, Past State President and Foundation Trustee, Maria Pignati and me. National President Vera Girolami conducted an informative, productive and well-organized Plenary.

The Financial picture for the Supreme Lodge and the Sons of Italy Foundation look very bright. At this Plenary Session, an Audit of the books since the 2017 convention and an inventory of items at the Supreme Lodge Office was conducted by several National Trustees and the Supreme Lodge Financial Officers. The Sons of Italy Foundation received a very sizable donation from the estate of a lady from New York State, and the Direct Mail Program has been very successful bringing in over \$300,00.00 in 2017 and will be doing the same for 2018. The Finance Committee is recommending moving that \$300,000 into “3 month Treasury Bills” which yield higher interest rates. While the Foundation is doing very well so are the Supreme Lodge and CSJ (both are operating in the Black). An IRS update on all national lodges was given – 36 lodges’ non-profit status have been revoked (there are 3 in CA). Don’t forget to file your 990 returns yearly and submit approval to the Grand Lodge Office by May 15th.

National 1st Vice President Nancy Quinn stated the October Calendar Program is progressing nicely with California presently leading the sales. Keep selling those calendars! Be sure to check out the Online Store www.cafepress.com/osia for a variety of OSIA and Italian items for sale. Proceeds will go to the Supreme Lodge. Nancy and her committee have revised two parts of the National Ritual and Protocol Guidelines (the Ceremony for the Installation of New Members and Conducting Regular Meetings). Her committee is hoping to have several more areas to share at the February National Plenary.

National 2nd Vice President Robert Bianchi reported that there were some by-laws issues/disputes that have gone smoothly thanks to National Orator Michael Creedon who has done a great job. Orator Creedon requested that all By-law Changes be turned in by December, so he can report back at the February meeting, and be ready for the August Convention. Brother Bianchi shared that the new website is coming along very well, and that they are in the process of allowing lodges to tie into the new National Website. They are also in the progress of creating a Business Directory.

National 3rd Vice President Joseph Boncore shared information on the Garibaldi Meucci Museum which still has bricks for sale and will be having their 30th Annual Fundraiser Luncheon on November 3rd, 2018. They will be holding a raffle as well. Tickets are \$5.00 per ticker or \$30.00 per book. Contact me if interested in purchasing. Both Autism and Cooley’s Anemia will be having fund raisers as well. Brother Boncore stated that The Future Good of the Order Committee have developed a Membership Retention Manual which will be ready for distribution in the future. Committee Chair Carolyn Cianciotta shared a social event called “Cinderella’s Closet that combines elements of a fashion show and a silent auction raising money for scholarships and helps disadvantaged high school girls attend the Prom In style. See me for more information on this newsworthy event that would help spread the word about our lodges and what we do.

National 4th Vice President Michael Polo stated they are hoping to have another Student Summit in the future. He also mentioned the tremendous successes with the Scholarship Programs and the outstanding quality of students presented with scholarships at the May 2018 NELA Gala. National has been working on a new format for this event, learning along the way, and will be continuing to move forward. NELA will take place next May again at the Gaylord in Maryland. Brother Polo’s committee is also in the process of preparing an Employee Policy. The membership Committee chaired by Dr Mark De Nunzio and John Caroché have held monthly conference calls to develop ideas and a marketing plan to make available ultimately to the local, state and national lodges of OSIA. National’s current membership for the 1st Quarter of 2018 is 33,729 down from 35,098 during the 4th Quarter 2017. As you can see, membership is our top issue to address.

National 5th Vice President Richard Della Croce stated he will be sending out information to all Grand Lodges regarding the Sellaro and Marconi Awards which will be presented at the 2019 Convention next August in San Antonio, TX.

National Historian Carolyn Reres reported that she is communicating with Seaton Hall regarding the archiving of

365 Fund Raiser - Winners

July 16-31

16	\$25.00	Linda De Palma
17	\$25.00	Jaden Gonzalez
18	\$25.00	Mike Silva
19	\$25.00	Lou Marzullo
20	\$25.00	Paula Rossetto
21	\$25.00	Sal Lanzilotta
22	\$25.00	Pam Stewart
23	\$25.00	Alan Schlappy
24	\$25.00	Tim Hildreth
25	\$25.00	Yolanda Ivaldi
26	\$25.00	Susanne Simon
27	\$25.00	Dave Lovecchio
28	\$25.00	Pam Tedesco
29	\$25.00	Jason Trigleth
30	\$25.00	Linda Nunziati
31	\$50.00	Dave Lovecchio

Aug. 1-15

1	\$25.00	Jim Mangiehl
2	\$25.00	Louise Pampuro
3	\$25.00	John Nardi
4	\$25.00	Mary Lombardo
5	\$25.00	Pam Tedesco
6	\$25.00	Gale Spano
7	\$25.00	Brigitte Epstein
8	\$25.00	Tony Naccarota
9	\$25.00	Nancy Quinn
10	\$25.00	Vincent Zaccaria
11	\$25.00	Paul Polo
12	\$25.00	Colombia Lodge
13	\$25.00	Mary Lotito (For Chris)
14	\$25.00	Arlene Nunziati
15	\$25.00	Ann Wendel

Lodge Anniversaries

September	
Colomba Stella #1149	9/22/22
Pugliese #1375	9/5/25
Giuseppe Verde #1441	9/16/27

Congratulations!!!

QSIA artifacts. Carolyn asked if we are aware of any statues of Columbus in our states, please contact her. It was also suggested that each state compile a list of the number of scholarships and amount of monies distributed locally and state-wide as well as nationally each year. Another way of letting people know what we are all about.

Starting this year, all donations to charities will be reported yearly rather than bi-annually at the National Convention. This year a total of \$69,203.00 was collected for Alzheimers, Autism, Cooley’s Anemia, the Garibaldi Museum and CSJ. At the 2018 NELA, 2 Vans were donated to 2 disabled military veterans, and it was voted to donate another van this year. They are searching for a school that needs rebuilding or a worthy project to directly send the \$180,000.00 that was collected nationally for the Italian Earthquake Relief Fund. Our Order is a truly generous organization! We need to stop being kept a secret, and let the public know what we do for students, veterans, charities and disaster relief.

The National Winter Plenary will be in our own backyard. Save the dates February 27 to March 2, 2019 to greet and meet with your National Brothers and Sisters at the Hyatt Mission Bay in San Diego.

Fraternally yours,
Lynn
National Trustee CA

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Vallejo Lodges

by Sharon Silveira

Hats...yes there were hats and several of them previously
owned by Janet Capello but worn on August 3rd to the cerem-
ony renaming Vallejo's newest post office in her honor. The idea
originated with Verna Mustico who considers Janet "one of
Vallejo's greatest women". She contacted Solano County Super-
visor Erin Hannigan, who in turn contacted Congressman Mike
Thompson and he introduced and championed the bill that was
passed and signed in April. Presiding over the impressive cer-
emony was Crystal Jones, USPS Senior Operations Manager.
Addressing the crowd, which was composed of many OSDIA
members, Grand Lodge officers and past city dignitaries, were
Verna Mustico, State President John Costa, Solano County Su-
pervisor Erin Hannigan and Congressman Mike Thompson.
The plaque was unveiled and a replica presented to Adeline
Nettleton who was seated next to Frank Locicero, resplendent
in his orange sport coat and Janet's matching orange hat. Small
commutative pins resembling stamps but with Janet's photo
were keepsakes provided by the post office, in addition to a
lunch reception with cake. Another reception followed at the
Vallejo Lodge's building where stories and memories of Janet
were shared and celebrated.

Vacation....our Sunday dinner crew is taking a break in Sep-
tember and so circle your calendars and join us for our next
Sunday dinner on October 14th. Our regular monthly meeting
is the 2nd Tuesday of the month, preceded by dinner at 6:30
p.m. Come join us!



1 to r: State President John Costa, Congressman Mike Thompson,
Verna Mustico, Roberty Reynosa and Supervisor Erin Hannigan.

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C. Colombo Lodge #1315

Antioch, CA
by Zelda LeFraki-Belleci



Oh Happy Day! The “Davi Girls” were big winners at the recent Bingo Fund Raiser hosted by C. Colombo Lodge. Geraldine Davi walked off with the 50/50 award while sister Debbi won two game prizes. Seen above is Lodge Vice President Lisa Belleci-Navaro presenting a winning gift basket to Geradine, topping off a very lucky day!



Katie Castro is greeting guests and handling ticket sales at the Bingo Fund Raiser hosted by C. Colombo Lodge #1315. Katie is on the Charities Committee for the Lodge. Recent C. Colombo projects have benefitted the local food pantry as well as school supplies and back packs for elementary age students.

NATIONAL PLENARY - AUGUST 11, 2018



L-R: NAT'L PRES. VERA DIGIROLAMI; NAT'L REC. SEC. PHIL PRIVITERA & NAT'L SOI FDN PRES. JOE DITRAPANI. ON THE 9TH ANNIVERSARY OF JENNIE "JEAN" PRIVITERA'S PASSING, SON PHIL PRIVITERA AUGMENTED THE ENDOWED PRIVITERA NELA SCHOLARSHIP. (ARLINGTON - VA)



Junior Members of C. Colombo Lodge #1315 take a active role in Lodge meetings and fundraising projects. Seen above Anna Lucido, Sunshine Chair of the Lodge selling tickets at recent Bingo Party hosted by C. Colombo. Also volunteering at the event was Ethan Esposito, Lodge Chaplin, not pictured because he was “working the room”. Hoping to be a lucky winner is ticket buyer Jennifer Belleci.

Hanford Lodge # 1543

Hanford, CA
by Jackie Giacomazzi
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Gianna Benedetti, Grand Lodge Miss California and Roma Lodge Queen joined Annamarie Tesoriere, Grand Lodge Miss America and Hanford Lodge Queen at the Hanford Lodge annual hotdog roast and swim party in August. The two girls were on the winning bocce team!



Lilia Giacomazzi celebrated 105 years young at a party in her on honor on July 21 at the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia, CA.



The Giacomazzi Family was honored by the dairy industry on June 29 as they are named Dairy Family of the Year for is 125 years of continuous milk production on its facility founded in 1893.

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Annamarie Tesoriere is pictured as she was crowned Miss America at the Grand Lodge Convention in Ontario on June 29.



Joan Little presented a gift to President Charles Sant'Agata and his wife Joyce on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on June 29. The couple celebrated their special day at the Grand Lodge Convention.



George and HazelAnn Christin celebrated 60 years of "wedded bliss" in August. The couple is pictured here on their wedding day!!

Cesare Battisti
Lodge # 1518

Petaluma, CA
by Louise Vicino
Greetings from Petaluma!

Just got home from a meeting, remembered I had an article to put into the Il Leone and I rushed to my computer to try and get it in just in time. It's been a busy, but beautiful day here in Petaluma. But the year sure is flying by.

We had a nice meeting this month. President Ann runs a good meeting. Ed Santero and his crew provided us all with a delicious dinner. Our thanks to them and to all who helped in any way. Plan to come next month. I don't know what the menu is, but our dinners are always delicious and dining with our fellow members makes it very pleasant.

Ron Lake mentioned that he has baskets for future raffles and that if anyone would like to take a basket and fill it, it would be greatly appreciated and would make money for the Lodge. He mentioned that two or three people could donate to one basket, if they wanted to do so

President Ann said that they will be having election of officers soon and if anyone would like to run for an office they can let her or one of the officers know. She encouraged members to become an officer and had descriptions of the offices and their duties. So sign up! Go for it!

Dedication of a Post Office in Vallejo, was given in Janet Capello's name. She was a young girl when she joined the Sons of Italy and gave her all for her Vallejo Lodge. She loved hats and you rarely saw her without one. She hosted many fashion shows and raised a lot of money for her Lodge. We had her presence at many of our meetings.

The monthly drawing was won by Kaye Stack.

Our next meetings will be September 14th and October 11th. Plan to attend and give your support to the Lodge.

Don't forget to purchase a raffle ticket for the North to Alaska Cruise which sails on Sept. 3, 2019. For \$20 you have the chance to win a trip for two, valued at \$6,169 on the Grand Princess which sails from San Francisco. For more information give Ernie Giono a call at 707-585-2829.

Remember to call Marie DiCarli for dinner reservations.

Get well wishes to Betty Finkbonner, Bruno Fomasi, Frank Cresci and anyone else who is ill. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to anyone celebrating.

Keep the homeless, service people and our Country in your thoughts and prayers.

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

Past Queen Mary Lucido



Roma Lodge #1573

Tulare, CA
by Larry Dutto

August is Junior Member Night for Roma Lodge members as the lodge celebrates its junior members at a special meeting just prior to the start of the school year. Of the 300 plus members of Roma Lodge over 160 are members 20 years of age or younger.

President **David DePaoli** turned over lodge ceremonies to the junior members and a special raffle was held featuring back-to-school items for junior members who were on hand. **Lorraine Cleek, Maryann Luis and Larry Dutto** put together an excellent meal of BBQ hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken tenders and French fries for the juniors.



Roma Lodge President **David DePaoli** assists junior member **Sophia Gomes** serve as president for the junior member night at the August meeting.



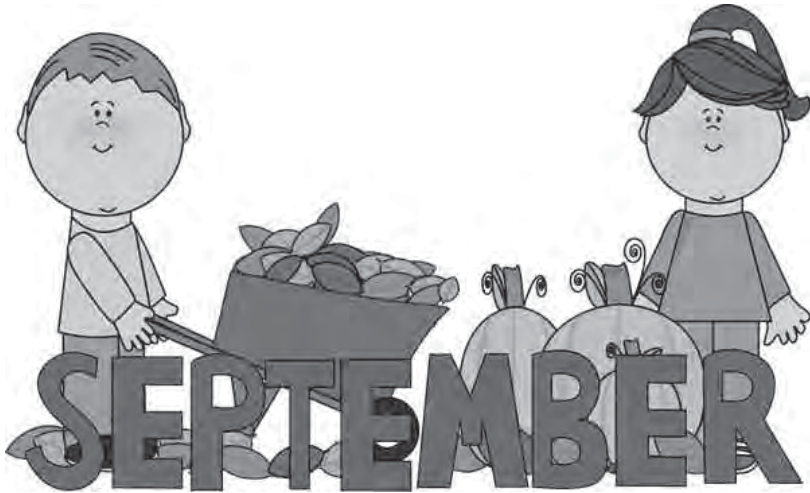
Roma Lodge Junior Members show off all the great back-to-school items they received as part of the special raffle just for them.



Junior member advisor **Pam Sola** is with junior members who made aprons for the Grand Lodge Convention. Their display won top honors in the competition. In the front are (l-r) **Adelyn Watkins, Giulia Watkins** and **Eva Gomes** with Pam and **Sophia Gomes** behind the display.



Roma Lodge members had a special treat at the August meeting when **Grand Lodge Queen Brianna Simon** attended the meeting. Also, in attendance were **Hanford Lodge Queen Anaamarie Tesoriere-Miss America** (left) and **Roma Lodge Queen Gianna Benedetti-Miss California**.



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DARTMOUTH COLLEGE HONORS 2018 CALIFORNIA HUMANITARIAN PRIVITERA

Article by: Francis J. Kautz, Esq.

Just weeks before returning to California for the Humanitarian Leadership Awards Gala, Humanitarian Award Recipient Phil Privitera was honored by Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire.

On Thursday, August 16, 2018, Dartmouth College held a dinner in honor of Philip J. Privitera. Mr. Privitera who earned both a Bachelor’s Degree and a Master’s Degree from Dartmouth, remains an active Dartmouth Alumnus and serves on the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Alumni Council.

The dinner opened with Dr. Donald E. Pease, Jr. -- Dartmouth’s Ted and Helen Geisel (i.e. Dr. Seuss) Third Century Professor in the Humanities. Dr. Pease praised the many and various contributions of Mr. Privitera. Specifically, he addressed Privitera’s willingness to help out in any capacity -- whether dedicating time, services or simply offering an opinion. Dr. Pease spoke for nearly 15 minutes about Privitera, including great praise for Privitera’s pride and accomplishments in the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, with specific reference to Privitera’s upcoming Award as the California Grand Lodge Humanitarian of the Year (September 22, 2018, Santa Ana).

In 1991, Privitera took a calculated risk to leave Columbia University’s prestigious School of International and Public Affairs in order to return to Dartmouth College to study under the late Dr. John A. Rassias and pursue a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies degree (or MALS) – which, at that time, was not part of an established Graduate School. Professor Rassias had been a great inspiration to Privitera throughout his undergraduate and graduate careers. Rassias’ spirit, combined with the loving culture of the Dartmouth Community, quickly led Privitera to fully embrace Dartmouth Life and become a leader. Privitera jested generally about his life: “whenever the ‘going gets tough,’ I know I can always go back to Dartmouth.”

Rassias had originally introduced Privitera to Pease, who is now the Chair of MALS. Dr. Pease revealed that, in fulfillment of one of Privitera’s dreams, the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program is now the crowning jewel of the newly established School of Graduate and Advanced Studies at Dartmouth -- which was recently named after an Italian-American: Francis J. Guarini (former US House of Representative from New Jersey, 1979-93).

The First Dean of the Dartmouth Frank J. Guarini School of Graduate and Advanced Studies, Dr. F. Jon Kull (a former college mate of Phil) was also in attendance. In acknowledgement of their contributions to Dartmouth, Privitera presented plaques to Dr. Pease, Dean Kull, as well as, to Dean Lee Coffin.

Privitera stated the most emotional part of the evening occurred for him when three current Dartmouth Seniors spoke -- Armin Mortazavi '19, Jimmy McHugh '19, and Varsity Football Captain Jack Traynor '19. They only knew Privitera by reputation and had sought to attend the dinner for the opportunity to meet him. While they admitted they had never met Privitera, all three seniors expressed the impact that Privitera’s accomplishments and legacy had on their lives, as well as, the lives of so many other students during their Dartmouth College experience.

Rodolfo Valentino Lodge #1449

Clovis, CA
by Carole Watson, Pres.,
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Last Month: Our August meeting was very informal; friends talking to friends with just a little bit of lodge business thrown in. The parade committee will go ahead with plans for the new float, with details to be discussed with the builder.

This Month: Most likely we will be planning for the October 08 Pasta Fest; this dinner will be set up to honor our very own Carmela Liberta, who has recently passed away. Also, if you are a Saint Elias fan, as I am, see Isabel Ronzano, (559) 297-0851, for tickets for their upcoming dinner at the Fresno Convention Center. And ... the Fresno Sons and Daughters of Italy will be having their dinner and raffle party on Tuesday, September 18; contact Olivia Gallegos at (559) 251-5992 for ticket and time information.

Humanity has over 3,000 years of experience with the practice of immunization, so now is not a time to stop: get your flu shot as soon as you can.

The United Lodges meeting will be on September 09 in Visalia at their lodge on Goshen Street beginning at 11:30 AM; RSVP by: September 5, 2018, to President Larry at Romanazzilarry@msrcpa.com (559) 733 1461; or jackiegiacomazzi@gmail.com (559) 584 7433; Celebration of Carol Watson’s birth date will be at Boo Bean Bakery between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM ... RSVP to Jennie Rivera at (559) 287-9377.

Not all Italians speak “regular Italian”; many speak only in their local dialects; also, some speak only German or French, depending on where they are from.

Next Months will be busy: Our normal meeting day, October 15, is cancelled due to the Pasta Fest the prior week. Our Pasta Fest will be October 08 (remind your friends, family, and acquaintances, and arrange for your tickets. The ticket prices remain the same: \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for children ... make your checks payable to Rodolfo Valentino Lodge; contact Carol Watson at (559) 299-1941; November 19 will be our Thanksgiving Dinner; and, December 17 will most likely be our Christmas Dinner.

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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I'm an Italian American

I am an Italian-American. My roots are deep in an ancient soil, drenched by the Mediterranean sun, and watered by pure streams from snow capped mountains.

I am enriched by thousands of years of culture.

My hands are those of the mason, the artist, the man of the soil.

My thoughts have been recorded in the annals of Rome, the poetry of Virgil, the creations of Dante, and the philosophy of Benedetto Croce. I am an Italian-American, and from my

ancient world, I first spanned the seas of the new world. I am Cristoforo Colombo.

I am Giovanni Caboto known in American history as John Cabot, discoverer of the mainland of North America.

I am Amerigo Vespucci, who gave my name to the new world, America.

First to sail on the Great Lakes in 1679, founder of the territory that became the State of Illinois, colonizer of Louisiana and Arkansas, I am Enrico Tonti.

I am Filippo Mazzei, friend of Thomas Jefferson and my thesis on the equality of man was written into the Bill of Rights.

I am William Paca, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

I am an Italian-American. I financed the Northwest Expedition of George Rogers Clark and accompanied him through the lands that would become Ohio, Indiana, Illinois,

Wisconsin, and Michigan. I am Colonel Francesco Vigo.

I mapped the Pacific from Mexico to Alaska and to the Philippines.

I am Alessandro Malaspina.

I am Giacomo Beltrami, discoverer of the source of the Mississippi River in 1823.

I created the Dome of the United States Capitol. They called me the Michelangelo of America. I am Constantino Brumidi.

In 1904, I founded in San Francisco, the Bank of Italy now known as the Bank of America, the largest financial institution in the world. I am A. P. Giannini.

I am Enrico Fermi, father of nuclear science in America.

First enlisted man to win the medal of Honor in World War II,

I am John Basilone of New Jersey.

I am an Italian-American. I am the million strong who served in America's armies and the tens of thousands whose names are enshrined in military cemeteries

from Guadalcanal to the Rhine.

I am the steel maker in Pittsburgh, the grower in the Imperial Valley of California, the textile designer in Manhattan, the movie maker in Hollywood, the home maker and the breadwinner in 10,000 communities.

I am an American without stint or reservation, loving this land as only one who understands history, its agonies and its triumphs can love it and serve it.

I will not be told that my contribution is any less nor my role not as worthy as that of any other American.

I will stand in support of this nation's freedom and promise against all foes. My heritage has dedicated me to this nation. I am proud of my full heritage, and I shall remain worthy of it.

I Am An Italian-American.

by Angelo Bianchi, Esq.