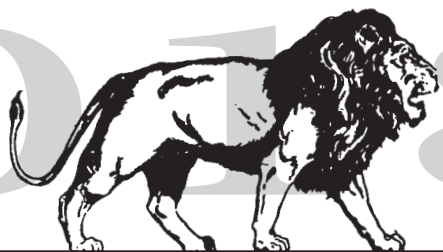


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A Message From The State President



*State President
John Costa*

As we start the New Year I was hoping to have a positive start to my article. As fires rage on in southern California, we pray not only for those affected by the fires but also those first responders who are risking their life to help protect us. God bless them all.

We also lost another Past State President to the Grand Lodge above. Joe LaBanca was a true member of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary and her family during this time. Joe had a hand in my meeting the current First Lady Donna Lee. At my first convention in 2003 Joe was running for office and held a reception after one of the sessions, I decided

to join the festivities and while there Evelyn Fox introduced me to Donna Lee and her Mother Lynn. Donna Lee and I have on display in a frame the invitation from that event with the Italian flag and the OSIA logo. We even had Joe sign the back for us to remember that night. Thank you Joe for all you did for us, for the Grand Lodge of California and National. You will be missed!!!

I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year celebration. During the month of December I was a judge at a cookie contest, honored at a dinner and attended a few Christmas Dinners. First the cookie contest, it's amazing how 150 plus people get excited for a small cookie, great job Zelda and her committee for putting on a wonderful celebration for the Cuccidati cookie.

Later in December I was honored by the Vallejo Lodges for my being elected your State President. What a great evening, from great company, great music and great food. Thank you to all the members who attended including the State Officers who took time out of there busy schedules to

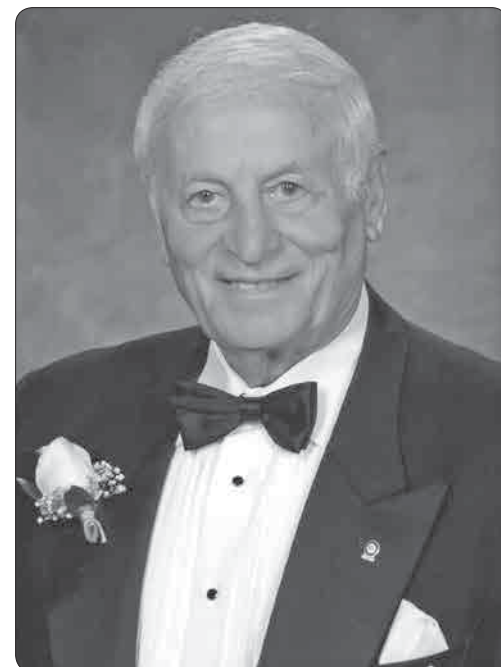
attend, thank you Spark Sisters for the outstanding music, you two young ladies are amazing. Thank you also to the Vallejo lodges for their love and kindness, Pam and Glen from the bottom of my heart THANK YOU. And yes Louise I will buy you a drink for getting stuck in traffic.

Ok onto business, it's a start of the New Year and time to get out there and promote the OSIA; it's amazing how many people have never heard of our organization. Let's get the word out there. Membership has to be a key this year. Grand council will be held in Sacramento in March 2018, I am beginning to prepare for this. Also our convention co-coordinators Lori and Lynn are working on the convention in Ontario in June. Thank you both for all the hard work.

The 365 raffle tickets are once again for sale for the year 2018. These make nice gifts for friends and relatives, it's amazing how many lodges have purchased a ticket and has won numerous times. Just think if everyone bought just one. Think about it. Till next month.

Mille grazie

Joseph LaBanca 1931 - 2017



It is with a very sad heart we announce the passing of Past State President Joseph LaBanca on December 12, 2017. Joe was born in the southern part of Italy. Soon after World War II he moved to Milano. There he attended an industrial school and worked as a manager of a furniture manufacturing company. Joe served in the Italian army for two years. At the age of 28 he married his sweetheart, Mary, and they both migrated to the United States in 1960. They had three children, Vince, Dino and Lorella. Their son Vince passed away earlier this year. Joe and Mary have four grandchildren who are the love of their lives.

In 1963 Joe started a business he called LaBanca Cabinets. A few years later he opened a construction company he called J.L. and Sons, Inc. Due to his high quality work and exceptional performance the California License Board offered him a position as a committee member of the board. At the young tender age of 55 Joe successfully retired from his two businesses. He also was a part owner of Rosa's Italian Restaurant in Ontario.

In 1968 Joe joined the Order Sons of Italy which was the beginning of his many years of service and dedication, not only with the Order but with his heritage. As a member of the Hacienda Lodge he held many positions including that of president for four years. Then in 1997 he was elected our State Orator and in 2001 he was elected State Third Vice President. In 2003 he became the State Second Vice President and in 2007 he reached his goal as our State President. He did a magnificent job and won the hearts of many of our members.

As our State President his goals were to increase membership, establish a Public Relations and Task Force Chair and build a strong financial bank account for both the Grand Lodge and the Western Foundation.

During his term as State President Joe traveled up and down the state never charging a dime for his expenses. Joe was one of the most generous member we ever had.

On June 2nd in 2010 the President of Italy, the honorable George Napolitano awarded Joe with the title of Commendatory.

Joe was also the State Deputy to the United Lodges of Southern California. We will miss his gentle smile and his dedication. Rest in peace Joe you will be missed.



From the Grand Lodge Office

Attention Financial Secretaries: New membership applications will be arriving in the new year. Once you receive them please dispose of all older applications.

Note:

- Applications **MUST** be **COMPLETELY** filled out or they will be returned. Don't forget to check that the following are included:
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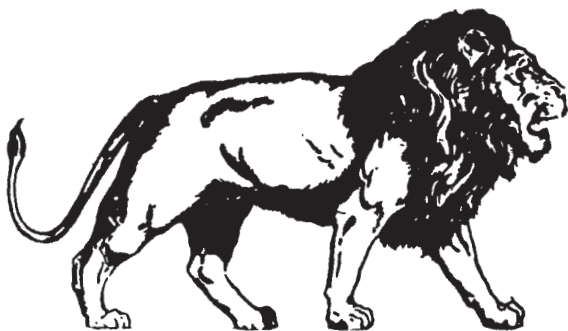
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From the Editor's Desk

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Wishing you
all a very
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New Year
from Andy and Louise
Pampuro
and Debbie Ure





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News from the Central

by Arlene Nunziati
State 1st Vice President



My wishes to all of you for a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy 2018 New Year!

2017 took another great man and Past State President. I was shocked when I heard that Joe LaBanca had passed. My love and sympathy to Mary and the Family. I was privileged to be his State Recording Secretary for two years.

December has been pretty quiet as far as Sons of Italy events. I attended the annual Christmas Party of the Giuseppe Mazzini Lodge and again had a delicious dinner and a great time. They are a fun group of people led by a great President in Gina Lovecchio.

The Columbia Lodge choir again entertained the residents at Atria. The Choir has been performing every Christmas for over 30 years.

I was able to get away for a weekend trip to Portland and spend time with family. Linda and I had a nice time together, did some shopping, eating and attended my Cousin Charles's 70th birthday which was close friends and more Marcucci family. Great time.

Came home and had some health issues so been laying low and getting ready for Christmas. I missed some fun dinners due to the illness.

We are thrilled this year to have my cousin visiting us at Christmas from Lucca. It will be different for her celebrating the holidays in the States. Looking forward to having my grandson's home.

The new membership system in the Grand Lodge office is coming along very nicely and we should be converted over in a few months. Gina is working out very well and is very organized so the office is getting a makeover!

Looking forward to a great 2018 – good bye 2017 – you will not be missed!

Ciao until next year.

News from the South

by Sadie Tamburine
State 2nd Vice President



December is a happy month as we await the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. It can also be very sad when we lose a very dear friend. Joe La Banca is a tremendous loss to

I would like to share these words of wisdom from a very wise and humble man, Ghandi.

Keep your thoughts positive because
Your thoughts become your words

Keep your words positive because
Your words become your behavior

Keep your habits positive because
your habits become your values

Keep your values positive because
Your values become your destiny

I trust everyone had a Blessed Christmas and are looking forward to a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

the Sons of Italy. His passion, devotion and dedication to his Italian Heritage is very difficult to duplicate. I saw him at the United Lodges Toys for Tots the day before he had his heart attack. He looked so good, color back in his face and as always so willing to help wherever he could. We had a wonderful conversation about the 2018 Humanitarian Gala. He gave me so many suggestions and support that will be very helpful to me as we progress with the plans. Please remember to put that date on your calendar. Saturday September 22, 2018. My Prayers and Condolences to Mary and her family.

News from the North

by Barbara Wisniewski
State 3rd Vice President



Here we are, at the beginning of a new year! It is so hard to believe.

Now that the parties are over it is time for our lodge officers and members to get to work making successful membership drives. I have seen so many innovative ways to bring in new members. I've seen lodges give a free year's dues to new members, free year's dues to members that bring in so many new members, scholarships to members children or grandchildren only, etc. My favorite statement on membership came from a very dear brother, Louie Lodi. He says, "Just ask!". Every place he goes he carries business cards and hands them to people he meets that might be interested. I'm going to charge each of you to bring in one new member for this year. That would double our membership by December!

Okay, now we have new members, what do we do to keep them interested? First let's find out what they would like to do in the Order. Then

find out what they would like to get out of the order. "Oh, so you would like to learn more about Italian contributions to our history." Perhaps you could bring in a speaker from the local library or museum to your meeting. "Oh, you would like to learn more about Italian cooking." Perhaps you could find a member to do a cooking demonstration at the meeting. "Oh, you would like to help raise funds for scholarship." Put them on a committee with seasoned members for fundraising. I think you get the picture. I also think all the members would enjoy those type of meetings.

What about the member that hasn't been around for a while? Our Trustees are the membership committee according to the by-laws. (Bet a lot of you didn't know that.) Did one of you call to see if the member was alright. Maybe they are sick and need some cheering up. Or maybe they can't drive at night anymore. (They might live right by another member and they could drive.) You could ask the other member if they would mind driving. Perhaps they didn't feel comfortable at one of the meetings and your call could correct a misconception. REACH OUT TO YOUR SISTER OR BROTHER!

I would also like to add my prayers for all those that are affected by the fires in the south. If you need assistance, please reach out to the Grand Lodge.

Till next month...



Lodge Anniversaries

January	
Weed #1269	1/6/24
Cesare Battisti #1518	1/28/29
Virgilio #1586	1/4/31
Beatrice Portinari #1626	1/2/32
Las Vegas #2158	1/10/65
Northern Solano#2534	1/16/83

Congratulations!!!



State Queen
Mary Lucido



Youth Summit in Washington DC

by Mary Lucido

I have been the Grand Lodge Queen for about a year and half and throughout my reign I have been given wonderful opportunities to travel all over the State of California and meet amazing people and promote our beautiful Italian Heritage. By far, one of the greatest opportunities I have been given was attending the Order Sons of Italy in America National Youth Summit in Washington D.C. in October.

The National Youth Summit took place on the weekend of October 27th and 28th. It was an unforgettable experience where I got the chance to tour monuments and see memorials as well as learn about the Order Sons of Italy Organization and Italy and connect it to my ancestors. On the first day, I spent the entire day touring different monuments and memorials in Washington D.C. with the other students on the trip. We toured the U.S. Capitol building, the Supreme Court Building, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Memorial, as well as the World War II and Vietnam War Memorials. It was so eye opening to see all these memorials especially the World War II and Vietnam War Memorial because I actually know of individuals who fought in those wars to protect our beloved country. My Nana sent me the names of her classmates who died in these wars and I was able to find all of their names on the memorial for the Vietnam War and it was so touching. Also, I saw the Order Sons of Italy in America National Home and that was truly amazing and I can't wait to come back and visit again! Later that day, we all ate dinner together at Buca Di Bepo and we spent the night playing fun Italian games.

On the second day, we had a series of informational presentations, one of which was a women from the Italian Embassy who came and spoke about what they do. For the remainder of the day we completed several activities where we learned about Italy and about the regions that my family comes from. I am Italian and my family descends from Isola Delle Femmine, Sicily and Vinchiaturo, Italy which is in the region of Molise. I learned about the different regions as well as facts about the different cities and all the advancements that have been invented in Italy or created by Italians. Growing up I've been immersed in the Italian culture because my Nana always taught me where my ancestors came from and about Italy and I was beyond excited to learn about it once again through these presentations. Throughout the day I learned more about the Sons of Italy Organization but at

the National level and all of the wonderful opportunities it holds for its members. We also completed trivia games on Italy and played a fun Italian board game and after dinner we watched an Italian film with subtitles.

Overall this trip was absolutely unforgettable, I have met so many wonderful people on this trip that I know I will stay in contact with! All the chaperones were so kind as well and I want to thank them all, especially Kathy Drummond for orchestrating this incredible weekend. It was one of the best experiences in my life and I'm so excited to visit Washington D.C. and the National Home

of the Order Sons of Italy in America again someday! I'm beyond grateful that I was allowed to be a part of this trip, I learned so much and it was such an honor to be a part of this trip. I am proud to be an Italian-American and I am proud to be a part of the Order Sons of Italy in America and serve as the Queen for the Grand Lodge of California. Thank you to the Grand Lodge of California as well as my Lodge C. Colombo Lodge #1315 in Antioch, California for this amazing opportunity. I will never forget it and I will forever cherish all of the amazing memories I made that weekend.



Guieseppe Mazzini

Lodge #1441

Fremont, CA
by Linda Abronzino

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas season and wishing everyone the very best in 2018.

As always our Annual Christmas Party at Spin-a-yarn was very festive as usual. The room was decorated so nice and it just got you into the holiday spirit.

We were honored to have our National President, Vera Girolami and her husband First Gent Aldo, our First State Vice President, Arlene Nunziati and her mother Norma, and Joe Simoni who always gets us in the holiday spirit with his music.

The Lodge wishes to thank all the members who baked the cookies and donated the raffle gifts and boy there were a lot of raffle gifts

Thanks to John Piane and his elves, Linda Abronzino and Cathy Caserta who assisted in the raffle and the Mary Meiring and President Gina LoVecchio thank you for the work you put into this yearly event.

The fraternalism and support that each member gives our lodge is heartwarming and this event is the best way to show it and to start the holiday season off to a good start. It was so nice to see Leroy and Marlene Leale that night.

A calendar of Events will be forthcoming but remember January is soup night.

Membership Dues
Dues are due in January. It's \$75 per member for 2017. Please send your checks to Judy LoVecchio at 32518 Lake Chabot St., Fremont, CA 94555

To all our members who are under the weather – a speedy recovery to good health.

Happy birthday to our December and January birthday babies.

On behalf of all the officers of the lodge – a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.



National President Vera Girolami, First Gent Aldo Girolami and State First Vice President Arlene Nunziati.



The full size picture is that of our Lodge President, Gina LoVecchio and our National President Vera Girolami

Wisdom

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Wisdom is something real and essential to success! Wisdom is much more than an abstract noun. We need to recognize our need for wisdom. People have argued what wisdom is, but most people strive to realize it. Let us ask, what is wisdom? And let's pursue it. We can do something significant every day to make wisdom a part of our lives.

We live in a scientific age. Many people equate scientific knowledge with wisdom. Is wisdom strictly the scientific method? The great authors and thinkers of every age and every locality would say science is not synonymous with wisdom. Science certainly has discredited many superstitions. But it alone cannot serve as a moral compass.

The Bible has promoted a belief in the reality of wisdom. Wisdom is said to be more valuable than riches. Wisdom is based on honesty. It keeps good company with faith. Wisdom gives direction to our lives. The faithful believe that wisdom promotes love, health and happiness.

In 15th-century Italy a great humanistic movement arose which is known as the Renaissance. It was a search for ancient and new knowledge. Learned men and women asserted that wisdom promotes free inquiry and political liberty. Justice is deeply concerned with and dependent upon wisdom. One function of Justice is to punish individuals who deliberately falsify. Wisdom depends upon truthfulness. It gives strength to the body and the mind. It builds character.

Mankind inevitably makes

mistakes. But Nature corrects errors. Putting one's hand in the fire will result in a painful burn. When people are mistaken about values, make bad decisions, and when they follow a wrong course they become confused and suffer emotionally. If, however, they are determined and persistent in every effort to do the right thing, they are rewarded.

There are social movements based on self-interest that deny that wisdom exists. They succeed for a time by being loud and frequent. But eventually the enemies of wisdom destroy themselves. It is important to recognize and dissociate ourselves from false friends. We will succeed by means of optimism and a positive mental attitude. We don't need any foolish stimulation that constantly demands our attention.

Civilization and culture thrive when and where wisdom is valued. Ancient communities personified wisdom. Rome paid tribute to the goddess of wisdom, known as Minerva. The Greeks knew her as Athena. She was the goddess of crafts and trade guilds, also of womanly arts, such as sewing, weaving, and spinning. Beautiful temples and shrines were built to honor her. Minerva had annual festivals. She was a virgin goddess. The owl was a symbol sacred to her.

Minerva is still with us today. She has been wonderfully depicted in modern European and American art and sculpture, and she has been affectionately represented in literature. Let's keep wisdom alive in our hearts.



Mosaic of the Minerva of Peace in the Library of Congress.

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Pugliese Lodge No. 1375

Los Angeles, CA
by Rosemarie Biagetti Vanderhaar
Recording Secretary

Christmas Party

Rafaello's Ristorante in San Pedro was the setting for the Pugliese Lodge Christmas and Appreciation Christmas Luncheon held on Sunday, Dec. 10th. The lodge not only opened the Christmas season with this luncheon, but also held the crowning of the new lodge queen. Outgoing Queen, Alexa Lotito did the honors of presenting and crowning of incoming new queen, Sarah Grace Taylor. Sarah is a sophomore At Notre Dame High Academy in Los Angeles and the daughter of member Dr. Francesca Taylor.

Attending the festivities along with President Michael and First Lady Edithe DiGiuro were the following officers ;Vice President Carla Lotito Komar and husband Bill Komar, Immediate Past President Chris Lotito and wife Mary, Head Trustee, Orator Vita Zaccaria,Recording Secretary Rosemarie Van-

derhaar,Mistress of Ceremonies and Chaplain Roberta Overton. Members joining in the festivities was Alexa Lotito, Dr. Francesca Taylor and cousin,Ed and MaryAnn Spatola, John Donato and Paul Bodnar.

A short meeting was held prior to the presentations and lunch.The lodge presented President Di Giuro with a beautiful Michael Kors sweater in the Sons of Italy purple. In turn, he and First Lady Edithe presented everyone with a Starbucks Christmas ornament.

A sumptuous meal was enjoyed by all. Too many courses to list, but oh so good and we all went home with a carry out container.

It was a delightful afternoon and a great wayto kick off the season. Thanks to Paul, John and President Michael and First Lady Edithe for choosing the restaurant – great choice.

365 Fund Raiser - Winners

November 16-30

16	\$25.00	Diane Scillo
17	\$25.00	Pugliese Lodge
18	\$25.00	Ralph Nudo
19	\$25.00	Hazel Ann Christin
20	\$25.00	Watsonville Lodge
21	\$25.00	Elizabeth Rassiga
22	\$25.00	Ruth Costa
23	\$25.00	Tami Welch
24	\$25.00	Andy Ginocchio
25	\$25.00	Cristoforo Colombo Lodge
26	\$25.00	Marianne O'Neil
27	\$25.00	Joy Bruno
28	\$25.00	Josephine Agosta
29	\$25.00	Ray Bini
30	\$50.00	Teresa Hagerty

December 1-15

1	\$25.00	Dorothy Lagomarsino
2	\$25.00	Hugh Ricci
3	\$25.00	Maria Pignati
4	\$25.00	Mary Jane Cambria
5	\$25.00	Mark DeNunzio
6	\$25.00	Mitzi Peterson
7	\$25.00	Mark De Nunzio
8	\$25.00	Nicole Orgera
9	\$25.00	Rodolfo Valentino Lodge
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President Michael DiGiuro with gift from the lodge.



Outgoing Queen Alexa Lotito and Incoming Queen Sarah Grace Taylor.



Congratulations!

By Rosemarie Biagetti Vanderhaar

Pugliese Lodge past Queen Kelsey Brower received her Master of Science Degree in Law Enforcement and Intelligence and Analysis and a Certificate of Acknowledgement from Homeland Security. The ceremony took place on Friday, December 15, 2017 in the Jack Breslin President Events Center at Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

Attending the ceremony and watching with pride was Kelsey's mother Kim Brower and brother Kellen and Grandmother Rosemarie Vanderhaar and a family friend. Kelsey currently works with the Ohio State Police as an Intelligence Analyst. Kelsey is the daughter of Eric and Kim Brower of Oceanside and the granddaughter Rosemarie and the late George Vanderhaar. We wish Kelsey the best as she advances in her career.



C. Colombo Lodge # 1315

Antioch, CA
by Zelda LeFrak-Belleci

Three Generations of Membership
Pride in their Italian roots, service to the community and fun times at meetings have encouraged multi-generational membership in the Sons of Italy.



Cardinale Family: Gerry, Karen and Giana. Giana is now off to California State University Sacramento helped by a Lodge Scholarship. Giana was part of the famed Pittsburg High School Marching Band that played in both the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and went to London for the Boxing Day Parade.



Belleci Family: Lisa Belleci-Navarro, Zelda LeFrak-Belleci and Sophia Navarro are pictured at a dinner meeting, ready to serve. Sophia was a water polo player at Freedom High School and is studying at Chico State.



DiMaggio Family: Rosemarie DiMaggio, her daughter Roseanne Ortland and granddaughter Christina. Christina, with the help of a Lodge Scholarship is now studying at the University of California Santa Barbara.



Esposito Family: Edna and Ed Esposito, daughter Carol and grandson Ethan. Edna serves as President of C. Colombo Lodge #1315; Carol is Financial Secretary and Ethan is the Chalain.

Gold Country Lodge # 2705

El Dorado Hills, CA
by Tami Welch



Gold Country Lodge #2705 enjoyed a wonderful gathering to celebrate the holidays on Sunday, December 3rd at Cascada Restaurant in El Dorado Hills. Many thanks to Jim and Barbara Silveira for organizing and making the evening extra special for all. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Valley of the Moon Lodge # 1959

Sonoma, CA
by Susan Antonini



Karen Carroll Queen of Tom and Jerry's.

Marilyn Silvestri....Santa's Helper Merry Christmas



Paul Grant, President of Valley of the Moon in the process of making the best offer Tom and Jerry's using Rena's recipe!!

Saddleback Valley

Lodge # 2566

Mission Viejo, CA

by Andy Pampuro

Immediate Past President

On Saturday, December 2, the Saddleback Valley Lodge held their annual Christmas Gala. The event was held in one of the club houses in Laguna Woods. We had a nice group of members and friends who joined us for a very festive time. Our thanks goes out to our Recording Secretary Bernadine Neil who was the chairlady for this party. We must also thank her daughter Kerry Herrington who decorated the hall like you've never seen. Kerry is the mother of our lodge queen, Baylin Herrington.

We enjoyed the music of The Trio who played some great tunes to dance to. Later

in the evening Bernie led us with the singing of Christmas carols. We enjoyed a delicious dinner topped off with a spumoni ice cream delight.

We also has a silent auction for some fabulous gifts which all went by the time the auction was closed. We certainly thank all the members who donated the gifts.

Patricia Dito presented a gift to Bernie for all her hard work for the lodge which she highly deserved.

President Hank Lowinger welcomed every one and thanked them for coming to help us celebrate the Christmas season.



Patricia Dito presenting an appreciation gift to chairlady Bernadine Nell for all her hard work for the lodge while President Hank Lowinger looks on.



Seated l/r are father Tim Herrington, daughter Riley, daughter Baylin who is Miss Convention City and mother, Kerry Herrington who did all the decorations for the Gala.

Standing l/r Al Schlappy. Chairlady Bernadine Neil, First Lady Michelle Lowinger and Lodge President Hank Lowinger.

ORIZZONTALI

1. Sigla di Avellino.

3. Donna meticcia latino-americana.

9. L'isola con Nicosia.

11. Regione con Saraievo.

14. Sfiniti, stremati.

16. Fu amata da Chopin.

17. Manifestazione sportiva.

18. Natante in genere.

19. Sportello dell'armadio.

20. Una cavità nella giacca.

21. Rose... pallide.

22. Dimensione... palpabile.

24. Compagini politiche.

25. Un complesso musicale.

28. Ha radici commestibili.

29. Un malvivente... specializzato.

32. Chiamati tutti insieme.

33. L'... inizio dell'esperimento.

34. Appellativo affettuoso.

36. Pregiati pesci di mare.

38. Fiume russo-cinese.

40. Sud Est.

41. Padiglione fieristico.

42. Quelli fiscali sono sempre... stangate.

46. Congiunzione eufonica.

47. Circa dieci centinaiaa.

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VERTICALI

1. Filato artificiale, simile alla seta.

2. Piccolo carnivoro del Nord America.

3. Il forellino nell'ago.

4. Sono regine floreali.

5. Cintura del kimono.

6. Articolo maschile.

7. Così finirono Lincoln e Kennedy.

8. Insenatura costiera.

10. Intervengono al convegno.

12. Sonnifero.

13. Assegnare un'incombenza.

15. In fine di racconto.

18. Colpito a randellate.

20. Concludere, ultimare.

22. Ameno, divertente.

23. Dettagli, minuzie.

26. La capitale U.S.A. del gioco d'azzardo.

27. Infiammazioni purulente.

30. Simbolo chimico del cobalto.

31. Debutto, prima uscita.

35. Una razza... vastissima.

37. Afflizioni, tribolazioni.

38. Miscredenti, senza Dio.

39. Sporchi di grasso.

41. Simili... senza uguali.

43. Iniziali di Delon.

44. Pubblico Ministero.

45. Principio d'igiene.

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Anaheim Lodge # 2076

Anaheim, CA
by Fran D’Errico
Recording Secretary

Happy New Year, we hope that everyone made it through the holidays in good health and that 2018 will be prosperous for all the lodges and our Italian Heritage will flourish.

“SAVE THE DATE” SUNDAY - MAY 6th, 2018. ANAHEIM LODGE - 60TH ANNIVERSARY.

All lodges will be sent more information at the beginning of the year. Please remember that when you do your calendars for 2018, that you keep it in mind to save this date for the Anaheim Lodge. Members of Anaheim Lodge will also receive information regarding the Anniversary.

Anaheim Lodge is sorry to say that at the end of 2017, we lost 3 long time member, in a short span of 2 months. They will surely be missed; they brought friendship and love to our lodge. These members were all very active in our lodge and always willing to help out where ever needed.

Fran Hemsley: Born January 24, 1932, passed away on October 29th 2017, quietly in her sleep. She was born in Hershey, PA. She had been quite ill for some time. Fran was active in bowling. She always supported the Anaheim lodge in all their functions.

Lionello “Leo” Schiavoni: Leo was born in Trisungo, Italy on March 24, 1924. Passed away November 1, 2017 surrounded by his family. Formerly of Girard, Ohio he went into the Navy. After serving in the Navy during WWII, Leo married Cass in Hershey, PA and soon after traveled west to Long Beach, CA where he began a career at Douglas Aircraft and the growth of his family.

Leo was active in his church and community. Campaigning for city and country, he supported labor unions for the growth of the working man and the development of the Sons of Italy, Lakewood Lodge. He later transferred to the Anaheim Lodge; where he became a very active member, involved in all its activities and functions. He loved bowling, gardening and cooking. He was very proud of his Italian heritage and never stopped supporting it.

Joanne Ciansiosi: Born

February 24, 1938, passed away November 7, 2017 after a long illness, and surrounded by her family. Joanne was always the first one to help out were ever needed for our functions. She was also an officer for many years, servicing in various positions.

“WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING”

Saturday December 16th, the Anaheim lodge hosted its Annual **“CHRISTMAS PARTY”**

We had a wonderful Italian Dinner, Great time visiting with old friends, and the arrival of Santa Claus for the young and old to enjoy. We played the annual “Right Family Game” which everyone always enjoys.

WHAT WE HAVE COMING UP:

On Saturday January 20th, Mike and Cathy Guthrie will be chairing a fund raising event for their daughter, Meagan. She will be the next queen of the Anaheim Lodge. Please mark the date and come out for a great meal and fun evening with friends.

MEMBERS, WE NEED YOUR HELP AND IF YOU NEED OURS,

Remember we encourage you to attend and support our lodge... If you need a ride, call any officer and we will make arrangements for transportation. 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 to continue for generations to come.

IMPORTANT NOTICE, PLEASE NOTE DATES LISTED BELOW IN REGARDS TO MEETINGS:

The Anaheim Lodge has a new schedule for Officers meetings and General Meetings.

OFFICERS MEETINGS: (FEB.7, APRIL 4, JUNE 6, OCT. 3, DEC. 5,) held at the home of the D’Ordines

GENERAL MEETINGS: (JAN. 3, MAR.7, MAY 2, SEPT. 5, NOV.7,) held at the Anaheim Senior Center For more detailed information regarding meetings and events; refer to the La Stella or contact any of the officers of the Anaheim Lodge.

William Paca Lodge # 1960

Mountain View, CA
by Carolyn Franklin

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus were special guests at the Lodge Christmas party with Eugene and Peggy Ludwico as proxies. Their Christmas spirit is contagious, smiles, cheer and goodwill are the hallmark of the Ludwico’s - Santa is very proud of them.

As always, the party was a success, a beautiful dinner at Michael’s of Shoreline with Gloria Ravetto and Lorraine McCutcheon Chairwomen of the big event. As a special treat for all, Gloria made an array of her exquisitely decorated baskets filled with the best in gourmet treats, wine, kitchen gadgets and tons of goodwill. Both women, Gloria and Lorraine, are artists in their own right so the wrapping and arranging of the entire bounty was a gift in itself. On top of all this largesse, Gloria also provided gift cards to members for added Christmas cheer.

Rose Marengo, at this writing, is slightly under the weather. But...she has the perfect remedy to step out of the weather into the sun. Warm up a little honey, a little lemon juice into a snifter of brandy, sit back, sip the elixir, and dream about Sorrento! Life is good when you feel good!

If you haven’t read, “Unbroken” (Hillenbrand) I strongly recommend it. A true story of an American-Italian war hero (Zamperini) who was an Olympic track star (1936) then lives through hell in WWII, in Japan as a POW. Nulla si fa sense volonta.

Maybe for Valentine’s Day you can buy your special person a “Spinning Fork”. You click a button and the fork twirls the spaghetti for you! I can’t imagine any red-blooded Italian eating from a spinning fork! Chi practica, compra!



United Lodges of Southern California

by Andy Pampuro

On Sunday, December 3rd, the United Lodges of Southern California held their annual Toys for Tots luncheon which was chaired by the recording secretary Rosemarie Vanderhaar. We had a nice crowd who brought loads of toys for the event.

Unfortunately the marines were unable to attend on this day due to some unfortunate event. However, Annette Porter, president of the Centinela Valley Lodge where this event took place assured us that the toys would be delivered to the right place.

President Annette was a gracious host and she along with her committee did a great job with the luncheon of salad, pasta and sausage

and spumoni ice cream for dessert.

Annette was helped by our State Orator and a past president of the lodge Mark Vaona, his father Bob Vaona and Brian Sinaguglia.

The president of the United Lodges, Carmine Baffo, presented a plaque of appreciation to outgoing president Gabe Domenici.

Because of the death of vice president David Prisco nominations for a new vice-president was held. Hank Lowinger, president of the Saddleback Valley Lodge was nominated and seconded and with no opposition was named our new vice president. The afternoon ended with many Christmas greetings to one another.



The officers of the United Lodges of Southern California.
L/R Past President Gabe Domenici, Treasurer Vita Zaccaria, newly elected Vice President Hank Lowinger, Recording Secreary Rosemarie Vanderhaar, President Carmine Baffo, Trustee Nina Zonni, Trustee Andy Pampuro and Historian Lucille Seibel.



Some of the hundreds of toys we collected.



President of the United Lodges Carmine Baffo presenting a plaque of appreciation to outgoing president Gabe Domenici.

OTHER INFORMATION OF IMPORTANCE
See the following Schedule of upcoming Dates. Mark your calendars:
January: Saturday 20th
February: Saturday 10th (Queen Coronation)
March: Saturday 24th
April: Saturday 8th
May: Sunday 6th - 60th Anniversary Dinner
June: Grand Lodge Convention in Ontario, CA
July: Sunday 22nd Lodge Annual Picnic
August: To Be Advised of Date (Annual Angels Baseball Game)
God Bless those servicing and protecting our country and Arrivederci until next time.

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Rodolfo Valentino Lodge #1449

Clovis, CA

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

Last Month: We celebrated our Christmas Dinner with a good showing of our membership. Cookies and gifts were exchanged with many smiles to go around, along with great food and a few good games of Bingo, complete with prizes.

Also, the United Lodges of the Central San Joaquin Valley (ULCSJV) met at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Fresno, Colombo-Stella Lodge hosting, and President Charles Sant'Agata presiding. Regular lodge activities and Buono Natales were exchanged. The Old Spaghetti Factory was a perfect setting for the Sunday lunch. Five of our members were there to represent our Clovis Lodge: Betty Vefredo, Carol Watson, Lou Catallo, Val Johnson, and Isabel Ronzano.

This Month: We begin our new year, so make sure Brian has your check for your 2018 dues. January is also a Pot Luck month. And, since everyone has had their flu shots, I won't have to remind anyone.

Next Months: February 19 and March 19 will be our usual meetings, with Pot

Luck; bring what you can; no other details yet. April 16 will be our Spring Fest Pasta Party, so nudge your family and friends now.

Be a yardstick of quality and integrity; if nothing else, it will surprise other people.

Months to Come: The next ULCSJV meeting will be March 11, 2018, at the Kings County Historical Society in Hanford on 14th Avenue. And, the Grand Lodge 2018 Convention will start June 28th at the Ontario Airport Double Tree Hotel.

Have you been in Sane. You can't get there by train or air; you have to be driven there.

Do you have comments for our lodge members? Any Historical lodge photos? Let me know at my email address (above) and we can publish it in this column.

For those who understand, no explanation is needed. For those who do not understand, no explanation is possible.

My wife's aunt's favorite niece once said "There are as many ways as there are people"; improve your way by applying for our Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America scholarship(s).

Contact Scholarship Chair, Isabel Ronzano, at (559) 297-0851, for information on this topic. *The Scholarship Deadlines are:* for Clovis Lodge, March 31, 2018; for California State Grand Lodge: March 01, 2018; and, for National Lodge the date is generally November to February of any year (\$500 to \$5,000 awards). Go to <https://www.osia.org/students/scholarships.php> for grants/tours/studies information in Italy. These are great for any student on a budget or not.

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

Cesare Battisti Lodge #1518

Petaluma, CA
by Ann Albertoni

Upcoming Events:

January 11 Monthly meeting – Chicken and Risotto
February 3 Crab Feed! Dungeness Cracked Crab, Salad and Wine with dinner

Lodge News:

1. State Trustee North, Ray Bini will be our guest at the January meeting and also there will be an installation of a new member. Reservations need to be made by **January 5**, please be observant to the reservation date so that our cooks can prepare properly for all attending. Please call Marie De Carli at 707-486-5085 for reservations.
2. The Christmas party was very eventful with over 200 members and guests in attendance, Santa Claus listened to each child's secret wish list and each child received a gift. The polenta and stew dinner were the best (soooo good). Thank you for those attending and bringing a little holiday spirit to this year of so much tragedy. Thank you to all who participated in volunteering to make this a great event! Thanks to the cooks Giaco Manni, Angelo Leone and Edward Santero and all the helpers and servers.
3. Petaluma Sons & Daughters of Italy Crab Feed is Saturday February 3, donation \$50 – Dungeness cracked crab, salad and wine with dinner. Let's make it out best event yet! Invite your friends and families and volunteer! We will need your help to make this event successful.
4. Aileen Petty has mailed the **dues statements for 2018**. Please send them back with your payment **as soon as possible**. She also sent out the tickets for the 2018 \$100 monthly drawing at the same time. If you would like to participate, please mail the **SMALLER** portion of the ticket with a check payable to "Cesare Battisti Lodge, Sons of Italy" to **Aileen Petty, 1540 Gladstone Way, Rohnert Park, CA 94928 or bring your check to the January 11 meeting**. Please get them back ASAP so you can be in all the 12 drawings of 2018.
5. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sick Members: None reported.

Member Birthdays:

Marie Aggio 30th, Catherine Biggio 29th, Lucy Camporeale 11th, Viviana Cuppoletti 15th, Martha Dougherty 24th, Margaret Enea-Patrizi 20th, Guido Farina 8th, Rose Lavezzo 3rd, Janet Leone 9th, Giaco Manni 24th, Beatrice McQuaid 10th, Aileen Petty 14th, Carol Rozzi 12th, Louise Vicino 1st.



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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.
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Henry Bergero	Columbia	1940
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Maryann Silvera	Vincenzo Bellini	2519
Romeo Zumpano	Joanne Coccia	2553

Shasta Lodge # 2453

Redding, CA
by Carole Dellaragione

We started December with our annual Council dinner. This is the one time each year when we all get a break and have dinner out. Good time with great group.

Once again Shasta Lodge has been very busy. We had five catering events in the first sixteen days of December. Following Christmas we will cater a retirement party. It has been hectic, but fun.

Our Crab Feed is scheduled for January 19th and 20th. Of course Saturday is already sold out, and Friday not far behind. Sharon and Gerry are busy getting baskets ready for a raffle for both nights. This year we will offer Canoli. If you are interested in attending, please call John DiMatteo at 605-1351 and leave a message.

We have also been very busy ringing bells for the Salvation Army after having filled barrels for the Stuff the Bus Toy Drive and the Tis the Season canned food drive. Our bell ringers had surpassed our last year's total by the middle of December and as I write this article, John DiMatteo is doing a 24 hour bell ringing marathon at Wal-Mart. Jean Russell took on the scheduling this year and has done a great job of having people ringing bells nearly every day.

We at Shasta Lodge wish you a very Happy New Year.
Ciao



Chris Whitmore, John DiMatteo and Rose Nobili ringing bells for Salvation Army.

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Dolly Sinatra Lodge # 2400

Palm Springs, CA

by Andy Casey

Should Joe LaPorta be our nominee for Man of The Year this year? The answer is a resounding yes, considering there would probably be no Dolly Sinatra Lodge, Sons & Daughters of Italy Order were it not for him! Consider...

Joe joined the Lodge in 2001, and was selected President in 2002 serving through 2007, before retiring the position. He was reelected President of the Lodge in 2011 when our Lodge was floundering financially, and membership had shrunk to the lower end of members of Lodges state wide. Finances were in tatters, and virtually gone. In other words the Lodge needed rescuing and Joe did it in Spades!

We have risen to seventh in membership in California during his Presidency. The club is solvent, and has indeed raised over \$350,000 in donations for much needed improvements, including paving for parking, addition of restroom and updating the other two. Along with painting the Lodge, new landscaping and there is more, but we have only so much room in the article.

In short, Joe has dedicated himself to the success and enjoyment of his members. Understand, his is a volunteer position, he receives no compensation, and we couldn't afford someone to do half of what he's done anyway. So thanks heavens for him! He along with Vice President Frank DiSalvo have increased membership dramatically, recruited their friends to entertain us on our Wednesday dinners. These dinners are so successful that we have to turn away members in season because of fire regulations!

And if that wasn't enough, and it certainly is, there's more. Joe was stricken with throat cancer in 2015 and underwent radiation therapy that left him unable to eat solids, drained every ounce of his energy and rendered him virtually unable to

speak. He, and his first lady, along with a lot of friends and volunteers kept operations going brilliantly and seamlessly throughout. Despite everything Joe oversaw matters ensuring the Lodge wouldn't be disrupted!

Joe was born in Chicago in 1943 where his grandparents immigrated from Italy. He along with his brother and 4 sisters were raised there. After college he began a most successful and varied career. Working as a pressman on the 10 color rotary presses, and then in the recording industry at Lormar Records working with such artists as Tony Orlando, Connie Francis and Don Cornelis who founded smash TV hit show "Soul Train"! In his varied career he opened Euro Imports visiting Italy 4 times on average yearly.

In other words through Joe's varied careers, he has brought to his Presidency of our Lodge, a stellar knowledge of business. His positive attitude and genuine warmth make him wonderful to work with, and be around! And he couldn't have done it without our First Lady, his incredible First Lady, Laurie!

Long overdue our Man of the Year award, and having been proposed for many years, he has finally said yes, to which I think we can all say, "It's about time Joe, no one deserves it more!!

We look forward to the annual Awards and Dinner celebration April 8th at Agua Caliente Casino. Very exciting details to come very soon. Be there, it is going to be some gala!

Also of note is that Mike Costley, one of our deserts premiere entertainers, has replaced Tony DeJerlando, on second Wednesdays of the month as lead entertainer. Tony accepted a singing engagement weekly at a local Country Club. He gets paid there! After volunteering for years here we're sorry to lose Tony, but sometimes the paycheck has to come first.



Joe LaPorta, center, is welcomed back to Lodge after illness.

Roma Lodge # 1573

Tulare, CA

by Larry Dutto

Roma Lodge held their annual Christmas party on December 3rd with over 100 members and guests present. Members and guests who attended the event were treated to a delicious Christmas dinner complete with ham, yams, rigatoni and a variety of desserts made by mem-

bers. Co-chair for the event and head chef Ken Curti was called into emergency service when chair Cathy Mederos and husband Dennis Mederos (A.K.A. Santa) broke his arm at a convention in San Diego and was in surgery the night before the event. Kenny came to the rescue enlist-

ing cooks Ben Curti, Charlie Pitigliano, David DePaoli and Nick Canata to serve as Santa for the event. Lodge members also brought numerous items to be given to the Tulare Lighthouse Rescue Mission.



Ken and Ben Curti cook up a feast for the Roma Lodge Christmas Party.

Pam Sola, junior member chair, put on a great talent show with junior members at the Christmas Party.



Roma Lodge President David DePaoli and junior members present items to the Tulare Lighthouse Rescue Mission brought by members to the Christmas party.

Joann Beecher prepared the Christmas stockings for all the junior members.



Santa (A.K.A. Nick Canata) greets the big crowd at the Roma Lodge Christmas Party.

Cesare Battisti Lodge #1518

Petaluma, CA
by Louise Vicino

Greetings from Petaluma! My name is Louise Vicino, I will be writing articles for Il Leone and this is my first article to be sent representing the Petaluma Lodge. A little about myself: I have been a member of Cesare Battisti Lodge for almost 24 years. As a young and new member I donated a lot of time in help at dinners, conventions and wherever I was needed. Now I have reached that age where I cannot do the physical work and so I will try to do a good job in reporting for the Lodge.

Our President Ann Albertoni is doing a great job for the Lodge. She needs all the support she can get from our members. So help make her and our Lodge a success by attending the meetings and the events we have during the year. If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see our Lodge do during the year do not hesitate to let her know as your input is important. Also if you have news about our members, please let me know by calling me at 769-7389.

The Christmas party was a success with over 200 people in attendance. Santa Claus and his elves were a great success with the children. The food was delicious and our thanks go to all the cooks and helpers who helped to make the party a success.

We will be having our All You Can Eat Crab Feed on February 3rd. The menu is salad, pasta, all you can eat crab, dessert and wine. No host cocktails 6:00 p.m.; dinner 7:00 p.m. Place: Lucchesi Center. Cost: \$50. Make your reservations with Don/Marie - 707-486-5085.

Jan. 11th - Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m.
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Reservations are required for all dinner meetings. Call Marie DeCarli - 707-486- 5085

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all celebrating in Jan. and Feb. Get well wishes to anyone is ill. May you have a Happy and Blessed New Year. This year plan to share your love and caring with all your family and friends.

Remember your loved one on Valentine's Day. It's not necessary to give candy or flowers, but a hug and a kiss, a reminder that you love them is all that is needed.

Be kind to others, you will always get it back in return.
Ciao

Centinela Valley Lodge #1991

Torrance, CA
by Annette Porter

With a sad heart, we share that we have lost our last founding member. On November 24, 2017, Frank Pontillo passed away. May he rest in peace.

Our Christmas Party and Toys for Tots was a big success. We had many toys for the Marines to take back to those unfortunate children that would not have Christmas. It sure does make us feel good. Unfortunately, Santa was so busy that he came early in the morning and dropped off the presents for the children. He was sorry that he couldn't make the

party. All the children enjoyed their presents. Thank you to the American Lodge and Anaheim Lodge for coming and sharing this wonderful day. We had many guests that attended with our members and it was a delight to have so many children.

The December meeting was a potluck and we had about 45 people in attendance. We had a nice variety of food and desserts. Was it ever delicious! We also played a gift exchange steal game. Everyone had a good time.



All the children were sitting quietly waiting for the gifts that Santa left for them.



Mark Vaona, David Lavezzari and our future queen, Marissa Lavezzari servicing lunch to all the guests.



The big kids wanted their picture taken with the Marines: Sherry Monarchy and Eva Lavezzari from Anaheim Lodge, Linda Enneman from America Lodge and Gilma Vaona and Annette Porter from Centinela Valley Lodge.



Dominic and Emilia Gargano enjoying their afternoon with their lodge famiglia.



The two wonderful Marines that joined our Christmas Party.



Eleanor and Elaine Bersano brought many of their friends. They were all enjoying themselves.



Fun filled evening at our December potluck.



A wonderful picture of the Marines and all the children in front of the Christmas tree and toys.

Vallejo Lodges

by Sharon Silveira

CELEBRATION...The Vallejo Lodges honored the State President--our own John Costa on Saturday evening, December 15th. The lodge hall sparkled with garlands, poinsettias, Christmas trees and charming holiday touches which included a candy cane at each place setting. The Sparks Sisters entertained us prior to dinner with their magical voices. State Trustee North, Ray Bini, welcomed everyone and later in the evening offered the champagne toast. Leading The Pledge of Allegiance was Evelyn Fox, Beatrice Mistress of Ceremonies. Mike Carroll, State Deputy to Virgilio offered the Invocation.

A stellar evening attended by our National President Vera Girolami, several Grand Lodge Officers, Committee Chairs, and the Grand Lodge Queen Mary Lucido. Lodge Presidents, members and friends wanted to laud the man who started out in our lodge kitchen helping his dad, Frank, cook the Sunday dinners and is still usually found there. John admitted that it felt unfamiliar to be sitting down and being served a delicious dinner ravioli and roast beef.

PRESENTATIONS...so many presentations and most included special words

and reminiscences. Beatrice President Pamela read a letter from Past National President and Past State President Frank De Santis. Tom Bartee, District Director, presented a framed proclamation from the office of State Senator Bill Dodd. Lots of hugging, laughing and snapping of photos to celebrate the occasion which was the culmination of hours of planning and labor spearheaded by President Pamela and her committee: Michele Castagnola, Evelyn Fox, Laverta Harris, Dolores Meyer, Marlene Parr, Jessica Ray, Melanie Rushing---It Takes A Village and more.



Modesto Lodge # 2021

Modesto, CA
by Antonella Turchetti
(personal opinion that doesn't reflect the lodge's view)

Disclosures: I am an immigrant and I was always legal. When/if I decide to become a citizen, I will register as a Republican.

"Certain kinds of criminality are inherent in the Italian race. In the popular mind, crimes of personal violence, robbery, blackmail and extortion are peculiar to the people of Italy." (United States Immigration Commission - Dillingham report, 1911) "...immigrants were blamed for taking American jobs. At the same time, racist theories circulated in the press, advancing pseudo scientific theories that alleged that "Mediterranean" types were inherently inferior to people of northern European heritage. Drawings and songs caricaturing the new immigrants as childlike, criminal, or subhuman became sadly commonplace. One 1891 cartoon claimed that "If immigration was properly restricted, you would never be troubled with anarchism, socialism, the Mafia and such kindred evils!".....Catholic churches and charities were vandalized and burned, and Italians attacked by mobs. In the 1890s alone, more than 20 Italians were lynched."(- Passages extracted from the website of the Library of Congress on Italian immigration)

Foreigner. Migrant. I have been living in United States for 20 years, an Italian among Chinese, Latinos, Arabic, Indians, among people who live, work, volunteer, pay taxes here but often have to

face the same discrimination suffered by our great-grandparents. Many "Americans", even many among the ones that go by Cattaneo, Franchini, or Accursio forgot that their nonni had a thick accent that never went away; that they had to leave friends and family behind; that they had to face many challenges, to rebuild a life from ground zero, to reestablish connections and friendships, to learn, adapt, adjust. Migration offers great opportunities, but at a cost. And citizens of America, a country made by migrants, should be more aware of it. Migrants are still coming, some "illegally", many with fake ID... the lands to flee from were once Tuscany, Sicily or Liguria, or even Ireland, Germany, England. Now Iraq, China, Pakistan, Mexico, India. We have a population diverse in traditions, language, religion, culture, but it is not up to us to decide which are the colors, the gods, the idioms that are right and which are the ones that are not. Many Italians that came to the United States were good persons that worked hard, massacring their bones and spirit for a better life...but there were the Al Capones too, let's not forget that. It's just like nowadays. Our past history should teach us to be more hospitable, to be more acceptable towards people who prefer tamales over hamburgers, who practice Islamism over Catholicism, who wear a turban instead of a baseball cap.



Attention all Filial Lodges

Contestants for the Royal Contest so far.



It's that time again! We are looking for participants for the upcoming Royal Pageant for the 2018 Grand Lodge Convention in Ontario. The contest officially began on October 1, and so far we know there are eight participants. One of these entries may be a young man. We are encouraging not only our young ladies, but also our young men to get involved. Remember this is one of the few opportunities that we have

to highlight our youth. So we are hoping that more of our lodges will join in and find someone to represent their lodge. It is important to let the Grand Lodge and myself know if you have a candidate.

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,
Eva Lavezzari
Royal Contest Chairperson



Annamarie Tesoriere
Hanford Lodge #1543



Gianna Benedetti
Roma Lodge #1573



Joseph Perez
Saddleback Valley
Lodge #2566



Sarah Grace Taylor
Puliese Lodge #1375

Hanford Lodge # 1543

Hanford, CA
by Jackie Giacomazzi



Hanford Sons of Italy children enjoyed meeting Santa and having a "pizza party" at their December meeting.



Marissa Lavezzari
Centinela Valley Lodge #1999



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Fresno, CA

Olivia DeLiddo Gallegos, President

Happy New Year! Wow 2018! SO thankful 2017 is over, it has been a very difficult year for so many of us. Here is to new and better year!

We hosted the December Quarterly meeting for the United Lodges and had a pretty good turn out. Past State President Ralph Agnello was in attendance, as were State Trustees Louis Silacchi and Pauline Richmond and Birth Defects Chairperson, Hazelann Christin.

Christmas has not yet happened as I write this. We are having our annual Christmas Dinner at the Spaghetti Factory on Dec. 22nd. Hopefully we will have a good turnout. Our youth members who put in for the Isnardi Grant will be finding out if they will be awarded it or not. We had 3 youth members apply for it.

January will be back to business as usual.
I hope everyone remembers the reason for the season, the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I wish you all many blessings in the coming year, good health, and much happiness. Until next time, Ciao!



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Diablo Valley Lodge #1267

Pleasant Hill, CA
by Larry Risner, Vice President

2017 Holiday Party

The Diablo Valley Lodge held our annual Holiday Dinner/meeting at the Back 40 restaurant in Pleasant Hill, California on December 21th. The attendance included Diablo Lodge members, some family members and guest Louise Silacci (State Trustee). The dinner was family style and enjoyed by all. We are beginning to plan 2018 events which may include a crab feed, our annual June BBQ and a winter polenta dinner/dance. These events provide opportunities for members and guests to visit and have a good time with great meals. Many thanks the board members that work at planning these events and especially our President (Linda Parent-Tasca).



Colombia Lodge #1940

San Mateo, CA
by Joe Simoni, Choir Director

Columbia Lodge Choir

2017 marks the 39th year that the Columbia Lodge Choir has entertained the folks who were not able to perform all the life activities that they once could. For those who are not familiar with us, we started in 1978 with our first "gig" at Chope Hospital in San Mateo. Since then, we've entertained at venues too numerous to mention all over the Bay Area. We went with anywhere from 8 - 26 members; however, no matter how many members were involved in this yearly performance, the residents were always excited to see us. The Choir rehearses in either late October or early November and we normally select a Saturday in December and 3 facilities for our performance. This year, we were honored to be invited back to Sunrise Assisted Living in both San Mateo and Belmont and Brookside Skilled Nursing in San Mateo. We were also fortunate to be asked to perform at a 4th facility - a residential assisted living facility in San Mateo, where one of our long-time singers was housed. We were not able to perform at Atria Burlingame, a facility in which we've performed there for the last few years. So, we made arrangements to perform at the facility on December 14th. That makes the 5th performance venue for us, and we were thrilled, as Norma Marcucci, Mario's wife, is domiciled at the facility. A huge "tanti grazie" to the choir members who made this year's performance very special and who sounded great: John Nardi (Columbia Lodge president), Angelo and Angie Fanucchi, Diana Garibaldi, Renzo Sandrini, Lubiana Cernobori, Julie Bagneschi, Kay Arnaudo, JoEllen Ellis, Eric Riberio, Steve and Sandy Ghilarducci (my nephew and niece), Tom and Kjerstin Deane and Lynn Tracey. Several members were missing this year due to medical issues (including Kathi Pick, Randy Leonardini), but I expect them to be back next year.

On behalf of the Columbia Lodge Choir, I wish you a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Joe Simoni



Sunrise San Mateo



Brookside



Sunrise Belmont



Happy New Year / Buon Anno!
Phil Privitera & Family

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.

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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.

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Anniv. Aug. 31, 1924
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Anniv. Sept. 22, 1922
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Anniv. April 21, 1923
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Anniv. Feb. 13, 1966
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Anniv. Sept. 21, 1975
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Anniv. May 29, 1977
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Anniv. June 27, 1927
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LODGE No. 1274**
Anniv. Mar. 16, 1924
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Anniv. Apr. 17, 1932
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Anniv. Dec. 10, 1950
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Anniv. Apr. 17, 1966
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Anniv. Feb. 19, 1984
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Anniv. Oct. 22, 1978
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Anniv. Apr. 19, 1983
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Anniv. Jan. 10, 1965
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Anniv. Apr. 20, 1952
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Anniv. Feb. 5, 1950
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