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To All Members
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Be sure to notify your lodge Recording Secretary

Welcome National Officers and Friends. If there is anything we can do for you don't hesitate to ask any one of us. We welcome you to California and wish you a great meeting.

A Message From The State President



State President John Costa

It's hard to believe that the first month of 2019 has past and by the time you read this we will be well into the 2nd month. Time flies. You will see information in the Il Leone regarding the winter National Plenary. being held in California, YES California. San Diego to be exact, I am hoping many of our members can attend this event. The dates are Feb 28 thru the 3rd of March. Information is in the Il Leone for times, and place. If you have any questions feel free to contact any of your National Officers representing California. Let us show a big welcome to our National Officers the WEST COAST!!

We are busy preparing for our Grand Council meeting in March. It will held on March 15th thru the 17th in American Canyon, at the Doubletree Hilton. It will be nice to have a council meeting in almost my own backyard. Again I want to remind you the Grand Council is open on Saturday for all members. If you have questions or just want to see what goes on at these meetings you are welcome to attend. I hope to see a lot of members in the audience.

We have a lot to discuss, such as the queen's contest and the future of the building committee plus reports from your State Officers.

Speaking of officers I have been attending a lot of Lodge Installation of new officers. Congratulations to all the newly elected officers, Thanks for taking a leadership roll with your lodge. Always ask questions of the outgoing officers for advice, Work together!! This is one key to success.

I know I keep mentioning membership in my articles, But membership is our key to survival. We all need to work hard on obtaining new members. I personally was at one lodge installation and was able to sign 5 new member applications, one other event I handed out 3 applications. I have their names and will follow up with them. The other thing we need to do, as we have new members get them involved. Ask them for ideas of what they want to see and do to help your lodge grow but also have fun in doing it. Let us all work hard to obtain that one new member, but don't stop at one!!

Crab feed season is upon us and many lodges are having them as a fund raiser, I look forward to helping at a few but also look forward to sitting down and eating my fair share of those little crustaceous.

I think I mentioned this last year, Presidents day is coming, lets show a little appreciation to all of the Local Lodge Presidents, remember this is a volunteer position so even thou we

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News from the Central

by Arlene Nunziati State 1st Vice President



Hi everyone! I have just returned from a terrific and relaxing two week cruise in the Caribbean! I have been retired "again" for three weeks and now will start my "catch up" – doing all the things I never had time for – cleaning the garage, the closets, etc.

The office gave me a lovely going away lunch prepared by my favorite chef Gabrielle Muselli with my favorite foods. Thank you Lori, Lynn, Joy, Kyarra and Alexis.

The day I left, Bill Murphy and Ray Bini came to the office to do the inventory. Thank you Bill and Ray for doing it and thank you Bill for doing all the little things that needed to be repaired.

I attended a "La Befana" celebration for the Cornelia Vita Nuova Lodge at the Pignati home. It was a lovely, fun and relaxing evening talking and visiting and seeing so many of the members. Not only did we eat – delicious, but we exchanged gifts for the Befana. Thank you Cornelia for including me.

Hanford Lodge had their

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News from the South

by Sadie Tamburine State 2nd Vice President



Happy, healthy, prosperous 2019 to all my Sons & Daughters of Italy Family !!!

I hope you all had the opportunity to read "My Italian Journey" a short story by the new President of La Costa dei Fiori :Lodge #2424, Salvatore Provenza. It was about his two year ancestral journey to be recognized as a dual U.S.-Italian citizen in Italy. If not, you can still find it on the lodge Facebook Page. Sons and Daughters of Italy, North County San Diego.

The reason I mention this, is because the genealogy consultant that helped him with his adventure was Alessandro Bovino, President of Bella Italia Genealogy in Benevento, Campania, Italy. Alessandro will be touring the U.S. in February, conducting Italian Heritage workshops, one of which will be sponsored by our La Costa dei Fiori Lodge.

This free, hands on workshop will teach the participants about how to conduct ancestral research in the U.S. and Italy. It will cover the history of Italians in America, civic and Italian records, as well as custom-

News from the North

by Barbara Wisniewski State 3rd Vice President



Sisters and Brothers I would like, at this time, to congratulate, all the new Lodge Officers and Delegates to the Convention. If any of you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your Vice-Presidents for assistance. We are here to help.

Next month, March 16th is the Grand Council Meeting. It is being held at the Doubletree by Hilton American Canyon, 3600 Broadway Avenue, American Canyon, CA. We would love to see Lodge Presidents and members attending the session. This is where your elected Grand Council attends to the business of the Grand Lodge. Please try to attend. We appreciate your input.

Thank you for all you do to keep our Order strong. Till next month Fraternally



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From the **Editor's Desk**

by Andy Pampuro apampuro@comline.com



Every two years we elect or reelect a president and a recording secretary. Every two years I have to beg the lodges to send me the names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of each office so I can update the lodge roster in the Il Leone. Believe it or not sometimes it takes a couple of months before I get them all. Even the Grand Lodge office has the same problem. This year let's really get on the ball and send me and the Grand Lodge the information we need.

February is sweetheart month so be a sweetheart and give your loved one some



flowers, or candy or a night out on the town. She will love you more for the gesture.

The new 365 tickets are now available. Call the Grand Lodge office for as

many as you want. In my lodge every month we have a winner, sometimes two. The nice thing is that the tickets go back in the hopper. It's a good investment.

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State First Vice President Cont. from page 1

annual Polenta Dinner prepared by the Leoni and Nardini families. They know how much I love their polenta so they invited me! We drove through rain, muddy roads and fog to get there! And I hate fog! Thank you Hanford for the delicious dinner and great evening. National President Vera and I along with State Deputy Ralph Agnello installed the new officers. Great evening and then Vera and I spent the night at the casino. Congratulations to all the new officers. We sure missed our Lilia Giacomazzi. She was always there when we attended the dinner. RIP Lilia.

Sunday, January 14, I attended and assisted at the installation of new officers for the Cornelia Vita Nuova Lodge, Columbia Lodge and William Paca Lodge. It was a lovely turn out held at the PIASC. More delicious food. It was nice to see our State President John, First Lady Donna Lee, Queen B and her Grandma Judy, State Trustee Louise Silacci (again) and National President Vera and National First Gent Al. Thank you Maria for arranging the lovely event.

We have raised over \$30,000.00 for the fire victims. You should be proud of yourselves for helping our less fortunate members. If you have not contributed and would like to, the Grand Lodge is still collecting donations.

My last visit before the trip was to the Watsonville Lodge. I always love visiting that lodge; they are such a fun filled group. The rain held off for us so the drive was great. Another delicious polenta and chicken cacciatore dinner (no wonder I keep going to all these lodges during this time of year). We installed the new lodge officers and then initiated 10 new members! Congratulations Watsonville. You always do great in bringing in those new members. They always have large groups for me to initiate. We also celebrated Casey's birthday that evening. Thank you National President Vera for going with me.

Let's all follow the example of the Watsonville Lodge. This is a new year so let's go out and recruit that new member! Just ask! And remember to retain them. The GL was sent a notice to delete a member from its roster and saw that the member was a Regular member; Kyarra called the President of the lodge and explained the situation and asked if they had tried to retain him and explain he had insurance. Lo and behold, the member was saved after

the President spoke to him. Just a little call will do it.

Don't forget to attend the February National plenary at the end of February. Information is included elsewhere in the II Leone. Come and see National President Vera in action and meet your National Officers and members from other Grand Lodges. There will be a reception on Friday evening in Vera's room.

Happy Valentine's Day and Ciao for now.

President's Message Cont. from page 1

honor our founding fathers in February lets thank our local lodge presidents also.

Valentine's day is fast approaching also, how about his year instead of buying that box of chocolates or those flowers you purchase a "365" raffle ticket from the Grand Lodge, this way your sweetheart could win multiple time. Not a bad idea.

For all the Filial Lodge Presidents:

"Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it." --Dwight D. Eisenhower

Hope to see a lot of you at Grand Council March 16th in America Canyon.

State Second Vice President Cont. from page 1

ized ancestral tours in Italy to find your living relatives!

Those interested in pursuing dual citizenship will also find the workshop valuable in beginning the process and being recognized as an Italian citizen, through the process of Jure Sanquinis (Right of Blood)!

For more information about this great Italian Heritage Workshop or to get a PDF copy of "My Italian Journey" contact Salvatore Provenza at sprovenza@aol. com.

Ciao until next month.



National Lodge OSIA Winter Executive Session

March 1-2, 2019

Hyatt Regency Mission Bay 1441 Quivira Road San Diego, CA 92100

Open meetings, AM and PM, are scheduled for Friday, March 1 and Saturday March 2

Members are encouraged to attend so you can meet our National Officers and view how business is conducted

A Registration Package is available for anyone interested Individual Tickets May Be Purchased Please see the Registration Form for more details

Saturday, March 2 is the OSIA Dinner Banquet which includes a performance by our own Frank DiSalvo Please see the Registration Form for more details

Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Hotel Rates \$189++

When booking your room, there is a Resort fee of \$36 per night. This price will be adjusted to \$15 per night when you check out.

For Reservations please call (888) 591-1234
Please mention Order Sons of Italy group when making your reservations

If you have any questions, please call Katle Vivian at (202)547-2900



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Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America
OSIA Winter Plenary Session - February 28 to March 3, 2019
Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa and Marina- San Diego, CA

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Official Registration Form

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Friday, March 1st - Plenary S	ession Luncheon from 12:00 NOON to 1:30	PM(# attending) Cost: \$70
Saturday, March 2nd - Plenar	y Session Luncheon from 12:30 PM to 2:00 &	PM (# attending) Cost; \$70
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Date

SAVE THE DATE

Columbia Lodge #1940 75th Anniversary

Honoring National President Vera Ferrara Girolami

Saturday evening, April 6, 2019

Peninsula Italian American Social Club 100 North B Street San Mateo

No Host cocktails 6 pm

Dinner 7 pm

Garibaldi – Meucci Museum

By Joy Bruno -State Chair/National Overseer

The Italian language 12 week Spring Semester begins again in February, with 90 minute classes offered weekdays, evenings and Saturday to accommodate most schedules, for students of all levels.

Italian Opera: " A Reflection of Life": A 6 week class will be offered which will elicit appreciation for both seasoned opera lovers and new-comers alike. This is the 8th season the Museum's offering for an experience of intellectual stimulation and musical pleasure.

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the ownership of the Museum by OSDIA we are lowering the prices of the 8x8 brick to \$200, and the 12x12 brick to \$750. This offer is only good to December 31st 2019. What a great opportunity to honor someone or an event for ever on the "Walk of Rememberance".

The Museum will host an exposition of regional costumes from Campania, Abruzzo, Le Marche and Lombardia, accompanied by a collection of some of the famous sons and daughters of each region. The Opening Reception will be held January 20, 2019 at 1 pm with refreshments. If you happened to be in the area do drop in and the experience this wonderful display.

Camelia Colombo Lodge's **Christmas Party**

A wonderful time was had by all who attended the Christmas Party of Camelia-Colombo Lodge. Great food, wonderful fellowship and the surprise visit of Santa. Santa Claus (aka Phil Van Buren and Mrs. Claus (aka) Louise Holst are surrounded by all the children who received a stocking filled with treats.



365 Fund Raiser - Winners

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Dec. 16-31	\$25.00	Nella Varni
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18	\$25.00	Sunshine Weinert
19	\$25.00	John Salvestrin
20	\$25.00	Carolyn Caminada (son)
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22	\$25.00	Jeanne Radduck
23	\$25.00	Joseph Kenaivolo
24	\$25.00	Mary Lombardo
25	\$200.00	Colombo-Stella Lodge
26	\$25.00	Manny Finazzo
27	\$25.00	Martha Hill
28	\$25.00	Dorothy Hoffman
29	\$25.00	Chris Lotito
30	\$25.00	Joanne Marchese
31	\$50.00	Joe Simoni "Lucky"
Jan. 1-15		
1	\$25.00	Glen Rushing
2	\$25.00	Chantal Finazio
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Past Grand Lodge Queen Mary Lucido continues to work for the good of the order as she was recently installed as trustee for C. Colombo 1315, Antioch, California





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Commission For Social Justice

by Tony Ricevuto

For the past severaal years Italian-American organizations throughout the United States have been involved in defending Christopher Columbus and his gallant endeavors of sailing from Spain to the Americas. His historic and heroic efforts have been tarnished and criticized by his alleged treatment of Native Americans. The Commission for Social Justice; The Order of Sons and Daughters of Italy in America along with the Knights of Columbus and other notable Italian American organizations have defended his actions and attempted to stop the elimination of Columbus Day by cities and state governments so they can honor Indigenous Native Americans in its place.

Although Columbus never step foot in the United States, Why Is Columbus being deprived his place in history? These stories of Columbus and other explorers and conquistadors need to be made a part of history.

Along with the attempted elimination of Columbus Day, several organizations within our society have also taken on Civil War Confederate soldiers that are part of history. The atrocities committed during the Civil War by North and South armies against Blacks and their supporters is a story that needs to be told especially to our students to help them better understand the hostilities, controversy and violence that erupted into numerous lynching's of numerous

Blacks. Again, removing historical facts that describes a disturbing part of the growth of America worth losing our students to the understanding the lessons of racism?

How do we explain the largest lynching of Italian immigrants in the United States that occurred in New Orleans Louisiana on March 14,1891? David Hennessey, New Orleans Police Chief was investigating corruption on the waterfront that was controlled by two Italian families. Hennessey was ready to testify when he was shot and killed by unknown gunman on October 15, 1980. When asked who shot him, he whispered "the Dagos". The local papers ran several accusatory articles attributing his murder and condemning the emergence of "the black hand" which was associated with Italian immigrants. New Orleans Police Department arrested 19 Italians immigrants who were held without bond in the Parish County prison. During court trials they were all acquitted but not released from detention.

Thousands of demonstrators gathered near the prison, New Orleans Mayor Joseph Shakespeare and prominent lawyer William Parkerson encouraged the crowd to disregard the verdict and avenge the murder of Hennessey. Unrestrained mobs storm the prison and beat and shot nine of the Italians. They dragged out two others who were shot and hanged from lampposts in public view. The majority

of historians agree that these Italians were all innocent victims of mob rule. No one was ever charged or indicted for this hideous revenge and criminal undertaking. The city of New Orleans has never apologized for its actions.

A 2007 documentary called Pane Amaro (bitter bread) depicts the racism center on Italian immigrants. Between 1885 to 1920 some 39 Italian-Americans were lynched throughout the United States. In 1899, in Tallulah, Louisiana, three Italian-American shopkeepers were lynched because they had treated blacks in their shops equal to whites. A vigilante mob also hanged five Italian Americans: the three shopkeepers and two bystanders. 39 additional Italian immigrants are victims of lynching's across the United States. In 1910 to Italian-Americans were lynched in Tampa Florida.

In 1920 two Italian immigrants, Sacco and Vanzetti, were tried for robbery and murder in Boston, Massachusetts. Many historians agree that Sacco and Vanzetti were subjected to a mishandled trial, and the judge, jury, and prosecution were biased against them because of their anarchist political views and Italian immigrant status.

Have we forgotten about stereotyping and transgressions committed against Italian immigrants attempting to start a new life in the United States?

Dreaming

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Sleep is a mysterious experience. People have inquired about the significance of dreams since prehistoric times. They used dreams to restore balance in the tribe and cure illness. Our knowledge of dreams has grown over time thanks to many studies made by physicians and psychologists. These professionals have studied sleep and dreams often using modern technology.

Everybody has dreams during sleep. We remember some dreams when we awaken, but often we forget them, even though we may know we were dreaming. Most people don't pay much attention to the things they dream. But some people record their dreams in diaries and analyze them.

Many dream-books have been written to suggest the meaning of dreams. It is fun to see what they have to say. For example, a certain 19th century dream-book reports, "To dream you ride upon a donkey denotes you will rise in life considerably. To hear one bray denotes the death of some local celebrated character. To dream you are kicked by one shows enemies will injure you" (Raphael's Book of Dream, W. Foulsham & Co., London, 1886). The price of the book was one shilling. Ten thousand copies of it were printed.

Many Americans remember their grandparents attached significance to dreams. A certain 20th century Italian dream-book says about "pioggia" (rain), "Sognare di vedere piovere placidamente e senza temporale o tempesta denota guadagno e profitto" (Il Libro del Sogni, Casa Editrice Bietti, Milano, 1961). The price of the book was 400 lire.

Prophetic dreams are dreams that later happen in real life. For thousands of years people believed dreams foretold the future. Today we consider that attitude a superstition.

Now we know that dreams reflect what we think and wish. Many therapists say dreams occur deep in the unconscious mind. They use dreams to explore their clients' personality and social and emotional problems.

Some dreams are recurrent. Some dreams frighten us; others are pleasurable. Dreams can seem very real. There may be a close relationship between dreaming and the creative process of the mind. We don't know all there is to know about what inspires some persons to create great works of art or invent world-shaking things. Maybe self-portraits can provide us with some useful clues.

Cesare Battisti Lodge #1518

Petaluma, CA by Louise Vicino

Greetings from Petaluma!

Here we are, 2018 is gone and we have now entered our New Year. Since I didn't get my article in last month, I hope that you all had a nice holiday season and I send you my wishes for a Happy New Year filled with lots of love and happiness for all.

I attended the meeting in January and there was not the usual crowd. However, those who attended had a nice dinner and a short meeting. Thank you to the cooks who prepared the meal and all who helped in any way to make it a successful dinner. We need to have more people step up to the plate and help in whatever way they can. We also need our members to attend the meetings and support our officers.

We would like to thank last years officers for all their hard work and congratulate the new officers who are stepping in. At the present time we would like to thank Ann Albertoni for all her hard work in making the Lodge a success. She has had to step

down as President and Jim Gambonini is taking over as Part Time President. If there is anyone who is interested in running for President will you please give Jim your name and you will be contacted.

In the meantime Thank you Ann for all your time and for running good meetings. We know how much work and time it takes in being a good President and you were great. Congratulations to Jim on his taking the Presidency on, give him all the support we can. He will need help with communications. If there is anyone willing to do so, please contact Jim.

Angelo Leone gave a trustee's report. Everything is going well. However, try and bring in a new member.

Our Deputy Rick Branch, who attends all our meetings, gave his thanks and best wishes to all. We thank him for always taking the time to attend our meetings.

By the time you get this copy of Il Leone we will have had our crab feed. We want

to thank all the cooks, and all those members who worked so hard to make it a success. At that time the drawing for the cruise will be held and I should have all information about this in the next article I write.

Installation of Officers was held in Sonoma on January 20th. So thank you and congratulations to all who attended this event.

The following members have passed away: Viviene Capoletti, Joe Davenport and Tony Scott. Our condolences to their families and may they rest in peace.

Get well wishes to anyone who is ill, Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those celebrating this month of January and February . Happy Valentine to all who are lovers and to all who celebrate.

We did not hold a meeting in February. So see everybody in March.

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

Ciao



Giovanni Fattori (1825-1908), Self-Portrait.

Saddleback Valley Lodge # 2566

Mission Viejo, CA by Andy Pampuro, Immediate Past President

Our lodge meeting on January was a very eventful one. We had the installation of our lodge officers for the next two years, we initiated five new members and enjoyed a very delicious meal sponsored by our President Hank Lowinger and our First Lady Michelle.

We were honored by the presence of State Second Vice President Sadie Tamburine and our State Deputy Sal Denaro. Sadie took on the role of president in the installation of our officers while Sal did the role of Herald. President Hank looked on very proudly as each officer had their regalia placed upon them. Sadie and Sal both spoke a few words of encouragement to the officers.

President Hank Lowinger initiated five new members at this meeting. They were Mary Ruiz, Joy Borzellino, Rosa Pace, Walter Lawson and Jim Maniscalco. We welcomed them with open

Sadie and Sal both come from the La Costa dei Fiori Lodge and brought along with them the new president of the lodge who will be replacing Sal. He is Sal Provenza who enjoyed our meeting very much.

Following all this we enjoyed a delicious dinner sponsored by our president and first lady. Besides the meal there was a ton of desserts provided by our members. We all wish you a very healthy and safe new year.



First Lady Michelle Lowinger and Sunshine Lady Pat Dito with the rendering of the Cal Poly Tournament of Roses parade. Many of our members helped with the decorating of this float which won one of the biggest prizes.



State Deputy Sal Denaro handing the gavel to lodge president Hank Lowinger as State Third Vice President Sadie Tamburine leads the applause.



Our new members...l/r MC Lillian Rossi, Mary Ruiz, Joy Borzellino, Rosa Pace, Walter Lawson, Jim Maniscalco and MC Al Rossi.

Roma Lodge #1573 Tulare, CA

by Larry Dutto

At the January 7th meeting of Roma Lodge initiation of officers was held installing the 2019-2020 slate of officers. President David DePaoli and First Lady Giovanna DePaoli concluded their terms as officers and assisted Louise Silacci, State Trustee Central and HazelAnn Christin, Hanford Lodge with installing the new officers.



Roma Lodge members held a moment of silence for Lilia Curti Giacomazzi, State Deputy from the Hanford Lodge who passed away on December 22, 2018. Lilia was initiated into the Roma Lodge #1573 on February 7, 1936 and was our oldest member at 105 years of age and an 82-year member of our lodge. Her father, Miro Curti, was president of Roma Lodge from 1936-1939. Lilia transferred her membership to the Hanford Lodge when she married her husband Fred Giacomazzi on July 12, 1936. Lilia served as the State Deputy for the Roma Lodge for nearly 40 years and delighted all the members at each meeting with her comments during the Good of the Order or during initiation of new members or installation of officer's ceremonies. Farewell Sister *Lilia*. Our hearts are broken with your passing.



Prior to the installation of officers for the 2019-2020 term, members of the 2017-2018 officer team were recognized. They were (l-r) Gary Dutto, Nick Canata, Kathy Canata, Pam Sola, Karen Pedroncelli, Frances Della, Ken Bertorelli, Matt Watkins, Domenic Pitigliano and Melissa Wat-



Valley Of The Moon

Lodge #1959 Sonoma CA

by Susan Antonini-member at large susanantoniniart@gmail.com

Fort Fincastle is a fort located in the city of Nassau on the island of New Providence in The Bahamas. The fort was built in 1793 by Lord Dunmore. Built around 1793 on Society Hill, the fort overlooks the city of Nassau and the Queen's Staircase, and is often accessed that way by visitors on foot. Wikipedia

Visited by Jack and Marilyn Doss....see, that's what you do when you are retired! They also visited their grandson for his 9th Birthday in Tampa Florida...

Sounds like a good time! ONE MORE ADDED THANK YOU TO

Jack and Marilyn...for bringing several friends and neighbors to our dinners..

GUESTS...

Even though the weather was inclement, we had several guests... a warm welcome to

Priscilla Miles who moved to Temelec 9 ½ years ago from Napa...(a guest of Mary Vigne)

There were others but I failed to reach them for a chat, but welcome all!

VINEYARDS IN SONOMA Sol Troia and 7 other fellows get together to maintain the vineyards and make wine. From what I sampled, a 2014 Merlot they are doing a spectacular job!

They also grow Pino, Cab, and Sav Blanc.

NEXT TIME...there is a story about Red Fire House label....
THANK YOU TO THE HELPERS THAT MAKE THE EVENING RUN FLAWLESS-LY!

John our kitchen crew leader and Gary...

John and Doreen , Leslie and Patrick and Joanna....OH MY WORD...and the bar tenders, ticket takers, clean up.... and the list goes on and on....

It really does take a village!

RESERVATIONS... Karen: 707-938-1295 Happy Hour 5 pm Dinner at 6 pm

UNDER THE WEATHER

Our prayers and thoughts go out to those ill and recovering...ps...knee surgery is not a "piece of cake" where on earth did I get that idea... some said with less invasive procedures it was a "piece of cake"....NOT!

On the other hand...Jo Grant is back with us after hip surgerygo figure!

CROWD CONTROL NEED-ED

No, these are just a group of happy folks getting together once a month to eat, drink and be merry...upon observation I was wondering what the visitors must think as they listen to the clamor of voices and laughter...I do hope they know that they also can join in....there is a warm welcome to all!

NORTH BAY UNITED LODGE OFFICERS Installation dinner coming up this Sunday..1/20/19....more folks that willingly give their time and energy to the good of the Order of the Sons and Daughters of Italy....

Don't forget Duolingo.com Italian (free) lessons

Happy Valentine's Day Ciao



Vallejo Lodges

by Sharon Silveira

Congratulations to the newly elected lodge officers! Virgilio-- President: Ray Bini, Vice President: Anthony Intintoli, Immediate Past President: Glen Rushing, Orator: Fred Asche, Recording Secretary: Steve Branch, Financial Secretary: Rick Silveira, Treasurer: Rick Branch, Trustees: Mike Brigandi, Tim Coragliotti, Dennis Clemente, Glen Rushing & Lee Sparks, Master of Ceremonies Lou Bellotti, Sentinel: Ray Airoldi. Beatrice Portinari--President Pamela Bini, Vice President: Nancy Sparks, Immediate Past President: Sharon Silveira, Orator: Esther Asche, Recording Secretary: Penny Bellotti, Treasurer: Jessica Ray, Trustees: Donna Branch, Lucy Branch, Ruth Costa, Delores Meyer and Melanie

Rushing, Mistresses of Cer-

emonies: Evelyn Fox, Elaine Quillin, Sentinel: Annamaria Intintoli. The Vallejo Lodges held their Installation Ceremony on Tuesday, January 8th and State President John Costa conducted the ceremony with Virgilio State Deputy Mike Carroll acting as Herald. Josephine Agosta, Beatrice's Immediate Past Orator invested both presidents with their regalia. The evening concluded with a sumptuous appetizer buffet, cooked up by The Kitchen Queens Marlene Parr and Laverta Harris.

A Sell Out Crowd at our annual Crab Feed held on Saturday, January 19th. In addition to mountains of succulent crab, the feast included Rick Branch's extraordinary pasta with sauce, garlic bread, a loaded green salad and des-

sert. Everyone works diligently to make this event a success and a pleasure our servers included some of the lodges past scholarship recipients. Major kudos to the kitchen crew of Glen Rushing, John Costa, Rick & Donna Branch and Steve and Lucy Branch. A big thank you to all who attended and contributed to the success of the event!

Looking ahead...Our monthly meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Come join us for Sausage & Pepper sandwiches with potato salad, jello salads and dessert. February 16th, Saturday, will be our Polenta & Stew Dinner. Please call for reservations: Pamela Bini 567-2938.

Sii bene e sii felice.



Installation Ceremony for the Beatrice Portinari and Virgilio Lodges.

California Fire Donations

Donations from California

Sadie Tamburine

Barbara Wisniewski

Al & Vera Girolami

Roy Vanoni

Michael DiGiuro

Gloria Garibaldi

Louise Tesoriere

Beatrice Portinari Lodge \$500.00

Adriennne Escoe

Joanne Coccia Lodge \$6000.00

Weed Lodge \$1,500.00

Al Trentini

Gold Country Lodge \$1,050.00

Fiore Pasquini, Napa

C Colombo Lodge, Antioch \$520.00

Izukda Fatal, Gardena

Lisa Hayes, Torrance

Annette Porter, Torrance

St. Helena Lodge \$500.00 Cristoforo Colombo Lodge \$605.00

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Watsonville Lodge \$1,500.00

Columbia Lodge #1940 \$500.00

Sacramento Lodge \$500.00

Maria & Ugo Pignati

Bennie Pardini

Pugliese Lodge

Our brothers and sisters from the other states have been so generous. I just deposited \$8375.00 from them.

Genevieve & Patrick Picone NY

Cherry Hill Enrico Fermi Lodge NJ

Anthony Agostinelli RI

Dominick Giordano NY

Eileen & Richard DeVito MA

James Anzide NJ

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Triangle Sons of Italy Lodge #2817 \$250

OSIA NJ Foundation \$5,000.00

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Nancy DeGregory FL

Hanford Lodge #1543

Hanford, CA by Jackie Giacomazzi jackiegiacomazzi@gmail.com



The Nardini family and the Leoni family pose following serving polenta to members and guests at the January meeting of the Hanford Lodge. The Hanford Lodge was proud that National President, Vera Girolami, and State 1st Vice-president, Arlene Nunziati were on hand to install the new officers and enjoy a polenta and stew dinner.



Newly installed President Louise Silacci accepts the gavel from National President, Vera Girolami as she gets some encouraging words from her.



Outgoing President, Charles "Chuck" Sant'Agata, poses with his Past President's gavel and the Italian pottery pasta bowl he received as a gift. He invites all to attend the "Sweetheart Serenade" dinner slated for February 16 at the Hanford Fraternal Hall. Home-cooked Italian meal, music, raffle & fun!! 559 584 7433 for further info.

Northern Solano Lodge #2534

Fairfield, CA 94534 by Rick Tracy and Pam Boes

"A Star is Born" may be the title of a popular movie but 36 years ago a true star was born in Northern Solano County when Northern Solano Lodge #2534 was established on January 16, 1983. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Joseph Agosta, Albert Albertoni and Don Cahan who first organized our Lodge. Sue Cahan gave us a short history pointing out that when the first meeting was held there were 135 members. At the time the founders said that they didn't realize there were that many Italians in

Solano County.

Our star shines in many areas: Community Service, Support of Many Charities, Community Involvement, Volunteerism, Social Activities and Fund Raising. Twice a month members volunteer at the Contra Costa/Solano Food Bank (December 10th seven members sorted 1,887 lbs. of food products.), Dave Rico and Frank Rossi and their crews prepare meals for special Senior Center Events. Members have participated in local patriotic parades, toy drives, Veterans Stand Down, collecting supplies for local schools, and personal items for residents of local convalescent homes. Among the charities we have supported include but not limited to are: Meals on Wheels, Assist-A-Grad Scholarship Program, Food Bank, the Paradise Fire Relief Fund, Garibaldi Meucci Museum and many others.

Our Lodge members also know how to have fun and enjoy each other in social settings. Starting with our social hour and dinner before each monthly meeting, book club, bocce, out to lunch bunch, soup/salad night, card night, annual Christmas party, Gino Bruno Picnic, and "Day at the Races".

In order to support our charitable donations, the members continue to volunteer their time, talents and financial support toward the annual Columbus Day Dinner, Crab Feed, Holiday Wreath Sale, Christmas Raffle and the Dixon Mayfair. It is our hope that we are continuing the goals our charter members envisioned 36 years ago.

The Lodge meeting on Thursday, January 17th also

celebrated the outgoing board members and the installation of the 2019 – 2020 officers. Outgoing President Don Cradduck and 1st Lady Jeanne Cradduck presented a mug to each 2017 – 2018 board member inscribed with the name, office and years of service. President Cradduck expressed his gratitude to his board and all members of the lodge for their service during his term of office.

State President John Costa and State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi installed the officers for 2019 – 2020. Our Lodge will be led by: President-Mark Rossi, Vice President-Frank Mossa, Past President-Don

Cradduck, Orator-Susan Cahan, Recording Secretary-Shirley Firpo, Financial Secretary-Carol Urban,

Treasurer-Jerry Firpo, Sentinel-Kay Locatelli, Historian-Rick Tracy, M/M of Ceremonies- Laure De

Vincenzi-Nichols and Joe Niccoli, Chaplain-Caroline Abughazaleh, Trustees: Pam Boes, Jeanne Cradduck,

Janice De Pasquale, Vince La Novara and Gloria Niccoli.

LOOKING BACK:

Our Lodge members were most generous with their donations toward the Christmas Toy Drive. The

recipients this year were Fisher House, a residential facility at Travis Air Force Base for patients and

families of David Grant Medical Center, and the Pathology Lab Toy Drive also located at David Grant.

LOOKING AHEAD:

The Annual Crab Feed Scheduled for January 26th is completely sold out. Thank you, Carol Urban, for coordinating the sale and distribution of tickets. Carol also plans the seating arrangements for 230 guests.

"A Day at The Races" will be on Friday May 3rd at Golden Gate Fields in Albany CA. This annual event is always and exciting day with fantastic food, seating and a race named after our Lodge. Contact Rich Barker for more information and reservations

Welcome to our newest members Hannelore and Robert Baffico.

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Rodolfo Valentino Lodge #1449

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

The United Lodges of the Central San Joaquin Valley (ULCSJV) lost a wonderful and longtime member, our chaplain, Lilia Elizabeth Curti Giacomazzi, at age of 105 (see the web site for the Sons of Italy Hanford Lodge for a summary of her life, which was full of events and travels); she was the mother-in-law of Jackie Giacomazzi, a very active member of the ULCSJV. Though born in Fresno, her parents were from the town of Albonico in Northern Italy among the

Christmas is not over until the last pine needle is out of the carpet.

Never make a New Year Resolution to help folks with their New Year resolutions.

This Month, January 21:

We begin our new year, so make sure Brian has your check for your 2019 dues. January is also a Pot Luck month. And, since everyone has now had their flu shots, I won't have to remind anyone.

It is as easy to fill the top half of your gas tank as it is to fill the bottom half.

If you catch a cold: stay warm and hydrated; it won't cure it, but you will feel better.

Next Months: February 18 and March 18 will be our usual meetings, with Pot Luck; bring what you can; no other details yet. April 15 will be our Spring Fest Pasta Party, so nudge your family and friends now.

Many folks believe grits and polenta are much the same, but there are differences: grits are most often made with soft yellow-on-the-cob dent corn, while polenta is is made using hard multi-colored-on-the-cob flint maize. Considered a northern dish, it is popular through out Italy. Often prepared in a large pot until it is thick, then poured into deep dishes until set, it is then served with a large dollop of sturdy red tomato sauce. Some folk "jazz it up" with salt pork or herbs while cooking. My own recipe includes 5 types of

cheese, and is oven baked at the end of the cooking cycle. My mother poured the dry polenta into a boiling pot, but that causes lumps that must be broken up; I pour it into cold water, then bring it up to a boil and get no lumps at all. Leftovers can be chunked into a skillet with sauce. heated and served, or, evenly sliced and fried until the edges are browned and served with syrup. Some restaurants will serve it plain in a bowl as if it were mush, but that is not

Months to Come: The next ULCSJV luncheon meeting will be March 10, 2019 (details later). All proceeds from these luncheons are contributed to the Valley Children's Hospital in Madera. And, the Grand Lodge 2019 Convention will start June 26 in Reno.

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

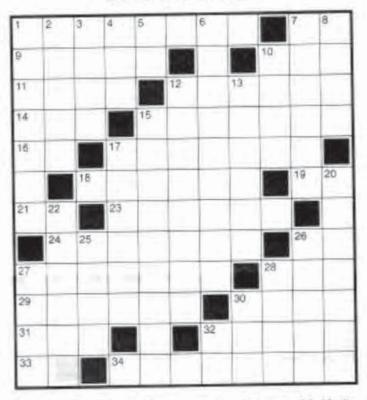
Scholarship season is upon us! Contact our Scholarship Chair, Isabel Ronzano, at (559) 297-0851, for information on this topic. The Scholarship Deadlines are: for Clovis Lodge, March 31, 2019; for California State Grand Lodge: March 01, 2019; and, for National Lodge the date is generally November to February of any year (\$500 to \$5,000 awards). Go 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/.

ORIZZONTALI: 1. Una varietà di rosso - 7. Antico 101 - 9. Altrimenti detto - 10. Uomini a Liverpool - 11. Poeti ispirati - 12. Ghiotti - Cortile in campagna -15. La trasmette la zanzara anofele - 16. Consonanti in linea - 17. Kevin del cinema - 18. Non mancino - 19. Iniz, di Canova - 21, Inizio di osservazione - 23. Imita II diamante - 24. Spinge a grattarsi - 26. I confini del Laos - 27. Disegnato... con rose - 28. Gatto... per Shakespeare - 29. Sharbare, radere - 30. Comune roditore - 31. Arte latina - 32. Coppa di tennis - 33. Un po' di cemento - 34. Tutt'altro che vizioso.

VERTICALI: 1. Animale che nitrisce - 2. Il nome di Delon - 3. La Dalla Chiesa della televisione - 4. In nessun tempo - 5. Sigia d'Isernia - 6. Trasmesso all'ufficio competente - 7. Nome di donna - 8. Cetaceo del Rio delle Amazzoni - 10. Frutti del rovo - 12. Malattia dello stomaco - 13. Come il man-

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to della pecora - 15. Farsi vedere - 17. Pausa ritmica -20. Dispendioso - 22. Guardare dal buco della serratura - 25. Diana cantante di musica leggera - 26. Matita - 27. E chiamato anche marsina - 28. Rifugio di malviventi - 30. La "t" greca - 32. Dote senza pari.

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Grand Lodge of California
83rd Grand Convention
June 26-30, 2019
Atlantis Casino Resort Hotel
Reno Nevada

See you in
The Biggest Little City in The World!

Memories of Lilia Elizabeth Curti Giacomazzi



Lilia Elizabeth Curti Giacomazzi passed away peacefully at her home on December 22, 2018. She was born in Fresno, California, on July 23, 1913, to parents, Miro and Domenica (Raviscioni) Curti, immigrants from a small town in the Northern Italian Alps on Lake Como. She was raised on a dairy in Waukena, California, with her siblings: Amelio, Elvira, Italo and Leo. When she began school at the age of six, she only knew the Italian language. She quickly learned English remembering the first word she learned was "pencil."

She was a 1931 graduate of Tulare Union High School. While there she enjoyed playing basketball and baseball. As her parents were dairy farmers, Lilia did her share of the day-to- day chores on the dairy. She loved being out in nature with the animals, the flowers and the birds. She married Fred Giacomazzi on July 12, 1936, and moved to live on a dairy in Hanford. She milked cows until the day she was married, but not after. She became a homemaker; and when she had her children: Donald (1937) and Patricia (1940), she got very involved in the community.

She became active in the Mothers Clubs of Willow Grove and Thomas McCarthy grammar schools, serving as president of each. She also was involved in the PTA when they attended Hanford High School. She was a 10-

year community leader of the Kings County 4-H Club, teaching cooking, sewing, and gardening.

Her love of gardening led her to help establish the La Casa Garden Club in Hanford. She was a 65-year charter member. She chaired many flower shows and used her skill in floriculture to produce lovely arrangements for numerous dinner-dances etc. Until two years ago, Lilia volunteered her services at the Floriculture Building during the Kings District Fair. A true environmentalist, she has never allowed chemicals to be used as a weed killer in her yard!!

Lilia's home was always open to guests. It was known to many as "Casa de Tutti" (House for All). If someone dropped in for a visit, she would be in the kitchen getting them something to eat without haste!! (Whether they wanted to eat or not!!) She was famous for her polenta and stew, risotto and ravioli, using recipes used by her mother. She instilled her love of cooking into her grandchildren who have tried to keep the traditions of cooking alive, learning the art of preparing her favorite

She loved to travel, and literally travelled "around the world." She had so many stories to tell! She especial-

ly enjoyed visiting her relatives in Italy and Switzerland. While in Rome in 2000 at age 87, she was honored to receive a special blessing by Pope John Paul II. She enjoyed the company of several of her grandchildren on many of her visits.

While at home on the dairy farm, Lilia was a book-keeper for Fred & Don Giacomazzi Farms until about 35 years ago. At age 70, she decided she did not want to learn how to do her book-keeping on a computer. So, she gave it up and began enjoying life!!

Lilia has been involved in so many community activities through the years. But the Order Sons of Italy in America has been her greatest love. She joined the Roma Lodge #1573 at an early age. When she married and moved to Hanford, she transferred to the Hanford Lodge #1543. During the past 80+ years, she held many offices in her Lodge, as well as at the State level including: historian, recording secretary, financial secretary (over 20 years), sunshine chair, and president. She was also a State Trustee, State Deputy to the Roma Lodge and was Special Deputy to the United Lodges of the San Joaquin Valley. She established a Junior Member program in the Hanford Lodge. (Some of those children now are in

their 50's). She was so honored that most of her grand-children and great grandchildren are currently members of the Hanford Lodge. (Five generations have been members)

Lilia's family is happy that she was able to enjoy her life to the fullest as she celebrated her 105th birthday in July, as well as the 125th anniversary of the Giacomazzi Dairy in November. At Thanksgiving dinner, she was able to give her special blessing, then complete the day by joining her family in a dice game. "Nonni," as her great-grandchildren called her, was an inspiration to all. If you asked her what her secret to longlife was, she would say; "Eat three meals a day, work hard, and enjoy your family and friends." One of her favorite songs was: "You Are My Sunshine." At every family gathering, the "grands" would sing to her, and she would join in with delight! A "Celebration of Life" was held for her on January 14. As a part of the Eulogy, the great-grandchildren, accompanied by Christina Hage-(great-grandchild) and grandson, Dino, on their ukuleles, led the congregation in the chorus of this song as a last tribute to their "sunshine." "Nonni" will remain the "sunshine" in our lives forever. May she rest in

Sacramento Lodge #1352

Sacramento, CA by Pam Stewart

What a great Christmas Celebration with close to 50 attendees! Barbara Alfidi visited the children as La Befana, the Italian Witch, who comes down the chimney and leaves gifts for the children. Barbara told the kids a story and had goodies for all of them. David Carboni was a great Santa and handed out gifts to all the kids. Santa Carboni also thought the members had been very good this year and gave out panettone and biscotti to the adults too! Evelyn Baroni won the Ugly Sweater Contest and lodge members enjoyed participating in a Secret Santa gift exchange. Special thanks to Louie Lodi and Dan Marinelli for their hard work organizing the festivites!

Our January meeting and Bingo Night were lots of fun! Thank you to Vera Carboni for preparing our delicious lasagna dinner! At the meeting we welcomed guests, sang Happy Birthday to our January birthday members, recognized special anniversaries (John Tedesco 46 years, Abbie Baroni 21 years, Rachel Inderbitzen 11 years, Susan Dixon 9 years, Londi Medrano 9 years) and then played Bingo!

The "Ways and Means" drawing winner for January was Doreen Daneri. If you haven't done so already, don't forget to purchase a ticket or two for the 2019"Ways and Means" drawings. Congratulations to our Bingo winners: Genny Arieta, Terry Corcoran, Angie Smith, Richard In-

derbitzen, Lilly Marinelli and Susan Dixon.

Save the date for our annual Shrimp Feed on Saturday November 2. Hope to see you all at our next Dinner and Meeting that will be on Wednesday, February 13, at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be ribs with all the fixings!



Barbara Alfidi plays La Befana and reads a story to the kids.



David Caboni as Santa Claus treats the kids with gifts!



Evelyn Baroni wins the Ugly Sweater contest with Richard Inderbitzen (C) and Ron Mozingo (R) runner ups.

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Shasta Lodge #2453

Redding, CA by Carole Dellaragione

Vice President John Di-Matteo, Past President and President Elect Jim Nobili, Jim and Tina Lamanna and I visited the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge in Chico for their general meeting. We were able to present check for their camp fire victims and get the name of the Paradiso victims. After a visit by phone today, we will be sending checks to their President Wanda for the five members who lost homes in Paradise. We were happy to see our State Deputy John Jefsen at the meeting. He has been ill for some time but is getting better and we hope to see him back in Redding in February.

We had a catered dinner on January 5th. That was followed by our traveling cooking crew making a trip to the Redding Gun Club to cook spaghetti and meatballs for the Redding Police Department who were raising funds for the Police Explorers dinner scheduled at our lodge on January 25th. February will be busy with our Crab Feed and possibly a gaming night for our Lodge's anniversary. We also resume our blood drives on January 23rd with a drive at our lodge. And as

always, there is maintenance going on around the lodge.

We will have our installation of new officers on January 21st. Jim Nobili will be back as President, with Past President Carole Dellaragione going back to Financial Secretary. John DiMatteo remains as Vice President, Jim Lamanna as Orator, Joe Rodola as Treasurer. Sharon Roberts comes back to the council as Recording Secretary. The other officers are trustees Steve Delben, Leonard Duz, Jim Giacomelli, Paul Monette and Jean Russell and mistresses of ceremonies Diane Piazza and Gerry Carroll, and Sentinel Jeanne-Marie Carr. Welcome new council members and we will miss those of you who are gone.

Many of you get our newsletter by email, but if you don't and would like it sent to you, please send me an email to Caroledell44@gmail. com and I will get you on our mailing list. We always look forward to visitors from other lodges, too.

Wishing you all a very nice Valentine's Day.

Ciao, your friends from Shasta Lodge..



Nancy Wolochuk and Charlotte Bailey placing wreaths at Northern California Veterans Cemetery at Christmas.

Jean Russell and Fran Mazet ringing bells for Salvation Army.







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Anniv. Mar. 8, 1959
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SANTA ROSA LODGE No. 1898

Anniv. July 5, 1940 SANTA ROSA PRES. JOAN **ACQUISTAPACE** 113 Brooktrail Ct. Santa Rosa, Ca 95409 Phone: (707) 292-1480 Rec. Secty. Sue Tunstall 115 Brooktrail Ct. Santa Rosa, CA 95409 Phone: (707) 570-7779 Email: sinamon219@att.net Meets 2nd Mon. 6:00 p.m. **Brookwood Mobile Estates** 7000 Montecito Blvd. (Mobile Park) Santa Rosa, CA 95409

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VINCENZO BELLINI LODGE No. 2519

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Anniv. June 10, 1962
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WEED LODGE No. 1269

Anniv. Jan. 6, 1924
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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 know 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.