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A Message From The State President



by **Lynn Lawrence-Murphy**
State President

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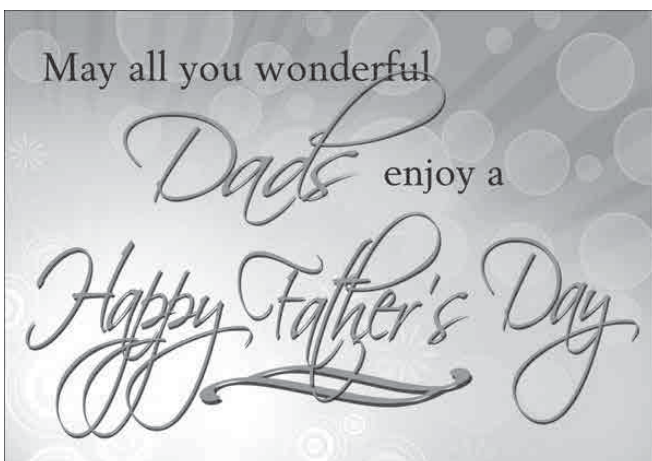
By the time you read this article many of you will be preparing for the State Convention in Sparks, NV. You do not have to be a delegate to attend. We would love to have you join us at this annual gathering. It will give you a change to personally meet and network with your brothers and sisters from the other lodges, your State Officers and Committee Chairs, and find out what is happening within the Grand Lodge.

On Saturday, April 23rd Bill and I attended the Modesto Lodge's Black Tie Event, an elegant event as usual, chaired by Terri Cipponeri and Donna Ferreira this year. Past State President Joe Simile was honored for his many years of dedication and devotion to the lodge and the Order. They also honored the Gallo Family. Monday, April 25th, we attended the Napa Lodge's Potluck Dinner Meeting. They were busily preparing for their May 23rd Spaghetti Dinner (in lieu of their cancelled Crab Feed Fundraiser). On Friday, May 6th, Bill, Gloria Garibaldi and I attended Northern Solano's Day at the Races with over 70 Sons of Italy members and friends in attendance. What a fun day! Even if my horses didn't bring me winnings just seeing their beauty and grace was well worth it. The next day, I travelled to the Grand Lodge Office to meet with the State Queen Contest Chair Eva Lavazzari, her cousin Sherri and a representative from C. Colombo Lodge where we opened the Queen Contest Envelopes. Congratulations to our new State Queen Mary Lucido (from the C. Colombo Lodge in Antioch)

and her incoming Court. You will have a chance to meet these charming young ladies at Convention. Again, I wish to thank all the lodges and members that supported this special event. Unfortunately, I missed Vallejo's Wine Tasting Event for Alzheimer's, but Bill was there to pour wine and support them. We are a team! On Sunday May 15th, Bill & I flew out to Williamsburg, VA to visit our great granddaughter Julie, Mom Erin and Dad Chris. From there Bill & I drove to Washington, D.C. to attend the NELA Gala, which took place on Thursday, May 26th. California had a strong representation at this event. In attendance were National 1st Vice President Vera Grolami, husband Al, State 1st Vice President Arlene Nunziati, National Trustee and Immediate Past State President Maria Pignati, SIF Trustee and Past State President Joe La Banca

and wife Mary, State Orator Sadie Tamburine and daughter Susan Webb, and the Cipponeri Family from Modesto. Condoleezza Rice was one of the honorees and the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award for Public Service. Maria Pignati sang the American and Italian National Anthems - outstanding as usual. What a truly emotional, rewarding and outstanding event. You are proud to be an American and an Italian American attending this event honoring and thanking these outstanding leaders, the "Wounded Warriors" (men and women who served our country) and the amazing young students receiving National Scholarship Awards.

In closing, Bill and I wish all fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers a very Happy Fathers Day.



OSIA - Grand Lodge of California is in the process of defining the specifications of its future Membership Tracking and Accounting system.

The State President is searching for Grand Lodge members who have experience in design and/or implementation of Management Information Systems to be considered for appointment to a special committee.

The purpose of the committee will be:

1. To assist in the design of specifications of the new system;
2. To participate in the selection of qualified vendors who will create the system and train the Grand Lodge Office staff in the use and maintenance of the system.

If interested in serving on this committee, please contact State President Lynn Lawrence-Murphy at clawrence2844@sbcglobal.net

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Mary Lucido
C. Colombo #1315



Miss America
Elizabeth Lavezzari
Anaheim #2076



Miss Italy
Christine Bianco
Enrico Caruso #1463



Miss California
Gabrielle Benedetti
Roma #1573



Miss Convention City
Baylin Herington
Saddleback Valley #2566

Queen Contest Update

I would like to congratulate all of the lodges who participated in the Queen Contest this year. It is our pleasure to announce the 2016-2018 Grand Lodge Queen and her court:

Grand Lodge Queen: Mary Lucido, C. Colombo Lodge #1315
Miss America: Elizabeth Lavezzari, Anaheim Lodge #2076
Miss Italy: Christine Bianco, Enrico Caruso Lodge #1463
Miss California: Gabrielle Benedetti, Roma Lodge #1573
Miss Convention City: Baylin Herington, Saddleback Valley Lodge #2566
Duchess: Carliegh Barber, Natalia Cipponeri, Valerie Celentano
Countess: Monica Pignotti, Natalie Webb, Tayler Buck

We look forward to seeing you all at the Grand Lodge Convention in Sparks, Nevada this June. At this time we will have the opportunity to present these young women to the Grand Lodge. Congratulations to all of the participating lodges and their queens. We are all very proud of you and know you will be great representative of our Sons of Italy, Grand Lodge of California.

More information will be coming soon in the mail for each queen contestant.

Thank you,

Eva Lavezzari & the Queen Contest Committee

From the Editor's Desk

by Andy Pampuro
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Congratulations to the young ladies who made it to the top five. We certainly wish you a happy reign for the next two years. We also want to thank the outgoing court for doing for doing a great job the last two years on the Royal Court. The coronation of the new court will take place on Friday evening at the convention in Sparks.

I hope those of you coming to the convention will be making a donation to the Il Leone sponsorship program. I have quite few names and donations and will be bringing that list with me. The complete list



SAVE THE DATE

HUMANIARIAN & LEADERSHIP GALA
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016
HILTON HOTEL, SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA
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We would like to wish all you wonderful dads a very happy Father's Day.



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News from the Central

by Arlene Nunziati
State 1st Vice President



Happy June everyone! Last month I forgot to mention that National Recording Secretary Mark DeNunzio from Florida was in San Francisco and stopped by the office. I gave him a tour of the Grand Lodge Building and he was very impressed. He suggested a National meeting be held here in the future. Great idea. We enjoyed a lovely lunch. He is also the National Membership Chair so of course membership was discussed.

Working in the office, I see the Monthly Membership forms and I am appalled and very concerned at the loss of members! Not only do we have to bring in new members, we need to retain what we have. Please, everyone, do your part.

Way too much eating this past month. The Columbia lodge had a superb Polenta dinner, one of the best ever and that is my favorite meal of all times. This was a fundraiser for our Queen Valerie Celentano and was very successful. We haven't had a Queen in years and are very proud of Valerie.

At the meeting night they had an excellent enchilada dinner with rice and beans prepared by Treasurer Melanie Parker. Delicious! And a lot of work for her.

I promised you a report on Chicago in my last article. Well Chicago was Chicago, got off the plane to cold, wind and rain!! Wow was it cold. The Hotel shuttle went right by us so we ended up taking a cab to the Hotel. We just had time to clean up, warm up and we were off to Harry Carey's restaurant with National Historian Richard DellaCroce. What a great evening, great company and more great food! In case you don't know, Harry was a great announcer for the Chicago Cubs, Oakland A's and a few other teams. He was known for always saying "Holy Cow", so we had the Holy Cow Burger in his memory and drank a Cub Cosmo.

The next day Richard picked us up again and took us to the White Eagle Banquets in Niles, Illinois for the Leonardo da Vinci Award of Excellence Gala Reception

& Ceremony. It was truly a Gala ceremony. There were sixteen honorees and each had a different story about their Italian upbringing and memories. Our very own Vera Girolami, First National Vice President, was awarded the OSIA Legend Award and received a beautiful plaque. Richard DellaCroce received the Community Leadership Award. See my other article for a description of all the awards given. What a proud moment for California. It was wonderful meeting all the members of the Grand Lodge of Illinois-Wisconsin. They didn't want us to leave and made us promise to return. Thank you State President Marie Marsalli for a great weekend.

We returned to the Hotel and then crossed the street to try our luck at the Casino. Well, let's say we had a great dinner and paid our dues!

Attended the Day at the Races sponsored by the Northern Solano Lodge. What a great event, great food and great camaraderie. This time I came home a little ahead! They had over eighty people in attendance. For their race, we were right down there cheering on the horses. Congratulations Northern Solano for a great afternoon. I will be back again next year, schedule permitting.

Congratulations to the C. Colombo Lodge for having a State Queen for the first time in over ninety years – not only a State Queen but first time having a queen candidate. Congratulations to Mary Lucido. I also wish to congratulate all the girls who ran for the positions, a beautiful court full of young girls. Our Columbia Lodge contestant came in as a duchess and we are very proud of Valerie Celentano, who has been a member of the lodge for almost her entire life!

I attended the May meeting of the Antioch Lodge (C. Colombo) and they were still celebrating having a queen! Very nice meeting and Joe Simoni and I initiated two new members. They are bringing in those members! Great job all of you. I always enjoy going over there but such a long trip with the traffic.

I will have attended the annual NELA awards Banquet in Washington DC by the time you read this so more on that next month. Condoleezza Rice will be one of the honorees.

We are still attempting to get honorees for our Gala being held September 17, 2016. Hopefully I will have more to report after NELA.

My Dad, Mario Marcucci, reached the age of 100 years Sunday, May 22, 2016. I gave him a small celebration and everyone had a great time.

Ciao until next month.

News from the North

by John Costa
State 2nd Vice President



Just when we thought it was time to bring out the sun-screen, it decides to rain again, oh well we need it. Soon it will be time for warm weather, sun glasses and picnics. But before that, your delegates will be going to convention in Sparks. Make sure you ask your delegates to take good notes so you will all know what is going on with your Grand Lodge. Send your delegates with questions and concerns. We want every member to be involved. If you are able to remember, the convention is open to all members not just delegates, come see your Grand Lodge work for you.

At the end of April Donna Lee and I attended the Modesto Lodge Black Tie event which was beautiful. President Dave and your committee did a great job.

Napa Lodge is having a spaghetti feed on May 23rd. For years they were a staple at the Napa County Fair but after the earthquake they have been displaced. They decided to try it again at the Senior Center, selling out 150 dinners. Great job Napa Lodge! See a little shacking and rattling can't keep us down.

I hate to use my article to remind the State Deputies to please turn in your reports, But I will once again ask that you please try and get up to date on your reports prior to convention.

Reminder to every lodge member, you still have half of a year to win on the 365 winner raffle tickets, a lot of large prizes still available. Buy on for your neighbor that picks up the paper when you are gone, or for a friend. Let's all help our Grand Lodge.

Membership is still a key issue for all lodges, how do we attract new members. Please bring your ideas with you to convention.

Congratulations to all the Queens candidates that participated in the Queen Contest. Congrats to our new Queen Mary and her court, I know you will represent the Grand Lodge well.

Looking forward to seeing all the delegates in Sparks NV and hopefully a lot of members also.

News from the South

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Often heard throughout our Order is 'the club'. It's used to describe the organization we belong to, namely the Order Sons of Italy in America. The word 'club' always rings of a sour note to my ears because it brings to mind some sort of social club like coffee, sports, hobby, game and fan club, where the objective is on what is done for entertainment, rather than what they do for others. Besides, 'club' sounds like a rag-tag organization. Our Order is so much more than that. We set a much higher standard. We are fraternal, interpersonal ... brothers and sisters.

Groucho Marx once sent the following famous wire to a Hollywood club he had joined: "Please accept my resignation. I don't want to belong to any club that will accept me as a member." Did Groucho mean he is less than every member of any club? Did he mean it as a display of wit? Or did he mean he wants more than a club could give him? Since Groucho was not only witty, but also very smart, I would choose the later.

Now, take a look at the above first sentence in this article. Did you notice I said, "our Order". Like my, your, his, her, its, their... 'our' is a possessive pronoun and shows ownership.

We, as members are all in this together. We have the right to an equal stake in our Order, an opportunity to do good deeds for our fellow man and we own a piece of our Order Sons of Italy in America. Wow! Now that calls us to responsibility, obligation, and duty.

"Every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty."
~ John D. Rockefeller



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Membership Committee

by Joe Simoni
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I am ecstatic to announce the addition of Peter Dito into the Membership Committee family. Pete will represent the Southern District on all things Membership. He is a trustee of the Saddleback Valley Lodge, identifies and listens to the younger generation and promises to be a positive influence and mentor to all the lodges in the Southern area. WELCOME ABOARD PETE!! Also, congratulations to C. Colombo's own Mary Lucido, the future Queen of the Sons of Italy!!

In my last article, the West End Lodge was inadvertently omitted from our Membership Honors page. They added 9 members to their flock in February. Nice going, guys. For the first quarter of 2016, there was good and not-so-good news. The Dolly Sinatra Lodge just keeps on rolling. President Joe LaPorta and his trusted Vice President Frank DiSalvo (who happens to be an Entertainer Extraordinaire, a dear friend and clearly second to none) ended March by initiating 40 New Members!! Maybe that's where the saying "March Comes in Like a Lion" comes from? March brought in a total of 57 new members. The not-so-good-news? We ended the 1st quarter of 2016 with a -140 members. That gives us a total of 5,032 members (including junior members). When we remove the 719 junior members from the total, the net total for Q1 2016 is 4,313. This is clearly not good. So, how

can we fix this? The filial lodge membership chairs should have already received a 2-page Action Plan developed by the committee and approved by the state president that should be used as tool based on what will work for your area. It is strongly recommended that you review the Plan with your lodge officers and members. Some are not new to you; others may be. Try some of them. What do you have to lose? (Oh, yeah...members). In April, 10 lodges initiated at least 1 new member. The top 2 lodges were C. Colombo #1315 (yea Edna!!) with 5 new members and Renaissance #2259 (way to go, David!!)

with 4. Total members initiated were 22. Please do not forget these newly initiated members of your family. Make them feel part of the Sons of Italy family. Give them a reason for returning and getting involved. On the "dark side", we lost 3 who passed away and 29 who didn't. We are not the federal government. We cannot sustain an organization that moves 2 steps forward and 50 steps back. Look at your membership and ask yourselves: "What activities will entice our members to participate? Cultural? Community involvement? Youth-friendly activities?" Your Membership Committee is committed to assist you in this endeavor. Call or email us. Here is our contact information:

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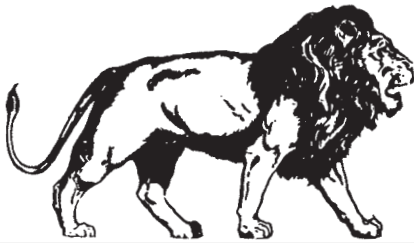


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I am thanking you all in advance.
Andy Pampuro
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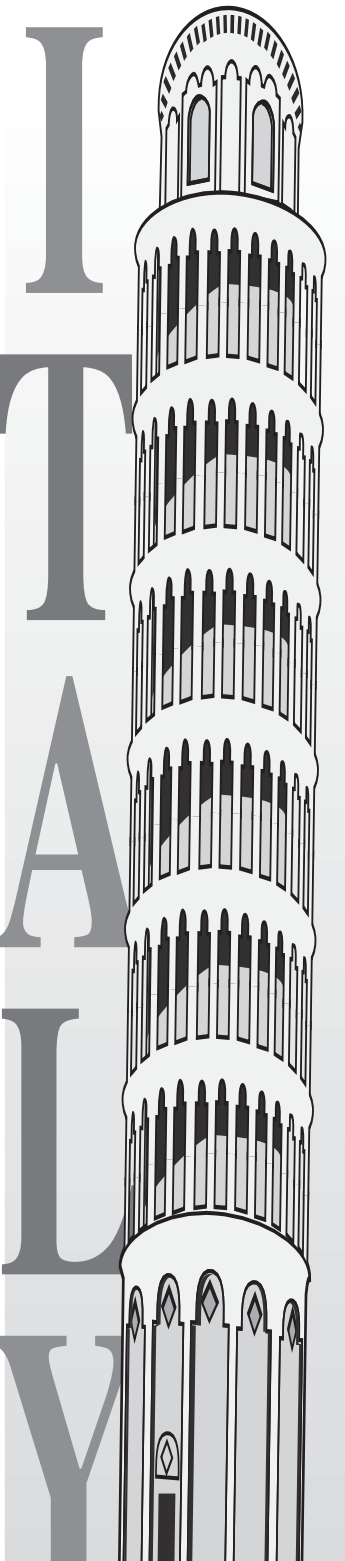
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Vera Girolami Honored By Grand Lodge of Illinois-Wisconsin

National First Vice President Vera Girolami was honored by the Grand Lodge of Illinois- Wisconsin at their annual Leonardo da Vinci Award of Excellence Gala Reception & Ceremony on Sunday May 1, 2016 at the White Eagle Banquets, Niles, Illinois. I was honored to be chosen as her guest and accompanied her.

A beautiful buffet luncheon was served prior to the ceremony and there were over two hundred guests in attendance. Vera was awarded the prestigious OSIA LEG-

END AWARD and presented with a beautiful plaque. Many awards were given including the Community Leadership Award, Entrepreneur Award, Law Award, Business of Distinction Award, Communication Award, Designer Award, Education Award and the Government Award. National Historian Richard Della Croce was awarded the Community Leadership Award.

It was a quick trip to Chicago but will worth it.

Arlene M. Nunziati
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Cicero

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Marcus Tullius Cicero (106 BC – 43 BC) was the greatest orator of ancient Rome. He was a consul, the highest elected official of the Roman Republic. Cicero was a writer, philosopher, and a constitutionalist. His fine style of writing greatly influenced the development of Italian, English, and other languages. According to Michael Grant, “the influence of Cicero upon the history of European literature and ideas greatly exceeds that of any other prose writer in any language.”

Cicero is also called Tully. In 1345 Petrarch’s rediscovered a collection of Cicero’s letters, ad Atticum. They describe the politics and customs of the Romans better than anything else written at the time. Cicero’s letters are often credited for initiating the 14th-century Renaissance. They advanced public affairs, humanism, and the appreciation of classical culture. In Italian, Cicero is known as Marco Tullio Cicerone.

Cicero lived at a critical period in history. The Roman Republic was soon to become an empire ruled by an emperor. He uncovered a conspiracy to take control of Rome. By means of vehement speeches, Cicero denounced the debaucheries of the chief conspirator, Catiline, and his followers and their senatorial sympathizers. Cicero demanded that Catiline and his followers leave the city. He drove them out of Rome in shame. Those speeches are outstanding examples of rhetorical style, which traditionally have been studied in third

year high school Latin class.

Cicero died soon after one of Rome’s civil wars, when Julius Caesar fought against Pompey the Great. Cicero was a member of the senatorial party which supported Pompey and opposed Caesar. Cicero approved of the killing of Caesar, but had nothing to do with the plot. He was a bitter enemy of Caesar’s support Marc Anthony. He denounced Anthony with speeches, “philippics,” so called because they were like the speeches that the great Greek orator Demosthenes delivered against King Philip.

When Marc Anthony became one of three men ruling Rome, Cicero was banished and hunted down. Viewed with sympathy by a large segment of the public, many people had refused to report having seen him. But he was killed by Anthony’s men before he could escape.



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Gold Country Lodge # 2705

El Dorado Hills, CA
by Tami Welch



Gold Country Lodge No.2705 members enjoyed special guests, State Treasurer, Barbara Fumosa Wisniewski and her husband Ken at our April general meeting.

Hanford Lodge # 1543

By Jackie Giacomazzi
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Hanford Lodge members pose with Grand Lodge officers following the United Lodges of the San Joaquin Valley's annual event making donations to the Valley Children's Birth Defects Library in Madera. Pictured: Front row (left to right): Joy Bruno, State Trustee-North; Ralph Agnello, State Deputy; Lilia Giacomazzi, United Lodges Special Deputy Back Row (left to right): Janis Hansen, Joan Little, HazelAnn Christin, State Birth Defects Chair; Louise Silacci, Hanford Lodge President; Lori Rossi, State Recording Secretary; Pauline Richmond, State Trustee-Central; Danny Dattola, and Jackie Giacomazzi.



United Lodges of The San Joaquin Valley

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United Lodges members pose with representatives from the Valley Children's Hospital and Birth Defects Library and State Officers following its annual gift-giving event held in Visalia, CA. on May 15, 2016. Donations were given by the SOI Western Foundation, United Lodges of the San Joaquin Valley, Lodges from Clovis, Fresno, Hanford, Tulare, and Visalia, as well as many generous individuals. The total amount collected was over \$7000.00. Dr. Susan Winter spoke on the genetic research advances made through donations such as ours. The next meeting of the United Lodges of the San Joaquin Valley will be held on June 12--11:30 a.m. at the Mitsui Buffet, 117 W. Shaw, Clovis, California--Hosted by the Rodolfo Valentino Lodge.

Saddleback Valley Lodge # 2566

Mission Viejo, CA
by Andy Pampuro, President

Congratulations to our queen, Baylin Herington, who now has won the title of Miss Convention City in the Queen Contest. She will be representing our lodge at the convention in June in Sparks, Nevada. We are all so very proud of her and wish her the best. Her family and fellow members have all worked very hard selling the queens raffle tickets in hopes that she would make one of the top five and she did. Last year Baylin won a \$5000 scholarship which was presented to her at the Black and White Ball.

At our general meeting on Friday, May 13th, we had a dessert night for all the mothers. There was enough dessert to feed an army and all of it was delicious. We had a surprise entertainer that night. Gaetano Accardo attended our meeting and while we were enjoying the desserts he sang many Italian songs. He asked our resident soprano, Nina Perez, to join him. It was a thrilling evening listening to these two sing all the favorite Italian songs. The best was when they sang "Mama" for all the mothers in the audience.

In July we will be having a movie night. The members really enjoy these evenings.

Happy Father's Day to all our fathers in the lodge.

Photos by Hank Lowinger.



Our entertainers for the evening were Nina Perez and Gaetano Accardo.



Pictured above are the mothers who were in attendance at the general meeting.

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Joanne Coccia Lodge # 2553

Fontana, CA
by Anthony N. Finazzo



Rosemary Castillo

The Joanne Coccia Lodge #2553 welcomed a new member at our April meeting. Her name is Rosemary Castillo. Rosemary will be our oldest member at 98 this year.

Rosemary was born September 15, 1918, to Charles and Anna Ramedorfer in Johnstown Pennsylvania. She was the oldest of seven children, five girls and two boys.

Her father died when she was 12 years old when she had to leave school to go to work to help her mother support the family. In 1936 Johnstown had the St. Patrick's Day flood. When the town was cleaning up from the flood, she met Joseph Rocco. They soon married and had twin girls, Joan Geist and Jean Rogers. A few years later they moved to Fontana where Joe went to work at the Kaiser Steel Mill.

After the girls were grown and married, Joseph and Rosemary went their separate ways. Several years later she met and married Robert Castillo. They had 50 happy years together before he passed away.

Rosemary loves to travel, dance and volunteer. She rocks babies at the intensive care unit at Kaiser Hospital and volunteers for the Fontana Historical Society.

She now lives with her daughter Joan Geist and attends all the Sons of Italy meetings. Rosemary decided since she was always at the meetings, she should become a member. We are delighted to have her as a member of our lodge.

Now to bring everyone up to date, we have had a lot of changes at our lodge. We have sold our property to a developer who will construct senior housing. We now meet at the Knights of Columbus Hall for our monthly meetings. The facility serves our members well. Every Thursday a group of our members enjoy lunch at Joe Bono's restaurant. Many

of us have fond memories of Momma Frances Bono who ran the deli beginning in the 1930's. Bono's is registered with the National Historical Society for Route 66 and Joe has lots of memorabilia from the old days.

Our members and guests enjoyed the Anniversary / Show we had in February. We received a very nice award from the City of Fontana thanking us for all our involvement with the charities of our city. Fontana Mayor Acquanetta Warren presented us with a framed proclamation signed by the city council members.

The Grand Lodge Convention will be held in Sparks, Nevada, at the Nugget Hotel, June 23-26. The four delegates from our lodge are Mauro and Judy Romagnoli, Rosemarie Sclafani and our president Manny Finazzo.

For the Grand Lodge's Queen Contest, Christina Beckham is our lodge's entry. Christina is the daughter of Wayne and MaryAnn Beckham and the granddaughter of Frances and Frank Finazzo. Unfortunately, she is unable to attend the convention due to another commitment.

On a sad note, Brother Manny Finazzo lost his beloved wife Veta in February and his granddaughter Lauren in January. He thanks everyone for their prayers and condolences. May the perpetual light shine upon them now and forever.

Our website is being updated during the month of May. It should be completed by the beginning of June. You can download our bulletin by visiting our website: osiafontana.org

We wish a Happy Father's Day to all Fathers on June 19. Fathers and Mothers mean a lot to all of us and we couldn't make it without them. Hope you all have a wonderful summer.

Ciao e' Sempre Avanti

Hello from Shasta Lodge. We hope you all enjoyed Mother's Day.

We have been pretty busy around our lodge. We began May by having a social night on Cinco de Mayo, serving tacos, chips, guacamole, and a few margaritas to about 25 in attendance. Then we had a few rousing games of Bingo. Doug Piazza was the big winner for the night, but a good time was had by all.

Then we held our annual Golf Tournament chaired by Dominic DiNino and Jim Giacomelli. While it rained for the first nine holes, it did not dampen the spirits of the golfers. Nobody won the hole-in-one contest, but came very close. The Steak cooking crew of Jim Nobili, Paul Monette and John DiMatteo did a great job on the steaks for lunch. Jim and Dom thank everybody who helped to make this a great event. 20% of our proceeds will be given to Roses4Hope again this year.

Redding has Rodeo Week each year with a full week of events. Quite a few of our lodge members showed up at 4AM to help the Asphalt Cowboys feed Pancakes and Sausage to about 10,000 people. Thanks to those hearty members who helped out this year.

We will be presenting a wreath at two memorial services on Memorial Day. We hope you all enjoy your long weekend, but take time out to reflect on the real reason for Memorial Day, a national day of remembrance honoring those who served and died to protect the freedom of our country.

Wishing all you Fathers a wonderful Father's Day. Your friends at Shasta Lodge.

Shasta Lodge # 2453

Redding, CA
by Carole Dellaragione



Jim Giacomelli and Dominic DiNino, Chairs for Golf Tournament.



Jim Nobili works at pancake breakfast put on by Asphalt Cowboys.



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Vallejo Lodges

by Sharon Silveira

Applause ...lots of applause for our May 8th Wine Tasting and Silent Auction event benefitting UC Davis Alzheimer's Research held at the Classic Car Museum in downtown Vallejo. A standing ovation to everyone who attended or bought a ticket, brought an appetizer or dessert, donated an item or wine, made a donation, high bid on an item,.....every person helps make this fundraiser a success! It Takes A Village is definitely true of this event! A very special thank you to Buck Kamphausen for his continuing to provide this amazing venue. From the bountiful buffet table presided over by The Kitchen Queens Marlene Parr, Bert Harris and Barbara Arzio, to the mountain of door prizes collected by Melanie Rushing, to the impressive gift baskets and items in the Silent Auction handled by Sharon Silveira---this was a very high caliber event.

The Thank You list is long and starts with Event Chairs President Pamela Bini and Rick Branch. President Ray Bini seemed to be everywhere at once. Handling a very busy Reception Table were Regina Coragliotti and Evelyn Fox. Wine pourers included Vera & Andy Siri, Steve & Lucy Branch. First Gent Bill Murphy, Tom Bartee, candidate for District 2 supervisor Mike Cohn, Tim Coragliotti, Rick Silveira Fred Asche and Rick Branch. John Costa, 2nd State VP, handled the M.C. duties. Peter Wilson sold the 50/50 board and also took care of credit card transactions. Gratitude to St. Helena President Donna Lee Costa for being the accountant for the auction.

All lodge members are invited to attend the Presentation Of The Checks to UC Davis in Sacramento, in a few months time. That too is always an amazing experience. Watch your bulletin for details.

Mangia.....Come join us for dinner on Sunday, June 12th. On the menu: Spaghetti with pork tenderloin and gravy. Chairs for this dinner are Pamela Bini and Rick Branch. Social Time starts at 4 and dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. Please call for a reservation. Adeline 642-3486/334-6480 or Josephine 642-1658/328-2610 \$15.00 for adults, \$7.50 for children (12 and under).

State Convention, June 23-25, in Sparks, NV. We look forward to renewing old acquaintances and making new ones. Every lodge member is welcome to attend the sessions and learn what is on the horizon for OSIA and what we have accomplished.

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Five Generations



Our Sons of Italy family grew to 5 generations on 10/5/15. Pictured above are Great Grandma Susan Agosta Cahan, Northern Solano Lodge 1534, Grandma Lisa Cahan Hanson, Gold Country Lodge 2705, Great-Great Grandma Josephine Agosta, Beatrice Portinari Lodge 1626, Dad Joseph Foote, Gold Country Lodge 2705 and baby Nicklaus Foote, Gold County Lodge 2705.

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2016 Scholarship Winners



*Student to Italy
Arianna Pizzuti
Grand Lodge of California
Italian Club of San Diego*



*Student to Italy
Luke Lindgren
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Italian Club of San Diego*



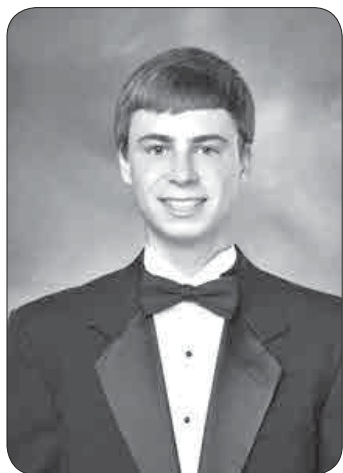
*Donato Cipponeri
Bob Trinchero
Perpetual Scholarship
\$5,000*



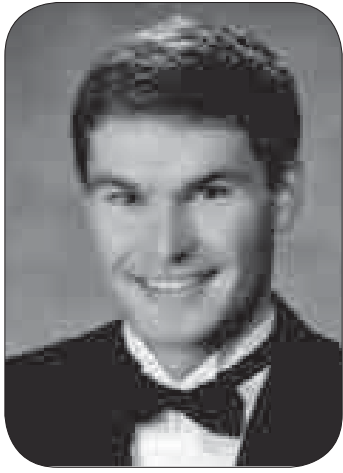
*Chiara De Santis
Salvatori Memorial
\$5,000*



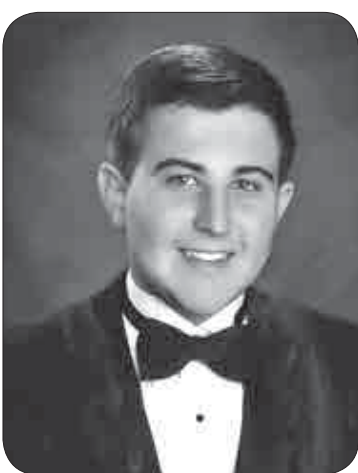
*Ryan Locatelli
Ena Moresco Memorial
Scholarship
\$3,000*



*Jack Powers Shea
San Mateo Columbus Day
Committee
\$3,000*



*Andrew Dobrowski
Memory of Deceased Members
\$2,500*



*Dominic Tanzillo
Memory of Pete Uccelli
\$2,500*



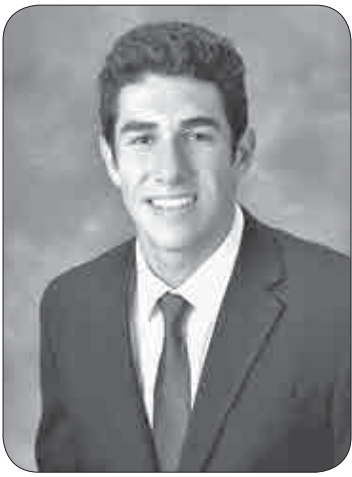
*Robert Kutz
In Memory of Terry Watson
\$2,500*



*Katrina Smullin
Dan & Adua D'Amico Trust
\$2,500*



*Gabrielle Taylor
Memory of Mario Moro
\$2,500*



*Raul Lemus
In Honor of David Prisco
\$2,500*



*Cory Peoples
Memory of Lorenzo Peluso
& Al Scali
\$1,000*



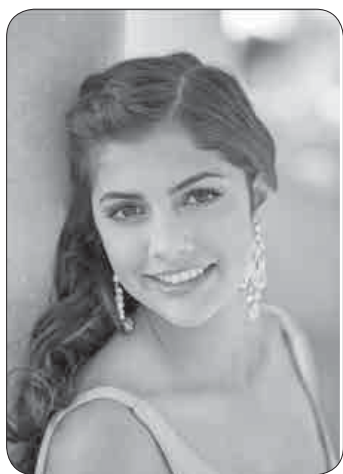
*Celia Patrica Janes
Greg & Carol Amendola
Memorial
\$1,000*



*Isabella Mejia
Centinela Valley Car Show
\$1,000*



*Emilio Nunziati
In Memory of Caroline Allen
\$1,000*



*Francesca Sophia Laskero
In Honor of Joe La Banca
\$1,000*



*Jade Jasmine Hurley
Grand Lodge Scholarship
Central
\$1,000*



*Tyler Davis
Grand Lodge Scholarship
South
\$1,000*



*Sarah Willis
Grand Lodge Scholarship
North
\$1,000*

2016 Scholarship Winners



*Gianfranco Filice
Virginia Linda Memorial
Scholarship
\$1,000*



*Katelyn Stagnaro
In Memory of Peter Tubiolo
\$1,000*



*Sarah Di Michele
Besozzi Memorial
\$1,000*



*Sabrina Marie Nelson
Deceased Members
Central Valley
\$1,000*



*Giancarlo Orlando
Honor of Hacienda Lodge
Members
\$1,000*



*Coral Gangiano
In Honor of Anaheim Lodge
Members
\$500*



*Giuliana Gaglianone
Honor of Ruth Costa
\$500*



*Matthew Caballero
Memory of America Lodge
Deceased Members
\$500*



*Amanda Bishop
Centinela Valley Car Show
\$500*

Class of 2016



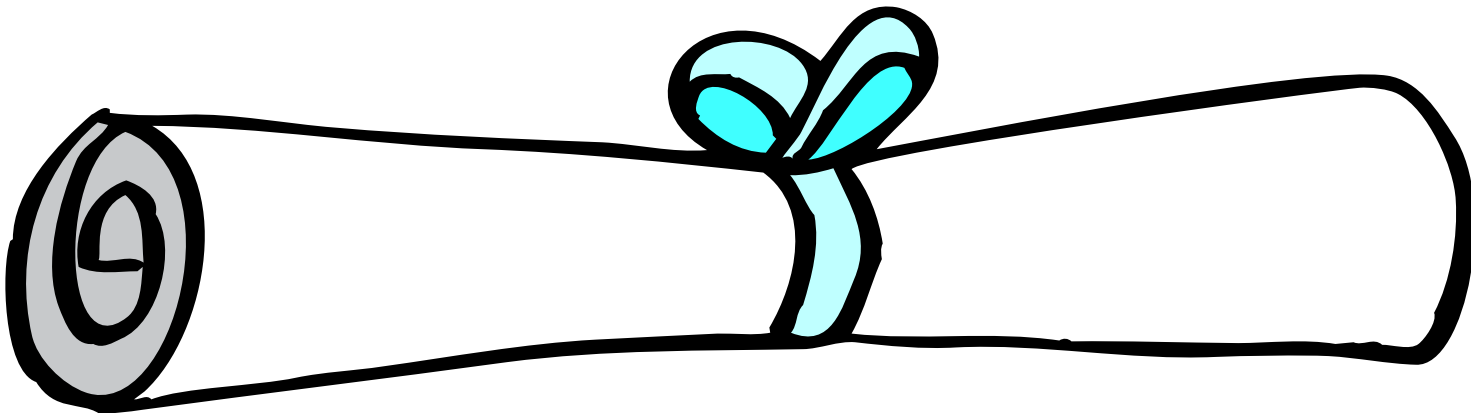
*Jennifer Dilley
Honor of Andy Siri
\$500*



*Dominic Zoldak
In Honor of Lelia Giacomazzi
\$500*



Congratulations 2016 Scholarship Winners!



Dolly Sinatra Lodge # 2400

Palm Springs, CA
by Andy Casey

That's it folks, summers upon us, and we're closing the doors the end of May, till the first Wednesday in October, and, yes, the season flew by. The season ends on a great note as our President Joe LaPorta is vastly healed, not completely, but damn close! And it is so important to say here that the members and volunteers rose to the task at hand to help Joe, and kept the Lodge functioning as usual seamlessly. They all have our deep thanks and using first names only we thank; Lori, Laurie, Jeff, Patti, Renee, Angela and of course those that I forgot to mention, and they have my apologies for my lapse of memory! And our rooster of entertainers led by our Lodge Vice President Frank DiSalvo were there week in and week out keeping the place hopping and happy. You're all amazing!

We sure went out with the proverbial "blaze of glory" at this year's 39th Annual Honoree dinner/dance gala at the Indian Wells Resort Hotel on April 17th. I simply won't be able to glorify what an amazing evening it was, it was that great of an evening! Our honoree Arnold Capitanelli, a man of love, songs and glorious humor, was so deserving it was an honor to have him the recipient. He would tell you the award was really for his lovely wife of sixty years, Jackie, as much as it was for him! They're just an incredible team.

Our State President Lynn Lawrence-Murphy and her husband attended the gala, and she spoke. Our own Patrick Evans was emcee/Master of Ceremonies, and Frank DiSalvo and his Swing Band provided the entertainment. And when it comes to entertainment, you know with Frankie and his friends it's going to be amazing. The first award for Arnold was a commemorative plaque from Rose Kingsley and manager Norm Miller of the first pressing of her new CD, which featured a song penned by Arnold!

Arnold was introduced to the crowd at hand by his adoring daughters, and awarded his Honoree award by our President Joe LaPorta. Then Arnold sang a love song to his wife Jackie, which was in a word lovely! I wrote extensively about Arnold in our April newsletter, and his amazing career, which included co-writing so many giant hit songs, sung by a host

of world class singers! And so importantly too, his passion for helping others made him a most worthy recipient!

The first entertainer to the floor for the show after the awards was Larry Delrose. You really can't categorize Larry! He comes to the stage, with a certain swagger, a purpose that signals, this is going to be good! He explains to you what he's going to do, grins, and then does it, with authority and oodles of talent! And you're just enthralled with him, because in addition to the above it's going to be something different. Mostly, that is... I refer you to two weeks ago at a Wednesday Lodge program, and he told us he was going out of the mode of the ordinary, and then sang a song last done by one Clarence "Frogman" Henry called, "(I don't know why) But I Do", which was a hit back in 1961. You remembered the song, but who knew the lyrics, well, Larry did, and I can't get it out of my head since!

Now Larry comes up at the gala, and after doing "That's Life" he reverts back to true form and does some song he heard in a San Diego night club. First he puts his "shirt collar up" then unbuttons his shirt, puts on an "Elvis" smirk, and does a song about Elvis wannabe singers, which includes the titles of fifteen Elvis songs, and then left the stage without doing any actual Elvis songs. That's Larry in a nutshell.

Over lunch the other day he explained to me he searched the internet for days before locating the song writer, and then buying it and the accompanying music. That's Larry, and the extremes he goes to do things that attract him, and he does them very very good!

And, Larry, has done it his way since moving to the desert 36 years ago with his wife of 40 years, Sandy, and his two daughters. Since here he stays busy, He wrote a book, "Directions To A Happy Life", which does exactly that, through his observations about, well almost everything, which is the quintessential Larry! He co-wrote and coproduced a major movie "Night Club", which he also appeared in. His film company is called Italian American Films. Now all this coming from a man that essentially retired in 2000. Aren't we glad he didn't! And better yet how fortunate for us that he is a member of our Lodge!

Back to you in November!



From left, Patrick Evans, Joe. LaPorta, Honoree Arnold Capitanelli, Lynn Lawrence-Murphy at presentation.



Arnold singing to his wife Jackie at presentation!



Arnold and Jackie with author Andy Casey.



Our President Joe LaPorta with State President Lynn Lawrence-Murphy.

Cesare Battisti

Lodge # 1518

Petaluma, CA
by Les Villanyi

We are sad to report the passing of long time member Leo Lavio on May 2. A member since 1958, Leo embodied the old time Italian American who could cook for hundreds of people, give of himself tirelessly to various Sons of Italy lodges and other fraternal organizations, and raise a large and successful family.

Leo and his family staffed many of our larger dinners, professionally creating delicious food, serving, and cleaning up. The Lavio family sponsored and staffed the annual Christmas Party, serving polenta and stew to hundreds of people every December.

Leo had been a lodge officer for decades in various positions, finishing up as Orator. He was also a State Trustee of the North a number of years ago.

Our sincere condolences to Leo's wife, Josephine, and their children and grandchildren, and to Elsie Albertoni, his twin sister, and her family.

Happy Father's Day!

William Paca Lodge # 1960

Mountain View, CA
by Carolyn Franklin

This issue’s photo is one of the best of Helen Zanella our Recording Secretary at her retirement luncheon at Mario’s in Mountain View. It shows her as she always is, cheerful and a ready quip to share with us all. Rose Marengo took the photo and it was one of those inspirational moments. Thanks so much, Rose, for your talent.

The traditional stuffed shell dinner made by Paula Chidichimo with her family recipe was a big hit with us all. Rumor has it that it was better than ever, which is quite an accomplishment since it’s always the best! Carlo Marengo brought one of his specialties for dessert, his orange biscotti and President Rosalia Margarit brought Neapolitan ice cream – how Italian is that!

It was especially great to see two of our newest members at the dinner. Joe and Mary Lou Cirina were on hand for the specialties of our Lodge. Once you share our dinners and our fellowship

you know why you’re Italian – you’re one of the special favorites of Fate. We look forward to see you often, Joe and Mary Lou.

But, the best is yet to come. We are hoping to have a dinner created and served by the Junior members in July. All the youngest Italians in the Lodge will design the menu and prepare the meal. This will give them some practice in understanding how tradition and fellowship in the kitchen make for good memories and fun.

Speaking of memories, when Marco Marengo was 6 spending some time at “home” in Italy, he had foccaia brushed with olive oil and a sprinkle of salt for breakfast every morning. It was served warm and washed down with coffee with milk. What a wonderful memory!

According to Rose, Carlo is still working on the magic of the right “touch” to make this for Marco – but he’s getting closer with every try! Darmi buono se ne vuoi buono!



Helen Zanella holding the certificate she was given for her years of service because she resigned her position after all the years as recording secretary.



Roma Lodge # 1573

Tulare, CA
by Larry Dutto

Roma Lodge presented their annual scholarship winners for 2016. **Frances Della**, scholarship chair, presented recipients with their certificates at the May meeting with over 80 members and guests present. Each winner will also be presented certificates at their high school scholarship ceremonies at their respective high schools.



Roma Lodge scholarship chair **Frances Della** presented scholarships to area high school students. (l-r) **Alexa Romanazzi-Tulare Western, Madalyn Vieira-Tulare Western, Nickolas Griesbach-Tulare Western, Lauren Costa-Reedley High School, Ashlyn Della-Harmony Magnet School, Darian Roeber-Hanford High.** Not Pictured **Keegan Dutto, LeGrande High, LeGrande, Oregon.**

Roma Lodge held its 82nd annual ravioli dinner at the Tulare TDES Hall on May 7th. Serving over 750 people, a delicious meal of ravioli, spaghetti, chicken, green beans, salad and dessert kept a long time tradition of providing great Italian food to the community a tradition of Roma Lodge # 1573.

Over 40 members assisted co-chairs **Cathy Mederos, Kathy Briano, Ken Curti** along with **Charlie Pitigliano** who supervised the making of 60 gallons of delicious sauce, **Vince Sola** prepared the green beans, **Michael DePaoli, Mike Saltzman, Joseph Goni and Matt Watkins** cooked the chicken, **Dominic and Michael Pitigliano** headed up the group that cooked the ravioli and spaghetti. **Mary Louise Yribarren** organized the serving lines and **Melissa Mederos** took care of the takeouts. **Roma Lodge Queen Gabrielle Benedetti** served as the official host for the event.



Kent Gomes (right) and Louie Benedetti staff the serving lines at the ravioli dinner.



(l-r) **Dawn Dutto, Fay Taylor and Joann Beecher** prepare salads for the annual dinner

Colombo Stella Lodge # 1149

Fresno, CA
by Olivia DeLiddo Gallegos, President

Hello to all. Happy Father’s Day to all our dads. Personally, I had the greatest dad in the world. I also think my kids had the same blessing with their dad. I wish all the dad’s a day of peace and happiness.

It has been a busy month for us. We are trying prepare for the summer. We like to have some fun, so we will be organizing another Bingo night, or something fun for all. Our youth will be out of school, so we will be doing a Zoo outing and BBQ for them. We have several more donations to give out this summer and we are in full swing with the Concert Series.

I am preparing to go to Convention in Sparks. We always have a good time, after all the work gets done and it will be nice to see old friends again. I will write a full report shortly after I return.

Richard and I went to Enrico Caruso in Visalia for the annual United Lodges Luncheon and to give our donation to the Birth Defects Library at Valley Children’s. Dr Susan Winter was there and accepted more than \$7,000.00 in donations from the local lodges, including \$1,500.00 from ColomboStella.

I am so proud of our Lodge. We are the smallest lodge and we were able to give such a big donation. I will write more about the details next month. I will say it was not well attended. I’m not sure if everyone understands how important it is to support other lodges and events. The money we raise for the charities are from the raffles we have. United Lodges makes a donation for all of our local lodges, in addition to what the lodges give individually. So it is important we be there to help each other.

I know some of you will be vacationing this summer. If you must miss a meeting, please call me or a board member. We generally eat before we start our meetings, and if we know in advance that you will not be there, we know not to wait for you. This is for our regulars. Please give us this courtesy in advance. Thank you to the members that do call. I appreciate it. Every meeting is a potluck, so please if you brought a side dish last month, this month bring an entree, next month a dessert. Try to rotate.

Next meeting, we’ll be voting on who to make donations to at Convention. If you want your voice heard, come to the meeting. Until next time, Ciao!



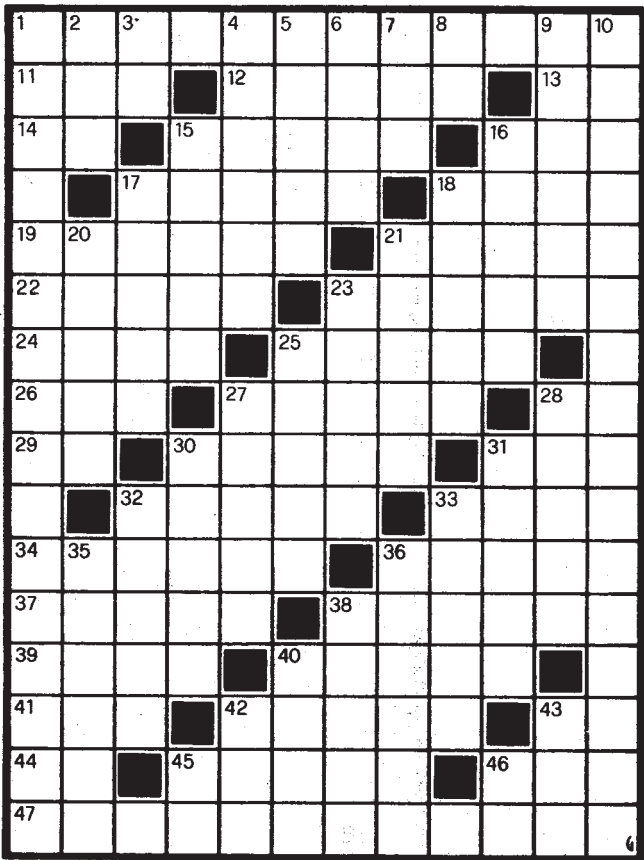
ORIZZONTALI

1. Londra ne è la capitale.
11. Consuetudini.
12. Padre dannunziano.
13. Una... mezza idea.
14. Aeronautica Militare.
15. Recipiente di vimini.
16. Segno matematico.
17. Legno leggerissimo.
18. Amici a quattro zampe.
19. Una sfida d'onore.
21. Pena pecuniaria.
22. È circondata dall'acqua.
23. Opera di Bizet.
24. I brufoli degli adolescenti.
25. Corrucciato.
26. Articolo tedesco.
27. Aziende commerciali.
28. Iniz. di Cile.
29. In fondo al precipizio.
30. Strumento da laboratorio.
31. Arterie cittadine.
32. La seguono le indagini.
33. Una capitale coreana.
34. Corregge punzecchiando.
36. Si profilano da lontano.
37. Nome d'uomo.
38. Grande poeta inglese.
39. Una lettera... muta.
40. Terreni agricoli.
41. Pronome personale.
42. Metallo per lamiere.
43. Nota musicale.
44. Simbolo dello zirconio.
45. Li fa fare la gioia.
46. Sfocia nel Mare d'Azov.
47. Uno che è... nel mondo dei sogni.

VERTICALI

1. Le Fiamme Gialle (tre parole).
2. La Repubblica del Monte Titano (sigla).
3. Preposizione articolata.
4. Centro tessile piemontese.

CRUCIVERBA



5. Un colore.
6. Ripida salita.
7. Lo "zio" di Cervantes.
8. Vocali... per caso!
9. Un... pugno di mosche.
10. Il "molleggiato" (nome e cognome).
15. Stradina veneziana.
16. Il cavo della mano.
17. Alza il gomito.
18. Fanno sbandare l'auto.
20. Sta sulla porta di casa.
21. Il dio della guerra.
23. Malattia amorosa.
25. Sinonimo di colore.
27. In prov. di Milano.
28. Ne hanno molto i segugi.
30. Un segno geometrico.
31. Sinonimo di indumenti.
32. Maiali, suini.
33. La paga in grigioverde.
35. Primato sportivo.
36. Lo si dice al brindisi.
38. Bastione naturale.
40. Pellicola.
42. Lo furono i Romanov.
43. Fiume francese.
45. Sud Ovest.
46. Il Sommo Vate (iniz.).

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Vincenzo Bellini Lodge # 2519

Chico, CA
by Jeanne Smith

For some reason my May article did not get published last month but my photos did! So here is a somewhat updated version.

Another Annual Spaghetti Dinner is behind us and I am happy to report it was a success. Our members put their hearts into this event year after year and it truly creates a festive atmosphere that brings so many folks out to enjoy it! This year members of our local 4-H Group worked as waiters serving hundreds of salads, bread, plates of spaghetti and meatballs and ice cream!

They did a terrific job, smiling the whole day! What a wonderful group of young people they are! We also need to say thank you to member Joe Azzarito for organizing the car show in conjunction with our Spaghetti Dinner and the local car clubs and individuals that brought their gorgeous classic cars out for all to enjoy! Proceeds from this all day fundraiser are earmarked for scholarships for local high school graduating seniors.

Planning and plotting the next big thing is always going on in our lodge. The annual Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, October 17, 2016 at Butte Creek Country Club. Save the date, this fundraiser also benefits the Western Foundation!

Our Donation Committee presented their suggestions to our lodge officers who approved six local non-profit organizations to receive funds from our Lodge. The organizations chosen were North Valley Catholic Social Services \$1000.00, Western Foundation \$1000.00; Kushner's Foundation, Handi-Riders \$1135.50, The Esplanade House \$1000.00, and the Little Red Hen stores \$1000.00.

We were fortunate at our last meeting to have a local entrepreneur, Michael Fenizio, give us a demonstration of his hand made Ravioli Rolling Pins. They are manufactured from maple, walnut, madrone and cherry wood here in Chico, and then hand finished. As you can imagine they are beautiful. Michael is Italian and lived in Boston. If this interests you visit his website at www.repastsupplyco.com. He also sells them locally here in Chico at Zucchini and Vine or they can be found at William-Sonoma Stores.

There were a couple of really good articles in the Il Leone in May. One that I thought was very good was News from the South written by State 3rd Vice President Ted Seibel. He emphasized how important it is to give credence to every new idea that is suggested. All too often members walk away feeling discouraged when their suggestion is dismissed out of hand. The other was the article by Tony Ricevuto, Commission for Social Justice. In the 4th paragraph he also discusses this same theme, how important it is to bring in young members and listen to their ideas on reinventing our programs to provide interesting activities and fundraisers.

Our Lodge sincerely wishes the Grand Lodge of California a productive and successful Convention! Albeit necessary, some of the sessions can be a bit tedious, although most are very enlightening and give the attendees a fresh view of our Mission which is preserving our Italian heritage and customs and recognizing and promoting the contributions and accomplishments Italian-Americans have made as immigrants to the United States of America through the years!

To all you wonderful Dads!



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Rodolfo Valentino

Lodge # 1449

Clovis, Calif. Sons of Italy
Carole Watson, President; Lou Catallo, Historian;
lcatallo@aol.com

Month of May: Our Pot Luck Supper featured fried chicken, pasta with meatballs; roast pork in skillet, salad; mixed salad; an assortment of pies; cakes and lemon cookies. Thank you to all that helped.

Month of June: We will again feature a Pot Luck Supper, so, keep bringing those great dishes.



Central San Joaquin Valley Sons of Italy Quarterly Meeting: A three member delegation attended this function in Visalia to support the efforts of the Central Valley Children’s Hospital. The Central Valley Lodge’s interest is in providing funds to keep the Children’s Defects Library functional and up to date. This year, our lodge contributed over ten pounds of soda can tabs, plus a direct cash contribution of \$1,000; the Central Lodge, all together, contributed \$7,350. Our lodge President, Carol Watson made her presentation directly to Dr. Susan Winters, who works with the children at the hospital. Dr. Winters also provided a presentation to describe the different types of birth defects that she works on and for which she is striving to find cures or medication to mitigate the problems that each child

experiences. See the photo at left.

Robertha Matranga: It is with a sad heart that we report the passing of our Chaplain of many years, Roberta Matranga; she had joined the Sons of Italy fifty three years ago when she resided in Sacramento, and she immediately joined our lodge when she arrived in the Clovis area. Born in Appleton, Wisconsin in 1917, she had a degree from Kansas State University and an MBA from the University of Oklahoma in Institutional Nutrition. She taught at Sacramento University and was the lead dietitian at the Methodist Hospital in Sacramento. Her character was fun-loving, and she was “crafty”, meaning she enjoyed all sorts of hands-on arts and crafts projects; many of us still cherish the hand embossed towels that she made for us. When computers first started coming into industry in the 1980s and 90s, she immediately began to learn all about them. When our lodge would enter our float in the Clovis Rodeo Parades, she was always ready to join in, using her scooter to zoom from one side of the parade route to the other while handing out candy for the kids. She was always the biggest hit for this event, usually getting standing ovations from us and the crowds. She will be sorely missed.



A good education costs a lot of money, but then, so does ignorance –Claus Moser. This year, Kyla Christian received our lodge’s scholarship award, while Robert Kutz received the Carol Watson award. Call our Scholarship Committee Chair, Isabel Ronzano, at (559) 297-0851, for information on this topic. **The Deadlines:** for **Clovis Lodge scholarships**, March 31, 2017, for next year; for **California State Grand Lodge Scholarships**: March 1, 2017 for next year; and for **National scholarships** the date is generally November to February of any year (for more information go to <https://www.osia.org/students/scholarships.php>.

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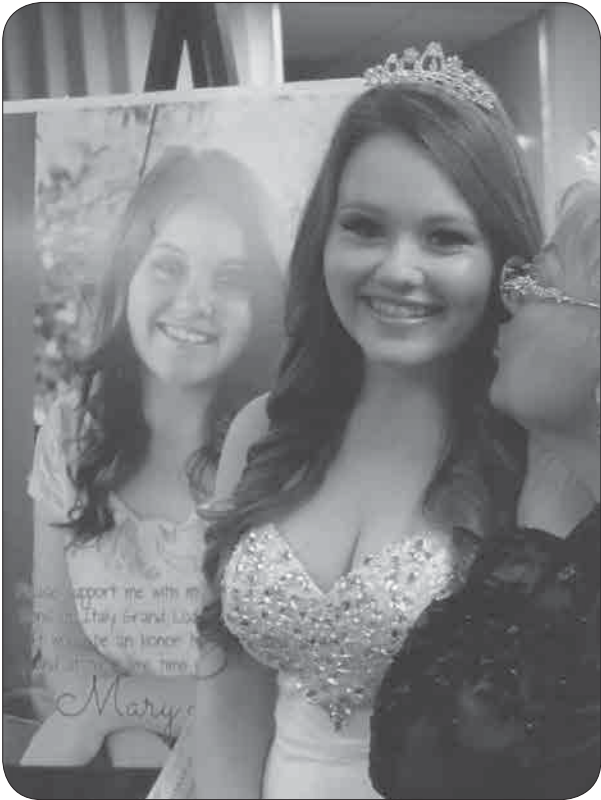
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C. Colombo Lodge # 1315

Antioch, CA
by Zelda LeFrak-Belleci



Mary Lucido, state queen candidate, was recently honored by a fundraiser hosted by her lodge, C. Colombo of Antioch. Mary is the first queen candidate in 90 years of C. Colombo’s history. Seen above is the freshman honor student at Sacramento State University being congratulated by her nana, also named Mary Lucido.



C. Colombo Lodge recently held a fundraiser on behalf of its queen candidate Mary Lucido. The sellout crowd was served an Italian chicken dinner cooked by an all Italian crew in the kitchen. Pictured above: Tomas Lucia, Dave Costanza, Mike Giambona, Paul Flores, Gwen Davi and Cissy Davi.



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The news we’ve all been waiting for, the announcement of the 2016-17 Grand Lodge Queen and the Court. Pictured above are members of C. Colombo Lodge when they found out that Mary Lucido had won the contest. Right in the center is the woman who spearheaded the campaign, Mary’s grandmother, “Nana” Mary Lucido.

Roseville Lodge #1413

Roseville, CA
by Yvonne Vanoni

At the May 19th dinner meeting of Roseville Lodge, President Marlene Cristanelli presented Bruno Novi a certificate of recognition for 53 years of faithful service in Sons of Italy. Present with him were his wife, Giuseseppina, daughter Sandra and his two grandchildren, Martina and Nick Ferri. 35 members were present for a Cornish game hen dinner with roasted potatoes and vegetables preceded by trays of cold cuts, bread and green salad, completed with Armando Dianda's delicious fresh fruit tarts.

President Marlene displayed a Resolution by The City of Roseville signed by the

Mayor congratulating us on our 90-year anniversary.

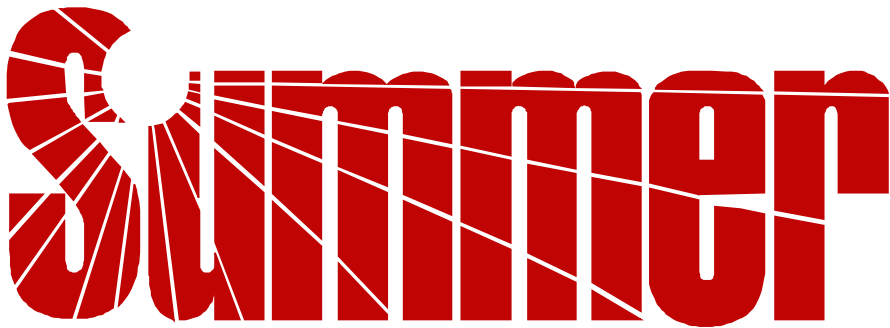
Roseville Lodge invites all Sons of Italy members and guests to participate in a bocce tournament and barbeque to benefit Western Foundation charities. The event, chaired by Louie Lodi, will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2016 at East Portal Park, 1120 Rodeo Way and M St. in Sacramento. Check-in time is 8:30 a.m.; tournament starts at 9:00 with barbeque at Noon. Bring your 4-man team or we will assign you a team. Make checks payable to Western Foundation. For more information call Louie Lodi: 916-996-5634



Enrico Caruso
Lodge #1453
Visalia, CA

The Visalia lodge has been very active these last few months. We had a St. Joseph's luncheon and donated the proceeds to the Bethlehem Center. They provide meals for the poor in Visalia. Then we had our annual Spaghetti Dinner. In between, we had fundraiser for our lodge queen. I was happy to see that after all that hard work, our Lodge Queen, Christina Bianco, is the Grand Lodge Miss California. Then we hosted the annual United Lodge Luncheon for Valley Children's Hospital. Valley Children's Hospital made a presentation on the work they do there. We donated \$500. All these functions were done by volunteers from our lodge. Our lodge gave out nine Scholarships to local High School graduates. One was for \$750 and the other eight were for \$500. We are having a Scholarship Dinner on July 9th to honor these students and their parents. See you at the convention in Sparks, Nevada.

Ciao



Eureka Lodge #1274

Eureka, CA
by Heidi Benzonelli,
State Deputy Eureka Lodge

The Eureka Lodge celebrated our semi annual Polenta Feed on April 23rd. Twice a year our lodge gets together and prepares and serves Chicken and Polenta to about 300 folks. These Fund-raisers are the main source of revenue for our Scholarships. This year we awarded four \$1000 scholarships, the awards ceremony will be next month.



From the left, Rex Bohn and Johnny Salizzoni, getting warmed up!



Nick Giannini and Betty and Gene Senestraro getting the chicken ready.



Nick Giannini, stirring polenta.

The beginning of the Month in Eureka marked a very sad occasion for our lodge. We are still adjusting to the unexpected passing of our Mistress of Ceremony Anita Pera. Anita had been an active member of the Eureka Lodge for 58 years. The lodge members' prayers support and love are with Gioabbo , her beloved husband who came from Italy 55 years ago to marry Anita



Gioabbo and Anita Pera at the Sons of Italy Anniversary Dinner.

If you are interested in attending any of our Lodge's Events or you would like to reach us directly, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Order.Sons.of.Italy.Eureka



The Absolutely Fabulous Richard Luzzi, getting it done!

Giuseppe Mazzini Lodge #1441

Fremont, CA
by Linda Abronzino

The Lodge delegates are getting ready to attend the State Convention in Sparks. Mary Meiring, Sandra Bettencourt and Gina Lo Vecchio will be representing our Lodge. Speaking of Gina she and her committee did a great job at our May Pizza dinner meeting.

Ducks for Bucks' The Lodge made \$276 thanks to the members that sponsored a rubber duck at the race. No one from the lodge won a prize but it was our first time participating and it looks like it will not be our last. It was decided to donate \$100 to the youth at the convention this year to help with their expenses and the balance went into starting a scholarship fund in the lodge. Susan Dunsford has volunteer to help on this committee and she will be looking for others to participate. A container of sorts will brought each meeting for anyone who wants to make a donation to the fund. So far we are over \$150 dollars.

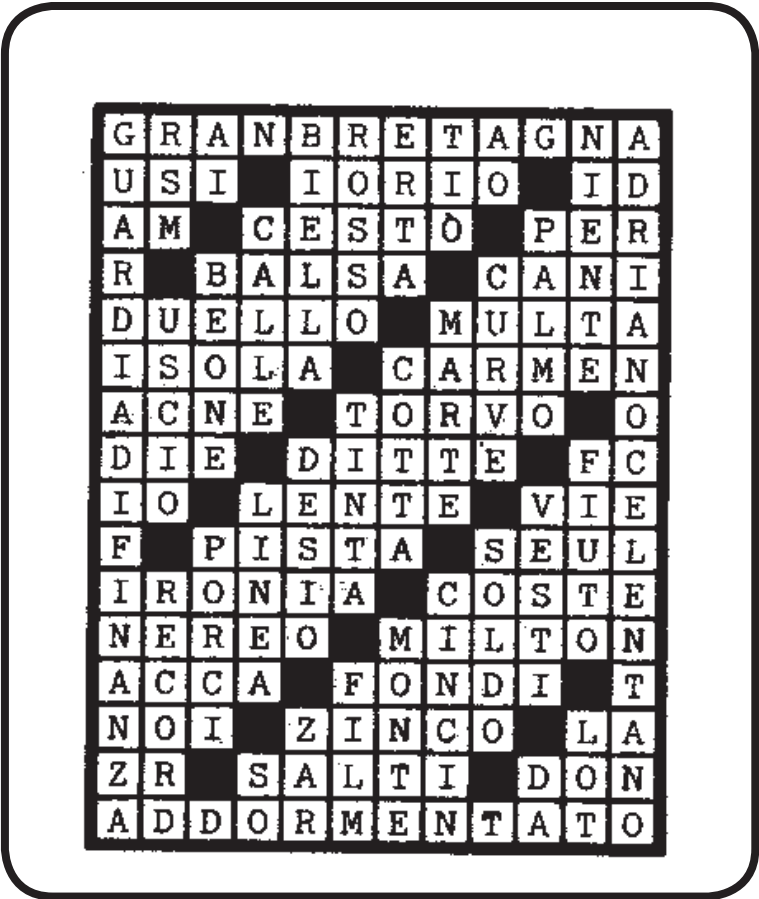
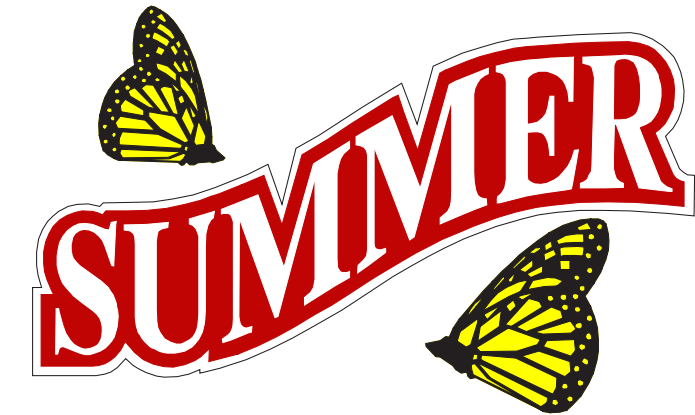
Going to be a quiet few months for the lodge as we do not have meetings in July and August.

Upcoming events in the months to come – details forthcoming as we get closer to the dates.

Mark on your calendar and details will be sent out as we get closer to each date.

September 2; Dinner Meeting, Pot Luck.
October 7 – Annual BBQ fundraiser. Great fundraiser for the lodge and not to mention the great food, music and fun. More details Forthcoming
November 4 – Italian Dinner Night. The Lodge decided to do this again so I guess this is our 2nd Annual Italian Night Dinner/Meeting
December 4 – Annual Christmas Party at Spin-a-yarn.

Wishing you all a very Happy Safe and Fun Summer. Happy Birthday to all our summer birthday babies.



Valley of the Moon Lodge #1959

Sonoma, CA
by Ellen Toscano
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The melodic sound of a beautiful piano accordion sweetly welcomed us as we entered the dining hall. Classic Italian tunes were happily played by special guest Tony Mustaro, while we filled the room with joyful conversation, excited spirits, and hungry bellies - happily anxious to experience what was in store for us for the evening. Our dinner on May 17th was indeed a special occasion as it marked the 69th anniversary of our Valley of the Moon Lodge.

President Paul Grant opened the evening by gratefully thanking all who have continued to work so hard for our organization and all who have diligently given so much to our special community. He then announced several veteran members who have loyally remained with our chapter for many years and thanked them by honoring each with special gifts. Among these honored long-time members were Newt Dal Pogetto (66-year member), Nilda Mulas (66-year member), Phyllis Serafini (60-year member), Lloyd Stefani (50-year member), Marie Davis (47-year member), John Musilli (43-year member), Gary Hermes (38-year member), Jake Quiring (36-year member), Josephine Grant (32-year member), Clarence Gerhardt (27-year member), Ric Maffioli (26-year member) and Eleanor Berto (25-year member). Wow!! It was absolutely incredible to see so many dedicated Valley of the Moon Lodge family members.

After announcing these truly special Sons of Italy members to a very chatty crowd of Italians, President Paul Grant handed the microphone over to 66-year member Newt Dal Pogetto who generously shared a few words with us. "Ever since I joined here, everybody's been talking!" Newt joked as the chatty crowd suddenly became astute listeners. "In 1950, I came back to Sonoma from law school and have been a member ever since. It's been fun to see it grow - especially the dinners - and it has been

a pleasure to live here and be part of this community."

These special long-time veteran members were the first to receive their dinner plates for the evening which consisted of pesto rigatoni, chicken parmigiana with red sauce, garlic bread, green beans, and Caesar salad. Hats off to guest chef Len Poli and crew - it was, as always, absolutely delicious!

After dinner, President Paul Grant announced yet another special guest that was among us - one of our high school senior Sons of Italy scholarship winners, Sabrina. When asked what her plans are and how she will be using her scholarship winnings, she shared that she plans to study abroad in Italy for a semester (that was obviously a crowd pleaser) and after attending a 4-year college, her goal is to continue on to medical school. Sabrina, on behalf of all of us at the Valley of the Moon Sons

of Italy chapter, we wish you the very best of luck!

We would also like to warmly welcome our newest members, John Addeo and Joel Haggard. Congratulations on joining our wonderful community and we are so happy to have you as part of the "family!"

For those of you who want to experience a lot of laughter and the delicious cuisine of our culinary artist Beth Bruzzone and her dream team, please join us at our dinner next month on June 21st. Get your appetites ready because we will be enjoying heavenly ravioli as our main course. As always, "Happy Hour" starts at 5pm, dinner will be served at 6pm, and our meeting will begin at 7:30 pm. As always, a raffle will be included in our evening as well as excellent company and a whole lot of smiles! Please make reservations with Karen Carroll: 707-938-1295. Ciao!



Several long-time members of our chapter were honored. From left to right: Josephine Grant (32 yrs), Marie Davis (47 yrs), Eleanor Berto (25 yrs), President Paul Grant, and Newt Dal Pogetto (66 yrs).



Special guest, Tony Mustaro set the mood at our May dinner with his magnificent accordion talent.



Happy 69th Anniversary to the Valley of the Moon Lodge!

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\$15.00 each inc postage**



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



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