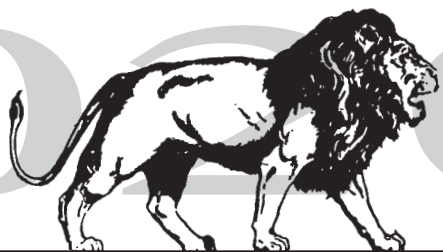


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A Message From The State President



State President
John Costa

First and foremost Andy, please get well, I miss your reminder email that my article is almost late. Take it slow and easy. I know Debbie will do a great job in your absence.

Please keep Andy in our thoughts and prayers as he recuperates!!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family. Turkey sandwiches for all for the next week. November has flown by, now it is time to hear all the Christmas carols as we walk into the various stores thinking about what to buy for that perfect gift. As I mentioned in my last article, you could always purchase a "winner every day ticket". They are available, just contact the Grand Lodge office. It's a gift that will give back over and over if you are lucky.

Just when I thought my time would slow down, it seems that it's just the opposite. Between meetings, officers' meetings, anniversary celebrations and dinners, I wonder how I have time to work, (don't tell my boss). I thoroughly enjoy being State President for the last two and a half years. Yes, it's a lot of work, but the rewards are there! Speaking of anniversaries, I was suppose to attend the Caesar Battista Lodge's 90th anniversary on Oct. 10th, but it was postponed due to the northern California fires. However, they were able to change the date to November 14th. Congratulations to the officers and members on a great event and an out-

standing meal.

Speaking of fires, once again I have not heard of any member with loss of property. I know a lot of us lost food when the power was off., but we are all safe and our homes as well. Thank you once again to our First Responders and Firefighters.

Those lodges interested in having a young lady or gentleman participate in the Royal Pageant, please contact Eva Lavezzari, the committee chairperson. This is a great way for both the filial lodges and participant to earn extra income, and it's a fundraiser for the Grand Lodge. Even if your lodge does not have a participant, the lodge could still sell tickets for a chance to earn extra money or win a cash prize. Let's work together!

I have been hearing that a lot of our lodges have been initiating new members, this is great.

I am initiating a group of new members at the end of November at that Northern Solano Lodge.

Keep up the good work, "Remember, MEMBERSHIP" is the key to our existence.

With 2020 right around the corner, have you thought of your New Year's resolutions yet?

Let's all work together to help our Grand Lodge flourish in the years to come.

Again, my phone is always on; feel free to contact me anytime. An open line of communication is the key. We have so many ways to communicate now, let's use them all.

Touch base with our Social Media Committee to see our Facebook page, Instagram, Twitter, just the new avenues to get the word out that we are the "best kept secret"

In closing, First Lady Donna Lee and I wish all of you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and, here is to a very prosperous New Year!!



State 1st Vice President
Barbara Wisniewski

Ken and I wish you all Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo!

Your Vice-Presidents have been sending emails to your Lodge Presidents telling them what other Lodges are doing during this time. I am so impressed with the ingenious ways they are keeping in touch with you, the members. Some are having Zoom meetings, hybrid Zoom meetings, Zoom dinners, Drive through dinners and celebrations are just a few. Perhaps this is the time to reach out to some of the members of your Lodge. I'm sure they would love to hear from you.

Here are some interesting facts about Christmas celebrations in Italy. Some you may already know but some may be new:

Italians kick off the Christmas season (and start decorating) on the Day of the Immaculate Conception, December 8

Decorations and huge Christmas trees can be found in main piazzas, like in front of the Colosseum or in Milan's Piazza Duomo, and Babbo Natale (Father Christmas, the Italian version of Santa Claus) spreads holiday cheer.

The eight days before Christmas, also known as the Novena, are filled with carolers singing traditional songs around the neighborhood. If you're in Rome, southern Italy or Sicily, keep an eye out for the zampognari, or bagpipe players—they travel from the nearby mountains to play their merry folklore carols.

Along with the fancy lights, wreaths and trees, presepi (nativity scenes) are displayed in many churches



State 2nd Vice President
Pauline Richmond

Hello All, By the time you receive this article we will have acknowledged, Halloween, Election Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving Day. A lot to recognize in one month! I pray that all enjoyed each holiday and stayed safe and well!

It is hard to believe the year is almost over. Where did the time/year go??

Before we know it --- Christmas will be here and a new year 2021! Wow! 2021 will hopefully allow us to resume our meetings and events. What a life change!!

In the coming new year as we evaluate our Order's membership, we need to examine some of the following items: We are losing members faster than we are replacing them! Closing lodges and not opening new ones! Are we connecting with our members, making

a difference in their lives? If we continue to lose members and close Lodges at this rate, our organization will disappear in fewer than ten years.

Why did/do we join OS-DIA? We need to share our enthusiasm and love of the organization with others. We are a part of a National organization, local members. Action required within the lodge, families, community, and the world.

We know this has been a difficult time for all of us personally and in our Lodges. Thanks for our adventurous in maneuvering through the age of technology to continue to hold our lodges meetings.

Congratulations to Mario Guardi. He is a member of the Renaissance Lodge and on every Tuesday at 6-8pm he holds a "Meetup meeting" for members to attend. They practice social distancing and of course wear masks playing the Italian card game "Scopa" and have a little fun too. Nice way of keeping members active in lodge.

Let us all make every effort to continue to build and strengthen our Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in the coming new year 2021!

Sincere best wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Fraternally yours



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and piazzas. Crafting these ornate works of art by hand remains an artisanal tradition in many parts of the country. If you want to go to the source, head to Naples; the southern Italian city is world-famous for their hand-made presepi. It still has whole streets with one workshop after another devoted to the craft.

To prepare and purify their bodies for Christmas Day, Italians avoid meat on la Vigilia (Christmas Eve). Although the idea is to eat lean, most indulge on multiple courses of fish... sometimes as many as seven!

After the family dinner, many Italians head to midnight Mass at their local church to celebrate. (Some Romans even head to the Vatican for Mass with the Pope!).

But traditions vary from city to city: Up north, in Cortina d'Ampezzo in the Dolomite Mountains, thrill-seekers ski down the slopes with torches at midnight to welcome Christmas.

After the "light" Christmas Eve dinner, on Christmas Day, Italians invite their family and friends for a large lunch that usually goes on all day. Many save up to have the most lavish celebration possible, serving up traditional dishes like pasta in brodo (pasta in broth), roasts and traditional desserts like panettone.

Celebrations often extend into December 26 with the national holiday of Santo Stefano; families get together and eat leftover Christmas dishes and sweets.

The official end of the Christmas season, though, isn't until January 6—the Day of the Epiphany, and the twelfth day of Christmas. On the eve of the Epiphany, families usually prepare a large dinner to mark the end of the holiday season; children are given candy or coal (usually made of black sugar), depending on if they were naughty or nice. After January 6, you'll see Christmas markets close and decorations start to come down.

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Ask an Italian when her family opens gifts, and it might give you a clue to where she's from! Gifts are commonly exchanged on Christmas Day after lunch—sometimes with the belief that Jesus has delivered them

– take that, Santa!. But some smaller, northern Italian cities believe that the blind Saint Lucia brings gifts for children on December 13, so they open them that morning.

Other families may wait until January 6. The Epiphany is when la befana – a kind of "good witch" who is believed to have followed the wise men, but got lost—drops off presents. La befana is a particular tradition in Rome and Bologna, where the main piazzas often host

fun activities for children; in Venice, locals believe that la befana arrives every year by boat!

I hope, one day, to go back to Italy, perhaps during the Christmas celebration. I would love to experience this wonderful time.

Let's all hope for a blessed New Year and a time to get back together again

Till next month
Fraternally
Barbara

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Thank you,

Eva Lavezzari

Royal Pageant Chairman.



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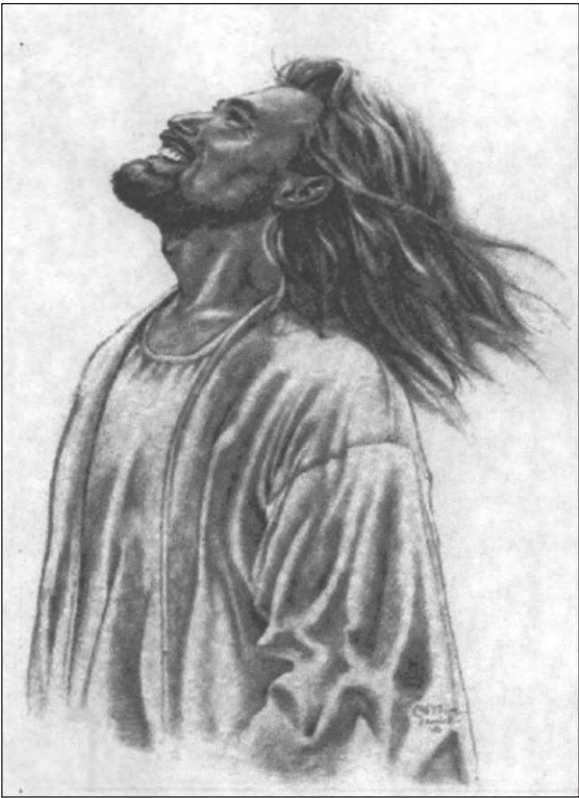
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STATE PRESIDENT JOHN COSTA
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70th Wedding Anniversary



Andy and Louise Pampuro celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on October 28. The couple had a busy day with lots of people coming by to wish the couple congratulations. It was a very exciting day for the happy couple. They want to thank everyone who send them cards, gave them gifts and just about anything. They had planned to renew their vows in church but because of the virus was unable to. They are members of the Saddleback Valley Lodge and about 30 of the members came to their home and gathered in the breezeway singing “Happy Anniversary” and “That’s Amore”. It was wonderful time we will never forget.

Roma Lodge #1573

Tulare, CA
by Larry Dutto-Roma Lodge President

Neither rain, nor snow, nor wind, nor the COVID Pandemic was going to keep Roma Lodge members from having their traditional polenta and stew dinner in November. The lodge has not officially met since last March however a group of members decided it was time to do something for our members. *Michael DePaoli, Melissa Watkins, Maci Daramy, Dominic Pitigliano, Josh Pitigliano, Matt Watkins, and Joseph Goni* along with others came together to do a drive-through polenta and stew dinner. Over 130 members took advantage of the drive through or decided to dine inside utilizing masks and social distancing to enjoy a delicious meal of polenta, stew and all the trimmings.



(l-r) Ben Curti, Dominic Pitigliano, Nick Serafin and Michael DePaoli cook up some delicious polenta and stew for the Roma Lodge drive-through dinner.



Joseph Goni, Michael DePaoli and Melissa Watkins prepare the ingredients for the polenta.



Long time Roma Lodge members Joann and Leroy Beecher enjoyed their polenta and stew dinner while social distancing with other lodge members.



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Andy & Louise Pampuro
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Anna Lucido Makes Us Proud



When Anna Lucido was just a little girl, Nana Mary Lucido brought her into the Order Sons of Italy along with her three other sisters. It is Anna's service to C. Colombo Lodge her outstanding grade point average and her involvement in school and local community service projects that earned her a financial award from the Lodge's Scholarship Committee.

When Anna attended Freedom High School she was active in Math Club, California Scholarship Federation and the National Honors Society. As a member of the Interact Club, Anna participated in a variety of community wide charitable events among raising funds to fight the last vestige of polio, a crippling disease. She was part of the team that refurbished the garden at Laurel Elementary school, which led to her long-term interest in environmental issues facing the world today.

Anna was president of the Italian Club at Freedom High

School for three years. Under Anna's leadership the club took Italian cooking lessons, turning out cucidati for the annual C. Columbo Cucidati Festival. At Lodge fund raisers, the club members served dinners and worked the booths. Anna's great grandmother, Carmella Aiello, made costumes for all the members of the Italian Club to highlight their dance performances of the Tarentella.

As Anna heads off to college at California State University at Monterey Bay, she plans to pursue a degree in Environmental Studies with minors in Spanish and Pre-Law. Her dream is to have a career in Environmental policy. Quote Anna, "I want to help all people by working first hand to ensure that environmental laws and regulations are enforced so our environment doesn't get destroyed or destroyed."

C. Colombo Lodge is blessed by being able to help Anna Lucido pursue her dream!

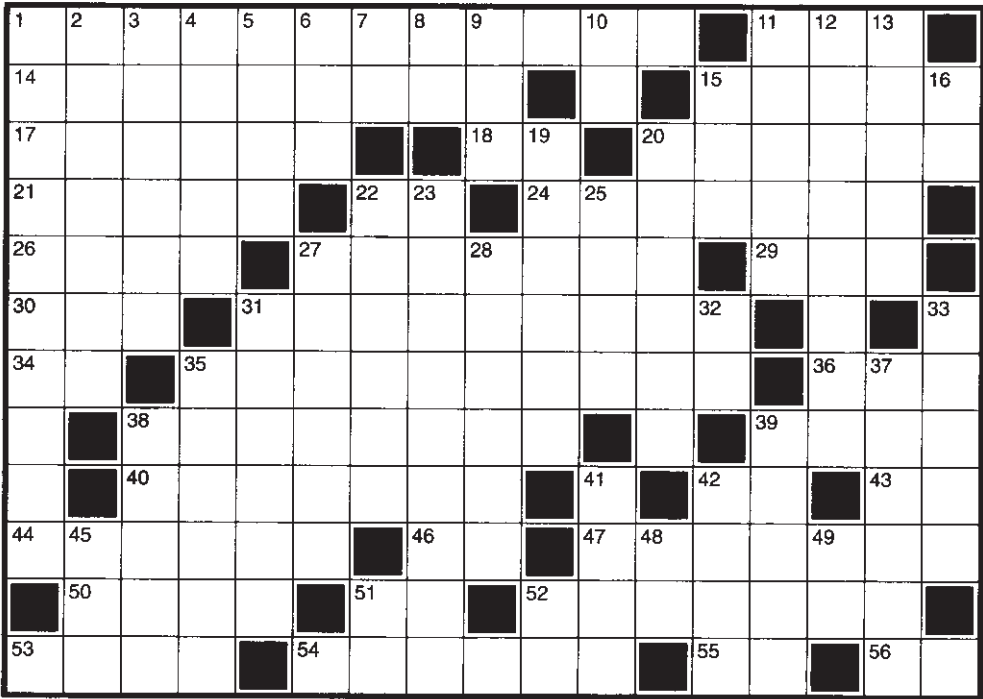
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18. Nome senza pari.
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24. Antica unità di misura del campo magnetico.
26. Bagna Pisa.
27. Ossa delle dita.
29. La coppia degli dei.

30. Questa cosa.
31. Gruppo osseo della mano.
34. Sigla di Como.
35. Fonemi della lingua italiana.
36. Si occupa di turismo (sigla).
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39. Meato della pelle.
40. Infezioni del bulbo pilifero.
42. Un po' di urgenza.
43. Il nome di Capone.
44. Raccapriccio.
46. Le vocali delle note.
47. Quella vertebrale è

- detta anche spina dorsale.
50. Recipiente floscio.
51. Un articolo maschile.
52. Lati... umani.
53. Abbandonò Didone.
54. Ossicino dell'orecchio.
55. Limiti di atleti.
56. Le ultime vocali.

VERTICALI

1. Un gusto del gelataio.
2. Lago nordamericano.
3. Osso piatto del torace.
4. Articolazione della mano.
5. Bordo.

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Zodiac

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The word “zodiac” means “circle of animals.” The zodiac consists of constellations, or groups of stars, which when observed from the earth seem to follow regular paths in the sky. They are often called “signs of the zodiac.” There are twelve of them, and people named them long ago and associated our individual destinies with them. The signs of the zodiac were necessary to tell the time of year before the invention of a practical calendar.

When Julius Caesar (100 B.C. - 44 B.C.) made a calendar the zodiac was then ancient history. He threw out the old calendar and instituted the calendar we use today, except for a small adjustment. The names of the months have come down to us unchanged from the time of his successor, Augustus Caesar, who was the emperor of the Roman Empire during the birth of Jesus Christ.

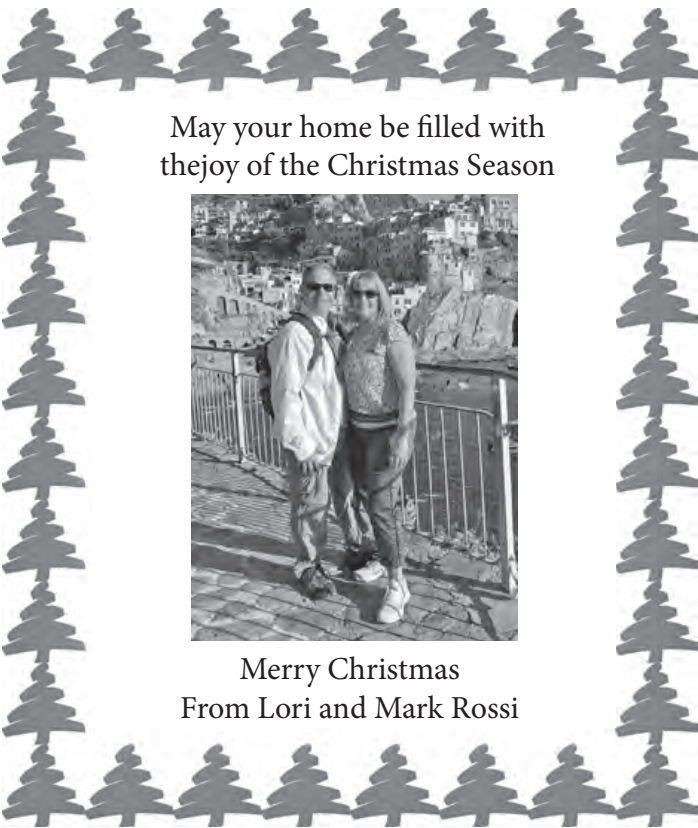
The sun seems to move in and stay in each constellation for about a month. But astronomers like Galileo (1564-1642) have demonstrated by scientific experiments and taught us that the sun doesn't move, but the earth does. The earth rotates around the sun. The constellations seem to move because of the way the earth travels around the sun

once a year.

Some historians believe the zodiac was developed in the Mesopotamian city of Babylon, and from there it was brought to the Far East by well-traveled routes. The Chinese formed their zodiac of different animals. The Venetian traveler and merchant Marco Polo (1254 – 1324) described how the Chinese consulted the stars.

The first observers who studied the stars were the ancient astrologers. Their study we call astrology. Astrologers made predictions about the lives of men and women based upon the position of the stars and the planets on one's birthday. Astrologers still exist today, and we can find astrological advice in many monthly publications. Many people like to find out what days are “lucky” for them because sometimes the predictions come true.

The names of the constellations are: Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, and Pisces. Most, but not all of the signs, are pictured as animals. The stars have always been a source of wonder for man. Today we have replaced the ancient art of astrology with the science of astronomy.



Madonna dello Zodiaco by Cosimo Tura (1430-1495) with the signs of Aquarius and Pisces still partially visible.

Vincenzo Bellini Lodge # 2519

Chico, CA

by Michael Colletti Smith, President

It has been some time since the Vincenzo Bellini lodge sent in an article.

We wanted to let everyone know we are still here and as active as possible during these crazy times.

It is with sadness in our lodges heart that we lost two founding members of our lodge and one member in this past few months.

Cathy Lucido and Stela Ricci founding members, and Richard Noerenberg long time member.

We had put together a picnic at Merlo Park in Sterling City with over 20 members all with face masks playing Bocce and socializing. Got together at Italian cottage in Chico for a lunch last month with 25 members all spaced apart outside and had a special prepared early Sunday dinner prepared by our members Brian and Robyn Katz. Some members played miniature golf at night with neon golf balls and had a fun time and we are planning to have another dine out at a local winery.

As I noted that lots of lodges in the United States were reaching out to help people during this pandemic, I just could not help thinking what our organization stood for, so we started reaching out to help.

During these last few months, we gave out two \$1000.00 high school scholarships. \$1,000.00 to Association for Retarded Children(ARC), to help renovate the playground for special needs children. \$1,000.00 from our lodge and another \$1000.00 from a member to the North Valley disaster group to help rescue animals from the forest fires in California. We will be giving another \$1,000.00 to the North Valley Catholic Social Services in December which is our annual donation to help buy food for needy families in our area for Christmas.

We did this without our major Fund raisers, Spaghetti Dinner and golf Classic. We truly hope our Golf Classic will be back again next October along with the three years planning of our first Italian festival in Chico.

Stay healthy and well and from all of us at Vincenzo Bellini Lodge, have a happy Thanks Giving and a safe and Happy Christmas.



Merlo Park in Sterling City, Ca.



Italian Cottage Restaurant Chico, Ca.



Olive Garden Restaurant before Glow Golf. Starting on the left side going around the table we have; Rob Wangberg, Tony George, Yvette Sanfilippo, Jeanne & Dawn Smith, Sandy Wangberg.



Glow Miniature Golf at Funland in Chico, Ca.



Michael Colletti-Smith, President of the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge, Sons and Daughters of Italy, presented a check to Tom Leonardi, Executive Director of the Association for Retarded Citizens, (ARC) In Chico, to help finance the construction of a new children's playground at their facility on Park Avenue.



Tony George, on behalf of the Sons and Daughters of Italy – Vincenzo Bellini Lodge, presents a \$2000.00 check to John Maretti, North Valley Animal Disaster Group for all they have done for the animals in the recent Northstate fires.

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joyous holiday season**



Past State President Maria Fassio Pignati
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Valley of the Moon
Lodge # 1959
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HOPE....
When all else fails....there is still HOPE...
Let us not grow weary....
God is still in control....these days of COVID 19 will end... those of you that have been through worse things...wars, world wide influenza outbreaks etc...know...that this too will pass.
So don't lose HOPE...Reach out to a friend.

GOOD INTENTIONS...
Well now...but I did not follow through...I want you to know that I have thought of each and every one of you.....
First I thought
I would call...and just touch base...but I have no excuse for my lethargy....please forgive me...
But how about this idea... how about each one of you with a computer send me an email...

(address at top of column) and tell me how you are getting along in these unprecedented times (for most of us). I promise I will answer each and every email....

A REASON FOR THIS
Yes, the reason is we at Sons of Italy want you to know we care....we are all in this together....and you are in our prayers.

DUOLINGO....STILL GOING STRONG
Just so you do not think I am only a couch potato...I study my Italian class on Duolingo every day...for at least an hour...
One would hope that at some point I will be able to converse at least at a preschool level. Time will tell....(just ask Jo Grant)

THANKSGIVINGwill be over...and we will be thinking about Christmas soon...
Do remember to keep Christ in Christmas and remember that friends and family are our most precious gift!
Ciao!
Merry Christmas and God bless each and every one!

Rodolfo Valentino
Lodge # 1449
Clovis, CA
by Carol Watson, President;
Lou Catallo, Historian; (559) 299-2205 lcatallo@aol.com

You did get your flu shot already, right? Yes, I promise I will keep harping on this; what with the Corona Virus keeping us home all the time, there is not much else to worry about except how everyone else is doing. Hope you are well. Remember the good old days when someone could blow across a birthday cake and we would eat it anyway?
This past October, our governor has again stolen Columbus Day by declaring it Indigenous Day, even though there are 365 other days of the year on which the honor could have been bestowed. In today's "cancel society", people are desperately looking for "other people" to blame for their ills, and / or, trying to make themselves appear to be caring for the ills of others, and so they pick on poor ol' Chris Columbus, who was not a conqueror ... he was a navigator that convinced the queen of Spain to sponsor his explorations. His ships contained 3 Italian sailors, the rest (85 men) were Portuguese and Spanish. The "cancel society" wants us to forget our European roots and strip our struggling past of all our heroes. Remind our governor Newsom and the legislators of what you think of this. We do not improve the lives of some by diminishing the lives of others. California is home to at least 1,750,000 Italian citizens, plus another 1,000,000 Italian non-citizens.
Now that it is winter, we can say "Fa un freddo cane!", or, it is dog cold.
Do not forget that the Fresno County Historical Museum is planning an Italian Heritage section to the Fresno Museum at the fairgrounds. If you have photos or stories that you would like to submit, contact Olivia Gallegos at 251-5992, or Sandra West, Friends of the Fair, 1121 S. Chance Ave, Fresno, CA 93702, (559) 650-3247. Contribute according to your ability by contacting Sandra if you wish. They are also accepting names for plaques to memorialize your family in the Valley.



Now that Fresno County is again in Purple Covid-19 status, Notre Dame Hall is not available to us, so, for sure there will not be a December meeting or dinner. For your own safety, limit your exposures to household family only, and let your extended family celebrate at their own homes. Greet your neighbors at a distance with a wave. It is good for you and great for them.
The only thing in a bakery that has no fat or sugar is a napkin.
The United Lodges of the Central San Joaquin Valley: Any next meeting will be announced.

"Hello" and "Ciao" to our friends and readers in San Francisco! Stai al sicuro!
These are the times that we need to support our friends: get your take-out orders from our old stand-by restaurants: Lunas, at 299-4141; Andiamo's, at 299-4141; Boo Boo Bean Bakery, at 570-8093; The Hacienda, at 325-2505; and Clovis DiCicco's at 299-3711; and, don't forget to tip.
-Critical Italian word to know: "Alora", simply meaning 'then'. But nothing is simple; it can also mean "and so what", or "ergo". Sprinkled in an Italian conversation, the word can be as easy or as sassy as you want.
In Italy, if you do not have leftovers after a meal, it means you did not make enough food.

Martin Luther King almost said "Intelligence and character are the goals of a true education"; get yours with help from our scholarship program by calling Isabel Ronzano; large national and state SDoI scholarships are also offered; just ask her.
Join Us: Except for the near future: 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/>.




Best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season




Arlene Nunziati, National Alzheimers Chair

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from the Officers and Members of
Centinela Valley Lodge #1991





Steve Guthrie, President

The officers and members
of the
Renaissance Lodge #2259
wish you and your family
a very joyous Holiday Season!



President Mary Jane Cambria

Have a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year



Debbie Ure
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Eureka Lodge #1274

Eureka, CA
by Joe Bonino 707-445-5799

Despite having to cancel all of our events since our February meeting Eureka Lodge #1274 is alive and well!

On October 25th our Lodge held a drive through polenta and chicken dinner in the Elks Lodge parking lot. Although limited to 150 take-outs the event was a sold out success.

Due to covid restrictions the kitchen and drive up crew was limited to a hard-working few: Dave and Donna Olivieri, Ralph and Nancy Giannini, Nick Giannini, Erling Dellabama, Eddie Fornari-Morgan, John Salizzoni, Julie Stagnoli, Rosemary Fitzpatrick, Alisa Luzzi, Bonnie DuMond, and Pam Newby.

Special thanks to all of

them and to the Elks Lodge for co-operating with the production of the event.

The ticket sales were managed by Bonnie DuMond, Betty Senestraro, and Ralph and Nancy Giannini. Thanks to them this Pinochi and Stagnoli scholarships fundraiser was a financial success. There was not even one piece of chicken leftover for the crew to share.

Eureka Lodge is not having any in person meetings at this time. The Executive Committee is handling lodge business by email and phone. The Eureka Lodge email is sonsofitalyeureka@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns that need to be addressed.

Buon Natale!



Julie Stagnoli out front of the Eureka Elks Lodge.



Julie Stagnoli and Alisa Luzzi staff the drive up window.



Nick Giannini, Erling Dellabama, and Dave Olivieri prepare to fill the 150 take out containers.



Donna and Dave Olivieri ladle the sauce.



Buon Natale to all



Hugh & Pam Ricci

Buon Natale



The members of the C. Colombo Lodge #1315
Antioch, California
wishes everyone a Merry Christmas!

Christmas traditions in Italy

Across Italy, Natale is a family-centric holiday and a time to celebrate at home with loved ones. Thousands of Italians travel home to their parents for the holidays, with the train and autostrada networks bearing the brunt of extra traffic in the run up to Christmas.

And when it comes to celebrating an Italian Christmas food is an essential part of the proceedings. Up and down the country mamas, zias (aunts) and nonnas (grandmothers) spend days preparing pasta, sweet breads and all manner of dishes for the Vigilia (Christmas Eve), Natale and the festa di Santo Stefano, otherwise known as boxing day.

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In line with most religious festivals Italians typically avoid meat on the day before Christmas in order to purify themselves. The idea is to eat a clean and lean meal – il cenone – which for a lot of families will mean fish and vegetables although the evening meal can run to six or even seven courses before the family heads off to midnight mass. It's not exactly what you might call lean eating and we've not even got to 25th December yet!

Pannetone - a classic Italian sweetbread eaten at Christmas

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The festive lunch often kicks off after the Pope's midday blessing of the crowds in St Peter's Square with tortellini in brodo (pasta in broth), followed by eel, roast meats or turkey as we would in the UK or America and several courses in between. It can last all day with dessert coming in the shape of sweet breads like pannetone, biscuits like ricciarelli and nutty pastries to round off the merriments. If you're down south in Calabria, you might also notice that the table isn't cleared straight away as the food is traditionally left for the Madonna and child. With foodie celebrations continuing through Santo Stefano, New Year's eve and on to Epiphany on 6th January you'd better be ready for a food marathon!

Cesare Battisti

Lodge # 1518

Petaluma, CA

by Louise Vicino

Greetings from Petaluma!

Winter is here, our weather has definitely changed, heaters are being turned on, fireplaces are being lit. All to make ourselves comfy and cozy. And our bills get higher.

This is certainly going to be a rough time, what with the pandemic and the coming flu season. We will have had our Thanksgiving holiday by now and I hope you were able to celebrate with your loved ones.

Coming is our Christmas Holiday Season. A time when families get together with families and friends to spread some cheer. To celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. Remember that there was no room at the Inn and so the Christ Child was delivered in barn. Be thankful for what you have.

This reminds me that there are so many who will be living on the streets in the horrible cold and rain. Some families are having a tough time paying their rent and buying food for their families. It is a time to pray for them to receive aid, have a place to stay. Time for everyone to be thankful for what we have in our lives. Thankful for our beautiful families, thankful for the wonderful gifts that God gives in our sky, our trees and all of nature and its creatures.

Let us all love and be good to each other during this Season and in our future New Year. Let us hope that this vaccine comes through and we can overcome this pandemic, save lives. In the meantime, keep safe my friends. Follow the rules. You not only keep yourselves safe, you consider your family and your friends health as well.

Our President Ernie sends his best wishes to all of you and wishes you a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season.

Get well wishes to anyone who is ill. Our condolences to the Cresci Family for the loss of Frank. A long time member of the Lodge. He and Roseanne worked hard for the Sons of Italy in the old days. Prayers for Father Michael Raimondi.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those celebrating this month. May God bless each and everyone of you during this Christmas Season, and may the blessings of love, joy, happiness, good health be yours in the coming New Year!. Remember to tell your loved ones, how much you care, give them a far away hug and throw them a kiss.

Pray for our service people, homeless, victims of crimes, our Country and the World. If you know of someone who needs help, now is the time to help them.

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

Buon Natale



Merry Christmas from
Past State President John Tedesco
and Pam Tedesco, Past First Lady




Merry Christmas
Buon Natale




Rosemarie Biagetti Vanderhaar
State Scholarship Committee Chairperson
Pugliese Lodge Recording Secretary
United Lodges Recording Secretary

Wishing everyone a
Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year



From The Members of the
Enrico Caruso Lodge #1463



“From Visalia With Love”

Wishing everyone
a very Merry
Christmas and a
Happy New Year



Past State President
Arturo Ibleto & wife, Vicki



Praying for peace and harmony
throughout the world!
Merry Christmas to all!



Buon Natale

To all our Sisters & Brothers
from the Hacienda Lodge #2168





Shasta Lodge

2453

Redding, CA

by Carole Dellaragione

Hello from Redding:

As I write this Shasta County is in purple tier of Covid restrictions, so we are not having our member meetings, but continue our council meetings to take care of business. We are thankful we have only had a few members who have contracted minor symptoms with the coronavirus.

Our weekly Monday bocce play has been suspended due to the weather. We will resume in the spring.

Because of not having meetings we will have our election of new officers when we can after the start of 2021.

As a lodge we are not scheduling our members to ring bells for the Salvation Army, but some members are still volunteering on their own. We held a drive-thru food donation for the Salvation Army at our lodge in November and filled several of barrels and had many cash donations. Thanks to all members who helped with donations of food and toys for the kids.

We are still doing some maintenance projects around the building. Thanks to those who are helping.

We wish you all a safe blessed Christmas and we hope for a Happy New Year where we can once again get back to our great lodge activities.

Buon Natale
Your friends at Shasta Lodge



PUGLIESE LODGE #1375

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Past State President
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Vera Girolami and
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extend their sincerest
holiday wishes.
Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year



Happy Holidays!

Christmas Greetings
from the
Officers & Members of the
ANAHEIM LODGE #2076
Buon Natale
Mariann Aita, President



Merry
Christmas
And
Happy
New Year!
Love,
Grand Lodge Queen
Brianna Simon



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Lucille Seibel President West End Lodge
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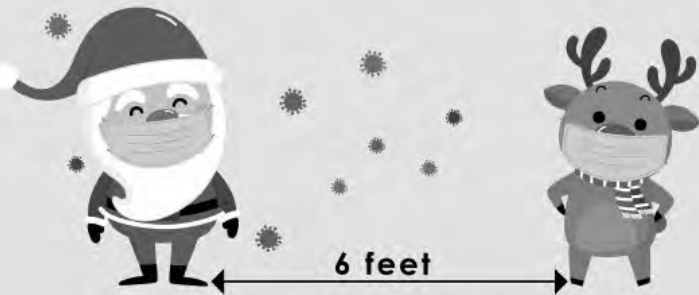
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Hanford Lodge #1543

Hanford, CA

by Jackie Giacomazzi

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the Hanford Lodge #1543 has been dark since April. We are keeping our members safe by not having indoor activities or meetings. We will resume our normal life when we feel it is safe to do so.

However in October, we had a successful drive-thru sauce sale, in keeping with all the rules of safety for ourselves and our customers. Following this event, the Hanford Lodge donated 32 quarts of freshly made spaghetti sauce to the Kings County Fire Department. The sauce was distributed to all ten fire stations so that the firemen on each shift were able to enjoy the one-of-a-kind spaghetti sauce. Jarrod Parreira, Kings County Fire Department's Captain at Station 4, who is the son of former Hanford Lodge Queen, Judy Crawford, and the grandson of Virginia Martella Ribeiro (our remarkable sauce maker), cooked a ziti pasta meal for the men on his shift. "Nonna" Virginia was instrumental in formulat-

ing the recipe for this sauce which has been passed down through the years. The men at KC Fire Department were very thankful for the donation.

We are planning another drive-thru event for Christmas. All members are invited to share some Christmas cheer by driving by the Giacomazzi residence. The Junior Members will be treated to stockings filled with goodies. We hope all goes well!!! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. Outline Headings you add to the document will appear here. Explore Turn on screen reader support <#>Link copied to clipboard Document details Unable to get the details at this time. Request edit access « Close preview Print Explore Explore Web Images Drive Create smarter documents To see related information and images, try adding more content to your document Learn more Can't load Explore content Retry Show document outline





Jarrod Parreira, Captain of the Kings County Fire Department's Station 4 shows off the ziti pasta that he prepared for the firemen at his station in October.



Christmas Party committee for 2019 hope to have a successful drive-thru party this year!! Pictures are Jackie Giacomazzi, Louise Tesoriere, and President Louise Silacci. Buona Natale!!!



Merry Christmas



Manny Finazzo
State Trustee South

Here are some facts about Italian Christmas traditions, celebrations and customs.

Christmas in Italy is an extremely popular holiday, and is celebrated all over the country. Festivities last from about the 6th of December until Epiphany, the 6th of January.

Most Italians give and receive gifts on the 12th day of Christmas, January 6th. A witch known as La Befana is said to bring gifts in the night to put in children's stockings.

Attending midnight mass and eating a meatless dinner on Christmas Eve is an important part of Christmas in Italy. In parts of southern Italy, families eat a meal of seven fishes.

St. Peter's Square in Rome is a wonderful place at Christmas. The square is decorated with a large Christmas tree, and the Pope gives his Christmas address at noon on Christmas Day.

Many children dress up as shepherds a week before Christmas in Italy. They sing and play musical instruments, and are given money to buy gifts.

One of the world's largest Christmas trees is created every December on a mountain side near Gubbio. Thousands of lights spread across the mountain form a tree shape, covering over 1000 square metres.


Nativity scenes can be seen in Naples, while the city of Verona is known for its decorative lights. Traditional bonfire celebrations are held all over Italy on Christmas Eve.

Italian Christmas cake, known as panettone, is often served after mass on Christmas Eve. It is a dry fruit cake, and is typically eaten with a cup of hot chocolate.

Sweet snacks and treats are eaten in Italy all through the holiday season. Popular goodies include sweet honey breads, marzipan, nougat and gingerbread, all symbolizing the sweetness of life.

The Yule Log is important in Italian homes, and many families keep it burning nonstop until New Year. In Tuscany, a huge log is set on fire, during the Festival of the Log.

Merry Christmas to all from the members of the Joanne Coccia Lodge #2553



Paul Finazzi
President

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



from the Staff of the Il Leone

Holiday Greetings



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