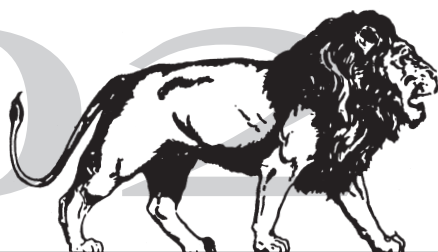


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Message From the State President



State President
Barbara Wisniewski

I hope you are all staying cool and smoke free. Ken and I have missed many Reno Aces games because of the unhealthy air. We are hoping to get to the rest before the season is over.

Ken and I visited the Gold Country Lodge #2705 to celebrate their 25th Anniversary, with President Jim Silveira, First Lady Barbara and so many of their officers and members. The food and company were wonderful.

I want to remind everyone that, as President, I would like to attend all your events. Unfortunately, that is not possible but if you send me an invitation and copy the Grand Lodge, we can try to get me there. I especially want to attend your meetings so I can meet our members. Please let me know when you are going to initiate new members so I can try to make it. Again, just copy my invite to the Grand Lodge so Recording Secretary, Lori Rossi, can assist me in keeping some kind of schedule.

I hope you are all sending in your stubs and money for our Italian Heritage/Columbus tickets for a winner every day in October. Lots of winners and lots of money to give away. You have to be in it to win it.

20 weekdays at \$25.00 each

Columbus Day \$500.00

Halloween \$200.00

4 Saturdays at \$100.00 each

5 Sundays at 50.00 each

We are working on some other fundraising efforts that

we hope you will support. The Trustees have come up with some ideas that they are going to implement.

Our Recording Secretary, Lori, has saved us a lot of money taking over the duties of the Office Manager during COVID. It is now becoming "business as usual" and we can't get by with a part-time Manager. I am working on finding and hiring a full-time Office Manager and a part-time staff person. We need our Recording Secretary to concentrate on that task.

I am excited to announce that I will be hosting monthly Zoom meetings with our Grand Lodge Presidents. These meetings are completely voluntary, and I hope that we will use them to share our experiences. We only get together at Conventions and there is not enough time to share information.

I attended the National Convention in Jersey City, New Jersey on the 14th of August. It was wonderful to see so many of our Sisters and Brothers again. We opened the 57th Biennial Convention with our own Past President, Maria Fasio Pignate singing the National Anthem and the Italian National Anthem.

We elected the 38th National President, Robert Bianchi Esq. of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. Robert was the First Vice-President under the Nancy DiFiore Quinn Administration.

In addition to electing Robert A. Bianchi as National President, joining him are the following officers:

Joseph A. Boncore, Esq. of Massachusetts, National First Vice-President

Michael G. Polo of Connecticut, National Second Vice-President

Thom A. Lupo of New York, National Third Vice-President

Dr. Mark S. DeNunzio of Florida, National Fourth Vice-President

Tony Bisceglia Anderson of Northwest, National Fifth Vice-President

Frank Gattuso, Esq. of New Jersey, National Orator

John Saladino of Massachusetts, National Recording Secretary

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News from the Central

Pauline Richmond
State First Vice President



Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Hoping you are all well and safe. It has been a challenging year, but we have continued with satisfactory progress despite the difficulties.

We had our State Grand Convention, and installation of state officers. Lodges are back to holding their monthly meetings and planning lodge social events.

Even with the COVID-19 pandemic some good has come out of it with all the technology we had to learn to get thru this world crisis!

I am happy to announce that I am a National Delegate for the term 2021 – 2023 and will be attending the National convention in Tampa, Fl. in October 2021.

National Chairman of the Electoral Committee, Past National President Joseph Sciamme and committee members asked the delegates to attend on Saturday, July 17, 2021, a tutorial meeting at 11:00 am giving detailed instructions, and examples of how to use Zoom's hand raising and voting function, so that when we met on August 14, 2021, we could have, nominations, elections and installation run smoothly.

The National Delegates were advised that nomination, elections, and installation of officers would occur on August 14, 2021. Delegates attending used Zoom. Supreme Council voted to hold elections installations of officers in August, gavel the Convention into recess, and re-gavel the Convention back into session in Tampa, Fl. this October 2021.

On Sunday, June 27, 2021,

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was the first meeting for the 2021 – 2023 Council members. Our State President Barbara Fumosa Wiasniewski asked for suggestions to having fundraisers with the process made to support the Grand Lodge. My idea is having a "Columbus Day October Calendar" raffle for the month of October, and it is "Italian Heritagussed for fundraisers. Having successful fundraisers will help support the Grand Lodge.

I received, an invitation from Lodge President Janey' Leonardich of the Watsonville Lodge #2016, 7th Annual Bob Moresco Memorial chicken BBQ fundraiser, on Sunday, July 18, 2021. A delicious menu; BBQ ½ chicken, bee" month. Other excellent ideas were discans, salad, Italian rolls, dessert, and No host bar. They honored students that received Grand Lodge and Watsonville Lodge Scholarships for year 2019 - 2021. There was a raffle with wonderful prizes. It was a beautiful day visiting with OSDIA members from various lodges. There was a total of two hundred members and guest in attendance. President Janey' and members did an excellent job. It was a nice gesture by State Deputy and State Trustee - Central Frank Locicero in helping with selling drink tickets!

Sunday, August 1, 2021, I was, invited, to the Hanford Lodge #1543 Hotdog Roast, held in Lilia Giacomazzi yard. There was Roast Hotdogs, and water provided by the lodge, members and guest provided favorite side dishes or desserts. It was great to have some summertime fun participating and visiting and seeing the members socializing again!!

Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 11:36am I received a call from State President Barbara Fumose Wisniewski informing me that I was, elected State 1st Vice President of the Grand Lodge of California. I am honored, happy and excited for this position! My sincere and heart-felt appreciation to the state delegates for their vote and support giving me the opportunity to serve as First Vice President of the Grand of California. Mille Grazie! I am looking forward to collaborating with my fellow Second Vice President Mark Vaona and Third Vice President Lou-

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News from the North

Louis Lodi
State Third Vice President



I want to take this opportunity to say that I did not realize how much this would help me become a better member by taking this position. In talking to numerous members, I really see the dedication that many of our members have for the Sons and Daughters of Italy. Summer is almost over, and Fall is upon us. I hope all the Lodges are finding their way through this Pandemic safely. I've been in contact with most of our Lodges in the North and I find it exhilarating that the Lodges are getting together and starting to plan functions for the rest of the year. I hope the fires are starting to calm down and we can enjoy our lives again.

I want to give a shout out to my brothers and sisters especially Richard Negro, President of the Weed Lodge. We had a great conversation last month and I am looking forward to going back to visit their Lodge. I've made a multitude of friends over the years in OSDIA, but I just made a new one in Ernie Giono. He is a dedicated President of The Cesare Battisti Lodge in Petaluma. They have been trying to open their Lodge but because of the new strain of Covid they've had to postpone their August meeting. I'm sure they will have a September dinner.

In last month's Il Leone, I mentioned "Just Ask." Membership is the salvation of our organization. We need to grow to maintain and continue the success of our Lodges. There's lots of Italian who would be interested in becoming members if someone would "just ask" them. I think one area to look at is small business owners like restaurants and Delis and other small businesses. These people care about their

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Joseph F. Rondinelli of New York, National Treasurer
Lynn Lawrence-Murphy of California, National Historian
Rev. R Adam Forno of Florida, National Chaplain

National Past President Joseph Sciamè of New York was appointed then Elected to continue serving as President of the Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF).

Past State President of New York, Robert M. Ferrito was appointed and elected to serve as National President of the Commission for Social Justice (CSJ).

We in California are so very happy for our own Past President, Lynn Lawrence-Murphy and know she will make us proud.

Till next month
Fraternally
Barbara

State Second Vice President
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families and work hard to better themselves. I look forward to hearing from the Lodges on innovative ways of how to attract new members. The rest of 2021 will be a challenge. We will look back at the year and say the hard times brought us together to appreciate the love of the order. In 2022 we will work to make it stronger.
Ciao for Now,

State First Vice President
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ie Lodi to focus on LEADERSHIP and MEMBERSHIP. Our State President Barbara Fumosa Wisniewski has a full working agenda. Working together supporting her agenda as a term the grand council will move our Order forward and face demanding situations realistically and logically, with a positive working attitude.

Newsflash from our National Delegates Zoom meeting - On August 14, 2021 – The Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, OSDIA has elected Attorney and former Morris County Prosecutor Robert A Bianchi Esq. as its 38th National President. The

election was held today at OSDIA’s Biennial Convention which convened in Jersey City, New Jersey and will continue in October in Tampa Bay, Florida. Robert A. Bianchi was sworn in, assuming leadership from Immediate Past President Nancy DiFiore Quinn.

Just a reminder, if you love to Golf you might consider joining the 21st Annual Sons and Daughters of the Western Foundation California Golf Classic in October in Chico, California. If not a golfer, you might consider giving a donation or sponsoring a Tee. Call Michael Smith, Chairman for detailed information! 530-682-5641.

Fraternally

Hanford Lodge # 1543
Hanford, CA
by Jackie Giacomazzi



The Tony Tesoriere family enjoyed a “Summer Fun” event at the Giacomazzi residence: swimming, hotdogs, Italian sausage and many delicious salads and desserts provided by the members and guests attending. It was a very hot (106 F) evening, but everyone seemed to have a good time being together again. We are having our first meeting since covid-19 on September 8, 2021. We are also planning to have a drive thru spaghetti/meatball dinner/sauce sale on Sunday, October 24. Ciao for now!!

Bennie Pardini
1932-2021

By Maria Fassio Pignati, Past State President



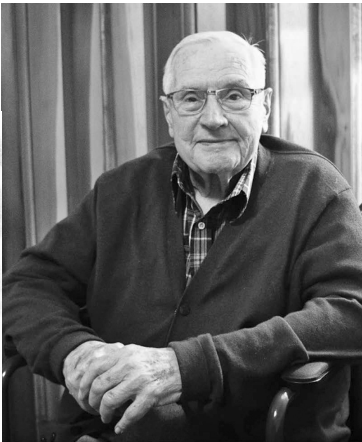
Benvenuta “Bennie” Pardini was a native San Franciscan, born to Giovanni and Giuseppina Bilardello on November 17, 1932. She was the youngest of five children and was named Benvenuta (which means “welcome”) because she was most welcome at her birth. Bennie was a member of the Order for 59 years, most of this time as a member of the now-closed Galileo Galilei Lodge #1950 of Redwood City. Once Galileo disbanded at the end of 2011, she transferred her membership to the Columbia Lodge #1940 of San Mateo in 2012.

Bennie served as President of Galileo Galilei for several years, and was a member of the Western Foundation Scholarship and Students to Italy Committee for many years. When Past State President Dan D’Amico and his wife Adua retired as chairs of the Bingo Committee, Bennie and her husband Roland, a past State Vice President, took over the operation. After Roland passed in 2002 after 33 years of marriage, Bennie ran the Bingo operation with the help of her dedicated committee until Bingo was discontinued. She then went on to work at the Grand Lodge office for a few years as a part-time volunteer. She passed on July 25, 2021 after a brief illness.

Bennie joins her husband Roland, son Jim Fanucchi, stepson Dino Pardini, and many family members in eternal rest. She is survived by stepchildren, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bennie, you will be missed. A scholarship in Bennie’s name has been created; please make any donations out to SOI Western Foundation and notate Bennie Pardini scholarship, and mail to the Grand Lodge at 5051 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94112.

Napa Lodge # 2043
Napa, CA
by Anna Graeber



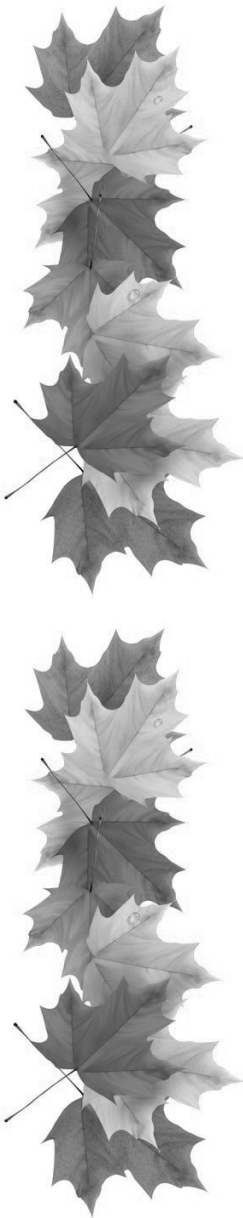
Ernie Rota
1924 - 2021

It is with great sadness for our lodge as we said farewell to our beloved member. Ernie lived his entire life in Napa, a community he loved dearly. He was an active member of the Napa community, a life-long member of St. John’s Catholic Church, served as a member of the City Council from 1966-1973, and actively participated in our Napa lodge for over 55 years as well as many other organizations within the community. Until we meet again, we will miss your presence Ernie.



Ann McLaughlin

Ann had been a member of our lodge for close to 30 years, she became an officer, attending meetings, dances, prepping and cooking for the Napa fair booth. Ann and her beloved husband Mike were our Sunshine Committee for years, visiting those who were hospitalized or home bound. They also brought donated donuts to residents at the Veterans Home in Yountville twice weekly, and stayed for coffee and conversation with our veterans. Until we meet again dear friend.



Lady Moon

By Diana Minsky

Oh! Lady of the Moon
Your face is star struck!
Your eyes sullen . . .
Your cheeks billowy.

You rest on the beams
And shadows!
Oh! Lady of the Moon
Come light the balconies
Of Love!

Your silhouetted profile
Luminescent in secrecies.
Like the Mona Lisa's smile.

The Sun nor the evening star
Can't compare to the
Light of the Lovely . . .
Lady Moon!

Reasons to Visit Italy in the Fall

1. Choose your temperature

In the early autumn in Italy usually enjoys fantastic weather. In fact, as far north as Venice, temperatures can often be expected to reach the 70s and 80s through September. Compare that to the sweltering heat of August and things are starting to look pretty good. Late September is usually still warm enough for a swim in the sea and even October in Italy conserves temperatures around 70 degrees Fahrenheit during the day. Around late October and into November you can start to expect more rainy days mixed in with the sunny ones, especially when visiting northern cities, like Trieste. But overall autumn in Italy has the most reliably good weather of the year– you can basically choose your temperature based on where you’re headed! Head to the north for cooler, more “autumnal” temperatures. The middle of Italy usually stays a few degrees warmer than its northern neighbors and the south will still be balmy as late as November, at which time it becomes pleasantly mild.

2. Head to the harvest

A vineyard in Chianti like this one is a great place to experience Italy’s harvest. | Photo by Francesco Sgroi

For hundreds of years Autumn in Italy has been a time to harvest food and celebrate those harvests – and for good reason. Fall brings an abundance of mouth-watering produce from the rich soils that have always blessed the Peninsula, especially olives and grapes. In the last decade some vineyards and olive orchards have begun to allow visitors to help with the harvest – speaking from personal experience, there is nothing quite as rewarding as picking grapes then enjoying the wine that has been produced from the same fruit in years past. It’s an authentic slice of traditional Italian culture that, if you plan right, the whole family can participate in. Not that you have to harvest the grapes to enjoy wine. If you’re headed to Tuscany or Umbria the fall is also a fantastic time to hit the vineyards for wine tastings and tours either on your own or on an organized tour.

Other foods harvested between September and November include almonds, chestnuts, white truffles, and produce like arugula, broccoli, potatoes, and zucchini. If you love eating, the fall is really one of the best times to visit Italy and try some of the different regions’ most delicious seasonal cuisine.

A Crotto is a natural cave typical of the mountainous regions in the Lombard and Swiss Alps that happen to be perfect for wine cellars! In autumn you can go to them to taste the local wines. | Photo by Gina Mussio

3. Celebrate at a local sagra

In the autumn, sagra, or festivals celebrating a local food or wine, pop up all over Italy. If you can catch one it will be the highlight of your trip. Just don’t forget to bring your appetite! In the fall, there’s a festival for every taste depending on the town. Wine, chestnuts, chocolate, truffles, porcini mushrooms, fish, polenta, and even potatoes are just a samplings of the food that have their own festivals somewhere in Italy. We adore sagra because they’re another very authentic way to experience the local produce and culture of any given area, usually with hardly any other tourists. Try chestnuts in Piacenza; mushrooms in Torino or Putignano; truffles in Gubbio, Umbria or sausage in Messina, Sicily.

To figure out which sagra and fiere are taking place across Italy during your visit, check out the sites Sagre e Ditorni and Sagre in Italia (They’re in Italian but you really only need to check dates and what the sagra is celebrating). Alternately, you can enquire with the local tourism authority of the area you’re visiting – they will have a comprehensive list of sagra happening during your stay.

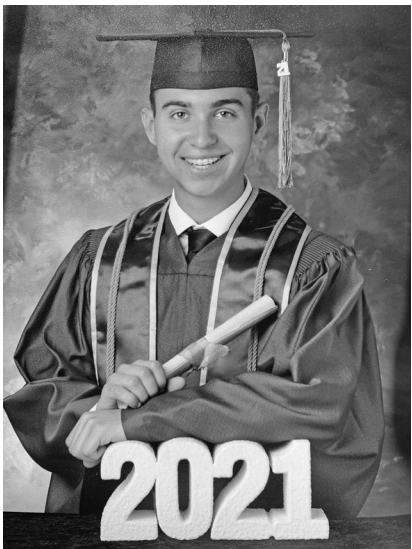
If you want a more guided intro to Italian food, check out our food tours in Italy.

4. Take advantage of smaller crowds and lower prices (but not too soon)

Lower prices are one of the best things about Autumn in Italy. The diminishing crowds are not too far behind. Like cooler temperatures, lower prices begin to creep into the country at the end of August and last through the winter except for a mini-rise around Christmas. There are also fewer locals on holiday as schools start back up in mid-September and businesses that were closed for August reopen. Fall really is the budget travelers’ best friend, but timing is still very important.

But remember: Don’t jump the gun. In high-trafficked destinations like Rome, Venice, Florence, the Cinque Terre, and the Amalfi coast, high season prices run through September and even the start of October. (We go into this in more detail in our blog on why we love Rome in fall.) To take advantage of lower accommodation prices in September look to travel in more off-the-beaten-path areas like Puglia, Abruzzo, or Molise that don’t get as many foreign visitors. If you want to go to the classic places and still avoid crowds while enjoying lower prices, come as late in the season as possible – think October and early November. For more money-saving tips Check out how to get cheap flights to Italy and how to find cheap accommodation in Italy.

Anaheim Lodge # 2056



“In Memory of Larry Peluso & Al Scali” Scholarship
from the Anaheim Lodge No. 2076.

The Royal Pageant is on for 2022!

by Pamela Ricci

I would like to introduce myself as the new Chairperson of the Royal Pageant. I am Pamela Ricci, President of the Cristoforo Colombo Lodge #1534 in Reno Nevada. I know many of you from past conventions especially our last one we held live here at the Atlantis Resort. I hope I can count on your support for these next couple of years while keep the tradition of making this a wonderful experience for our youth.

I want to thank President Barbara for appointing me as chairperson of this important committee, but I can’t do it alone. It will be very difficult to follow in Eva Lavezzari’s footsteps who has been head of this committee for the past 6 years. Eva helped many young people have a wonderful experience as part of the Royal Court and of course as Queen of the Grand Lodge; we say Mille Grazie Eva and don’t think your job is done!

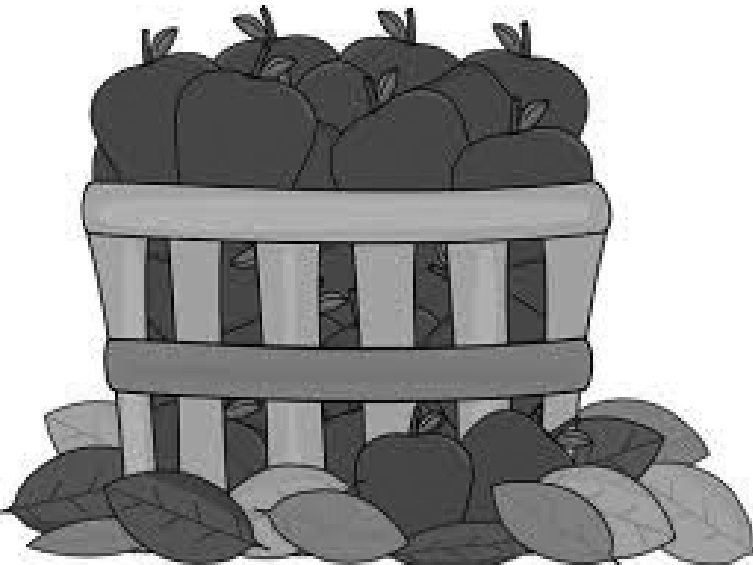
We had a successful and informative meeting this summer and I hope this core committee will continue on with me. One of the best additions is to have a couple of our past queen’s input and overseeing the social media part of the committee to get more young people interested and aware of our Order. Thank you, Mary Lucido and Brianna Simon, for stepping up!

The committee took into consideration several recommendations from the Roma Lodge and decided it would be best not to make any changes at this time. There are two recommendations that the committee put forward to the Grand Council for approval at the September meeting so there will be more news to come next month once a decision has been made.

I am hoping that all the Filial Lodges with eligible youth will come forward with a candidate for the Pageant in 2022. Remember this can be a fundraiser for your Lodge too.

In closing I am excited for this year, let it be a great coming out from the last two years we have had to stay away from enjoying the personal touch of our fellow members. Feel free to send me a note if you are interested in being part of this committee as I feel it is the youth of our Order that is the future of the Grand Lodge of California. My email is Pam@Riccihomes.com.

Grazie and Ciao,
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The Donkey
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Donkey is a name for the domesticated ass. The name comes from the word “dun,” which is the color of dull brown. At one time the term “ass” was used more than “donkey.”

The donkey is related to the horse. You can tell a donkey from a horse. Its usual color is gray. A donkey is smaller and has big pointed ears. It has a tuft of hair at the end of its tail. The call or voice of a donkey is called a “bray,” which is loud and unmusical. A male donkey is called a jack donkey or jackass, and a female donkey is called a jenny. A young donkey is called a foal.

The size of a donkey varies. It is typically two and a half to four feet tall and weighs 300 to 1,000 pounds. It has a lifespan of thirty to forty years, which is longer than that of a horse. Donkeys can be mated with horses. Breeding different species produces a hybrid, which is usually sterile. Jack donkeys are often used to mate with female horses to produce mules. Mating a jenny and stallion produces a hinny.

Donkeys have served man for thousands of years. The burro, used as a pack animal in desert regions in the Southwest of the United States, is a small breed of ass. It was the most favored beast of burden of many missionaries, miners, and prospectors. These animals unjustly acquired a reputation for being stupid and stubborn. But they are intelligent and suited for difficult, rocky terrain and hot, dry places where hurrying uses up strength and increases thirst. The donkey’s large ears can alert it to enemies at a distance. It can defend itself by kicking and biting.

Although donkeys are principally used as draft or pack animals, some people keep donkeys as pets. The donkey is mentioned in the Bible. The Gospel of Matthew says Jesus rode into Jerusalem on an ass. The first donkeys came to America on the ships of the second voyage of Christopher Columbus in 1495. Italians have worked along side donkeys and have highly valued them. Many interesting stories are told about donkeys.



The Amiata donkey is a typical Italian donkey breed (Wikipedia).

Cesare Battisti
Lodge # 1518
Petaluma/Rohnert Park, CA
by Ernie Giono

Sisters and Brothers, here we are over 17 months into this pandemic and we don’t seem to be getting anywhere. Stay safe, get your vaccine and wear a mask and soon, we just might be ending this crisis.

August 8th passed and it was to be our first post pandemic dinner meeting at our new location but at the last minute, with 103 reservations, we had to cancel. A real disappointment, and many emails and phone calls on my part. I am optimistic that we can meet in October but then, again, it depends on this virus. I am also hoping that our convention next year in Orange, California will be an opportunity for us to see all of our new officers in action and meet and greet old friends.

Please smile to someone (even under your mask) and be nice to someone and you will get the same returned back to you. As one of my teachers in high school used to say “Keep the Faith” ...Ernie Giono.



Roma Lodge # 1573
Tulare, CA
by Larry Dutto-Roma Lodge President



Roma Lodge holds its Junior Member Night at the August meeting each year. The lodge has about 60 junior members and over 20 attended the meeting. They conducted the opening and closing ceremonies, enjoyed getting a lot of back-to-school sup-




Giada Pitigliano and Aiden Gentry enjoy getting back-to-school items provided by Roma Lodge members.

Roma Lodge initiated **Harlow DePaoli** as a new member. Harlow makes the fifth member of the family to join the lodge. Harlow is two years old and joins sisters **Hayden** (left) and **Harper** along with parents **Michael and Leslie DePaoli**.




The lodge also welcomed **Beverly Broberg** as a new member. Beverly is a caregiver for **Janet Cabral** who is a 65-year member of the lodge. Beverly has accompanied Janet to lodge meetings and activities for the past year. She enjoys the great food and fellowship of lodge members. Janet’s birthday is in August and Beverly brought a cake for members to enjoy and celebrate Janet’s birthday.





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We would really appreciate anyone who is willing to view on the web-site only.

Thank You

Wishing everyone a wonderful fall



Barbara Wisniewski State President and Husband Ken

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ORIZZONTALI: 1. A questo punto... - 4. Sportello bancario - 8. Ci si va salendo - 9. Si mangia alla fine del pranzo - 10. Molto impaurito - 13. Legame tra congiunti - 14. Porta volentieri la sua croce - 16. Imperitura, immortale - 17. Iniz. della Loren - 18. Il centro di Monaco - 20. Seguono le serate - 22. Animale che raglia - 25. Elemento di una comune tintura - 26. Imita il diamante - 27. Insegnante (abbrev.) - 28. Garibaldi vi incontrò il re - 29. Felino domestico - 31. Il fiume di Pisa - 32. Li usano i barbieri.

VERTICALI: 1. Inizio di osservazione - 2. Macchina per sbancamenti - 3. Il monte dell'arca di Noè - 4. Allegrì e soddisfatti - 5. Modificato... in peggior - 6. Sono anche a chiocciola - 7. La produce un baco - 9. Robert che ha interpretato "Ti presento i miei" - 11. L'acchiottolato del Tour de France - 12. Tossico - 14. Gioco di carte col "pozzo" - 15. Untuoso - 17. Scoloriti - 19. Una pianta ornamentale - 21. Accesso - 23. Lo Stato che ha per capitale Teheran - 24. Pisolo oppure Mammolo - 29. Mezza gara - 30. In mezzo alla classe.

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Lodge #1449

Clovis, CA

by Carol Watson, President

How easy it is to say “I’m glad I got my flu and Covid-19 vaccinations; how hard it is to say “I regret not getting my shots”. Make it easy on yourself, family, friends, neighbors ... get it done. General George Washington himself required universal immunization of his troops against smallpox, which is now an extinct disease. The requirement was the first on the American continent. When the Spaniards were immunizing in Central America in the days of Hernan Cortez, it was not mandatory.

September 11 will be our first United Lodges of the San Joaquin, to be held at Marie Callender’s in Visalia; contact Carol Watson to let her know you will be attending.

Still no word on when our Notre Dame Hall will be reopened; we will keep you all posted.

When Italians say “*O mangiar questa minestra o saltar questa finestra*” they are pretty much saying “take it or leave It”, but literally it means “Either eat this soup or jump out of this window”. Leave it to Italians to include food in their adages!

Shasta Lodge #2453

Redding, CA

Greeting from Redding,

I hope none of your lodge members have lost homes due to the many fires that have impacted California. While it is very smoky, and very hot in Redding, we are not in the line of any fire at this time.

We continue to have our general meetings although the attendance is low. We have held our monthly council meeting through the pandemic and continue with the upkeep on our lodge. We held a drive through Spaghetti dinner in June and had about 200 diners go out. Thanks to all our members who helped with this event.

We had to skip our crab feed in 2021, but plans are under way for our other large fundraiser, Paesano Days. Our bocce tournament of 32 teams is nearly full. We have tickets four our Friday night Spaghetti Dinner out to be sold, and banners hung around town to advertise our event. Once again we will begin about 5pm on Friday, September 17th with the opening of the bocce tournament and the spaghetti dinner. We will have live music off and on throughout Friday and Saturday. We have some crafters ready to show us their products, and will have



KATE, LESLIE, NICHOLE AND NICK AKIMOFF, AND BOB GULLIXSON AT THE SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS GAME ON AUGUST 15TH. NICHOLE AND NICK CELEBRATED THEIR 2ND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Eureka Lodge #1274

Eureka, CA

by Joe Bonino

The 2021 Northcoast Veteran Stand Down was to be held this year on August 6th at the Eureka Veterans Hall on H Street. Due to the covid resurgence among the unvaccinated in Humboldt County the Stand Down has been canceled for this year.

Thank you to Dave and Donna Olivieri for staying on top of the changing situation with this event and annually organizing this project that recognizes and thanks our veterans for their service to our country.

Former Eureka Lodge member Nick Costanzo passed away in July. Nick and his wife Linda were initiated in October of 1988. They were very hard workers and contributed many hours to the



Eureka Lodge members Joel Canzoneri, Lora Canzoneri, and Joe Bonino enjoy the Humboldt Crabs Italian American Night celebration on July 9th. Other prominent Italian Americans attending the game were HSU Professor and Italian National Lacrosse Team coach Tony Silvaggio and his family and HSU graduate Connor Cavassa.



Italy Facts



- Fact 1.
Pizza was first eaten by the poor in Naples, Italy!
- Fact 2.
In Italy they have 7 yearly Pizza celebrations!
- Fact 3.
The shaping of Italy looks like a boot!
- Fact 4.
The name of Italy means ‘Calf Land’!

Favorite Things About Fall

1. Fall clothes.
Breezy summer dresses are great and all, but by now we’re ready to retire them and pull out fall clothing. Sweaters, scarves and boots look fantastic paired together and are oh-so-comfortable on top of that. Bonus! Planes always seem to be frigid once you get going (or sweltering on the runway), so now you won’t have to lug around extra layers because you’ll be prepared (and the plane won’t melt in the high temps sitting on the runway!).
2. Pumpkin Spice Lattes.
OK, ok—they get a lot of hype. But really it’s not just the pumpkin spice flavoring (though you have to admit it’s like taking a sip of fall). We can’t wait to enjoy a latte without having to stand in front of a freezer or air conditioner. Hot coffee + 100 degree weather = a no go.
3. Getaways
Taking a trip—whether it be a long weekend or a week-long—in the fall is just so relaxing. You’re not melting in the heat so you can return with a tan, and you’re not racing down the ski slopes to cross a double black diamond off your list. Fall trips allow you to just be. Snuggling in front of the fire with a book or enjoying a cup of hot chocolate in the crisp, cool air—it’s hard to beat. There are some wonderful spots across the US...read our 9 Favorite Fall Getaways for ideas!

4. Fall Color + Crisp Air
The leaves change, and suddenly everything looks like it could go on Instagram. That fallen leaf in the middle of a strip mall parking lot—photographed, uploaded, posted, #nofilter. And as you enjoy the foliage there’s nothing like breathing in the fall air.

Scholarship “Thank You” Sharing

As Scholarship Committee Chairperson, I wish to acknowledge the generosity of our members and those donors who support our scholarship program.

I have commented before that when the committee has awarded the scholarships, I personally email the recipient notifying them of the award. The response of gratitude is rewarding and swift. Aside from emailing me back with their “Thank You”, we also receive hand written notes from the students. In this issue, I wish to share a few of these “thank you” messages with our members.

This is one of the “perks” of this job. Many of these students continue to stay in touch with updates on college life or a new adventure and always expressing their gratitude that our scholarship has helped to make a difference.

I am now preparing for 2022. The application forms for 2022 will be available later this fall.

Stay well, be safe,
Fraternally,
Vanderhaar Rosemarie Biagetti
Scholarship Committee
Chairperson

Dear Ms. Vanderhaar,
I want to express my sincere thanks for my selection as a recipient of the Sons of Italy scholarship and the offer of free membership in the Grand Lodge of California. Enclosed is my application for membership.
Thank you to the Sons of Italy Western Foundation for their commitment to helping students, which is allowing me to achieve my dream of attending the University of Southern California.
Most sincerely,
Matthew Hodges

Rosemarie Biagetti Vanderhaar,
Thank you very much for awarding me your 2021 Scholarship. Also, thank you for gifting me a membership. It means a lot. Here is my membership form. I wasn't sure who my sponsor was so I left that part blank.
Best regards...
- Victoria Antale

Dear Sons of Italy,
Thank you so much for the scholarship, have awarded me! I am so honored. Also my mom and I are so grateful to be invited to tonight's meeting and yummy dinner. Thank you!

With gratitude,
Nordan

For the scholarship! appreciate your generosity for supporting me y journey at Arizona University!

-Bannon

Dear Beatrice Portinari Lodge's Scholarship Committee,
I would like to thank you for your financial support through the Beatrice Portinari Lodge's Scholarship, In Memory of Elvira Siri. I am honored and very appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of your scholarship. This fall I will further my education and study pre-accounting at UCSB. Receiving this scholarship will lighten my financial burden and allow me to focus on my studies. Thank you again!

Sincerely,
Cassidy Horn

May 11, 2021

Sons of Italy Western Foundation
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Dear Sons of Italy Western Foundation Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for awarding me with a \$2,500 scholarship. I am very appreciative of the gift, and am honored to have been selected as a recipient.

In June, I will graduate from Reno High School with an Advanced Diploma. After graduation, I plan to attend San Diego State University and major in Psychology. I am interested in becoming a Sports Psychologist and working with people of all ages. I have played basketball since I was in elementary school and understand the effects that sports can have on young kids, both mentally and physically.

This gift provides me with the financial support that I need to pay for my college education. Your generosity has inspired me and I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as your organization has helped me.

Sincerely,
Avery Grogan
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Ciao! Pamela Ricci



10 Interesting Facts About Italy

Italy is a fascinating place; a vacation in Italy can be packed with interesting things to do and see without every running out of activities or amazing sights. Keep the following interesting facts in mind if you visit the boot-shaped country.

1. Nobody really knows where Italy got its name.
Italy comes from a root word that means “land of young cattle”. Historians speculate that it might be named this because a bull was the symbol of early Southern Italian tribes but some believe that it comes from the name Italus, an early king of the region.

2. Italy is the fourth most populated place in Europe, mostly because of high birth rates and low death rates.
Italy is about the size of Arizona, but the population of Italy is about ten times the population of the state, with approximately 60 million people living in Italy as opposed to 6 million in Arizona. Approximately 320 people live in every square mile in Italy (about 200 per kilometer).

3. Rome, Italy is home to hundreds of fountains, with the oldest being the Trevi Fountain.
Rome has 50 large fountains and a great many small ones, not including the ‘nasoni’, which are small waterspouts used by pedestrians. The Trevi Fountain is more than eighty-six feet high, and comes from an aqueduct originally built in 19 B.C. The fountain was built by Pope Urban VIII in the mid 1600’s. A popular legend states that visitors who throw a coin into the Trevi fountain are assured of a return visit to Rome. The coins are collected weekly; Italian coins go to help pay for upkeep of the fountain, and foreign coins are donated to the Red Cross.

4. Italy stands on a fault line.
Italy is plagued by earthquakes because of this; also, three volcanoes have erupted there in the last one hundred years – Etna, Stromboli, and Vesuvius.

5. Italy is home to the highest mountain in Europe.
It is called Mont Blanc (or White Mountain in English) and it is part of the Alps mountain range. It is in Italy, on the border of France.

6. More than 50 million tourists visit Italy each year.
Tourism is an important part of Italy’s gross national product; more than 60% of the country’s income comes from tourist dollars spent there.

7. Soccer is the most popular organized sport in Italy.
Italians are rabid soccer fans; they are known as tifosi, which means typhus carriers. It’s a national pastime, and Italians are highly passionate about the game.

8. Christmas is the biggest holiday of the year in Italy.
Christmas season is much longer, too: Christmas dinner is usually on Christmas Eve, and the season lasts until January 6th (until the Epiphany, or the date generally believed to have been when the three Wise Men found the manger of Jesus).

9. Pasta wasn’t eaten with tomato sauce until the 1600’s in Italy.
Until then, it was generally eaten with honey and sugar. To-day, there are more than 500 varieties of pasta eaten in Italy.

10. Musical notations are always in Italian.
Allegro, Adagio...these are Italian words to indicate tempo, and came about because an Italian named Guido d’Arezzo came up with a system for modern-day musical notation.

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Advice from the WHO

The World Health Organization (WHO) website has instructive videos showing how to wear a mask. They advise cleaning hands both before putting the mask on and after taking it off, not touching the mask, making sure it fits properly without gaps, and removing it by the ear loops while leaning forward and avoiding any contact with the front of the mask. They cover proper storage and cleaning of re-usable masks, and they remind viewers that the mask alone will not guarantee protection, and people must still follow social distancing and handwashing recommendations. They explain that prolonged use of masks does not cause CO2 intoxication or oxygen deficiency. This has been tested; despite the fears of some in the public, blood oxygen and CO2 levels are not affected by wearing masks. Masks should not be worn while exercising, because sweating can make the mask wet, which can interfere with breathing and promote the growth of microorganisms.

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