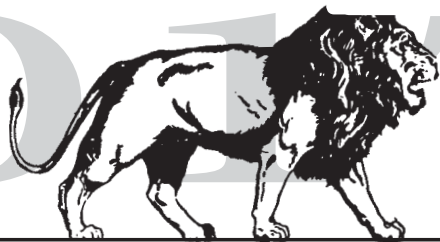


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A Message From The State President



by Lynn Lawrence-Murphy
State President

"Fratellanza"

I started this article after having just watched the Rose Parade with its many beautiful floats covered by gorgeous flowers and its inspiring theme. I was reminded of a statement my late husband often said, "We need to take time to smell the roses." So that is just what I did. It made me think of our Order and how it was founded on the spirit of fraternity, equality and liberty (our motto). It seems that in times when we are under the stress of family and lodge crises, facing economic hardships, and experiencing confusion in communication, that this spirit gets forgotten and leads to unrest, mistrust and misunderstanding. May I remind you that we are all human beings (therefore not perfect) and are volunteers who are trying our best to do what is the best for everyone. Let's not forget that there is no "I" in team which is what our Order is about. We are a family, a group committed to support, care for, and be there for each other at all times and in all situations. We are proud Italian Americans with big hearts, and are an emotional and dedicated family.

As January was the month for welcoming the New Year, it was also a time to welcome new lodge officers and a new member to our office staff. On January 11th we welcomed Martha Sanchez to the Grand Lodge Office. Martha is replacing our dear Juanita who will be retiring in March. The next few months will be a time for her to learn many of the office routines and procedures, and to get to know many of you through phone

calls, letters and meetings. Let's extend a warm Italian Welcome to our new family member. If you have not noticed, as of October we welcomed a new Webmaster Anna Graeber who is ready and eager to work with you on your websites, Facebook, etc. Her information is in the Il Leone. I would like to thank Nickolas Marinelli for all the work he did as Webmaster these past 1 1/2 years.

On that same Wednesday evening, State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi, Bill and I had the pleasure of attending the C. Columbo Lodge's Meeting in Antioch. Lori and I installed their new lodge officers and had the honor of initiating 6 new members. All eager and ready to serve their lodge. Friday January 13th, it was down to the Grand Lodge Office to open the building for the members of the Grand Lodge Building Sale Ballot Committee so they could open the envelopes verifying all voting credentials received, then open the ballots, count and record the results. Notification of these results were sent out by State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi to all State Officers, Past State Presidents, Committee Chairs and Local Lodge Presidents. A copy of the letter set out has also been posted in this month's Il Leone issue as promised.

Next came a series of new officers' installations. January 15th was the North Bay United Lodges' Mass Installation followed by a luncheon of chicken and risotto. Besides the officers and members of the Beatrice Portinari, Cesare Battisti, Napa, St. Helena, Santa Rosa, Valley of the Moon and Virgilio Lodges the following State Officers, Committee Chairs and spouses joined us: State 1st Vice President Arlene Nunziati, State 2nd Vice President John Costa and Donna Lee, State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi and Mark, State Trustee North Joy Bruno, Membership Chair Joe Simoni and Webmaster Anna Graeber. Thank you, North Bay Lodges' President Sharon Silveira for a great afternoon. On Thursday, January 19th Bill and I attended the Northern Solano Dinner Meeting where I had the honor of installing their new officers. Great din-

ner and great company! Great group of new and returning faces on their board busily working together to meet the challenges of the next two years with their major Crab Feed Fundraiser happening just 2 days later. Then it was down to Southern California where on Saturday, January 21st, Budget Chair David Lavezzari, State Financial Secretary Gabe Dominici and I met to review and set up the 2017 budget to be presented at the March Grand Council Meeting. The next day January 22nd, Bill and I attended the United Lodges of Southern California's Mass Installation of Lodge Officers followed by another delicious dinner and a testimonial to the Officers of the South and me. Great seeing Lodge officers and members from Desert Valley, Hacienda, Joanne Coccia, Pugliese, Renaissance, Saddleback Valley, and West End in attendance as well as the following State Officers, Past State Presidents, Committee Chairs and spouses: State 2nd Vice President John Costa, State 3rd Vice President Ted Seibel and Lou, State Orator Sadie Tamburine and Sid, State Financial Secretary Gabe Dominici and Mardell, Head State Trustee Pauline Richmond, State Trustees South Al Trentini and Jean, Marco Zonni and Nina, Past State Presidents Frank DeSantis, Chris Lotito, David Prisco, Committee Chairpersons Andy Pampuro and Louise, Rosemarie Vanderhaar, Vita Zaccaria and Hazel Ann Christin. I would like to thank all the lodges who extended invitations to me for their Officers' Installations. I only wish I could be there and personally extend congratulations and thank you for your dedication and willingness to serve the Order. I truly appreciate your commitment. I am looking forward to attending Ukiah's Installation on January 25th and the United Lodges of San Mateo's (Columbia, Cornelia Vita-Nuova and William Paca Lodges) Mass Installation on January on 29th. Congratulations and thank you to all the 2017-2019 Officers!

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Chris Lotito Honoree at the Grand Council Banquet



Chris Lotito, Past State President and Convention Coordinator since 1992 will be honored at the Grand Council Banquet at the Double Tree Hotel in Torrance, California. Chris is being honored for the many years he acted as our convention coordinator. He is retiring from that position and this tribute is to thank him for all he has done for the Order.

Chris N. Lotito was born in Los Angeles, California. His parents, Carlo and Gioiella Lotito were from Canneto, a province of Puglia, Italy. He was raised within the Los Angeles area following family traditions taught by his parents, a heritage he relishes to this day. He has devoted much of his time to create a better image of his Italian ancestry.

Chris is married to Mary Gasparo and is blessed with three wonderful daughters, Jo Ella, Anna Lee and Carla Marie. five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

He served his country in World War II in the navy and was trained at the San Diego Naval Hospital and received the rank of Pharmacist Mate Second Class. Out of a class of 600 he was the 10th highest with an A average. His tour of duty took him to the Norco Naval Hospital where he assisted in the operating room. He was stationed at Camp Shoemaker, Hawaii, Hong Kong, Sing Tao and on the USS Opleck, a naval destroyer.

Chris received his education at Loyola where he excelled academically and in sports playing football, baseball and basketball.

The team was a champion team and for two years Chris received gold footballs. He also attended John Muir Jr. College and was active in sports.

In 1953 Chris joined the Pugliese Lodge and has been a continuing member for 60 years. Because of his dedication to his Italian heritage he pursued his goals to serve in every capacity of the Order starting locally and reaching that of State President.

Prior to that he held the position of financial secretary of his lodge and then president for 11 years. He was president of the United Lodges, commission chair for the Athletic Committee. Ritual and Protocol Committee, bowling league president, golf club president,

National Trustee, National Foundation Trustee and many, many more titles from various organizations.

He has received recognition from the City of Los Angeles, California State Assembly, and California State Senate. He was the Grand Marshall in the Sons of Italy parade in San Diego and was honored by the Italian government with the title of Cavaliere.

Before his full retirement Chris was in the furniture and appliance business for 33 years. He may have retired from work but never retired from the Sons of Italy especially when it came to planning our conventions. He has always done a terrific job planing the events and we are all grateful.

For more information on this tribute to Chris you should call the Grand Lodge office for the details.

From the Editor's Desk

by Andy Pampuro
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By now every lodge either has the same officers or they have some new ones. If your lodge has a new president or recording secretary please send me their names, addresses, etc. We will need to update the lodge roster pages. Every two years we go through this and when the changes are not made I get all kinds of complaints. It is your responsibility to inform the Grand Lodge office and me of any changes in your lodge. The results of the election as to whether or not to sell the Grand Lodge building is in. You can read the results of the outcome elsewhere in this issue. Some will be happy and

Presidents Message
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On Monday January 23rd, on our way back home, we stopped off in Fresno and met with State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi, several Convention Committee Members and the DoubleTree by Hilton staff to finalize plans, rooms and meals for the 2017 State Convention. Unfortunately, this was the same day as the Memorial Service for Past State First Lady Dorothy Simile. Our prayers and condolences go out to Past State President Joe Simile and his family.

I would like to invite all of you to the March Grand Council Meeting to be held

on March 18th at the Centinela Valley Lodge Hall in Torrance. A dinner to honor and thank Past State President Chris Lotito for his many years as Convention Coordinator will be taking place later that evening at the DoubleTree Hotel in Torrance. We would love to have you join us in paying tribute to a man that has given 100% and more of his time, his life and his family to make our Conventions a productive and pleasurable event. There is more information on this celebration in this month's paper or contact the Grand Lodge Office.

FOR ALL YOU SWEET-HEARTS, BILL AND I WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

some will be disappointed. I know how I felt when I got the news.

Louise and I attended the memorial for Lou Petrella on January 7th down in Encinitas. It was a magnificent event. The church was packed with friends and family paying tribute to this great man. Lou did more for the Sons of Italy with only one leg than

most people do with both their legs. He was truly Mr. Sons of Italy. He will be dearly missed. He was 91 years young

In the April issue of the Il Leone we will be running the Easter ads. If you would like to wish your fellow members a happy Easter please let us know and we will design an ad for you.



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News from the Central

by Arlene Nunziati
State 1st Vice President



A sad end to 2016 and a sad beginning to 2017. My sincere condolences to the family of John Linda on his passing. We will miss his voice and his great accordion playing. My prayers and strength to the family of Dorothy Simile on her passing. She was a great lady and a beautiful First Lady. Love to Joe Simile and his family. My lodge also lost a very old time and active member, Paulette Volonte. She was too young to leave us.

Lots of get well wishes going out to everyone! So many people started the New Year sick. Hurry and get well.

We need everyone to go out and recruit new members. As I input new members in the data base, it is always the same lodge that brings in the new members. Let's all get out there and bring in at least one new member. We need members especially after losing all the members from the West Covina lodge due to their closure. Let's recruit and make Membership Chair Joe Simoni happy.

WE HAVE A NEW WEBMASTER! It seems that few people know this. Anna Graber is our new webmaster and is doing a terrific job. Just email her at osia.ca.webmaster@gmail.com.

In my travels I have been talking to many members who have never seen our Grand Lodge Building. I couldn't believe the number of members who have never been to San Francisco and toured our building. Please contact me and I will be glad to show you around. The construction across the street is really helping our business. The construction men have rented spaces in our parking lot and may be moving their office here.

I made my yearly visit to the Valley and visited the Hanford and Visalia Lodges. It was the annual Polenta dinner cooked by the Nardini-Leoni Families and delicious as always. Sister Louise Silacci and everyone

1st State Vice President
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News from the North

by John Costa
State 2nd Vice President



It's hard to believe that one month of 2017 has flown by already. I still have to make my resolutions for the year, oh well probably wasn't gonna keep them anyways.

2017 begins a new slate of officers for our filial lodges. I had the pleasure of assisting at the North Bay United Lodges mass installation of officers, and then it was off to Gold Country Lodge to initiate 3 new members and install their new officers. I will also be attending the mass installation of officers for the Southern United Lodges on January 22 and weather permitting I will be off to Reno to install their officers on the 25th. And that's all in two weeks time. No rest for the wicked and the righteous don't need it.

So, now we have all these new officers and what are they looking for, help and ideas. This is where the members that have held these offices can lend a helping hand. Share your successes and your failures (those are important to learn from) so the new officers can avoid repeating mistakes, but can avoid having to recreate the successes. Let's all work together to make our filial lodges stronger.

January is also the beginning of crab feeds, since there was a problem with the crabs last year the people are coming in droves. On January 21st 170 people will be at the Vallejo Lodges crab feed ready to devourer 520 pounds of crab.

As we enter into February it is now time to pick up that box of chocolates and those flowers for that special person and it is time to vote for your lodge delegates for the next two years. These are the members that will represent you and your lodge at our next two conventions. This is an important job. You will want someone who will listen, ask questions and be your voice at our convention.

Have you bought your 365 winner raffle ticket yet? Winners are being pulled every day. There are some great incentives this year. This would make a nice Valentine's Day gift. It could be just like that other holiday in February, ground hog day, déjà vu; you could be a multiple time winner.

Again I extend my congratulations to all the lodge officers, new and repeating. Thank you. My compliments to the state deputies in my area, thank you for getting your reports to me and the Grand Lodge.

"A true friend knows your weaknesses but shows you your strengths; feels your fears but fortifies your faith; sees your anxieties but frees your spirit; recognizes your disabilities but emphasizes your possibilities." — HYPERLINK "http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/416931.William_Arthur_Ward" William Arthur Ward

News from the South

by Ted Seibel
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Since I've become a State Officer, I've listened to many members from different areas that want changes within our Grand Lodge. Granted, everyone has a right to his or her opinion, but there has to be more than an opinion to make changes because others will simply write off an opinion as just that, an opinion only.

"I think that..." or "It should not be this..." or "Somebody should..." just won't cut it without giving a logical and reasonable way to change something. If we believe something isn't right, then how do we make it right? Sitting in our easy chair watching TV will not do it and neither is grumbling about it to others.

A fact of life is people resist change. They don't like to be taken out of there comfort zone and moved into something unfamiliar. If we truly want to change things, then we must get involved in the process that makes change possible. We can gather facts and figures, because they are not easily disputed. However, we need to do more...

People will change if they see what the problems are, if they feel an urgency to solve them and if they are emotionally compelled to act. Analyzing and thinking are important, but seeing and feeling must be present in order to impel people to change. ~ Think, see, feel, believe. ~

Changing people's emotions isn't easy, but necessary and achievable. If we can convince just one person to believe in our change, then we can convince another and another, then they will convince others, and sooner or later, there will be enough people to make change possible.

In order to grow and prosper, change is fundamental. Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future. *John F. Kennedy*

When you blame others, you give up your power to change. *Robert Anthony*

If you want to make enemies, then try to change something. *Woodrow Wilson*

In loving memory of Dorothy Simile

September 5, 1930 to January 16, 2017



Dorothy Simile was born on September 5, 1930 to Joseph and Maria Sabatino in Chicago, Illinois. In high school, Dorothy became pen pals with her future husband Joseph Simile, through their mothers.

After graduation, Dorothy and her mother went to visit relatives in Sicily where she met Joe for the first time. Upon returning to Chicago, and after two more years of corresponding with Joe, Dorothy and her mother returned to Sicily for her marriage to Joe in Palermo on July 4, 1951. Joe and Dorothy moved to Modesto in 1956.

Dorothy and Joe created a large loving family. They have four children, Lela Seefeldt (Pat), Guy Simile (Gina), Maria Simile-Shaw (Stan) and Joseph Simile Jr. (Jeanne). Dorothy was not only Mom to her own kids but many of her kid's friends called her Mom. She is a beloved "Nonna" to 12 grandchildren and "Nonnina" to her 17 great grandchildren.

Dorothy was a stay at home Mom until the kids left home. She was a member of the Sons of Italy, Modesto Lodge for 59 years and daycare provider not only for her grandchildren but a host of other children before beginning her own career in 1987. She continued to work with kids for Modesto City Schools as an Instructional Paraprofessional for 18 years.

Nonna loved to play cards with her kids, young or old. She loved to win and she would never let you win. Many wonderful memories were created playing cards with Nonna.

We will miss our Nonna dearly as well as many others that have come to know her over the years. The Simile family cherishes both our old and new friends, because you're not a friend for long before you are family.

Dorothy was our Grand First Lady from 1975 to 1979 when her husband Joe was our Grand Venerable. She loved the people and showed her love no matter where she went.

Celebration of Life services was held at St. Patrick's Church, 19399 E. Highway 120, Ripon, CA. Services began with the Holy Rosary at 9:30 a.m., Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by internment in St. John's Cemetery behind the church and a reception in the church hall. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Community Hospice, Central Valley Sons of Italy Foundation or charity of your choice.

Cards and letters may be sent to their home at 1225 West Roseburg Ave., Modesto, CA 95350.

In loving memory of Louis Frank Petrella

April 1, 1925-December 1, 2016



Our beloved brother has passed away. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

Lou Petrella joined the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America in 1968 as a member of the Columbus Lodge in Massapequa, Long Island, New York. He has amassed numerous awards and recognition for his long-time service in promoting the Italian American culture.

Lou moved his family to California in 1976. He founded the La Costa dei Fiori Lodge #2424 on October 22, 1978, and served as it's first president, for which he received a plaque and an appreciation award from the lodge and a scroll from the Grand Lodge of California.

In 1983, Lou was voted president of the United Italian American Association, an umbrella group of all local Italian clubs and organization in San Diego. The uiaa chose Lou as their Italian American citizen of the year in 1989, for which he was awarded a plaque and given a U.S. Flag that had been flown over the capital in Washington D.C.

Among Lou's other achievements, he served as Grand Lodge Trustee South for five years, and State Deputy to Fratellanza Garibaldina Lodge of San Diego for ten years. At the home of the Consul-General in Los Angeles on June 2, 2006, Lou was awarded the Cavaliere Medal and Scroll.

Lou is survived by his four children, Theresa Hildebrandt, Phyllis Head, Rosalie Rota & Ben Petrella, fourteen grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

May he rest in peace.

By State Orator, Sadie Tamburine



1st State Vice President
Cont. from page 3

were so gracious to us and we had a great time. They are a very active and fun group. They now have a “Fun Committee” chaired by a great gal who loves to have fun. We played the old version of “Telephone” and what fun to see how we could mess up. Next month they are having their annual Sweetheart Dinner! See you next year Hanford for my 3rd Polenta Dinner.

Installation of new officers was held that evening and I was so happy to officiate with State Deputy Ralph Agnello.

Thank you Jackie Giacomazzi for our Superior Dairy Sundae! Um good but again couldn’t finish it. One of these days I will. Thank you Janis for joining us. We also drove by the Children’s Storybook Garden & Museum, one of the junior members projects that they donated to. It will be lovely once it is done.

Thursday night I visited the Enrico Caruso Lodge – it is so convenient that these lodges have back to back meetings. Delicious chicken and beef dinner prepared by the Chefs. Congratulations to Larry Romanazzi who was installed the month before as the President. He did a great job. I think all of us women (4 women officers) made him a little nervous! They passed to present a bylaw change and are looking forward to attending convention close to home. They passed to have internet in the building which is great for rentals. Next month they are having a lobster dinner – only \$40.00 – too bad I can’t go back! It seemed weird not to see Donna Romanazzi Grist there or Lawrence Romanazzi. Lawrence was not feeling well that evening and I really missed seeing him. State Deputy Mike Leoni was present at the Visalia Lodge – now if only I could get Mike and Ralph to send in deputy

reports!

Thank you to both of these lodges for their great hospitality. Also thanks to my cohorts Joy Bruno and Vera Girolami who accompanied me. We laughed all the way down and all the way back! Great traveling companions.

Sunday the 15th I attended the installation of new officers hosted by the No Bay United Lodges. I acted as Herald and it was a great ceremony. It is fun when there are many lodges installing officers. The turnout was terrific. Food was excellent and prepared by the Sonoma Lodge chefs. Appetizers and dessert were all donated by the various lodges. A raffle was held – wouldn’t be a Sons of Italy event without a raffle – but I didn’t win.

The new officers of the United Lodges of San Mateo County were installed on the 29th of January. Congratulations to the officers of Cornelia Vita Nuova, Columbia and William Paca. I installed some new officers! A great dinner was held at the PIASC.

I want to thank Trustee Joy Bruno for doing the inventory at the Grand Lodge office. This always seems to be a hard thing to do.

Ate cracked crab with the Northern Solano Lodge on the 21st. My first crab feed of the year and everything was so delicious. Joy has spoken so highly of this event for years and I am so glad that Vera and I were able to attend and support the lodge. I now need to attend a meeting.

We have a new office assistant in the office who will be replacing Juanita who leaves the end of March. Her name is Martha and she has lovely memories of the Sons of Italy as her and her husband used to attend the Friday night dinner dances. Please welcome Martha when you call the office.

Ciao for now and bring in that new member!



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Results of the Extraordinary Vote

On Friday, January 13, 2017, Sharon Silveira (North), Ugo Pignati (Central) and Head State Trustee Pauline Richmond (Central) under the supervision of Judiciary Chair Honorable Al Girolami, met at the Grand Lodge building to verify the number of delegates that returned their ballots and to tally the number of extraordinary votes.

The following are the results:

- 167 ballots were mail to all eligible delegates.
- 140 ballots were returned to the Grand Lodge office.


The ballot count results are as follows:

- 57 votes YES
- 72 votes NO
- 11 voided ballots due to absence of credential
- 129 valid ballots
- 27 delegates abstained by not returning their ballot

A copy of these results will be placed in the February issue of the Il Leone to ensure the entire membership receives the results of this vote.

I would like to thank the Election committee listed above for their time and dedication to this project.

Fraternally,


Lynn Lawrence-Murphy
State President

Membership Committee

Joseph Simoni – Chair
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Happy New Year to all my brothers and sisters!! Let me start by thanking all of those lodges that have worked diligently in attracting new members and also in retaining their current membership. I have mentioned in my articles and in personal conversations with you that the category that has been our Achilles heel is cancellations. Please do not cancel members just because they are unresponsive to your delinquent notices. Contact them to determine why they payment hasn't been received. Work with them; set up a

payment plan if they have financial issues; iron out any issues they have regarding the lodge. I had mentioned in previous articles that the Membership Committee has 2 remaining projects to complete: New Membership Brochure and a New Member Questionnaire. The draft of both projects are now complete and will be presented to the Grand Council in March for their review and approval.

So, how did we do in 2016 compared to 2015?

| 2016 (unaudited) | 2015 |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Membership: 4,888 | 5,172 |
| Junior Members: | 681 726 |
| Total Reg-Assoc-Social: 4,207 | 4,446 |

As you can see, we closed 2016 with a net loss of 284 members, approximately a loss of 5% of our membership. We are within the projections of the committee. It's a new year and renewed hope. Participate in your lodge's socials; bring a friend with you; distribute the new membership brochures. Use the New Member Questionnaire to learn more about your new member - their likes and dislikes - so that you may offer socials or programs that will keep them interested.

More next month.
Happy Valentine's Day!!



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| Member’s Name | Lodge | Lodge # |
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| Betty Louise Giannetto | Enrico Caruso | 1463 |
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| Dale Perry | Enrico Caruso | 1463 |
| Grace Zenner | Enrico Caruso | 1463 |
| Jean Franceschi | Enrico Caruso | 1463 |
| John Linda | William Paca | 1960 |
| Helen Brogno | Montrerey | 2003 |
| Clementina Peluso | Anaheim | 2076 |
| Debra Yarnall-Deluca | Diablo Valley | 2167 |
| Al Del Bondio | St. Helena | 2077 |
| Louise Sculatti | St. Helena | 2077 |

Scholarship Reminder

Deadline to submit a scholarship application is **March 1, 2017** (POSTMARKED).
Lodge website. Just log on to the website at www.osiaca.org and click the links to scholarship and applications. Lodges and interested students are welcome to visit the website and print the forms. The applications are in a fillalble pdf format.
If anyone has any questions regarding an application, please contact me, the Scholarship Committee Chairperson.
Also, remember that scholarships are available through our National Order. Log on to www.osia.org Deadline for the National scholarships is February 28, 2017.
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United Lodges of Southern California

by Andy Pampuro

On Sunday, January 22, the United Lodges of Southern California hosted a mass installation of the filial lodge officers in the southern area. Along with this was a testimonial for the State Officers from the south. The event was listed as Festa Romana and took place at the Casa Italiana in Los Angeles. Rosemarie Vanderhaar who is the recording secretary of the United Lodges was the chair of this event and did a great job. The installation of the officers took place first with our State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy in command with State Third Vice President Ted Seibel acting as the Herald. Regina Iacovino from the Dessert Valley Lodge sang the Italian and American National Anthems and did a beautiful job. Grand Lodge officers who were in attendance assisted with the installation which ran very smoothly. The presidents of the various lodges all sat on the stage so that they may watch their officers being installed. Our State President had the honor of placing the regalia on each president and congratulated each one. She handed the gavel to the president of the Saddleback Valley Lodge, Hank Lowinger, who spoke on behalf of all the presidents altho each incoming president did say a few words. They were Carmine Baffo from the Dessert Valley Lodge, Paul Finazzo from the Joanne Coccia Lodge, Michael DiGiuro from the Pugliese Lodge, Mary Jane Cambria from the Renaissance Lodge, Hank Lowinger from the Saddleback Valley Lodge and David Cerboni from the West End Lodge.

Following the installation there was a no host cocktail time so the people could relax and mingle with their fellow brothers and sisters.

Before dinner was served Rosemarie Vanderhaar introduced Andy Pampuro as the M.C. for the rest of the program. He introduced all of the dignitaries in attendance. They were State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy and her husband, Bill, who is the Grand Lodge Home Committee Chair, State Second Vice President John Costa, State Third Vice President Ted Seibel and his wife, Lucille, State Orator Sadie Tamburine and her husband, Sid, State Financial Secretary as well as the president of the United Lodges Gabe Domenici, Sr. and his wife, Mardell, State Trustee South Al Trentini and his wife, Jean, Past National and State President Frank J. DeSantis, Past State President and Chair of the Royal Court Chris

Lotito, Past State President David Prisco, Scholarship Committee Chair Rosemarie Vanderhaar, Italian Language and Culture Committee Chair Vita Zaccaria and the Editor of the Il Leone Andy Pampuro and his wife, Louise. State Trustee South Marco Zonni unfortunately became ill and could not make the affair. The same with Pauline Richmond and HazelAnn Christin.

Louise Pampuro who is the chaplain for the Saddleback Valley Lodge gave us a beautiful invocation.

We were served a most delicious dinner enjoyed by all and after the meal we conducted the Testimonial for the State Officers from the South. We were honored to pay tribute to three men and one woman who served us well during their administration. M.C. Andy Pampuro gave a brief bio on each honoree saying some nice words about each one of them. They were presented with a beautiful certificate of appreciation by the president of the United Lodges Gabe Domenici, Sr. Those honored were State Third Vice President Ted Seibel, State Orator Sadie Tamburine, Gabe Domenici and State Trustee South Al Trentini. Each the opportunity to say a few words.

We also paid tribute to our State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy who spoke eloquently about the Order. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Lynn by Mardell Domenici as well as a certificate of appreciation.

We certainly thank Rosemarie for chairing this event and also those who assisted her in one way or another. They were Gabe Domenici, Vita Zaccaria, Mike and Edithe DiGiuro, Lynn Lawrence Murphy, Michelle Lowinger, Andy Pampuro and our singer Regina Iacovina. Special thanks to the staff of the Casa italiana who bent over backwards for us. We ended the day with a wonderful raffle for some great prizes donated by the various lodges.

The sad thing was it poured rain all day and was miserable traveling. We hope everyone got home safe and sound.



Mardel Domenici, wife of State Financial Secretary Gabe Domenici presented a beautiful bouquet of yellow roses to our State President.



The presidents who were installed. Seated are Mary Jane Cambria (Renaissance Lodge) Hank Lowinger (Saddleback Valley Lodge) and David Carbon (West End Lodge) Standing are Paul Finazzo (Joanne Coccia Lodge) Carmine Baffo (Desert Valley Lodge) and Michael DiGiuro (Pugliese Lodge)



Seated L/R are State Trustee South Al Trentini, State Orator Sadie Tamburine, State Third Vice President Ted Seibel, State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy and State Financial Secretary Gabe Domenici. Standing behind them are M.C. Andy Pampuro and Chairlady of the event Rosemarie Vanderhaar.

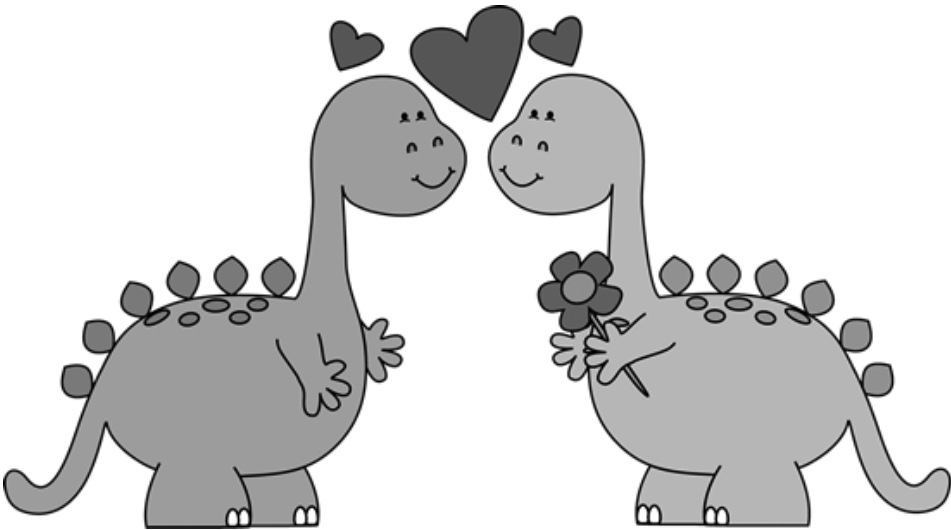
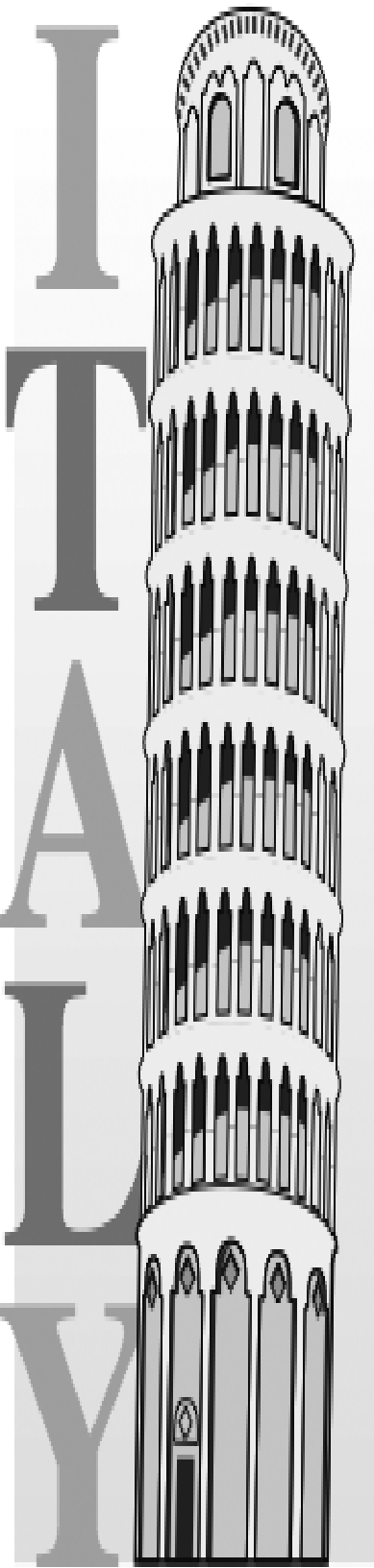
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C. Colombo Lodge #1315

Antioch, CA
by Zelda LeFrak-Belleci
Fabulous Success

C. Colombo Lodge #1315 hosted the 7th annual Cucidati Contest early in December. The holiday event welcomed over 200 guests. The Antioch Historical Museum, site of the event, was decorated in Victorian splendor. The ballroom was dominated by a 12-foot Christmas tree, velvet drapes and a display of Victorian toys.

Members of C. Colombo Lodge were joined by members of the Italian Clubs from both Deer Valley High School and Freedom High School. Chaired by Zelda LeFrak-Belleci and Lisa Navarro, 80 workers stepped up to cover the two shifts needed to man the variety of booths and handle parking at the fundraiser for scholarships.

Adding to the enjoyment was the music of Joe Simoni, Frank Lombardo, Louise Lodi and Sal Bruno. The costumed Italian Club members from Freedom High School under the direction of Mary Lucido, Sr., serenaded the guests with a Christmas tune sung in Italian. Briana Peacock, a theater arts student at Deer Valley High School, dressed in costume and told the story of La Befana and the Italian Christmas custom of gift giving on the Epiphany.

Judging the cucidati entries were Vera Girolami, National First Vice President of the Sons of Italy, Joe Coniglio, Gwen Davi and Don Freitas. Their choice for 1st prize went to Wendy Aliotti; 2nd prize went to Georgette Riccabona and 3rd prize went to two novice cookie makers Pam Bustos and Sue Conigliol. Guests at the event also sampled and voted for heir favorite cucidati Lodge President Edna Esposito then presented The People’s Choice Award to Wendy Aliotti a double winner!

Other special Sons of Italy guests were Grand Lodge President Lynn Lawrence Murphy and husband, Bill who chairs the Grand Lodge Building Committees; State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi and husband, Mark; State Trustees Joy Bruno and Frank Locicero; Judiciary chair Al Girolami. C. Colombo’s Queen and now the Grand Lodge Queen, Mary Lucido, greeted guests throughout the afternoon garbed in her glamorous installation gown and glittering tiara.

An afternoon of camaraderie, food and holiday cheer, all to benefit scholarships for local students!



Hail, Hail, the band’s all here! Thanks to Joe Simoni for rounding up musicians to entertain guests at the C. Colombo’s 7th Annual Cucidati Contest. From left to right Louie Lodi, Sal Bruno, Frank “Chooch” Lombardo and Joe Simoni.



Hailey Sauer, former scholarship winner from C. Colombo Lodge, is back from college to lend a hand at the Bake Sale Table at the Cucidati Contest. Pictured above are the Lucido sisters assisting with plating and pricing the Italian sweet treats.



Bake Sale Chair Pam Lucido is seen giving a guiding hand to Steven Perez as he calculates the cost of the Italian cookies purchased by a guest at the Cucidati Contest. Perez belongs to the Freedom High School Italian Club. He and other members of the club volunteered at the December event held at the Antioch Historical Museum.



Briana Peacock from Deer Valley High School is spinning the tale of La Befana. The legend of La Befana counters the story of a jolly old man dressed in red. In Italy the children are told that a old widow wanders the world looking for the Christ Child. On her journey she brings a gift to all children on the Feast of the Epiphany (or if you are naughty, a lump of coal).



Katy Castro is seen above getting ready to dish out her famous polpetti sandwiches. Seen helping her put the meatball snacks together is C. Colombo Junior Member Ethan Esposito.

Greeting guests at the Cucidati Contest is the Grand Lodge Queen Mary Lucido. In thanking everybody for their support during her run for Grand Lodge Queen, Mary reminded her audience that she was the first woman selected as queen of C. Colombo Lodge in 90 ears before assuming her new role. Mary returns to lodge meetings as often as college visits permit.



Goodies galore were for sale at the Bake Sale Table during the Cucidati Contest hosted by C. Colombo Lodge. All monies raised go to the Lodge’s scholarship fund for local students. Grand Trustee Frank Locicero is “paying the piper” with a smile as he reaches the Bake Sale cashier Roni Vela-Johnson and her niece.



C. Colombo Lodge #1315 was delighted to see so many Grand Lodge dignitaries support the scholarship fundraiser held at the Antioch Historical Museum. Seen above is Grand Lodge President Lynn Lawrence Murphy being welcomed by Chair of the Cucidati Contest Zelda LeFrak-Belleci.

William Paca Lodge #1960

Mountain View, CA
by Carolyn Franklin

We are deeply saddened over the loss of three of our beloved members in December: Jean Franceschi of Sunnyvale (35 years member), John Rossi of Washington (31 years member) and John Linda (32 years member) of Sunnyvale. Jean, a former high school teacher and baseball coach, was a faithful member who supported Lodge activities and helped at many festas and fund-raisers. Even though John Rossi had moved to Washington State, he kept up his membership and contacted us on many occasions. His input was always valuable.

John Linda was fully involved with our Lodge and was Commissioner of the Grand Lodge Building Committee. As President of William Paca Lodge three times he organized and served at countless dinners, BBQ'd at the picnic, conducted our auctions, festas and meetings.

Many times he represented us at the Italian Convention. His greatest gift by far to the on-going welfare of young Italians was to establish the current Virginia Linda Scholarship Foundation to encourage their college education.

Ever mindful of our limited budget, one specific anecdote comes to mind. To save our Lodge money, John drove to Half Moon Bay where he could buy the cheapest red wine available for our dinners. Actually the wine was excellent and the savings were well spent on our many charities. "E' col centesimo che si fa lo scudo." But, as a true Italian, John's greatest pleasure was his music. He would play our standard favorites on his spirited accordion at every and any occasion. Whenever the sounds of "O, Mama", "Volare" or "O Marie" pealed through the room, Ray Zanella was first to join in with his deep baritone voice. Then came Helen Zanella, Connie Pagura, Bruna Briganti and our favorite blonde, Amy Morgan. And, when possible, Joe Simoni also played his accordion. For at least one evening, the world was a beautiful place. Requiescat in pacem.



Giuseppe Mazzini Lodge #1441

Sparks, NV
by Linda Abronzino

First of all hoping that the beginning of this New Year is starting off well for everyone.

For the lodge it always starts out well as we begin the New Year with our annual Soup Night.

The lodge wishes to thank all the ladies who made the soups, to Bill for making the cioppino, and to all the members who donated other food items to make this a nice night.

Nominations and election of officers took place with the following members agreeing to serve for the 2017-2019 term. Congratulations to our following officers:

Gina LoVecchio (President),
Dave LoVecchio (Vice President),
Mary Meiring (Ex-President),
John Marshall (Orator),
Cathy Caserta (Corresponding & Recording Secretary),
Judy LoVecchio (Financial Secretary),
Carol Caminada (Treasurer),
(Historian) Open,
Arlene King, Yolanda Ivaldi, Mary Meiring (Trustees),
Gloria & Tino Pianetta (Mistress and Master of Ceremonies),
Bernie Leal (Guard)

I understand that the lodge will be participating once again in the Ducks for Bucks. There will be more details forthcoming. Last year was successful in raising monies for various causes and this year we may donate any monies to our scholarship committee comprising of Susan Dunsford, Liz Cordone and Judy LoVecchio.

Somehow I missed in two things from our Christmas party. One: congratulating Ada Belluomini (member for 66 years) whose name was drawn for free dues in 2017 and two: thanking John Plane and his elves, Liz temple and yours truly who assisted in the raffle drawing. I think Liz and myself are now considered "official" lodge elves.

Remember to send your dues renewal to Judy LoVecchio - \$75 for the year.

Next Month – Pot Luck Meeting --- February 3, 2017
Happy Birthday to all our February birthday Babies. Happy Valentine's Day to all



State Queen
Mary Lucido

Happy Valentine's Day!!



Lodge Anniversaries

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|----------------------------|----------------|
| February | |
| Sacramento #1352 | 2/8/25 |
| Monterey #2003 | 2/15/50 |
| Diablo Valle #2167 | 2/13/66 |
| Shasta #2453 | 2/23/80 |
| Joanne Coccia #2553 | 2/19/84 |

Congratulations!!!

Gold Country Lodge #1294

Eldorado Hills, CA
by Tami Welch

Happy New Year to everyone! Our January general meeting was held on January 17th.

We had a very productive meeting Installing the new officers for 2017/2018 and also had Initiation of 15 new members. Thank you Arietta's for a wonderful Ravioli Dinner as well. Our special guest was State 2nd Vice President John Costa. Thank you for helping us with the Installation of Officers and Initiation of new members.



Seated l/r is State 2nd Vice President John Costa, Financial Secretary Genny Arietta, Mistresses of Ceremony Nadine Chianese and Tami Welch, Standing l/r are Vice President Jim Silveira, Trustee Rachel Nelson, Treasurer Douglas Nelson, Sentinel Bob Matranga, Recording Secretary Bev Scotch, Incoming President Anthony Scotch, Past President John Staiti, Trustee Butch Arietta Not pictured: Orator Paula Springer, and Trustee George Frey.



New Members: l/r Bev Scotch Mistress of Ceremony, Katherine Hower (Our youngest member) Jim Hower, Sandy & Steven DalForno. Other new members were not present.



Congratulations President Anthony Scotch and Thank you Past President John Staiti. John was presented a beautiful Lion plaque for his dedicated service to our wonderful lodge.

Hanford Lodge #1543

Hanford, CA
by Louise Silacci, President
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As a delegate for our lodge at the Grand Convention last year, and the delegate who called for a straw vote to see how many members were in favor of, or against selling the Grand Lodge, I find it extremely interesting that the votes against selling can go from 1(one) to 72 (seventy-two) in six short months. Those in favor dropped from 83 to 57? Am I the only one to find this intriguing?

Another interesting fact to consider is 153 members were at the Grand Convention at the time for the straw vote, yet 167 ballots were mailed out. Which brings me to another point I would like to address. I recall the direction by our President, was for ALL members to be sent information, as they are owners of the corporation, about the building from attorneys, real estate, and tax professionals. They just could not vote, as they vote by way of their delegates. Instead, three letters

against selling and one for, was mailed with the ballot.

Finally, I leave you with the question that is the basis for me to protest this entire voting campaign against selling the Grand Lodge building. What was the vote meant to be? On the ballot, it said "opinion", then in the letter from our State President, it said "extraordinary".

Brothers and Sisters, this is a very serious matter that has been going on for decades and we need to put it to rest and focus on membership before we lose all that our ancestors have worked for. Please bring all your questions forward and get them answered to your satisfaction. You do own that building and you are responsible for the upkeep/ and /or building code violations that need to be brought back into compliance.

Respectfully,
Louise Silacci – President
Hanford Lodge 1543



Officers of the Hanford Sons of Italy Lodge #1543 pose with the installing officers from the State, National, and local lodges (shown in the center row). Mille grazie to all for their attendance at our annual polenta and stew dinner. We hope they also enjoyed the Superior Dairy "treat."!!!
Photo by Serena Alvarez.

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Lodge #1449

Clovis, CA
by Carole Watson, President;
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Last Month: Pot Luck for January was definitely up to par, including a chicken salad, two pizzas, tamale casserole, artichoke hearts, and desserts.

Heard it on the grapevine: an official ballot was sent to local lodge delegates to vote on the Grand Lodge Headquarters in San Francisco and the count of votes favored the retention (as opposed to the sale) of the headquarters building. Official numbers should be included in our Grand Lodge President Lynnes' report in this issue of the Il Leone, so be sure to read it. The building has 15,000 square feet of space, including a banquet-sized kitchen that serves the main hall, conference rooms, and 400 square feet of space for a four member office staff.

Mark these on your calendar: 1). Saturday, June 03, 2017; Our lodge will be celebrating our 90th year of participation with the Sons of Italy, so we are re-scheduling our Spring Festa for this date; another major change is that the cost will be raised to \$20 per person. The Dinner Planning Committee will come out with more details, so watch this column, and remind your family and friends. The "same old" may not become the "same old". Our meeting for April will become a regular meeting instead of the Festa Dinner as we have had in the past.

2). Last week of June, 2017; Grand Lodge Convention will be held here in Fresno at the Radisson Hotel, downtown and is sponsored by the Colombo-Stella Lodge #1149 of Fresno. If you have concerns about the operation of the Grand Lodge, be sure to contact our president, Carol Watson, with your talking points. Members can sit in on the scheduled meetings as ob-

servers and to keep up to date. And, this is an election year for the Grand Lodge officers.

Also, April is the month for the Clovis Day Rodeo Parade and our Parade Committee is on its' way planning the event. Be there to cheer us on as our float passes by. And, as much as we still need rain in our area, pray for a short dry spell for April 29 morning, the time and day of the event.

This Month: Our February and March meetings will feature Pot Luck, so crank out your favorite recipes. Italian cooking is still the best (but the Tamale casserole last month was great).

Janet Yellen, chair of the Federal Reserve Board, once said "Studies have proven that the happiest and most successful people are those that achieve a college degree"; so, help your family members get to happiness and success by applying for a scholarship. Call our Scholarship Committee Chair, Isabel Ronzano, at (559) 297-0851, for information on this topic. **The Scholarship Deadlines are:** for Clovis Lodge, March 31, 2017, (next month!); for **California State Grand Lodge:** March 01, 2017; and for **National Lodge** the date is generally November to February of any year (for more information go to <https://www.osia.org/students/scholarships.php>); National scholarships are for \$500 to \$5,000.

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



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Air Pressure

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There is a difference between weight and mass. The weight of an object is the amount of pull of the earth's gravity. The weight of a body depends upon how near to the earth it is, while its mass remains the same anywhere, provided that nothing is taken away or added to it.

Air has mass and weight. If you weigh a bottle, you know its weight. If you pump the air out of the bottle and weight it again, the bottle will weigh less. The air in a bottle contributes to the weight of the bottle. For a one liter bottle, the difference amounts to more than a gram. When a mass of air moves rapidly we feel the weight of air.

Because air has weight it exerts pressure on anything immersed in it, including the human body. The reason we don't feel the pressure of air on our bodies is because there is an equal pressure from the cavities, fluids, and tissues inside our bodies. At the surface of the earth, air pressure is about 14.7 pounds per square inch. This is over a ton per square foot.

When the Duke of Tuscany was digging a well, he was baffled that no pump was able to raise the water more than 34 feet above the level of the well. The great Italian astronomer Galileo became interested in the problem and asked his friend and pupil Evangelista Torricelli (1608-1647) to conduct experiments.

Torricelli used a tube of mercury set in a dish of mer-

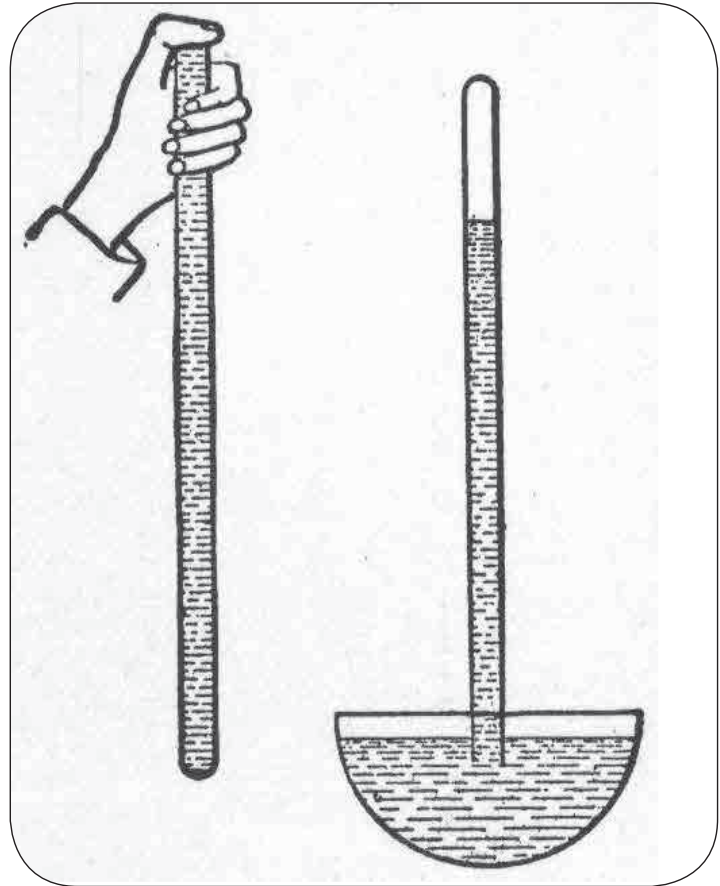
cury. The mercury in the tube descended creating a vacuum that was able to hold up a 30-inch column of mercury. Torricelli concluded that the liquid in the tube was supported by the outside air pressure on the mercury in the open dish.

Some people took Torricelli's new instrument up the side of a mountain and found that the air pressure was lower on the mountain; but when they brought the instrument to the valley again the air pressure returned to normal.

Torricelli invented the instrument we know as the barometer. He also contributed to the development of integral calculus. On Galileo's death in 1642 Torricelli succeeded him as professor of philosophy and mathematics at the University of Pisa. The torr, a unit of measurement used by physicists working in near-vacuum conditions, is named after Torricelli.

Air pressure does not stay the same every day. Because barometers can measure air pressure, they are useful to weathermen. When the mercury in a barometer falls rapidly it indicates bad weather is ahead. Barometers, called altimeters, are useful to pilots because they tell pilots how high they are above sea level.

"Noi viviamo sommersi nel fondo d'un pelago d'aria." (We live submerged at the bottom of an ocean of air.) – Torricelli.



Torricelli's experiment

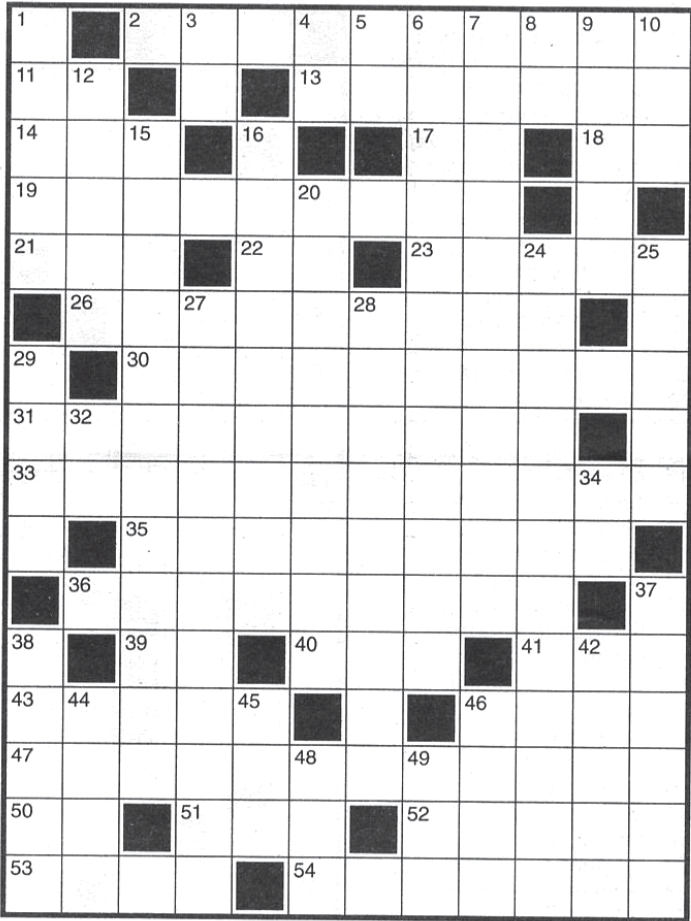
ORIZZONTALI

2. Espansivo, estroverso.
11. Iniz. di Pozzetto.
13. Era un ricchissimo armatore greco.
14. Parte di un edificio.
17. Di dieci consonanti.
18. Gran Turismo.
19. Il difetto di chi tartaglia.
21. Olio inglese.
22. Articolo femminile.
23. In prov. di Sassari.
26. Lo è un ragioniere.
30. Eroina dell'Orlando Furioso".
31. Avvolta attorno a un'asta come una bandiera.
33. Breve preghiera ripetuta.
35. Degno di lode e stima.
36. Lavora soprattutto in estate.
39. Sigla dei Paesi Bassi.
40. Est Sud-Est.
41. Possessivo femminile.
43. Una chitarra indiana.
46. Spicciolo americano.
47. In linea di principio.
50. Iniz. di Ranieri, attore e cantante.
51. Un filamento del fungo.
52. La biblica moglie di Assuero.
53. Affluente della Senna.
54. Una spaziosa gabbia per uccelli.

VERTICALI

1. La lingua di Maometto.
3. Nota musicale.
4. Sigla di Bologna.
5. Un... po' d'entusiasmo.
6. Un dilettante... sulle bande di frequenza.
7. Hanno l'orecchio incollato alla radio.
8. Nostro sulla corrispondenza.
9. Fiume della Mesopotamia.

CRUCIVERBA



10. Punto cardinale.
12. Una coperta scozzese.
15. Registrazione di un'operazione finanziaria.
16. Un'operazione... da scuderia.
20. Strumento geodetico.
24. Con comprensione e cordialità.
25. Un alimento per equini.
27. Uccelli marini dal grosso becco ricurvo.
28. Il casato di Gianciotto.
29. Lo è il Benaco.
32. Prefisso ripetitivo.
34. Pronome personale.
37. Provincia della Basilicata.
38. Sottile lingua di terra protesa nell'acqua.
42. Una squadra meneghina.
44. Il passato più recente.
45. Riferimento iniziale.
46. Federico che fondò l'Accademia dei Lincei.
48. Titolo onorifico (abbrev.).
49. Un Ferrer attore.

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COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING
LETTER TO YOUR FAMILY:

*I'm sorry to have left you without
making any final arrangements.*

*The reason I didn't do this
when I had the chance was...*

Napa Lodge # 2043

Napa, CA
by Anna Graeber
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In Memory of our Brother
Merton Perry
1922 - 2016

Mert was a member of our lodge for many years, he and his wife Jeanne attended our events. He will be dearly missed by his friends and family.

- Our Newly Elected Officers
President - Anna Graeber
Vice President - Marisa Miller
Orator - Celine Regalia
Immediate Past President Margaret Olivieri
Recording Secretary - Position OPEN
Financial Secretary - Julie Querin
Treasurer - Alan Miller
Trustee - Nick Cervone
Trustee - Dorothy Jensen
Trustee - John Cardinale
Trustee - Gloria Garibaldi
Mistress of Ceremony - Suzanne Regalia
Mistress of Ceremony - Adrienne Nazareno
Guard - Position OPEN

365 Fund Raiser - Winners

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| Dec. 16-31 | | |
| 16 | \$25.00 | Lodi Medrano |
| 17 | \$25.00 | Joy Bruno |
| 18 | \$25.00 | Ralph Agnello |
| 19 | \$25.00 | Terry Messina |
| 20 | \$25.00 | Paula Lehn |
| 21 | \$25.00 | Patricia Dito |
| 22 | \$25.00 | Pamela Bini |
| 23 | \$25.00 | Cindy Moresco |
| 24 | \$25.00 | Pugliese Lodge |
| 25 | \$200.00 | Ken Wisniewski |
| 26 | \$25.00 | Virgilio Lodge |
| 27 | \$25.00 | Sharon Scott |
| 28 | \$25.00 | Jason Trigheth |
| 29 | \$25.00 | Watsonville Lodge |
| 30 | \$25.00 | Alan Schlappy |
| 31 | \$50.00 | Mike Carroll |
| Jan. 1-15 | | |
| 1 | \$200.00 | Dorothy Hoffman |
| 2 | \$25.00 | Hazel Ann Christin |
| 3 | \$25.00 | Jean Trentini |
| 4 | \$25.00 | Zelda LaFrek |
| 5 | \$25.00 | Chantel Vastola Fazio |
| 6 | \$25.00 | Roberta Oswald |
| 7 | \$25.00 | Susan Scialla |
| 8 | \$25.00 | Tami Welch |
| 9 | \$25.00 | Jean Cradduer |
| 10 | \$25.00 | Linda Enneman |
| 11 | \$25.00 | Dorothy Hoffman |
| 12 | \$25.00 | Carol & Tony Varni |
| 13 | \$25.00 | Chiara Rose DeSantis |
| 14 | \$25.00 | Chantel Vastola |
| 15 | \$25.00 | Louise Ghiorzi |

St Helena/Napa 15th Annual Crab Feed
& Fund Raiser
Saturday, February 25th

Food, Friends, Fun and Giving!! Join us for a fun filled evening as we raise money to give back to our communities & charities. Event sells out every year, get your tickets early!
Raffle Prizes, Dessert Auction, Door Prizes.
Tickets: \$60.00 in advance.
No Host Bar 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm. Native Sons' Hall 1313 Spring Street St. Helena.
Outside Beverages Prohibited/No Refunds/Reservation Deadline Sunday February 19.
Call Julie Querin 707-252-9196 or Bill Murphy 707-299-0922

Spaghetti and Meat Ball Dinner is back!
Monday, March 27th
Napa Senior Center 1500 Jefferson Street
5:00pm - 7:30pm Dine-in or Take-out orders
\$15.00 per person

Do Not Wait! Only 175 tickets available.
Advance ticket purchase only.
No Refunds/Reservation
Deadline Sunday March 19th.
Call Marisa Miller 707-477-5538 or
Anna Graeber 707-255-5242
or pick your tickets up at the following locations:

*John Cardinale-State Farm Insurance
2160 Jefferson St. Ste 105A

*Bank of Napa
2007 Redwood Road STE 101

*Bank of Napa
1715 Second St

See You There!
Happy Valentine's Day!



"The Privitera Boys"
Playing in Fresno - June 21-25, 2017
State Convention Tickets now on Sale!

Las Vegas
Lodge # 2158

Las Vegas, NV
by Tony Ricevuto

Happy belated New Year to all our brothers and sisters throughout the California Grand Lodge area. I am pleased to inform everyone that we have decided to move our meetings from the Italian-American Club to the Blue Ox Tavern located at 5825 W. Sahara, Las Vegas Nevada. Our meeting dates are now 3rd Monday of every month. The move was decided on by the members since the majority are located on the west side of Vegas. Italian-American Club was the most gracious throughout the past years for allowing us to have our meetings at their location. Due to their success and of course the holiday schedules it was essential that we find another location that could accommodate our small group. Some of the other I/A organizations have used the Blue Ox for their meetings and celebrations. Everyone so far has been pleased with their hospitality and assortments of just good bar type food.
We have picked up 2 new members this month so in that regard the move has been successful. We have some younger members that have brought new ideas to a lodge. Where in the process of putting together a cookbook along with the possibility of great prizes for raffles to raise money for the Lodge. Hopefully we will continue to see an increase in membership and bring back some of the older members who have left the organization. As with the majority clubs we still maintain an older membership, in that regard June and Luigi Passarelli are still in ill health. June is almost totally ambulatory and it's very difficult for her to get around. They enjoy hearing from our members and I know they would enjoy hearing from their old friends who they have met throughout the years.

Colombo-Stella 1149

Fresno, CA

by Olivia DeLiddo Gallegos, President

Since we have nothing coming up this month, I am devoting my entire article to inform all of you what have been happening with the Grand Lodge Building. This is **YOUR** Grand Lodge.

GRAND LODGE BUILDING SALE VOTE

Is it NOW valid?? You decide.

The first vote was at 2016 Convention. 83 delegates voted YES to sell it. 1 person voted NO to keep it. We thought that was pretty good, after all, there were only 153 delegates voting, and even if all the ones abstaining (69) changed their minds, it would still be a vote to sell.

Well, we received a ballot in the mail last month, and it's called an "opinion" vote. In it are 3 opinions to **keep** the building and 1 opinion to **sell**. This is what I call stacking the deck. There was supposed to be 1 for and 1 against, at least that's what we were told. And **ONE** of the opinions against selling it signed her name as being on the "Grand Lodge Building Sale Committee"—which wasn't even the right name—despite never attending the meetings, never doing any of the work, and being put on the committee AFTER all the information had been gathered and the report given. The ballot also had instructions, and apparently 11 delegates couldn't follow those instructions, (which I find very hard to believe), so those votes got tossed out. And now, they want us to believe that NOT ONLY did all the people who abstained at Convention have now all voted yes to sell the building, (and I DON'T believe it) but 26 delegates changed their minds (and votes)???? That is way too far fetched to believe. NOW the vote is called Extraordinary Vote and results (by a committee chosen by the State President) are: 57 YES (sell) 72 No (keep), 11 Invalid and 27 abstain. As I read back on this, it looks a bit confusing, even to me, and I know what

I am writing! So I will try to make it a bit easier:

2016 Convention "Straw Vote" totals SELL:83 KEEP: 1 ABSTAIN:69 = 153 2017 "Opinion Vote" totals SELL:57 KEEP: 72 ABSTAIN:27 INVALID: 11 = 167 read as "Extraordinary vote" Differences 26 71 42 14 Is it ethical to have 14 more delegates vote than were there at the original vote? Is it ethical to allow a vote be cast by a non delegate? Is it ethical to insert 3 opinions against the sell vs 1 opinion for the keep, in the ballot packet? Judge for yourself.

I know for a fact, that 2 delegates have passed away, and 1 delegate did not get his ballot, but it was mailed to someone else. Did the delegates that voted to sell CHANGE THEIR MINDS? What would make someone change their minds, when asbestos, non-compliance for handicapped people, no parking, potentially dangerous area, no room for growth and no income opportunities are valid reasons to sell?(more on this later in the article) Can ONE Yes voter explain how or why they would change a vote? We have even heard of a party given and delegate schmoozing. I hope that is not true.

This sounds so shady, to me, and I hope all of you that feel this same way SPEAK UP AND MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD. This whole debacle smacks of illegality and impropriety. Clearly, something has happened, and I think this vote should be recalled, We need to have this voted on by the same delegates, if possible, at 2017 Convention. In front of everyone. TRANSPARENTLY. Of course, we do know that the people running for the next State and National election want it to stay there for their convenience, but how is that fair to all the rest of the Order? It needs to be centrally located to have more people run for offices, from ALL Districts..

We will NEVER get more for this building than we can get now, while interest rates are still low. The building is full of asbestos. It is not ADA compliant. Do you understand that if someone makes a complaint that they are unable to use the building because they are handicapped and decide to sue us, it will cost us more money than we have to get in compliance? That "grandfathering" bit that someone so carelessly used as fact, IS MEANINGLESS! There are people who are paid to find buildings out of compliance and sue them. Happens all the time. If we have to change ONE THING, then the asbestos comes into play, that alone is time consuming and costly to remove. Also, there is NO parking. It is in a bad area, with 39 serious offenders within 1 mile, including rapists and child molesters. It makes NO INCOME! There is NO FUTURE THERE, only the same old.... even if we have to pay a 40% tax on the sale, it would still leave us millions to purchase another building, one WITHOUT asbestos, one that IS ADA compliant. One that we CAN rent out for events. One that HAS adequate parking. If you, too, have a problem believing this vote, MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!!! I love this Order. The sad fact is we have been rapidly losing membership and our goals have been hijacked. I joined our Lodge because my grandfather was a founding member, I have had many family members be a part of it. I wanted to help my cousin, Sam Daddato, save the Mother Lodge and prosper. I wanted to be a part of an organization that helps others, not themselves. I feel that the building belongs to each and every one of us, not just the people in the Northern district. Keeping that building is a nail in the coffin of Sons Of Italy. We could have millions to purchase a newer, cleaner, safer, compliant building with

ample parking, somewhere more centrally located for ALL members, and still have millions left to keep from increasing our dues. If we don't sell that building, I doubt we will last 10 more years. If you love this Order as much as I do, PLEASE SPEAK UP. Sentimentality

has no place here, anymore.

We must think of the future, if you want to have one. If you think this is as unbelievable as I do, then you must voice your concerns to President Lynn Lawrence Murphy. The Grand Lodge phone number is 415-586-1316. Until next time, Ciao!

Scholarship Applications

A reminder that scholarship application form is available online and in pdf fillable format.

Also available are the application forms for the "Student to Italy" grant study and for those students pursuing a career in sport or a sports related field. Deadline to submit all applications is March 1, 2017 (postmarked). Log on to the Grand Lodge of California Website at osiaca.org and click on the link scholarship.

Scholarships are also available through the National Sons of Italy Foundation. For information go to www.osia.org and click on for scholarship information. The deadline for those applications is February 28, 2017 (postmarked).

Please feel free to contact me for information or inquiries.

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Happy Valentines Day!



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.



Weed Lodge #1269

Weed, CA
by Peggy Soletti

With the advent of the New Year, we can reflect on our accomplishments of the last half of 2016.

September brought our first ever drive-thru rigatoni and meatball dinner. Sally Acquistapace and her crew prepared 104 meals and sold out before the closing time. President Richard was too late and couldn't even buy a dinner! People loved the idea of not cooking on a Thursday night and having a home cooked meal to enjoy. This event was such a success, we have planned two dates for 2017.

October brought one of our biggest fundraising dinners – our annual polenta feed. It was a huge success in many ways. Diners raved about the food and found it to be absolutely delicious! Many thanks to Brenda Zandona and her staff. The profit was \$3,700 and the Weed High School baseball team earned \$359.00 in tips. A good night for all.

We embarked on a new fundraiser, Sons of Italy – Weed Lodge #1269 Cookbook, with 134 recipes from members, family, and friends. John Costa, State 2nd Vice-President, even submitted a recipe! We introduced our book at the Polenta Dinner and had a great response. The cookbook sells for only \$15.00.

Another first for our Lodge was the Honoring Veterans Breakfast held November 12. We served an amazing free omelet breakfast to 45 veterans, with another 50 paying a nominal fee. Chairs Jon Elsnab and Michael Kobseff headed an efficient crew of workers. We are sure this event will grow in numbers since so many in our community expressed such gratitude.

Our Lodge family celebrated Christmas with an appetizer potluck. We had a tasty and varied array of dishes to sample. And, as always, there was an abundance of desserts! Santa and Mrs. Claus made an appearance to listen to our children's wishes and give them goodies and stuffed animals.

Entertainment was provided by officers in an updated version of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. We all asked Santa for the same

thing . . . a Lodge President! Unfortunately, our wish has not been granted – yet.

We installed new officers for the 2017-2019 term. They are : Charlene Carnini, Chaplain; Waldo Lorenzini, Guard; Linda Elsnab, Craig Barbieri, and Gloria Bagley, Trustees; Jon Elsnab, Master of Ceremonies; Kim Greene, Mistress of Ceremonies; Sally Acquistapace, Treasurer; Sharon Dohrn, Financial Secretary; Peggy Soletti, Recording Secretary; Jeanette Vinall, Orator; Richard Negro, Immediate Past President; and Wes Dutt, Vice-President. Orator Jeanette will run the meetings while the rest of us pick up other presidential duties. With such a strong group of committed officers, we know we won't "skip a beat."

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Vallejo Lodges

Vallejo, CA
by Sharon Silveira

Vallejo goes formal for the installation of Beatrice Portinari and Virgilio officers held on Tuesday, January 10th. Presiding over the ceremony was State 2nd VP John Costa with Beatrice Past President Sharon Silveira acting Herald. Pamela Bini and Ray Bini will again lead our two lodges in the 2017-2019 term. Kudos to both the new and returning officers for stepping up to help your lodge.

Looking ahead....Friday, February 24th will be our next Polenta & Stew Dinner. Social Time starts at 5 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. Price is \$17.00 and call early for reservations: Josephine Agosta 642-1658 or 328-2610, Adeline Nettleton 642-3486 or 334-6480. Chairpersons for this dinner are Marlene Parr & Bert Harris.

The Welcome Mat is always out.....come join us at our 2nd Tuesday of the month dinner and business meeting. Valentine's Day menu will be Italian Sausage Sandwiches, potato salad, macaroni salad, appetizer and dessert. Of course we'd appreciate a call to tell us you're coming.

Essere Bene ed Eserre Felici!



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Beatrice Portinari & Virgilio officers installed at the Vallejo ceremony.

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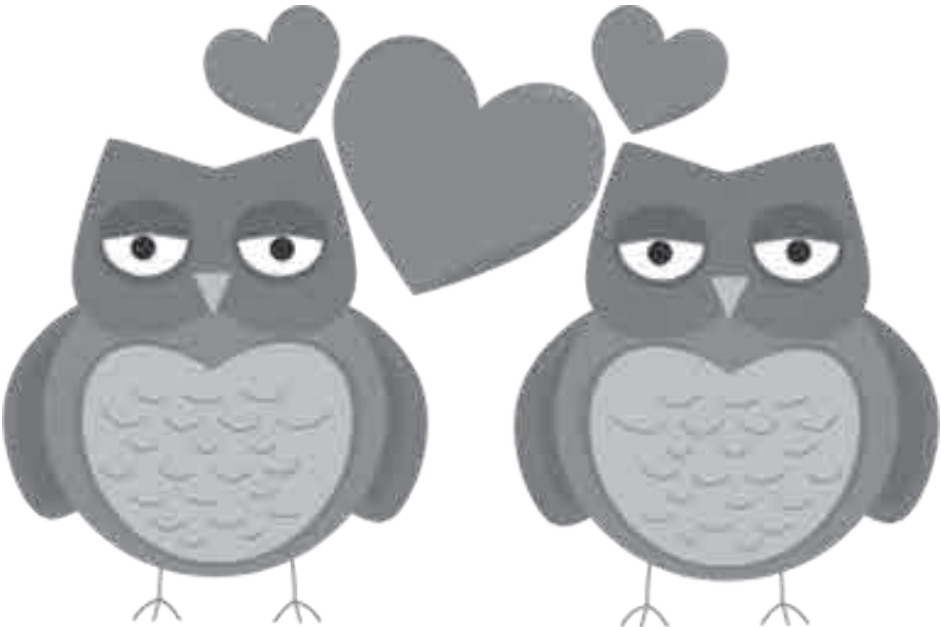
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Roma Lodge #1573

Tulare, CA
by Larry Dutto

At the January meeting of Roma Lodge the installation of the 2017-18 officers was held. Kathy Briano and Ben Curti installed the officers in compliance with the ritual and protocols of the Grand Lodge of California. David DePaoli will serve as president for the lodge with his 4th two year term. He served his first term back in 1983. The list of Roma Lodge officers are as follows:

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| President | David DePaoli |
| Vice President | Michael DePaoli |
| Past President | Nick Canata |
| Treasurer | Karen Pedroncelli |
| Recording Secretary | Giovanna DePaoli |
| Financial Secretary | Pam Sola |
| Orator | Gary Dutto |
| Historian | Melissa Watkins |
| Guard | Ken Bertorelli |
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| Trustee | Rob Pinkerton |
| Trustee | Matt Watkins-Chair |

Mistress of Ceremonies
Toni Saltzman
Frances Della
State Deputy
Lilia Giacomazzi



Roma Lodge members were treated to some great homemade soup for dinner at the January meeting prepared by Cathy and Nick Canata.



Roma Lodge 2017-18 Officers, Front Row, Pam Sola, Toni Pinkerton, Second Row, Cathy Canata, Frances Della, Giovanna DePaoli, Nick Canata, Karen Pedroncelli, Back Row, Michael DePaoli, Gary Dutto, Matt Watkins, Dominic Pitigliano, David DePaoli, Rob Pinkerton and Ken Bertorelli.



Past Roma Lodge Presidents and First Ladies attend the inauguration in Washington D.C. Shurene and Ken Curti along with Nancy and Charlie Pitigliano attended several days of the inauguration special events as special guests of President Donald Trump and Congressman Devin Nunes who represents Tulare.

NorthernSolano Lodge #2534

Fairfield, CA
by Pam Boes and Rick Tracy

Our December Christmas Pot Luck replaced the regular Lodge Meeting on December 15th. The dinner was well attended with the usual array of tempting salads, main courses and of course the delectable desserts that are members are famous for providing. We were entertained by a professional pianist and led in carols by our own Joy Bruno assisted by Louie Lodi.

December also saw the delivery of toys to the Fairfield Fire Department “Toys for Tots” program. Our members were most generous in their donation of several hundred dollars worth of new toys. All were distributed by the Fairfield Fire Department to local families. The Lodge Delivery Team was led by Don Craddock and assisted by Jeanne Craddock, Louise and Frank Rossi, Shirley and Jerry Firpo, Pam Boes and Rick Tracy.

Thank you to Caroline Abughazaleh for again host-

ing the December card night. Caroline is so gracious to open her home to our growing number of “card sharks” who enjoy games of Buraco, Briscola, Scopa and 3-13.

January Soup Nite was hosted by Carol and Vince LaNovara. It was a special treat for those able to attend during these cold rainy winter nights.

Our Crab Feed, scheduled for Saturday, January 21st, is completely sold out. At the last board meeting it was reported that all committees for the event are covered. A full report and recognition of all involved will appear in the article next month.

Four Lodge members: Don and Jeanne Craddock, Shirley Firpo and Rick Tracy were privileged to tour the Grand Lodge Building in San Francisco. State President Lynn Lawrence- Murphy guided us through the building and explained the functions of each

section. All came away with admiration and respect for the staff and volunteers who give their time and support to the Grand Lodge.

A special commendation by the Fairfield-Suisun School Board was given to our Lodge for the continued support that is given to schools in the district. Pat and Albert Galli have coordinated the school supplies drive for the past six years. Pat was able to report to the board on the many community activities sponsored by Solano Lodge #2534.

The term of office for our President Pro Tem Joy Bruno comes to an end this month. Joy is to be commended for her hard work and dedication to the smooth running of our Lodge. At our January meeting Joy turned over the office to our new president Don Craddock and the newly elected board.



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Cristoforo Colombo Lodge # 1534

Reno, NV
by Historian, Maria Nelson

We are trying to keep warm and dry here in Nevada. We have had more snow and rain than many, many years past. We might not be in a drought this year just like you in California!

We were busy the last few months.

September we had a different chef, Joe Eidem, cooking for our meeting as the Ricci's were out of town with family. Thank you Joe for stepping up to the plate, the members loved it. Bonaldo Bonaldi lead us all singing God Bless America. Salene Pacetti gave us an Italian lesson and set up her ice cream and coffee stand to teach us all how to order coffee (il caffe) and ice cream (alla gelateria) in Italy. It was quite fun.

In October we had another very successful "Great Italian Festival" at the Eldorado in downtown Reno. Our Sons' of Italy booth was well manned with Barbara Wisniewski at the helm. This year she had a lot of help and participation of the members. Many other Sons' of Italy members set up their sauce booths as well. It was another very fun-filled and busy Festival. With great weather, music and a variety of sauces.

Elizabeth Rassiga and her husband, Warren, gave us a very interesting photo presentation of their trip to Italy where Elizabeth was trying to find her family roots. The pictures were beautiful and the area amazing. We are so happy that we have members who are willing so share their adventures and family heritage.

In November, which is our Charity Giving Month, we had Councilmen, Ron Smith and Kris Dahir, come give us a presentation on the Nevada Veteran's Memorial being built in Sparks. This was one of our charities this year. See their website at www.nevada-veteransmemorial.org. You can buy a brick with your family name or organization on it and support a Nevada Veteran. This is a great way to honor veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country and we are very excited that our lodge will be a part of it.

Elizabeth Rassiga, Marlene Nelson, and Sherrie Moore talked about the Children's Cabinet, which helps abused and neglected children in our area; they do an amazing job with so many children in

need. We donated to them this month as well. We are always blessed to be able to give to such worthy charities in our area. Many need our help and we are glad we can help some of them.

Santa came to our Christmas party again this year. We had a large turnout with over 50 members and children. Dinner was wonderful, Antonio prepared a New York strip roast with green beans, Barbara and Ken Wisniewski provided her special baked ziti and Christine Handy topped off the night with her delightful Zuppa Inglese, it was fantastic. We had many great raffle prizes and collected a nice amount for Santa to give to the St. Baldrick's Foundation. The children had fun sitting on Santa's lap and receiving their gifts. It was a very nice Christmas celebration with our members, their friends, and families.

Noi non potemo avere perfetta vita sena amici – We cannot have a perfect life without friends!

Please visit our website for more information: www.renosonsofitaly.org. Learn more about our Lodge, your Italian heritage and upcoming events.



THANK YOU

I want to thank all of you who visited, called, sent me prayers and get well-cards. I am touched to know I have so many great friends who care for me. I am home from the hospital and doing much better, but it will take some time to get back into full swing of things. I look forward to being able to attend some of the Sons of Italy functions again soon. Once again, thank you for all your love and support.

Fraternally,
Joe La Banca



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Shasta Lodge # 2453

Redding, CA
by Carole Dellaragione

Happy New Year Brothers and Sisters:

After a break following Christmas and New Year's, and lots of rainy weather, Shasta Lodge is back to work. The second week of January found our traveling cooking team serving dinner to the Shasta County Peace Officers at the Redding Gun Range. This is a dinner for the Redding police officers to raise money for the Police Cadet program, and some of the cadets helped with the dinner. We will host the cadets graduation program the end of January.

Since our head "sauce maker" Ron Litterst has been having radiation treatment, our Past President Jim Nobili accompanied by Trustee Paul Monette have capably followed Shasta Lodge's tradition of great sauce. Thank you for all your hard work Jim and Paul, and we wish Ronnie a speedy recovery.

As I write this, Paul and Jim are also chairing our annual two night Crab Feed. After a late season for crab last year, it is a great crab year this year. We sold out the tickets, the wonderful baskets put together by Sharon Roberts, Gerry Carroll and their crew for the raffle are a big hit, and the refrigerator is full of our homemade clam chowder. With one night to go, it will definitely be one of our best events of the year.

At our general meeting in January, our state deputy John Jefsen, from the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge in Chico, installed our new officers for 2017-2018. We have several who have left the council and to them we are grateful for their service and hope to have them back on council again soon. Our officers for this term are: Carole Dellaragione, President; John DiMatteo, Vice President; Jim Nobili, Past President; Jim Lamanna, Orator; Rita Mandina, Recording Secretary; LouAnn Roberts, Financial Secretary; Joe Rodola, Treasurer; Doug and Diane Piazza, Master and Mistress of Ceremonies; Jean Russell, Sentinel; and Steve Delben, Leonard Duz, Jim Giacomelli, Paul Monette and Alan Wolochuk, Trustees. We also have appointed Frank Rose as Historian, and Rose Shuman as Chaplain. Congratulations to six new council members. We have a good group with new energy and ideas to help us keep Shasta Lodge one of the best lodges in the state.

We will be celebrating our 37th anniversary in February with a dinner on the 25th. This year we will have a Viva Las Vegas theme and again will have lodge member Pat Karch and his quartet providing music for the evening. I hear Elvis is going to be

attending, too. We name our Most Honored Member of 2016 at the dinner. Stand by... we don't know who it is yet.

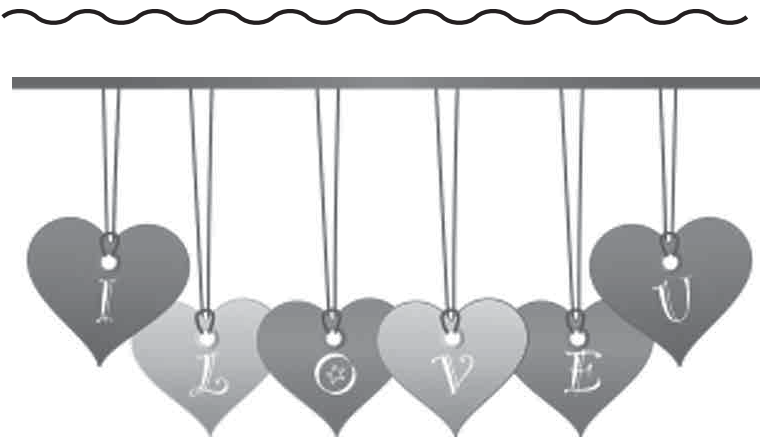
We wish you all a very nice Valentine's Day.
Your friends at Shasta Lodge.



Shasta Lodge volunteers having dinner before the Crab Feed started.



Traveling cooking crew : John DiMatteo, Jim Lamanna, Jim Nobili, Paul Monette, Leonard Duz and Bob Gullixson.



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Winner Every Day Raffle

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3. Once received, your ticket goes into the ticket drum.
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5. Your ticket is put back into the drum for all future drawings.
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Saddleback Valley Lodge # 2566

Mission Viejo, CA
by Andy Pampuro



In the above photo are our new lodge president and first lady, Hank and Michelle Lowinger. They will make a terrific team and we wish them a successful administration.
Michelle is also our lodge treasurer and does a great job.

Centinela Valley Lodge #1991

Torance, CA
by Annette Porter

Our October Halloween Dinner Dance enjoyed by all. We had a delicious tri-tip dinner, with entertainment by Shakey Pete. We had many children and adults dressed up in their favorite costumes. The kids trick-o-treated at each table getting candy and filling up their bags. The adults paraded and the judges choice several winners, there were some unique costumes this year.

Our December Christmas Party/Toys for Tots was an enjoyable afternoon. The dinner was enjoyed by all in attendance, thank you to Chef Mark Vaona, Nicole Vaona and many more that help put the afternoon together for a delicious pasta dinner. We had the honor of having 3 Marines for the holiday party, they enjoyed themselves. They also enjoyed that they were able to take home care packages. Thank you everyone that supported this fantastic day, helping those children that would not of had a Christmas, without each and everyone of you making them smile. The stage was filled with many toys. Santa was able to take some time out of his busy schedule to visit each of the children and bring them a gift.

We are having our February Valentines Crab Dinner on Saturday February 25th. We will be having your choice of crab or rib eye steak, with entertainment by "The Sicilian Band". Hope to see all of you there. Bring your sweethearts!!!

By popular demand we are bringing back the production company and they will be performing "The Sopranos Last Supper" on Saturday March 25, 2017. "You'll sing! You'll dance! You'll laugh yourself silly!" Tickets are on sale, first come, first serve bases. Tickets are limited, you must pay at the time you make your reservation. Adults \$45.00 per ticket for Show and Dinner.

With sad news, we lost 3 members in the month of January, Lee Peters, Midge Sauro and Shirley Lavezzari. These 3 ladies will surely be missed. May they rest in peace.



A wonderful picture of Shirley Lavezzari and Brian Sinaguglia.



We had a visit by the pirates and a nurse happened to walk in with her patient.



Angelo LoGrande one of our new members, he brought his children and grandchildren.



We had the pleasure of having Miss America Elizabeth Lavezzari and the 3 Marines. All the beautiful toys behind them.

Camelia-Colombo Lodge #1294

Klamath Falls, OR
by Bonnie

Camelia-Colombo Lodge #1294 had a busy 2016.

Our Lodge had a very busy 2016. This year our Lodge gave five scholarships to some very deserving college bound students. Then in June several of our members including our Lodge President Oliver Spires attended the Grand Lodge Convention in Sparks, Nevada. While in attendance we gave to some of the medical charities as well as to the Il Leone.

To continue in the spirit of giving, the Lodge gave a donation to the Klamath Lake County Food Bank enabling them to provide much needed assistance to families in need.

But all this giving requires our Lodge to have fundraisers. So we grabbed our aprons, put on our smiles and our comfortable shoes and will get down to the work at hand - trying to make 2017 as good as 2016.



In this picture Financial Secretary Bonnie Sims is presenting a check to Dave Sampson, Assistant Director of the Klamath Lake County Food Bank with a check.



Finding out from Santa and Mrs. Claus (AKA Phil Van Buren and Louise Holst) if they have been naughty or nice are Lodge President Oliver Spires and his wife Dianne.



Telling Santa what she wants for Christmas is long time member Yolanda Rosterolla.

Eureka Lodge #1274

Eureka, CA
by Heidi Benzonelli

With the advent of the New Year, we can reflect on our accomplishments of the last half of 2016.

September brought our first ever drive-thru rigatoni and meatball dinner. Sally Acquistapace and her crew prepared 104 meals and sold out before the closing time. President Richard was too late and couldn't even buy a dinner! People loved the idea of not cooking on a Thursday night and having a home cooked meal to enjoy. This event was such a success, we have planned two dates for 2017.

October brought one of our biggest fundraising dinners – our annual polenta feed. It was a huge success in many ways. Diners raved about the food and found it to be absolutely delicious! Many thanks to Brenda Zandona and her staff. The profit was \$3,700 and the Weed High School baseball team earned \$359.00 in tips. A good night for all.

We embarked on a new fundraiser, Sons of Italy – Weed Lodge #1269 Cookbook, with 134 recipes from members, family, and friends. John Costa, State 2nd Vice-President, even submitted a recipe! We introduced our book at the Polenta Dinner and had a great response. The cookbook sells for only \$15.00.

Another first for our Lodge was the Honoring Veterans Breakfast held November 12. We served an amazing free omelet breakfast to 45 veterans, with another 50 paying a nominal fee. Chairs Jon Elsnab and Michael Kobseff headed an efficient crew of workers. We are sure this event will grow in numbers since so many in our community expressed such gratitude.

Our Lodge family celebrated Christmas with an appetizer potluck. We had a tasty and varied array of dishes to sample. And, as always, there was an abundance of desserts! Santa and Mrs. Claus made an appearance to listen to our children's wishes and give them goodies and stuffed animals.

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Frank and Vittorina Bisio at The Sons of Italy Anniversary Dinner



A Thorn Between two Roses. Vittorina Bisio, Richard Luzzi and Irene Simoni at The Sons of Italy Christmas Dinner.



David Olivieri, Bonnie Dumond and Erling Dellabalma setting tables for the Women Veteran's Luncheon.



Josephine Silva preparing food for the Women Veteran's Luncheon



Ben, Vittorina and Traudy at Mezzo Agosto

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