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## Message From the State President

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Pauline Richmond  
State First Vice President

**News from the  
South**  
Mark Vaona  
State Second Vice President

**News from the  
North**  
Louis Lodi  
State Third Vice President



State President  
Barbara Wisniewski

This past month has been a whirlwind of activity. Ken and I were in Chico with the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge for the Western Foundation's Golf Outing. I declined to participate in the Frozen Meatball contest. I just figured it would be better to go out a winner than to miss and lose! As you all know, I don't golf so it would have been a definite miss! Instead I became the Tequila girl and was driven around by President, Tony George, to visit each group of golfers. I had never ridden in a golf cart to it was a great experience. Unfortunately, Tony had never driven a golf cart so there were some precarious moments! Thanks for the fun Tony!

I have not yet received a report of how much was raised but I believe the work on the raffle and auction items brought the receipts up. There were a lot of big ticket items donated.

I have been looking for an excuse to visit the coast and this trip gave it to me. If you haven't been to Monterey Bay, you are surely missing out. The Aquarium is an amazing place and the Wharfs are so much fun with seafood everywhere. As most of you know I am a New Jersey transplant to Reno, Nevada. The shore was always less than an hour away in Jersey. In

Reno there is no ocean. Tahoe is wonderful but so different. The Bay made me feel like a kid on the Jersey shore again!

From there we went to Clovis for our Grand Council meeting. I was able to share that we are under contract with a buyer for the Grand Lodge building in San Francisco. We are still in the escrow stage so this is not written in stone. By the time you read this we will know for sure. Unfortunately, during the last week, we had a small electrical fire in the catering area. The potential buyers have seen the damage as has the insurance adjuster. As of this writing I have no further information.

We approved Dee Dee Dreene as our Grand Lodge Membership Chair. She will work our Local Lodges to find ways to attract new members.

We have an additional Trustee seat approved by the Western Foundation Council for Marlene Romanazzi. She will make a great addition to the Council. Donations were approved to our National Charities. Our Scholarship applications have been cleaned up and approved.

The Royal Pageant Contest does not seem to be able to get off the ground. We only have 2 entries and only 2 weeks to go till the deadline. We are looking into a raffle to be held in its place for the benefit of the Local Lodges and the Grand Lodge. Further information to follow.

The Golf Tournament in Palm Springs sponsored by the Dolly Sinatra Lodge will be held on November 14th. This is another fund raiser for the Western Foundation and I hope that many of our members and officers will support this fund raiser.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
**THE FOLLOWING ARE  
TWO VERY IMPORTANT  
REMINDERS:**

The end of September is the deadline for you to get your information to the Royal Pageant Chairperson about a **Royal Pageant contestant** from your lodge. For details, please contact Pamela Ricci- Royal Pageant Chairperson.

**Columbus Day/October Raffle**, September 30, 2022, was the deadline for ticket stubs and money sent to the Grand Lodge of California Office. Hopefully, every effort was made to sell or purchase the tickets, as the proceeds will be for the Grand Lodge of California General Fund.

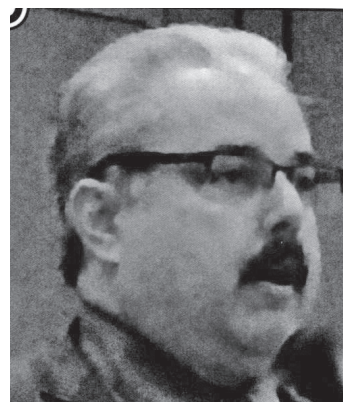
The weekend of September 16, 17, & 18, 2022, I attended the Grand Council Meeting held at the Hampton Inn & Suites Clovis-Airport North Hotel.

On Friday, 16th the State Trustees had their audit of the books followed with the State Officers Executive Meeting.

On Saturday, 17th the Grand Council meeting opened for all OSDIA members to attend the meeting. State Officers reports as well as Committee reports were presented.

There was discussion regarding the sale of the Grand Lodge Building and looking for purchasing another building.

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Its September and starting to get busy again. I was privileged to go to Enrico Caruso lodges 95th Anniversary and represent our President. I was thrilled to be able to do this as one of my earliest lodge visits for anything when I was a young man (many moons ago) was to Visalia. My wife was one of our 5 Grand Lodge queens and was invited to ride in the parade in Visalia. I have been there many times since and have always been treated like family.

While we were in Fresno for Grand Council, I was able to attend their 100th Anniversary. It was held at the Fresno Fairgrounds and they even got us a tour of the Italian Museum. The food and company were exemplary. The weather was outstanding for an outdoor event, whoever planned that deserves a raise.

I am looking forward to the Southern Golf Tournament in Palm Springs in November. I just now have to figure out how to get my wife to let me play on our Anniversary.

Sincerely,

Mark Vaona

State Vice President of the South.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
First off, some people have asked me where my IL Leone article was last month. I must apologize as I spent a little too much time in that 100-degree weather and it knocked me for a loop, but I am recovered now.

Our Grand Council Meeting in Fresno was very busy. We covered a lot of issues in the day and half but the most important was the selling of The Grand Lodge. I am happy to report that the company interested in the purchasing of The Grand Lodge is extremely anxious and optimistic to work with us.

After a long meeting on Saturday, we all traveled to the Fresno Fair Grounds where we attended the Columbo-Stella Lodge's 100th Anniversary Celebration. Olivia Deliddo and company wooed everyone with their hospitality and raffle. What was so impressive was all the past scholarship recipients that attended, some as far back as forty years. They also gave us a wonderful tour of The Fresno Museum at the Fair Grounds where we were shown Italian exhibits and how Columbo-Stella Lodge played a big part in the history of Italians in the Fresno Valley. Again, thank you and congratulations to the Columbo-Stella Lodge #1149 on their 100th Anniversary!

On the 20th of September, Gold Country Lodge had their Summer Special Pizza Dinner from Viscuso's Pizzeria. I am sure every-

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We had an amazing time with the Mother Lodge, Colombo-Stella celebrating their 100th Anniversary. Olivia Dellido and Steve Barra along with the Lodge members. So much memorabilia to see. The event was held at the Fresno Fair Grounds. The food was delicious and the entertainment was wonderful. Singing and dancing the Tarantella brought back so many memories of my family together at events back East. There is a museum that holds amazing history of Fresno with so many Italians and Italian Americans highlighted in one area dedicated to them. Thank you Olivia for all the time and energy you put into this museum. She worked with the curators to “get it right”, and “get it right” she did! The electronic touch screens can get you anywhere you would like to go in the history of Italians and Italian Americans in Fresno.

The next stop on this

whirlwind tour of me and Ken took us to Sonoma. We are staying at a lovely bed and breakfast. I’ve never stayed at a bed and breakfast so this was a first and very nice experience. They gave me a desk and quiet spot to complete this article.

Tomorrow night we will visit The Valley of the Moon Lodge to initiate new members. I am so looking forward to going, as you all know that is my favorite thing to do. Thank you to President, Linda Shockey and the members of the Valley of the Moon Lodge for what I am sure will be a wonderful time with good food and good friends.

I must say, at this time I will be happy to get back home. This was a busy trip.

State First Vice President  
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The meeting ending at approx. 4:00pm!

That evening all officers and guests attended the Colombo-Stella Lodge #1149, 100th anniversary, held at the Fresno Fair Grounds. It

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was a wonderful celebration of one hundred years with beautiful memories of past and present years. An Italian Museum Tour, No host cocktails, Appetizers, Steak & Rigatoni Dinner, dessert, entertainment, & auction. Lodge President, Olivia DeLiddo and Co-Chair Steven Barra and committee did an outstanding job hosting a beautiful and memorable event. Lodges members throughout the state were in attendance to participate in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of our Mother Lodge. My Best Wishes and Congratulations to the Colombo-Stella Lodge for many more occasions to celebrate.

State Deputies – Central a copy of the State Deputy quarterly revised form has been sent to you! I am looking forward to receiving your third quarter 2022, report!!

Ciao – until next month



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Happy Halloween



Barbara Wisniewski State President and Husband Ken

Hanford Lodge # 1543

by Jackie Giacomazzi

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The June BBQ was chaired by Vincent Scialo and Michael Leoni on June 22. The weather was breezy and cool, and the food was enjoyed all all who attended.

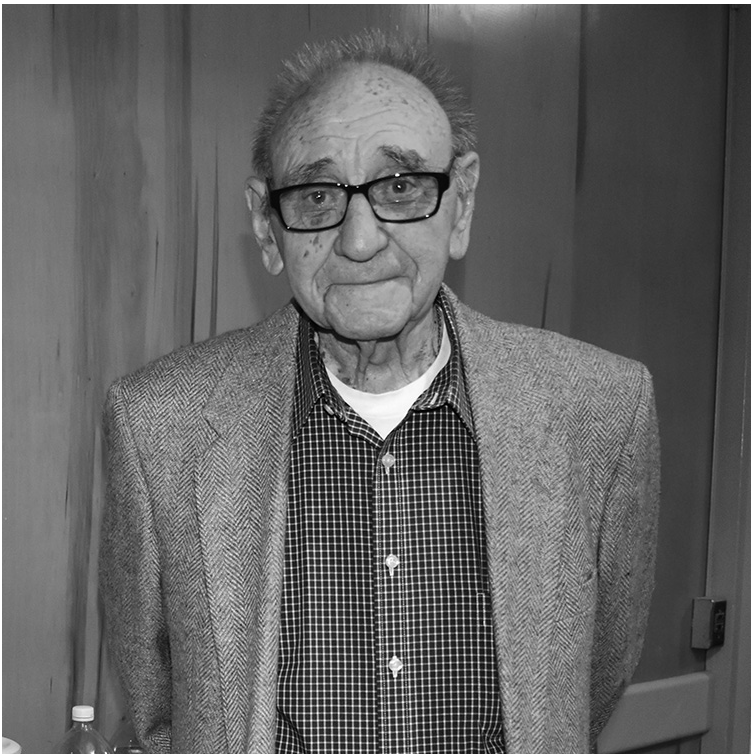


Nanna Giacomazzi's grandkids (Giulia, Hanna, Gianna, Christina) are getting ready to help with the Spaghetti/ Meatball Dinner and Sauce Sale coming up on October 30, 2022. Hanford Fraternal Hall--12 noon until 3 p.m. Save the Date and get your tickets soon.



Hanford Lodge #1543 was happy to honor two of our long-time, hard-working members on their 80th birthdays: Tony Tesoriere, Orator and Carol Todd, Financial Secretary. Don't forget to get your tickets for our spaghetti/ meatball dinner/sauce sale on October 30!! 559 584 7433 or 816 0707!!!

Ernest Joseph Bertaina (Ernie)



Rest in Peace

Ernest Joseph Bertaina (Ernie) passed away on July 4, 2002, at his home with his loved ones by his side. Born in Hanford in 1928 to Barney and Rosie Bertaina, he attended kindergarten in a one-room school-house (South School). He attended Jefferson Elementary, then graduated 8th grade from St.Rose Catholic school in 1943. He was a Hanford High graduate with the Class of 1947.

Ernie had so many jobs throughout his lifetime. He farmed with his family; drove a school bus for Hanford High School; worked for Bertram Motor Sales and Lakeside School; and was an Animal Control Officer for the County of Kings for 41 years. In his “spare time” Ernie was a Hanford Police Department Reserve Officer, a Deputy Constable and a Private Process Server.

To top it all off, we worked part-time for Whitehurst McNamara Funeral Service for over 50 years.

In 1950 Ernie became a member of Hanford Sons of Italy Lodge #1543. He was a member for 72 years at the time of his death. Along with his parents, Ernie helped bring the culture of Italy to his relatives and friends in America. He held several different offices throughout the years, helping at dinner-dances, spaghetti dinners and other fundraisers. In the past several years, Ernie never missed the Lodge Polenta Dinner held in January. As this was his birthday month, Hanford Lodge members usually honored him with a birthday cake; this year “94” decorated the cake!! He was always so appreciative. His hobbies included woodworking.

He donated several of his birdhouses and milking stools to be used as raffle gifts at several fundraisers. He loved giving friends keychains adorned with religious crosses, etc. (His family had these available for taking at his Rosary.) We will never forget our brother, Ernie!!

He leaves behind a loving family: Gladys, his wife; Elsie Bertaina, his sister; four children: Michael (Candy); Cheryl, Denny and Matthew; five grandchildren: Steve Bertaina (Heather), Jennifer Wagner (John); Aaron Atteberry (Janell), Chase Lehn, and Kevin Bertaina; two stepchildren: Michael Garcia and Amy Zaragoza; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Riposare in pace, Fratello, Ernie!!

State 3rd Vice President  
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one had a good time. By the way, do not forget their Bocce Tournament on October 9th at Promontory Point Park in El Dorado Hills. For more information, call Anthony and Beverly Scotch at 916-425-3330.

Chico Lodge Vincenzo Bellini #2519 had their Western Foundation 23rd Golf Tournament on September 12th. Just like every previous year everyone had a great time with wonderful Golfing and fantastic raffle prizes. I wish I could have been there but unfortunately; I’ve been without a car for four months. Hopefully it will be done in Mid-October.

On October 24th I went to Santa Rosa Lodge #1898 for their luncheon at Mary’s Pizza. I am so pleased that they were able come together after all the Covid chaos. It was a great time and I got to meet more members.

Shasta Lodge #2453 had their Paesano Days on September 16th & 17th. Again, I wish I could have attended but I was at Grand Council in Fresno. I know that they had a fantastic turnout, and the weather was awesome. Someday I will get up there to play Bocce.

On October 8th the Northern Solano Lodge #2534 is having their Columbus Day Dinner which includes pasta, meatballs and all the fixings plus a raffle and Desert Auction. For more information, call Carol at 707-334-0611.

Cristoforo Columbo Lodge #1534 is celebrating Columbus Day in Reno the weekend of October 8th & 9th. Twenty thousand crazy Italians will be celebrating in the streets of Reno. Head up to Reno that weekend if you are looking to have some fun.

Enjoy and celebrate our Italian Heritage this month and be proud of your Italian Culture and Membership in the Sons and Daughters of Italy.

Ciao for now,  
Louie Lodi



Autumn is here!





Sons and Daughters of Italy  
Dolly Sinatra Lodge

# Golf Tournament

Monday November 14, 2022  
Indian Canyons Golf Resort  
1100 E. Murray Canyons Dr. Palm Springs, CA 92264

**LUNCH BUFFET \$43**

**Ceasar Salad, French Garlic Bread,  
Chef's Sauteed Vegetables,  
Chipotle BBQ Braised Meatballs  
and Chicken Picata, Penne Pasta Alfredo,  
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# LEADERSHIP

by Pauline Terrusa Richmond  
State First Vice President

In taking inventory of myself as the State Leadership Chairperson, I hope that the information that I have shared in the articles for the IL Leone newspaper could be used for seasoned leaders, those new to Leadership, and those who are considering taking on a Leadership role.

The assignment of the State Leadership Chairperson has given me the opportunity to explore difference tools and avenues of good leadership. Being the chairperson has not only taught me how to be a better leader but also a better follower. We sometimes forget that to be a leader, we should also know how to follow.

Remember, the way we treat members is just as important as how we lead them. There are so many ways to implement care/love into your leadership role. Just by saying a simple thank you is an example of implementing care/love. Thank you for your time, talents and for all you do for OSDIA!

One more thing, remember, it is not what we say; it is how we say it!

Periodically I will be writing about Italian Americans who changed history with their leadership!



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# Golf Tournament

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**Registration - Opens 7am**  
**8:00 am - Shotgun start 4 Man Scramble**  
**\$150 Members \$175 Non-Members \$43 Lunch Only**  
**Includes green fees, cart, range balls, Italian Buffet**

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Name (Sign up in 1-4 Players)	Phone/Email	Handicap USGA Index*	No Handicap	Division Your Age on July 22, 2019
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# Attention Presidents and Officers...



**Lodge Events Calendar:**

**Please Do Not schedule any events for the 3rd weekend of March and September. This time frame is always left open to our Grand Council Meetings.**

# Lodge Anniveraries

October  
La Costa dei Fiori #2424 ..... 10/22/78

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## Charm Bracelets

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**CHARM BRACELETS**  
The story of jewelry goes back to the dawn of mankind. We have an instinct to adorn our bodies with beautiful items, but also with items to make us feel powerful, fortunate, and blessed. The use of primitive jewelry predates writing systems. Precious metals and colorful crystals were eagerly sought and treasured. Handmade jewelry was an early industry and a traded commodity. It is an indicator of wealth and social status, chiefly worn around the neck and arms. The Etruscans who lived in Italy before the Romans were famous for their works of gold. Fashions in various locations were established in jewelry as in clothing. Many examples of ancient jewelry can be seen in museums today. Jewelry in one form or another will probably never go out of fashion.

Bracelets have been worn in almost every culture. They have been worn by individuals of various ages and genders. They are worn on hands and feet. A hand bracelet is often designed to slip over the hand and be kept on the wrist without slipping off the hand so many bracelets have a locking hinge or are made of a flexible material to achieve this purpose.

In the twentieth century charm bracelets were fashionable. They gained popularity during World War II. They are still worn today. They are generally gold- or silver-toned. Some charms are made of colorful enamels. Some incorporate gemstones. Some are made of genuine gold or silver. Some are hand-crafted. And some are vintage or antique. A charm bracelet can be worn having one significant charm or dozens of interesting charms. Charm bracelets generally represent one's values, beliefs,

interests, experiences, and personality.

We can theme a charm bracelet for special occasions or favorite objects. A charm bracelet can be themed for a religious or secular holiday. It can be themed for a certain country. For example, a charm bracelet themed for Italy can have charms that represent the "boot" shape of Italy, the Colosseum, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, a Vespa scooter, words of affection, a soccer ball, the Italian flag, a she-wolf and twins, a city name, the national colors, a coin, a gondola, a pizza, a wine bottle, the poet Dante, Christopher Columbus, a donkey, a horn of plenty, a mandolin, Cupid, a paintbrush, etc. Charms may also be marked "Made in Italy."

The charm bracelet can be kept with a wish or a personal intent in mind -- to travel, find true love, start a family, acquire wealth, gain popularity, and more. Acquiring new charms is a challenge and fun. Some good-luck charms are inexpensive; others are rare and costly. Charm bracelets make wonderful gifts with the possibility of changing and adding new charms over time. There are an almost infinite number of charm motifs, as many as can be imagined. Charm bracelets and charms may be affectionately passed on to future generations as family heirlooms to celebrate one's heritage.

The name for a charm bracelet in Italian is "bracciale di fascino." Here are some dream meanings: If you dream you are wearing a bracelet, it is a sign of a new friendship. A broken bracelet indicates the loss of a friendship or loss of money. If you dream you find a bracelet, it indicates wealth is on the way. If you dream you lose a bracelet, you are about to let an opportunity slip through your fingers.



## 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 25 attended the meeting. They conducted the opening and closing ceremonies and enjoyed getting a lot of back-to-school supplies. Nearly 80 members of the lodge enjoyed a great event.



### Roma Lodge Junior Members

(Sitting) Amelia Curti, Camilla Pitigliano, Kate Watkins, Giana Daramy, Ava James Clark (standing) Amelia Curti, Camden Taylor, Mason Moffett, Quinn Moffett, Giada Pitigliano, Nolan Clark, Harlow, Haydyn and Harper DePaoli, Isabel Daramy, Giulia Watkins, Adelyn Watkins, George Maness III, Taylor Dutto, Austin Gentry, Aiden Gentry, Ariel Maness, Jordyn Dutto.



### Agnes Pelous Celebrates 100th Birthday

Longtime member of Roma Lodge Agnes Pelous celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends on July 17, 2022.



### Over 100 Years of Roma Lodge Membership!

Angie Milanesio and Frances Della celebrated their 93rd birthdays at the June-2022 meeting. Combined they have over 102 years of membership in the Order!

### New Members

Roma Lodge #1573 initiated 14 new members at our September meeting. It is the largest group of new members to join the lodge in recent memory. This brings the membership in the lodge to 290 members.





Dolly Sinatra Lodge # 2400

Palm Springs, CA  
by Andy Casey

There are all kinds of songs and odes to summer; the joys, the fun, the pursuit of fireflies on a lovely evening, etc., etc! Nobody who lives in our desert wrote any of them! Perhaps some wrote songs or odes lamenting the lack thereof! But once again I'm writing to say that changes are coming. A sign of that is our doors open October 12! It signals the joy that our lovely falls are about to begin, and perhaps you'll have the opportunity to play a round of golf without the danger of heat stroke. WHICH BRINGS ME TO A POINT!

Our third annual golf tournament is just over the horizon. Tee off is Monday, November 14, 2022. AND THAT MEANS IT'S TIME TO GET IN ON THE FUN, AND FOR YOU TO ENTER OUR TOURNAMENT NOW! ALSO IN THE THIRD YEAR IS OUR ITALIAN BUFFET, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE GOLF TOURNAMENT. In the pages of this edition of the Il Leone is an application for the tournament, buffet and Tee Sponsors.

The tournament is played at the Indian Canyon Golf Resort, which is a lovely course offering beautiful vistas of our surrounding mountains. For those of you coming, and there are more of you every year, to play in the tournament for the first time, you're in for quite a treat. It's a relaxed environment, and our locals are a fun bunch, but hard to beat so bring your best game!

As I said above we're opening Wednesday October 12th, and for as long as I can remember, our always fabulous Frank DiSalvo will once again be kicking of the season with a bang! So look for Lori Harvey to be giving you a call soon to check if you're coming. If you don't hear from Lori, or are new to our Lodge give her a call at 760 360 6255.

Our luck with our weekly entertainment program is amazing! We're so lucky in addition to having Frank DI Salvo opening, to have Michael D'Angelo back on second Wednesdays and Larry Capeloto back on third Wednesdays. Doesn't get any better my friends. Might even have Mr. Entertainment Larry Del Rose back for a show next year! Don't forget each entertainer occasionally brings guest entertainers to perform with them.

And our volunteer staff will be back largely intact, as Renee most likely will not be moving to Las Vegas. So all in all I think we're off to a brilliant season with our President Joe LaPorta still at the helm. As always should you have any questions regarding the tournament or the Lodge just call Joe at 760 219 9171.

Our friends and fellow members, Rose Kingsley and Norm Miller, moved this summer to Las Vegas, closer to the clubs she is now doing more and more shows at. They will however be doing a show here, "Rose Kingsley Sings Sinatra..Her Way", October 15th at 7:30 pm. Our own Larry Capeloto will be their opening act with his comedy routine. Tickets are \$35.00 and the show is at Ohav Shalom Messanic Congregation, 35688 Cathedral Canyon Dr., Cathedral City 92234. Call Norm Miller at 760 895 0450 with questions and for information.



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# Shasta Lodge #2453

Redding, CA  
by Carole Dellaragione

Hello from Redding:

This past weekend was a big one for our lodge. Paesano Days was held Friday, September 16th and Saturday, September 17th. Friday night was the start of our bocce tournament, and our Spaghetti Dinner. We served about 900 people. The weather was perfect and our new layout at the park worked out great. By noon Saturday we had sold out of cannoli, and shortly thereafter we were out of raffle tickets.

The Bocce Tournament went well with 30 teams participating. The winners were Beersagna led by our friend Tina Carletta. She also made Pizza Fritta for Saturday morning to go with the mimosas. The Vin-

cenzo Bellini lodge from Chico had a bocce team headed by their President Tony George and played well but didn't place. Our State Deputy John Jefsen and his lovely wife Lorna, also from the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge, were at our event on Friday night.

Our Raffle grand prize was \$500 cash and was won by our member Doug Phelps who was there helping in the beer booth and food court.

As much as we need rain, we were glad it held out until our popup tents were down and the bocce finals were almost over. On Monday the courts looked like a pond with the standing water from the rain.

Our chairman for the

event, John Tasello, had a great crew of workers from the lodge members to many friends from our community.

Next up, many of our members are going to Reno for their 40th Great Italian Festival on Columbus Day. Then on October 15th we will be hosting the Alys-sa Araiza Wings of Angels fundraiser. They raise money for families of seriously ill children. This is the 20th annual event at our lodge and we serve a spaghetti and meatball dinner to a very large crowd.

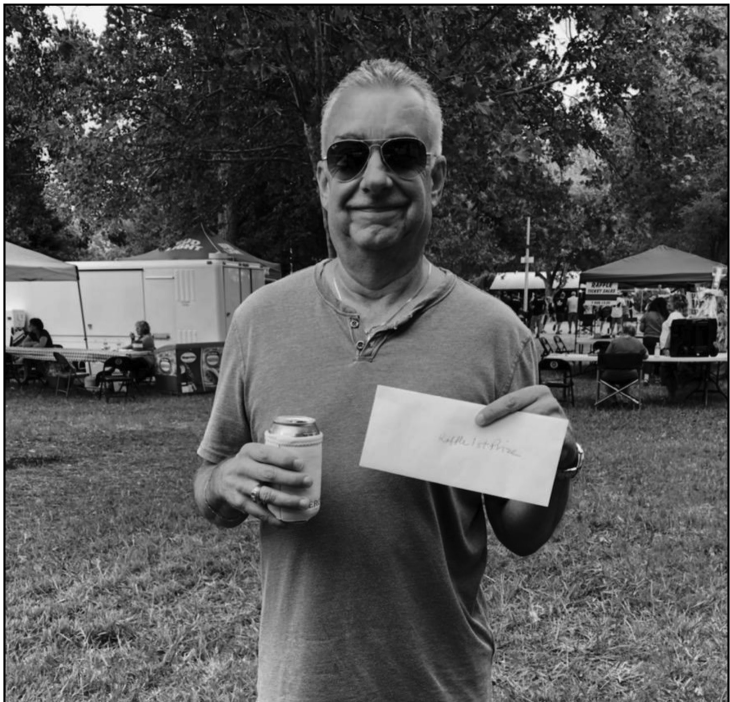
We hope you all got some much needed rain and hope we have a "wet winter". **Happy Columbus Day!**

Your friends from Shasta Lodge.



Paesano Days Chairman John Tasello, along with lodge friend and helper John Ohler. They are in a golf cart used to shuttle our guests from and to their parking places at Paesano Days.

Winner of the Grand Prize of \$500 at Paesano Days, our member Doug Phelps.



# Rodolfo Valentino Lodge #1449

Clovis, CA  
by Carol Watson, President  
and Lou Catallo, Historian

Spaghetti & meatballs, so Italian, but not so in Italy. This dish is truly an American development, curtesy of the Italian immigrants of the late 1800s. The meatballs existing in Italy (called polpetta), are smaller than their American cousins, and are usually eaten as a dish of their own. However, when my dad did the cooking during The Great War (now, WWI), his family recipe included meatballs and other meats in the ragu (sauce). The meatballs were golf ball sized and tossed into the sauce raw to cook.

Last month August)) we met at Luna's with an expanded group. Also, the Fresno lodge (Stella-Colombo), the California state mother lodge, celebrated their 100th anniversary at the Fresno Fair grounds; this gave the crowd the chance to visit the Fresno County Museum on the premises and view the "Italian Display", which impressed those that saw it. A good time was had by those that attended the party, including the Clovis delegation.

For the kids: Cats go to school so they can become litter-ate.

Italians in the late 1800s immigrated to all the Americas. Approximately 13,000 went to Mexico, but half returned to Italy or went on to the United States.

National Scholarships are again being offered; check this issue of Il Leone for details. Also, the University of California in Fresno offers students Italian-oriented scholarships ... call them for details.

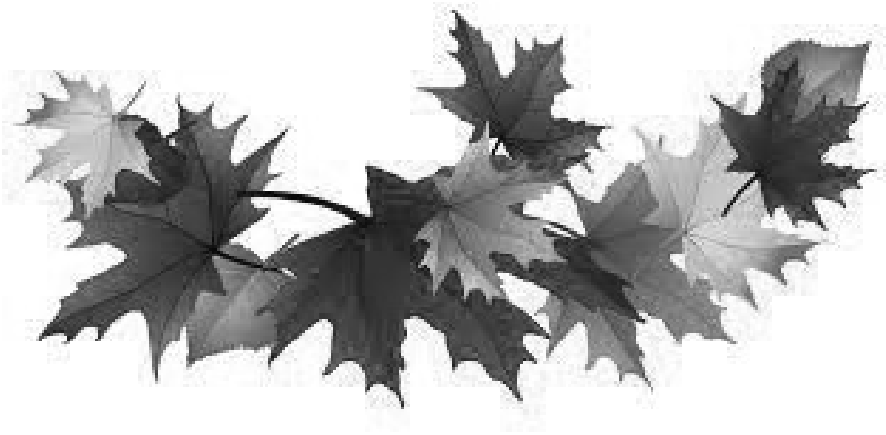
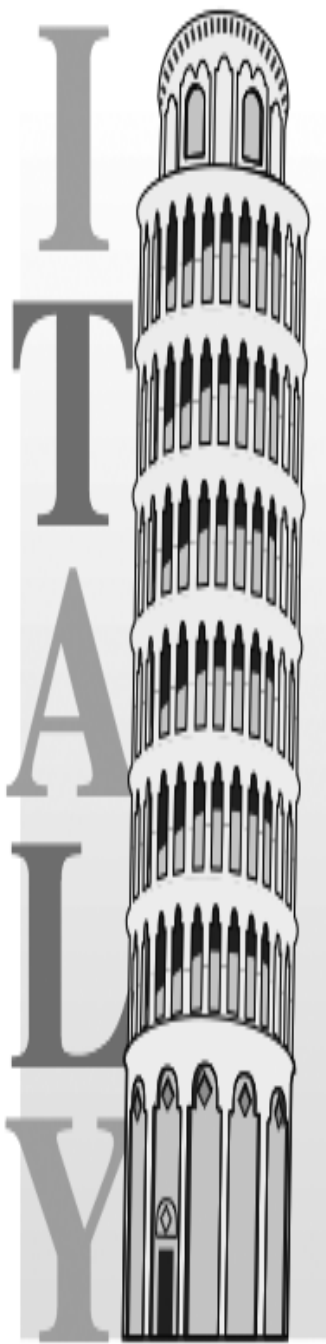
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The best places to visit in Italy in Fall

Here are some of the best places are to enjoy fall foliage in Italy:

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Casentinesi Forest National Park is located on the border of Romagna and Tuscany, in the provinces of Forlì Cesena, Arezzo, and Florence. This 368 square kilometers forest is one of a kind!

It’s one of the best places to visiting in Italy in Fall. The national park is a UNESCO world heritage site with dense woods, scenic waterfalls, and mystical sanctuaries.

In fall you can enjoy the colors and fragrances of the park. There are many trails that can be explored either on foot, by bike, or on horseback. This is one of the most beautiful forests in Europe and worth adding to your Italy Bucketlist.

Palermo

Palermo is the capital of the island of Sicily in the South- East of Italy. The island is a very popular tourist destination in spring and summer amongst Europeans. The best season the visit the island is however in fall: the sea will be warm from all the summer sun, the temperature will not reach above 30°C and you will be able to visit all the highlights without too many other visitors around.

If that did not convince you, perhaps the incredible street food in Palermo will. Make sure to Try out the local delicacies like Arancina (fried rice balls containing ragu or the vegetarian alternative a la norma) or the Focaccia Maritata – a sandwich filled with spleen, ricotta, and cheese. Both of which can be eaten in the Antica Focacceria San Francesco is located in the heart of the old town.

Eureka Lodge # 1274

Eureka, CA  
by Joe Bonino

The Eureka Lodge #1274 participated in the first post-pandemic veterans stand down event at the Ferndale fairgrounds the first weekend of October. The veterans were very appreciative for the delicious Italian meal.

October’s polenta and chicken Pinochi and Stagnoli scholarship fundraising drive thru dinner will be held on October 16th from 4:00 to 6:00PM at the Elks Lodge on Herrick Avenue. Thank you to all who worked so hard to sell tickets.

Our next monthly meeting is on October 25th in the Pinochi Room in St Bernard Parish Hall at 7:00PM. Our agenda includes planning for (possibly) a women veterans luncheon on Veteran’s day and planning for our Christmas party in December.

September/October birthday greetings to Larry Biondini, Dianne Luzzi, Jim Pell, Gene Senestraro, and Josephine Silva.

Happy Halloween!



Giuliana Stagnoli poses with Crusty the Crab during Italian Heritage Night at the Humboldt Crabs Arcata Ballpark on July 29th. Long time Crabs volunteer Giuliana threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

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## Valley of the Moon, # 1959

Sonoma, CA  
by Marilyn Sylvestri  
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Ave, atque, vale!! (Hail and farewell).

Br.#1959 is alive and well!! Come to our dinner on September 20. Our State President Barbara is attending to help initiate our new members. Opened since May 20, 2022 after a long hibernation. New cook, new officers but the same place. Our Sonoma Vet's is located at 126 1st west, Sonoma, 95476. Si qua via est!!

(Hope to see you)

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Petaluma, CA  
by Ernie Giono

Cesare Battisti Losge #1518 has some good news. We have people stepping up to take offices just when we need them.. I am ever so grateful to all of you.

We are looking ahead to finding a new locatoin in Petaluma, where this lodge was established in 1929.

In 2023, we are looking ahead to soar ahead with a new president and some new officers and a new location back where we belong in Petaluma.

Watch for our new location announcement soon then come and join us for a meal and good times, and bring a friend.

Ernie Giono





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*Anniv. Sept. 5, 1925*  
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*Anniv. Mar. 4, 1972*  
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**LODGE No. 1573**  
*Anniv. May 25, 1930*  
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**LODGE No. 1413**  
*Anniv. Apr. 4, 1926*  
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*Anniv. Feb. 8, 1925*  
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**LODGE No. 2566**  
*Anniv. Nov. 17, 1984*  
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*Anniv. July 5, 1940*  
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*Anniv. Feb. 23, 1980*  
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*Anniv. May 17, 1947*  
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*Anniv. May 29, 1982*  
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*Anniv. Jan. 4, 1931*  
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**LODGE No. 2016**  
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*Anniv. Jan. 6, 1924*  
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# *I'm an Italian American*

*I am an Italian-American. My roots are deep in an ancient soil, drenched by the Mediterranean sun, and watered by pure streams from snow capped mountains.*

*I am enriched by thousands of years of culture.*

*My hands are those of the mason, the artist, the man of the soil.*

*My thoughts have been recorded in the annals of Rome, the poetry of Virgil, the creations of Dante, and the philosophy of Benedetto Croce. I am an Italian-American, and from my*

*ancient world, I first spanned the seas of the new world. I am Cristoforo Colombo.*

*I am Giovanni Caboto known in American history as John Cabot, discoverer of the mainland of North America.*

*I am Amerigo Vespucci, who gave my name to the new world, America.*

*First to sail on the Great Lakes in 1679, founder of the territory that became the State of Illinois, colonizer of Louisiana and Arkansas, I am Enrico Tonti.*

*I am Filippo Mazzei, friend of Thomas Jefferson and my thesis on the equality of man was written into the Bill of Rights.*

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*I am Alessandro Malaspina.*

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*I created the Dome of the United States Capitol. They called me the Michelangelo of America. I am Constantino Brumidi.*

*In 1904, I founded in San Francisco, the Bank of Italy now known as the Bank of America, the largest financial institution in the world. I am A. P. Giannini.*

*I am Enrico Fermi, father of nuclear science in America.*

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*and the breadwinner in 10,000 communities.*

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*I will not be told that my contribution is any less nor my role not as worthy as that of any other American.*

*I will stand in support of this nation's freedom and promise against all foes. My heritage has dedicated me to this nation. I am proud of my full heritage, and I shall remain worthy of it.*

*I Am An Italian-American.*

*by Angelo Bianchi, Esq.*