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A Message From The State President



by Lynn Lawrence-Murphy
State President

"Fratellanza"

Welcome summer! June is the beginning of summer, a time of graduations, the Celebration of Italy's Independence and our Grand Lodge State Convention. On May 30th, Maria, Ugo and I had the honor of attending the Italian Consul General's reception for the Italian community and many of the Italian Organizations surrounding the San Francisco Bay Area. June 2nd, we celebrated Italy's Independence Day by raising the Italian Flag outside of San Francisco Mayor Lee's Office at City Hall. On June 3rd, Bill, John and Donna Lee Costa, the Binis (presidents of the Vallejo Lodges) and I attended the Santa Rosa Lodge's Fish Fry (second time they tried this event which has turned out to be very successful and profitable as a fund raiser). On June 5th, we attended the Ukiah Lodge's Scholarship Dinner. Great food as usual! Back to San Francisco on June 9th, where Bill, Maria, Ugo and I attended a farewell and thank you dinner for the Honorable Mauro Battochi, the Italian Consul General of San Francisco. Mauro has worked very hard to unite the various Italian Originations into forming an active, productive group that would work together in preserving and spreading the Italian Culture, our heritage and the Italian Language. While visiting the south to attend our granddaughter Jenna Lawrence's graduation from U.C. San Diego, Bill and I were also able to attend the Centinela Valley Lodge's Dinner Meeting on June 14th and the Renaissance Lodge's

Dinner Meeting on June 15th. At both of these meetings State Scholarships were awarded to several outstanding students. It so happened that two of these students are Junior members of our Order and related to State Officers, Emilio Nunziati and Ciara De Santis. A quick return home and off we went to Sparks, NV on Sunday to attend the Grand Lodge's 80th State Convention. I would like to thank the officers and members of the Guiseppi Verde Lodge of Sparks for hosting this year's convention, Chris Lottito the Convention Chair (who unfortunately was unable to attend and who we missed terribly), the Grand Lodge State Officers and Chairs, our office staff and the many volunteers who worked so hard to make this a successful event. Many hours are spent behind the scenes by many people in preparing, setting up and conducting a convention. Thank you all!

Brother Andy will be doing an extensive report on the Convention, but I would like to recognize and thank the Barry Kirshner Wild Life Sanctuary and Education Center (A new group added to our Western Foundation Charities List). They graciously brought several of the animals to visit us. I also would like to congratulate Michael Colleti Smith on receiving the Janet Capello Distinguished Member Award. The Grand Lodge of California would like to express our deepest gratitude to Brother Philip Privitera (SIF Trustee from Massachusetts) and his son Payton for attending our State Convention. Brother Phil also generously donated to many of our charities. A truly fraternal and charitable visit.

June 30th the Sacramento River Cats Baseball Team hosted an Italian Heritage. Sons of Italy was well represented and acknowledged at

this event. Great way to end the month.

July was filled with picnics and barbeques. Watsonville held their Scholarship BBQ on Sunday July 17th and the Salinas Lodge held a Scholarship and Members' Recognition Luncheon on Saturday July 30th. As usual great food at both of these events. Best of all, Bill and I will have the opportunity to meet these outstanding scholarship recipients and to recognize and thank these members that have dedicated their time and talents to their local lodge as well as the Grand Lodge of California. Aug 7th, the Oakland A's held their Italian Heritage Night. Again the Sons of Italy had great representation and was recognized as a strong, committed part of the Italian Community which supports our Italian culture and language, and are so willing to share with everyone. August 15th, several of your State Officers will be traveling to Greenwich Connecticut to attend the National Executive Council Meeting. I will report what took place in my next article.

Please mark your Calendars for September 17th, for our 12th Humanitarian and Leadership Gala which will take place at the Hilton Hotel in Santa Clara. This event supports the Western Foundation. We would love to have you all join us and support this Bi Annual event. It also will take place at the same time as the Fall Grand Council Meeting. Just by coincidence, the San Francisco Giants will be hosting their Italian Heritage Night on Thursday, September 15th at ATT Park. Come early and join us for the game and be recognized as the strong, supportive groups of SOI members that we are.

Have a wonderful, restful and enjoyable summer!



80th Grand Lodge Convention

by Andy Pampuro

The 80th Grand Lodge Convention was held at the beautiful Golden Nugget Hotel in Sparks, Nevada from June 22nd to the 26th. Our convention chair Chris Lotito was unable to attend this convention because of medical problems and was very much missed.

The convention actually started on Thursday, June 23rd but on Wednesday evening the hotel hosted a wonderful hospitality party. Lots of good stuff to eat and drink. It was great. A bocce tournament

was held in the main ballroom which lasted almost all night until they got the four winning teams which were first place - David, Terri and Gianna Cipponeri and Yvonne Vanoni - second place - John Nardi, Angelo and Angie Fanucchi and Joann McCambell - third place - John Menicucci, Don Basso, Bob Barker and John Stralla and fourth place - Gary Smith, Frank and Georgia Scotella and Roy Vanoni. Each of the team were awarded

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L/R State First Vice President Arlene Nunziati, State Trustee Central Frank Locicero, National First Vice President Vera Girolami, National Foundation Trustee Phil Privitera, his son Payton and State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy.



L/R Miss California Gabrielle Benedetti, Miss Italy Christine Bianco, Grand Lodge Queen Mary Locido, Miss America Elizabeth Lavezzari and Miss Convention City Baylin Herington.



Scholarship Chair Rosemarie Vanderhaar with the seven students she awarded scholarships to at the Black and White Ball.

From the Editor's Desk

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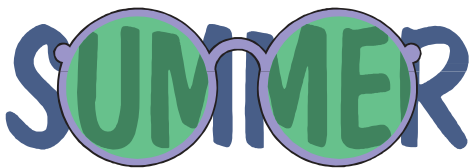
Our 2016 Grand Lodge Convention is now history. Our State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy did an excellent job running the meetings. Nothing was left out. Our convention chair Chris Lotito was unable to attend the convention because of a medical problem and was very much missed.

It was a pleasure having Phil Privitera and his son Payton with us. They hail from Massachusetts. Phil is a trustee with the National Foundation. He is one of our biggest fans with the Il Leone and showed his love for the paper by donating \$1000. A



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new donation list will start with this issue. By the time Phil left the convention he donated over \$4000 to many of our charities. Thanks, Phil!

Congratulations to our Queen Committee Chair Eva Lavezzari who did a beautiful job with the Queen's Pageant. The girls were all so beautiful. Our Grand Lodge Queen is

one we can all be proud of. Mary Lucido is the first queen ever for the C.Columbo Lodge in 90 years and is now our Grand Lodge Queen. We wish her a very happy reign.

I hope you enjoy my article on the convention along with the many photos.



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News from the Central

by Arlene Nunziati
State 1st Vice President



The Youth Committee had a great program for the youth of our Order and I think they had more fun that we did! Great job Brian Watson.

Last month our NELA was outstanding and the honorees very impressive. We were thrilled and honored to be on the same plane as honoree Condoleezza Rice. What an extraordinary lady! Best wishes to our executive director Philip Piccagallo who has retired.

We are still working on our upcoming GALA to be held at the Hilton Hotel in Santa Clara o September 17, 2017. Get your ads in please and make those reservations!

June was a slow SOI month but a lot of family involvement. Spent a week in Rancho Palos Verdes attending the graduation ceremonies and events for grandson Emilio. Everything was beautiful except the weather. Congratulations Emilio, Grandma is very proud of you. He will be and has already left to study at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

He was awarded a \$1000.00 scholarship by the Centinela Valley Lodge. Thank you Annette Porter and all the members for the welcome and hospitality given to him and his mother Patty at the dinner and meeting.

Ciao everyone. Have a great summer!

News from the North

by John Costa
State 2nd Vice President



It's time for the thermometer to reach triple digits, time to light those BBQ's and sitting outside and feeling that cool breeze. Convention is complete, President Lynn ran an excellent convention, a few glitches were expected with our Convention Coordinator Chris Lotito not being there, but everyone had to pitch in and help. The last day of convention always reminds me why I am involved in this organization. The donations to our charities, scholarships and special projects are over whelming and all of you members need to pat yourself on the back. It's truly amazing to see the generosity come forward.

We were treated to a beautiful Queen's Pageant. Congratulations to our new Grand Lodge Queen Mary and her court. Then the next night we were able to see some amazing young scholars accept their scholarships. Looking at these young students our future looks bright

Half the year is behind us and a lot of work is ahead of us, Membership is a key element we discussed at our convention. Let's all try to get that new member signed up. The Grand Council heard your request and we are working to get the answers you are looking for. Communication is another key element we discussed. Communicating to those who are going to follow you in your position is a vital part of being a leader!

As always, here is my reminder for the "365" Winner Raffle. There are some big prizes coming up, or if you don't buy a ticket more chances for me. Let's all participate this is helping YOUR GRAND LODGE. Remember you could be that multiple winner!

Until next month, Ciao

News from the South

by Ted Seibel
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Does the following sound familiar to you? "We are a fraternal organization that promotes unity among its members." We have all heard those words spoken at an initiation ceremony of new members.

Fraternity is a difficult concept to explain because it's not something the mind can easily grasp. It cannot be given or handed to someone and they magically become fraternal. Nor can we expect to know overnight what it's about. Fraternity is something we live, like marriage, children, grandchildren or a best friend. It is an experience. It comes from the heart and felt from within, like love or compassion.

Allow me to use myself as an example. Some time ago I joined a group of good people. It didn't take too long, but I soon became their leader. What an honor it was to think that these good people trusted me and put their faith in me to lead them along on their path.

They each became my very special friends in a way far too difficult to explain. Then, as things went on, I met many other good people that also became my very special friends. Today I must have hundreds, if not thousands, of very special friends that I wholeheartedly refer to as my fraternal brothers and sisters.

Now here's the good part. It was not a club I joined. It was the Order Sons of Italy in America. You, my brothers and sisters took me into your fold and treated me as an Italian because my wife is, even though I am not. It is because of you that I feel fraternity when I'm either with you or away from you.

At our June Convention, I would sometimes look over at all the delegates and say to myself, these are truly my brothers and sisters and a warm feeling would just overwhelm me. I sincerely thank you for the gift you have given me.

Talking about our Convention, I thought it went extremely well, and our State President, Lynn should take much of the credit for it. With a room of over 150 Italians, you just never know what could happen. Ya did good Lynn.

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It is time to renew your sponsorship of the II Leone

Please make out your checks to the Western Foundation and earmark it for the II Leone. The cost is \$25 per person per year. We did great last year raising \$8,200. Let's do better this year. God knows the paper can sure use the money to survive. Send your donations to me at 718 D Avenida Majorca #D, Laguna Woods, CA 92637. A new list will appear in the July/August issue. I am thanking you all in advance.

Andy Pampuro
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Lloyd Stefani	Valley of the Moon	1959
Virginia Di Benedetto	Joanne Coccia	2553
Robertha Matranga	Rodolfo Valentino	1449
Donald Polastri	Giuseppe Mazzini	2011
Augusta Kolda	Northern Solano	2534



Grand Convention

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medals and money prizes on the last day of the convention. Athletic Chair Mary Lotito was in charge of this event and had some great help from Al Girolami, Joe LaBanca, Marco Zonni, Bill Murphy, John Costa and Manny Finazzo who all acted as referees.

On the same night a slot tournament was held with a big crowd getting involved. After playing two rounds ten people were declared winners. First place winner was Mike Bazzani and then on down the line to number 10 - Dante Cipponeri, Linda Parent-Tasca, Angelo Leone, Rose Nobile, Mark Vaona, Jim Nobile, Ruben Catallo, Linda Enneman and Carol Watson. Each received a cash prize.

The convention officially opened on Thursday a.m. with the introduction of the Grand Lodge and National Lodge officers and committee chairs. Our host lodge was the Giuseppe Verdi Lodge from Sparks under the leadership of President John Menicucci who welcomed us to the convention. Mary Ann Campbell of the Giuseppe Verdi Lodge was the Grand Herald and had the honor of introducing all of the dignitaries. We were welcomed to Sparks by both the Mayor Geno Martini and President John Menicucci.

State Second Vice President John Costa introduced our State Immediate Past President Maria Fassio Pignati to sing the Italian and the American National anthems. the Nevada National Guard presented the colors and the invocation was done by our Orator Sadie Tamburine. State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy welcomed us all to this 80th Grand Lodge Convention. President John Menicucci presented a gift to our First Gent Bill Murphy.

Our Queen Committee Chair Eva Lavezzari introduced the outgoing queen's court and ask that each say a few words. President Lynn presented the outgoing Grand Lodge Queen Emily Eslick with a gift.

President Lynn then introduced Phil Privitera who is a Trustee with the National Sons of Italy Foundation. He spoke very highly about our Il Leone newspaper and it's editor Andy Pampuro. He said he is donating \$1000 to the paper. Phil is one of the most generous man I know and I for one appreciate that he likes our state paper. By the time the convention was over Phil donated over \$4000 to our various charities. Phil lives in Massachusetts and spent the whole week with us with his son, Payton. It was joy to have them with us.

The necrologio was done by David Cipponeri, President of the Modesto Lodge. This is always a touching moment listening to the names of those who have passed on.

When we broke for lunch most of us attended the Queen's Luncheon. It was a very nice affair and a joy to

meet all of the queens. Each girl spoke on how proud they were to represent their respective lodges. Queen chairlady Eva Lavezzari did a beautiful job with these girls. She presented each one with a beautiful silver crown pin as a reminder this event. Our State President spoke very highly of these girls and congratulated each one. Annette Porter, president of the Centinela Valley Lodge gave the invocation.Many thanks to Pam Ricci, President of the Christoforo Columbo Lodge in Reno for helping with the luncheon and for arranging a strolling fashion show with the models wearing fashions from Chico's. The models were Phyllis Basso, Madeline Zunino, Susan Cinfio, Andreana Cirling and Joanne Stralla. All are members of either the Giuseppe Verdi Lodge or the Christoforo Columbo Lodge.

When we resumed the afternoon session of the meeting we heard from the Western Foundation CAO Roy Vanoni. The virious committer chairs gavels or her report.

At each session a credential report was given either by Pam Buldo from the Enrico Caruso Lodge or Mary Jane Cambria from the Renaissance Lodge. Each did an excellent job.

We kept hearing from various committee chairs and their reports. A big discussion was held on the selling of the Grand Lodge building in San Francisco. This discussion lasted way longer than it should have. A straw vote was taken to see how the delegates felt about selling the building. After a long and tiring discussion it was voted to sell the building and a committee will be formed to look into the matter. There is much to consider before we do sell.

On Thursday night we had Theme Night which was dedicated to the railroad system in Sparks. The people either came in railroad attire or country western. A country western band had them two stepping away.

On Friday we heard from Membership Chair Joe Simone who awarded money prizes to the lodges and members who brought in the most members. The lodges that increased their membership were Valley of the Moon, Roma, Saddleback Valley, Dolly Sinatra, Centinela Vally and Anaheim. I'm sorry I didn't get he names of the individual members who brought in the most members.

President Gary Smith from the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge introduced us to our newest charity. It is the Barry Kirshner Wildlife Sanctuary and Education Center in Oroville, California. Representatives of this place brought a couple of animals to the convention. There was a baby lion and a wildcat which everyone had their picture taken holding this animal. You will be hearing more on this new charity in the future.

Our State Historian John Nardi had a beautiful history room for us to enjoy,

Our Webmaster Nicholas Marinelli gave a wonderful report on communication through the internet.

The queens had a rehearsal during lunch while the Royal Court of the Golden Lion held their luncheon. Members who made contributions to this event received their either bronze, silver or gold lions. Some received diamonds to be added to their lions. This was conducted by our State President Lynn because of the absence of Chris Lotito.

After lunch there was a break out seeing for presidents and one of recording secretaries and financial secretaries.

On Friday night the Queen's Pageant was held. Chairlady Eva Lavezzari did a wonderful job coordinating this event. There 14 girls involved one more beautiful than the other. I had the honor to be the MC for the event. I had to read the bio on each girl and allow them to bask in the spotlight. The highlite of the event was the farewell speech from our outgoing Grand Lodge queen Emily Eslick and then the acceptance speech from the incoming Grand Lodge Queen Mary Locido. This little girl is from the C. Columbo Lodge and never had a queen in 90 years in their existence. Mary became their first queen and made the Grand Lodge Queen. She gave one of the most inspiring speeches I ever heard a queen give. The pageant was beautiful enjoyed by all. Lots of pictures were taken throughout the event. After the pageant we had the drawing of the Queen's raffle tickets and the results were as follows:
\$3000 - Hacienda Lodge
2000 - Modesto Lodge
1000 - Roma Lodge
500 - Dora Vorona
100 - Roma Lodge
100 - Cathy Staiti
100 - Anaheim Lodge
100 - La Costa dei Fiori Lodge
100 - Lawrence Romanazzi
100 - Eva Lavezzari

On Saturday morning the top five queens were reintroduced to the delegates. Each one had a few words to say.

Our Youth Committee chair Brian Watson brought in all the children who were at the convention and had each one introduce themselves. This was one of the biggest group of kids I believe we ever had. The kids presented a gift to our State President and for each one who made a donation to the Youth group received a candy jar that the kids made up. Brian is to be commended for his outstanding work with these kids.

Medical Charities Chair Michael Carroll had a few guest speakers. One from the American Cancer Association and the other was from the Alzheimers Association. One of them has Alzheimers and it was very sad listening to him speak knowing he will never get better.

Our host lodge had some beautiful gift baskets which were raffle off on Saturday morning . I was very lucky as I won the biggest basket of

all. Since I flew up there was no way I could take it home. Thanks to our State Trustee Al Trentini who took it home in his car. Thanks, Al.

Bocce prizes and medals were awarded to the winners mentioned earlier in this article.

Donations were made to the various charities and the monies were tabulated by Mark Vaona, David Lavezzari, Annette Porter and Steve Guthrie all members of the Centinela Valley Lodge. We collected \$6810 for the Il Leone plus I have been sending monies to the Grand Lodge office for a long time which totaled \$3365 giving us a grand total of \$10,175. A new list of sponsors is appearing in this issue. If you haven't made your contribution it is not to late to do so.

The Janet Cappello Distinguished Member Award was presented to Michael Colette Smith, a member of the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge. Michael is well know for his famous golf tournaments raising a lot of money for the Grand Lodge.The plaque was awarded to him by Chairman Frank Locicero.

Our convention in 2017 will be in Fresno and in 2018 in Ontario.

A mass was celebrated by the Rev. Philip George from the Immaculate Catholic Church in Sparks.

The convention ended with the Black and White Ball.The MC for the event was Roy Stralla, Vice President of the Giuseppe Verdi Lodge. the pledge of allegiance was done by Past State President and First National Vice President Vera Girolami. Immediate Past President Maria Pignati sang the Italian and American National Anthems. The invocation was done by Father Philip George.

After dinner Scholarship Chair Rosemarie Vanderhaar presented scholarship certificates to seven students. She was assisted by Western Foundation CAO Roy Vanoni, President Lynn Lawrence Murphy and John Tedesco. These students were all brilliant deserving of these scholarships.

The last night of any convention is always a little sad because we may not see each other again. We are all getting older. We missed Chris Lotito, Lawrence Romanazzi, Chick and Lena Massullo, Mario and Norma Marcucci, Bennie Pardini, Joe and Dorothy Simile, Luigi and June Passarelli and Donna Romanazzi Grist who will be moving to Chicago to be near her children.

Many thanks to our State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy for running a wonderful convention.

Thanks to Donna Lee Costa for doing the seating for every event. This is not an easy job. Thanks to the delegates for being very attentive at the meetings and for bringing up some very good ideas.

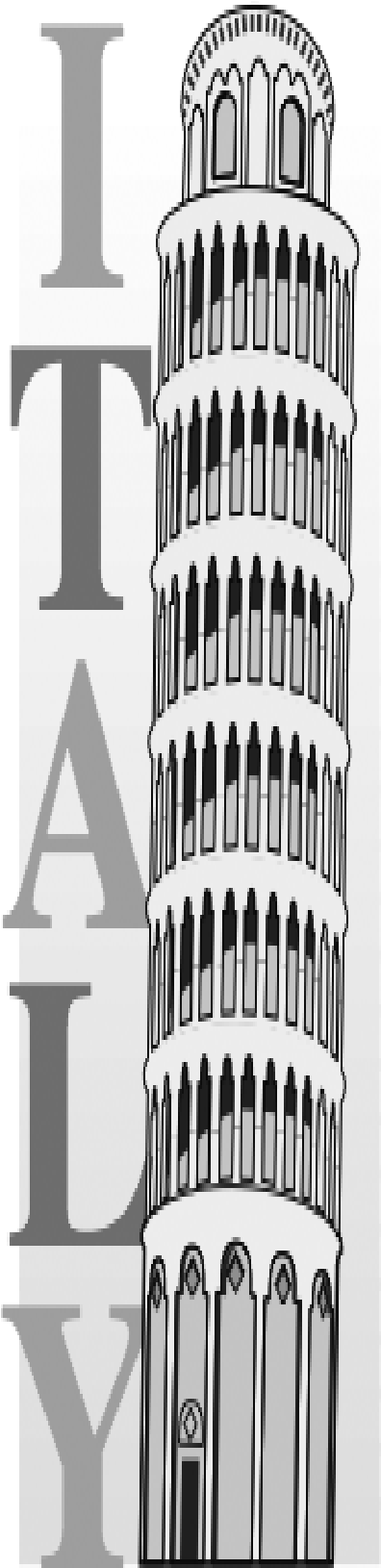
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United Lodges of Southern California

by Andy Pampuro

On Sunday, June 5th, the United Lodges of Southern California met for their meeting. President Gabe Domenici introduced our State Orator Sadie Tamburine who went over the proposed by law changes for the Western Foundation. There were no by law changes proposed for our regular by laws, Gabe also introduced Peter Dito, a member of the Saddleback Valley Lodge who was appointed to be on the Membership Committee under the direction of chairman Joe Simoni. He has

some good ideas. Our Recording Secretary Rosemarie Vanderhaar who is also the Scholarship Committee Chair presented the Peter Tubiolo Memorial Scholarship to Katelyn Stagnaro who graduated from San Pedro High School. She was accompanied by her mother Nensi and brother Alberto. We all enjoyed delicious luncheon ending with a beautiful cake provided by the America, Anaheim and Joanne Coccia lodges.



L/R Nensi Stagnaro, Katelyn Stagnaro and Scholarship Chair Rosemarie Vanderhaar.



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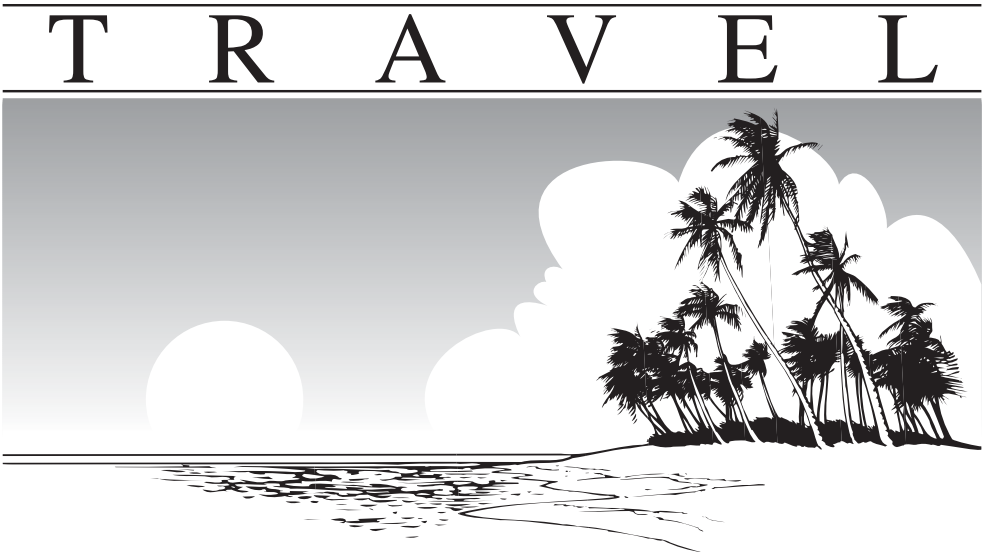
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Italian Weddings

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Love and marriage are a natural part of the life cycle of the sexes. Long ago parents helped to arrange marriages. Today, lovers enjoy romantic notions about courtship and marriage. But most weddings remain traditional and symbolic.

The bride and groom along with the wedding party celebrate with the best food, drink, music, and dancing. The wedding couple cherishes the belief that a blissful marital life awaits them. Family and friends attend a ceremony to witness the pair make vows and give one another wedding rings.

We assign great importance to weddings. They sometimes involve a whole community or country. They bring tears of happiness. They are among the most memorable events of a lifetime. Often weddings involve months of planning. Getting married means choosing of a venue, arranging a banquet, ordering a wedding cake, selecting an elegant wedding dress, and sending invitations.

White weddings, where the bride wears a white wedding dress and veil, are a huge favorite. The tradition was initiated by the wedding of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. Many cultures have adopted the charming Victorian custom.

According to folk wisdom, for luck the bride should wear "something old, something new, something borrowed,

something blue." The guests don formal attire and fashionable clothes. Women put on their most attractive jewelry. The wedding may include speeches by the groom, best man, father and /or mother of the bride, and possibly the bride herself.

Italian and Italian-American weddings include a religious ceremony in a church and a reception or party afterwards. These practices give marriage a social significance. Many people believe marriage is the foundation of society. It establishes the right of a couple to have children whom they can love, shelter, and educate in a proper way. Weddings are so wonderful and longed for that they are a popular theme in art, literature, and music.

Alessandro Manzoni (1785 - 1873) wrote one of the most widely read novels of the Italian language, entitled "I promessi sposi" (The Betrothed). "I promessi sposi" was later made into an opera of the same name by Amilcare Ponchielli. There have been many film versions of it. In 2015, at a weekly general audience at St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis asked engaged couples to read the novel for edification before marriage. The Church regards marriage as a sacrament. The transformation of water into wine at the Wedding at Cana is the first miracle attributed to Jesus in the Gospel of John.

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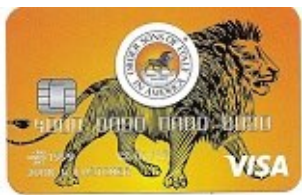
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Columbia #1940	7/30/44
Gold Country	7/20/95
Paridiso #2743	7/10/99

August
C. Colombo-Antioch #1315 8/31/24

Congratulations!!!



Mario Marcucci Celebrates 100th Birthday

by Arlene M Nunziati

Longtime member of Columbia Lodge #1940 and Past 1st State Vice President (and many other offices) Mario Marcucci celebrated his 100th Birthday at the Atria assisted living facility when he and his wife Norma now reside. He was surrounded by many

friends and family for the big celebration. His children were all in attendance, daughters, Arlene and Janet and son Michael and granddaughter Linda. Many certificates and resolutions were presented to

him upon achieving this milestone; certificate from National Lodge presented by National 1st Vice President Vera Girolami, Grand Lodge certificate presented by Immediate Past State President & National Trustee Maria Fassio Pignati, Certificate

from City of San Mateo presented by councilwoman Maureen Freschet, Columbia Lodge certificate presented by old friend & Columbia Lodge officer Rose Leonardi, certificates presented by the Senate and County of San Mateo by Joe Simoni. Thank you to Joe for provid-

ing music and to Maria for the beautiful songs. Mario even tried to accompany her! It was a great day. I am sure everyone remembers him as attending 53 (fifty-three) Consecutive conventions!



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Nat 1st VP Vera Girolami presenting Nat Certificate to Mario.



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Northern
Solano
Lodge # 2534
Fairfield, CA
by Pam Boes and Rick Tracy

At our April General Meeting we were entertained and educated on the production and qualities of olive oil by the representatives of the SEPAY GROVES located locally in the Suisun Valley. Lodge members were treated to a tasting of the various types of olive oil produced by SEPAY.

In April Carol Urban assumed the duties of Financial Secretary and we were pleased to welcome Carol Jones and Sue Trapani as our newest Lodge members.

April 23rd, the date of our Pasta and Chicken dinner, was coordinated by our vice president Don Craddock. The evening was an enormous success. Fantastic food by our kitchen crew, raffle baskets, music by Joe Simone, Roland Vigil and Louie Lodi, open bar, dessert auction, set up and clean up.

A huge THANK YOU to the Fairfield Fire Department Station 37 B shift. When the kitchen crew found that the ovens in the Senior Center were down and chicken for 170 people was in need of cooking, rather than panic, they reached out to Captain Andy Cranston. His crew immediately swung into action, heating their ovens, carrying trays of chicken and cooking the main meal.

May 6th was "Day at the Races" at Golden Gate Fields in Albany CA. A huge Thank You to Rich Barker of arranging this event for 71 Lodge members and their guests. As in the past a wonderful time was had by all attending. No matter if your horse came in or not it was agreed that "the thrill of the race" and the camaraderie of friends made the day. A special Thank You to Caroline Abughazaleh for the many times she has hosted card night this year. We who play cards have named her home "Casino Caroline."

Our June General Meeting is always a pleasure with the introduction of our scholarship recipients. This year they were introduced by scholarship chairperson Sue Cahan. Those recipients are: Shelby Blackman from Vaca High, Jordan Falati from Rodriques High, and Giuliana Gaglianane from Armijo High. John Costa, State V.P. announced a special scholarship for Giulana. Pictures of the recipients will appear with the September article.

Upcoming events: The Annual Geno Bruno Picnic, August 27th and the Columbus Dinner scheduled for October 22nd.

Hanford Lodge # 1543
Hanford, CA
by Jackie Giacomazzi
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President, Louise Silacci, left, and Mistress of Ceremonies, DebbieNardini, far right, present donations totaling over \$2200.00 collectively (from the Lodge and its members) to representatives from the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hanford. The Church was horribly vandalized and set afire recently.



As the birthday song was sung to her, Lilia Giacomazzi proudly holds her cake showing her age---103 on July23!! Lilia will co-host the annual hot dog roast in her garden on August 7.



Junior members attending the June meeting were asked to tell Lodge members of their achievements. Back row: Anna Marie Tesoriere, John Tesoriere, Dominic Zoldak(holding his Grand Lodge Scholarship Certificate from the Lilia Giacomazzi Scholarship fund) and Alec Tesoriere. Front row: Serena and Ashley Alvarez. As well as being honor students, this group also excels in music and sports.

Saddleback Valley
Lodge # 2566
Mission Viejo, CA
by Andy Pampuro, President

On Friday, June 10th we held our general meeting which was a tribute to Fathers' Day. We had a short meeting and then we enjoyed a delicious dinner of an array of foods provided by our members. Hank and Michelle Lowinger spearheaded this with much success. There was enough food to feed an army which included some great desserts. Thanks to all who bought something.

It was nice to see our lovely queen who had some nice words to say. She is looking forward to the convention to meet up wit the other queens. Our State Deputy Rosemarie Vanderhaar had her usual words of wisdom.

Many thanks to the following for donating our raffle prizes Michelle Lowinger, Umberto Martino,

Pat Dito and the first prize was donated by our Vice President Al Rossi which was a musical Italian chef doll and was won by Carmen Moraga Eid. Pete Dito won the attendance award but donated it back to the lodge.

At our July meeting we will be initiating some new members. Plus we will be having a chili cook off with six of our members competing to see who makes the best chili. We will also be showing a movie. All are welcomed to join us.

Many thanks to Pat and Pete Dito who went to the Awards Ceremony at El Modena High School on Sunday, June 12th to present the Greg and Carol Amendola Memorial Scholarship to Celia Janes who will be attending UCLA in the fall.



The winner of the first prize Carmen Moraga Eid.



The fathers who were in attendance at our general meeting.



United Lodges of the San Joaquin Valley

by Jackie Giacomazzi, Secretary

The United Lodges of the San Joaquin Valley met at Mitsui Buffet in Clovis, CA on June 12 hosted by the Roldolfo Valentino Lodge. All Valley Lodges from Clovis, Fresno, Hanford, Tulare, and Visalia were represented. Enrico Caruso's Miss Italy, Christine Bianco, was introduced to the group. Roma Lodge was also congratulated for having

Miss California, Gabrielle Benedetti. Members were very attentive as Rodolfo Valentino Lodge member, Carmela Liberta, gave a presentation of her Italian background, including her life as a child after the German invasion. The next meeting of the United Lodges will be held in September in Fresno.



Charles Sant'Agata, President of the United Lodges of the San Joaquin Valley, poses with Carmela Liberta showing the article in the "Fresno Bee" highlighting her life.



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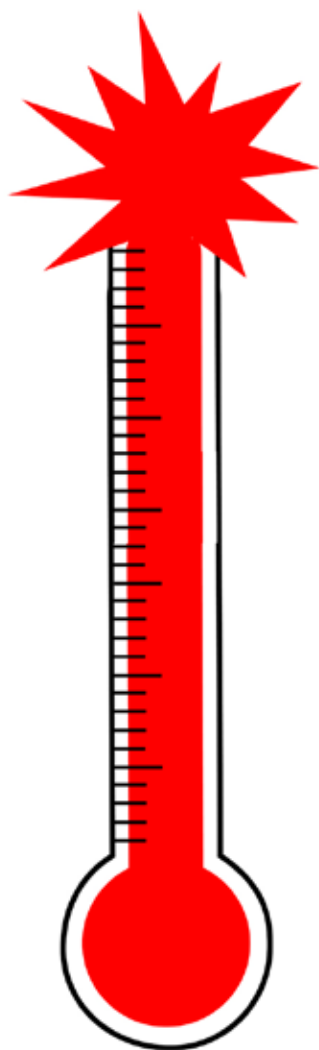
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Summer Heat



Colombo-Stella Lodge # 1149

Fresno, CA
by Olivia DeLiddo Gallegos,
President

Happy 4th! As I write this I am a few days away from leaving for Convention. We have a lot of work to get done, and I will report to you on my return. I am anxious to see members that I only see once a year. There are so many stellar people in our Fraternity. I also look forward to meeting the Presidents of our newly formed Lodges. Next year, Fresno hosts the Convention. I hope many of you will come out to see what we do each year and how it affects you. I will need, all of my members to help and in the next couple of months, we'll be forming special committees for it.

We are pretty quiet this month and next. We will start gearing up for our annual September Fundraiser. We lost some key members who do a lot for this Fundraiser, so I really need members to step up and volunteer to help.

Happy Birthday to our members with birthdays in June Linda Gomez, Savannah Anderson, Gerald Pieroni, Yolanda Canzio. July: Emilia Canzio August: Christopher Don Nulick, Eddie Fanucchi, Steve Ohanesian, Anna De-Witt, Leonardo Canzio, and Jeanette Howard.

I wish you all a happy summer. Until next time, Ciao



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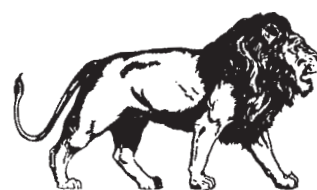
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La Habra, California
by Yolanda Campanelli, Historian

WOW- what an afternoon, on Sunday May 15th, America Lodge #1609 scheduled the Mens' Cake Baking Contest. Our special guest and "Cake Judge" was Trustee from the South, Al Trentini. The business meeting was held outdoors in the patio of Yolanda Campanelli's home. At the conclusion of the meeting everyone went inside to have a ringside seat while Al began his "task" of judging the cakes as to the decorations and taste. After quite a bit of deliberating he came to his decisions. The most "Artfully Decorated" cake was baked in the model of the Parthenon, by Vice President Leo Norton. The "Most Delicious" was the cake baked by Angelo Grimaldi, consisting of fruit cocktail and decorated with marsh mellows, very tasty and beautiful. State Deputy Mark Vaona made a "Super" Lemoncello Bundt Cake. Even though Jeff Gardner was unable to attend, he contributed a beautifully frosted layer cake with strawberry filling, just to make sure we would have enough cake for dessert. Everyone was able to have samples of all the cakes with their coffee. This was a great way to enjoy the "skill" of the men and visiting with the other members. Again, what an afternoon. "THANKS GUYS" for making it happen.

On Saturday, May 21, 2016, a group of America Lodge members, President Linda Enneman, Leo Norton, Donna Norton, Tina Forte, Dee Tucker, Elizabeth De Lorenzo, Tony De Lorenzo, Gina Danza, Christina Mosieve and Adela Macaluso, attended Centinela Valley Lodges' 67th Anniversary, not only to have a good time, but to also add our Congratulations to the Honoree Mark Vaona, State Deputy of America Lodge. A tribute well deserved

Sunday, May 22, the Lodge had another get-together, Manon Crow, Marilyn Gavioli, Pat Gavioli, Norma Danza, Tina, Forte, Leo and, Donna Norton, Dee Tucker, Liz and Tony De Lorenzo, Yolanda Campanelli and President Linda Enneman, went to Pizza

Rev, a new pizza place in La Habra. for a relaxing afternoon. Not only did we sit around and talk, eat good pizza but earned some revenue for the Lodge. Thanks Manon, for arranging this event.

On June 23, 24 and 25, President Linda Enneman and Alternate Delegate Lucy Sacco will be attending the OSIA State Convention in Sparks, Nevada. America Lodge #1609 will be making pledges to the Lupus Foundation, Heart Association, Scholarship and the Youth Programs. They will bring back pertinent information for the Lodge.

The June 12th meeting was very active as we covered many business details. America Lodge Past President Joe George (America Lodge's Legend President) and Isabel Pillado were guests and after the meeting we all sat around reminiscing about some of the events that America Lodge used to have, such as Talent Shows, Trips to the Theatre, events after the meetings ie: Bingo, crafts etc, and hope that in the future we can try some of them again. Thanks to Claire Cravatt for providing the refreshments. The decorations were nice too. Very festive and colorful.

In July the plans for the Lions Club/La Habra Corn Festival, which is the first weekend in August will be finalized. This is a very important event for America Lodge as it is a fund raiser. We would likel the other local lodges and friends to come and participate by buying the sausage, pepper, onion sandwiches and having a slice of pizza.

America Lodge continues to be productive as we plan for a BBQ in August, another small fundraiser in September, our Anniversary Celebration in November, The Pot Luck Dinner, Toy and Food Drive also in November. December brings the Christmas Party.

We invite everyone to join us in these events, so that we can become better acquainted and have good times together. "Fratellanza" the key word of the "Sons of Italy in America" CIAO.

Vincenzo Bellini Lodge #2519

Chico, CA
by Jeanne Smith

Sadly, I must report that we lost a dear member on May 14th. Rich Lipari lost his valiant battle with cancer that day; he will be missed greatly. We offer Rich's wife Karen and his family our deepest condolences.

Our most senior member, Pete Merlo is celebrating his 101st birthday on June 24th! Pete has seen unbelievable changes over the years, as our Lodge President Gary Smith pointed out. He emailed a list of facts about the year 1915; the average life expectancy for men was 47 years, the average wage was 22 cents an hour, the American flag had 45 stars, ninety percent of doctors had no college education, and the population of Las Vegas was 30, you get the picture! Pete grew up in Stirling City, which is nestled in the Sierra Nevada foothills east of Chico, it was a company town for Diamond Match Company, which in

itself has a rich history. The Merlo family was part of the Italian community there and ultimately were quite influential. Another of our members, Joe Azzarito, did some digging and found a very interesting article about Pete's family and their lives and influence in Stirling City, I'm sure our President Gary Smith would be willing to share it with anyone interested.

Our membership committee put on a Bocce Ball tournament Sunday, June 12th. There was a nice turn out and some friendly competition among the players. We even had a few new faces, maybe even new members!

We celebrated our 34th Anniversary with dinner at a local restaurant, Panighetti's on Saturday night, June 18th. Thanks to Cathy Lucido for putting that together for us.

Of course we are dark in July, but we will come roaring

back on Sunday August 14th for our Annual Family Picnic! Always a fun day with great food and friends and yes a raffle! Again this year the picnic will be at Manzanita Place, behind the Chico Elks Lodge. Recording Secretary

Yvette Sanfilippo (530-519-2974) is looking for volunteers to help with set-up, cooking, salads, watermelon, etc.

Monday, October 17th, marks the Annual Western Foundation Sons of Italy Golf Classic, be sure to contact Michael Smith (530-682-5641) or Don Smith (530-898-8112) and let them know you want to sponsor a tee, donate a raffle item from your lodge or business, play golf or just attend dinner and the raffle! It's a great day of golfing and comaraderie. This is a big day for the Western Foundation as well as our lodge!

Enjoy your summer!



Patty Nelson, Jan Martinez, and Pattie Denito watching the competition and planning their next throw of the Bocce Ball!



The cake says it all! 34 Years!



Cake Baking Contest Winners
Leo Norton "Judge" Al Trentini Angelo Grimaldi



Renaissance Lodge # 2250

Orange, CA
by Frank J. DeSantis, Past State National President

Our monthly meeting was held in honor of Fathers Day on Jun 15th, 6 PM at the 1st Presbyterian Church in Orange. Approximately 50 members, guests, Lodge and State Officers were in attendance. Guests included National Trustee Joseph La Banca and his wife Mary, 3RD State Vice President Ted Seibel and his wife, Grand Lodge Scholarship Chair Rosemarie Vanderhaar, State President Carolyn "Lynn" Lawrence Murphy and her husband Bill.

David A Prisco, President Renaissance Lodge presided over the meeting. He called on Lodge Vice President Paul Licata to do the opening prayer and Past Lodge President Tom Rizzo for the

Flag Salute. He then acknowledged Debbie Sommese Lodge Financial Secretary and Lodge Trustee Barbara Rizzo for arranging all the food for the evening.

He then acknowledge all the fathers and the women who were serving them.

He called on State President Lynn to begin the Scholarship Program. Lynn asked Rosemarie to join her. Both Lynn and Rosemarie were extremely complimentary about Chiara's application indicating that it was the best they had seen and how impressed they were with the numerous academic and community accomplishments by Chiara.

Lynn then presented her with the Henry Salvatori \$5000 scholarship award and a beautiful certificate. Chiara was very gracious in her acceptance speech and thanked the Order for its generosity. She emphasized the family support she received and her Italian heritage which she could recall since early childhood. She thanked the lodge also for its support and giving her the opportunity to be of service, she further explained her plans upon graduation to attend college at the University of Washington where she planned to major in Public Health and become a physician. Photos were taken with Dr John Russo, Renaissance Lodge Scholarship Chair and President Prisco who presented Chiara with the Renaissance Lodge Junior member scholarship in the amount of \$1000 along with a beautiful certificate for her community service and outstanding academic achievements. Chiara received a loud round of applause in honor of her high achievements and well deserved recognition.

The ceremony of initiation then took place with State President Lynn serving as Lodge President, Tom Rizzo as Herald, Dr. Licata first vice president and Maurio Guardi as orator. One new member was initiated, and after his initiation he presented our State President with a historical book as a gift.

Steve Tomeo was called to give an Orange Street Fair report and announced that a collaborative arrangement had been worked out with Caterina's Club in Anaheim for cooks in training and help from the youth to work the food booth at the street fair. Caterina's Club is a local charity that some of our members and the Grand Lodge has supported with grants and charitable donations. Steve Tomeo was commended for his accomplishment and encouraging report. Six potentially new members were in attendance at our meeting and were invited to join. They were given an opportunity to speak.

Angel Vasquez spoke on the pending Paolo Mesa Casino Bus trip announcing that 50 members and guests had signed up.

Angel then conducted the Raffle and gave out the prizes to winners. (photos attached).

David Prisco called on Past National President and

State President to speak. Frank thanked Lynn for all of her support especially in the past as she has traveled to attend many of our events including the Columbus Day Celebration at Bowers Museum. He then called on Past First Lady Eileen to make two presentations, the first to Lynn of a beautiful array of flowers and then to Rosemarie Vanderhaar for her effort as Scholarship Chair.

President Prisco called on Our State President for closing Remarks; Lynn said that the Renaissance Lodge is one of the best in the Order and has a wonderful record of achievements and continuous support to the Grand Lodge. Her remarks were received with much appreciation.

President Prisco then called on Paul Licata for the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned and desserts were enjoyed by all.



Eileen presents flowers to Rosemarie.



Eileen presents flowers to Lynn.



Father's Day attendees at Lodge meeting.



Father's Day T-shirt raffle winners Lodge Meeting.



Chiara and John Russo at Scholarship presentation.



Chiara and State President Lynn Lawrence-Murphy at Scholarship presentation.

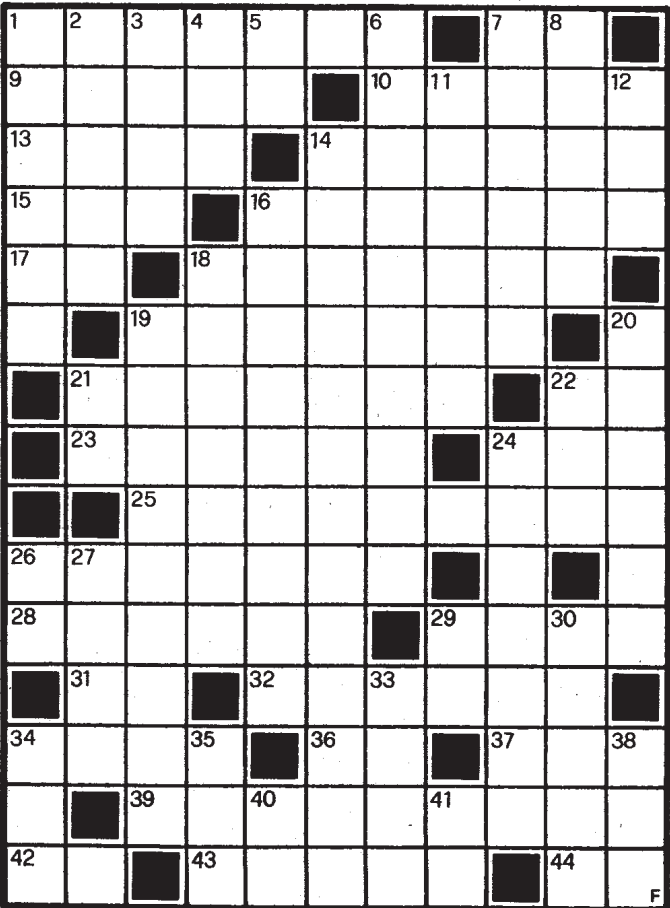


Chiara with grandparents at scholarship.

80th Grand Lodge Convention



CRUCIVERBA



ORIZZONTALI

- 1. Città del Venezuela.
- 7. Ultimo Scorso.
- 9. Si consultano prima di partire.
- 10. Protegge il capo del centauro.
- 13. Hanno fili taglienti!
- 14. Ballo indiavolato.
- 15. Orecchio nei prefissi.
- 16. Luogo d'attracco per le navi.
- 17. La fine del lavoro...
- 18. Frutta confettata.

- 19. Né bionda né bruna.
- 21. Eugenio, premio Nobel per la letteratura.
- 22. La prima nota.
- 23. Personale, nascosto.
- 24. Ministero in breve.
- 25. Cavilloso, pedante.
- 26. Antica divinità sabina.
- 28. Raziocinio, criterio.
- 29. Due volte quattro.
- 31. Velo senza pari.
- 32. Il nostro Paese.
- 34. Allegra, ilare, contenta.

- 36. Iniz. di Respighi.
- 37. Verso del corvo.
- 39. Degno di rispetto.
- 42. Sigla di Sassari.
- 43. Fratello di Caino.
- 44. Tira in centro.

VERTICALI

- 1. Li stende il pittore.
- 2. Pronto per la semina.
- 3. Si diparte dal tronco.
- 4. Altari pagani.
- 5. Particella pronominale.
- 6. Immorale, indecoroso.
- 7. È di sicurezza nei teatri!
- 8. Ancoraggi, approdi.
- 11. Piccole imposte.
- 12. Uno... sul dollaro.
- 14. Sparge l'infezione!
- 16. Fanno molto uso di farina.
- 18. Si esibiscono in coro.
- 19. Si chiede nel dubbio.
- 20. Mancava ai primi film.
- 21. La terza nota.
- 22. L'ultimo mese sul datario.
- 24. Ascetici, contemplativi.
- 26. Prima e quarta di quale.
- 27. Sono alimenti completi.
- 29. Poco oltre...
- 30. Si nutrono di legno.
- 33. Lago salato asiatico.
- 34. Se fugge sono guai!
- 35. Parità di dosi.
- 38. L'aria del Petrarca.
- 40. Obietta agli inizi...
- 41. Simbolo del berillio.

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Gold Country Lodge # 2705

El Dorado Hills, CA
by Joanne Hyman

On Tuesday, May 17th, the Gold Country Lodge awarded two scholarships at their Annual Scholarship Dinner. For 16 years this lodge has selected graduating high school seniors attending El Dorado Union High School District campuses. This year one \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to student of Italian decent. The second scholarship, \$500, was awarded to a student who with exemplary performance in the Italian language four year course of study at Oakridge High School. Applications are reviewed and ranked by a committee. As it turned out this year all winners were of Italian decent including the winner of the state level scholarship.

A \$7,500 value scholarship from the Sons of Italy Grand Lodge of California was awarded to Arianna Pizzuti who will attend UC Berkeley majoring in accounting.

This scholarship provides a month of study at the University in Pisa, Italy this summer with paid expenses as well. Cassandra Mulholland was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. She will attend Liberty University to pursue a nursing career. Both of these students graduated from El Dorado High School. Mikhyla Polivka, from Oakridge High School, received the \$500 Italian language scholarship. She will attend the United States Coast Guard Academy.

As always, generous community participation at our polenta dinner, shrimp feed, and the second annual Pasta Bowl tournament/dinner provided income for the local scholarships. The lodge is grateful to those who enthusiastically supported our effort through donations and/or participation which allowed another year of fun and Italian American traditions in our region.



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Shasta Lodge # 2453

Redding, CA
by Carole Cellaragione

We began June by hosting a fundraiser for the Redding Grange. This fundraiser goes directly to their scholarship program. While they sold just over 100 tickets, people enjoyed the spaghetti and meatball dinner and the great raffle.

Shasta Lodge held a steak night event on June 18th with about 100 people enjoying either steak or chicken, with ravioli, salad, bread and spumoni ice cream for dessert. Once again a nice event chaired by Jim Giacomelli. Jim Nobili stepped away from behind the bar for this event and cooked a very tasty sauce for the ravioli.

Our guest for Steak Night was Preston Sharp and some of his family. Preston is 10 years old and in November 2015 he entered a cemetery to honor a veteran, his grandfather. He wondered why there weren't any flags to honor the fallen veterans. He was upset and decided to do something about it so he started collecting money. Since that time Preston has put 2500 flags and 800 flowers on veterans' gravesites. He visits the cemetery every Sunday, rain or shine.

We passed the basket around and between what we collected and a donation from Shasta Lodge, Preston ended up with about \$680. Preston and his family were very appreciative. A couple of volunteers from our lodge, Rita Mandina and Anita Branch were out there the next day to help Preston.

We have our suitcases packed for convention this next week. We are looking forward to getting together with friends from other lodges, meeting the queen candidates, making donations to our charities, and seeing the very deserving scholarship recipients.

On July 29th we will be at Tiger Field in Redding for a Redding Colt 45s baseball game and some of us will be attending Italian Heritage Night at the Sacramento Rivercats game.

One of our long time members will be celebrating his 100th birthday on July 14th. His family will honor him with a dinner at the lodge on July 10th and we will celebrate with cake and ice cream at our July general meeting on July 18th. Wishing a very happy 100th birthday to Al Massa.

We wish you all a wonderful 4th of July.

Your friends at Shasta Lodge.



Ravioli Cooks - Lillie Minsart, Jim Giacomelli, John Tasello, Jim Nobili, and Alan Wolochuk were in charge of ravioli for our Steak Night.



Jim G. and Preston - Jim Giacomelli introduces Preston Sharp at our Steak Night Event.



Preston at Cemetery - Preston Sharp shown putting flags and flowers on veteran's gravesites

Rodolfo Valentino

Lodge # 1449

Clovis, CA
by Carole Watson, President;
Lou Catallo, Historian; lcatallo@aol.com

Month of June: The United Lodge of the San Joaquin came to Clovis for their quarterly meeting, hosted by our lodge at the Mitsui Restaurant at Shaw Ave and Villa. In presence were Hanford's centenarian Lilia Giacomazzi, who led us in grace for the meeting; also present was Christina Bianci, our Grand Lodge Queen candidate. Carmela Liberte was our featured speaker, recounting her early years in Italy as her family dodged the German Army; her family lived near Monte Casino, which was a target for Allied forces. Bombarded by air and targeted by ground based cannon (by coincidence, the American field artillery battalion camped in the plains next to my parents walled city of Pastena as they regrouped for their move toward Monte Casino), a great deal of devastation was happening in that particular area, causing her family to constantly relocate to avoid being killed either by Allied efforts or German defenses. She also mentioned how she immigrated to America, married, and came to Clovis, where her new family opened the Luna's Pizzeria and restaurant. Many folks under-estimated the demand for Italian food in Clovis at the time, but the restaurant proved to be a success from the start, as we all know today. The food was great and remains so to this day. "Let's go to Luna's" is a popular cry in our area.

Grand Lodge Covention: We sent our delegation to Sparks, Nevada, last month to join with all the California, Washington, Oregon, and Nevada lodges to elect officers and discuss other business; it is too early, as of this writing, to make any reports, but, look to the September issue for more information. The Cristoforo Colombo Lodge 1534 of Reno, Nevada hosted this event. Just for information, the Colombo-Stella Lodge 1149 of Fresno will host the convention next year, 2017, and we are sure that our own Clovis Lodge will be in the forefront to help.

Roberta Matraga: As you know, our Chaplain, Roberta, passed away recently, but before passing, she wanted to donate her 1951 wedding dress to a museum. We contacted the Clovis Museum, 401 Pollasky Ave, Clovis, to see if they were interested, and they were. The dress, beautifully imagined and crafted, now resides at the Clovis Museum, but is not yet presented; as soon as it is, we will let you know when it is available for viewing.

October Italian Dinner Fest: It is not too early to begin planning for this event, scheduled for Monday, October 17; find out from your family and friends how many tickets you will need. These pasta dinners are getting better and more popular every year, so get your order for ticket as soon as you can. There are no August issues for the Il Leone, so we won't be able to remind you again until September.

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

Mark Twain said once that "The best way to get ahead is to start". One way of "starting" is with a scholarship: Call our Scholarship Committee Chair, Isabel Ronzano, at (559) 297-0851, for information on this topic. The deadlines: for Clovis Lodge scholarships, March 31, 2017, for next year (but start now); for California State Grand Lodge Scholarships: March 1, 2017 for next year; and for National scholarships the date is generally November to February of any year (for more information go to <https://www.osia.org/students/scholarships.php>).

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/>.



Worthy State President Grand Council Members and State Delegates,
I wanted to thank each and everyone of you for presenting me with the Janet Capello Distinguished Member Award at the 2016 State Convention.

I was humbled and extremely surprised by your wonderful jester to have picked me for such an award.

Sister Janet will always be in my heart for all that she accomplished for the order and I will continue to look up to her with great admiration. I can only try to continue to follow in her footsteps for the good of the order.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Colletti Smith

SUMMERTIME

Centinela Valley Lodge # 1991

Torrance, CA
by Annette Porter

Our May 67th Anniversary dinner was an enjoyable evening. We had a wonderful prime rib or chicken wellington dinner, the food was fantastic as usual our caterer did another fantastic job. The members that help put this event together, we would not have had a beautiful decorated hall. Without each and every one of them our events would not be successful. We would like to "Thank" each of the lodges and state officers that attend our anniversary; America Lodge, Anaheim Lodge, La Costa Dei Fiori Lodge, Pugliese Lodge, Renaissance Lodge and Saddleback Lodge. The state officers, our State Deputy Rosemarie Vanderhaar, Italian Language & Culture Chairperson Vita Zaccaria, Past State President Joe LaBanca and wife Mary, State Orator and Representing the State President Sadie Tamburine and husband Sid.

Our honoree Mark Vaona had many of his family and friends in attendance. Mark has been a member of Sons of Italy for the past 38 years. He has had many position on the board, he held the presidents position for 7 1/2 years plus many other positions. He is currently our Orator. Mark being honored was long overdue and well deserved.

We have started our monthly bocce. Our first scheduled event was our June Afternoon Luncheon on Sunday June12th, we had many people outside playing bocce and many inside playing bingo. We had many members help with the food for the luncheon. Mark Vaona handled the barbequing as usual the lunch was delicious. Thank you to all the members and friends that came out for the Sunday luncheon.



Mark Vaona and his family in attendance at our 67th Anniversary Dinner Dance.



Sadie Tamburine presenting Mark Vaona with the Certificate of Appreciation from our State President.



Five of our past queens in attendance - Lori Blackwell, Lisa Vaona-Case, Gilma Vaona, Britany Garnica and Nicole Vaona.



Amedeo and Francesca Rocca enjoying their evening with Joe and Mary LaBanca.



Mary Paradice enjoying her friend Barbara at our June Afternoon Luncheon.



Pat Porter and his mother Marge enjoying their visit with Brian Sinaguglia at the June luncheon.

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A Sons of Italy Family Celebrates Three Graduations

by Rosemarie Biagetti Vanderhaar

The family is celebrating three graduations this year. Three grandsons, two graduated from college and one from high school. All three are junior members of the Pugliese Lodge No. 1375 and will be continuing their education.

Kellen Brower graduated from the University of the Pacific in Stockton with a degree in Business Administration. He finished four years in three but is continuing his education there. He is son of Eric and Kim (Vanderhaar) Brower of Oceanside.

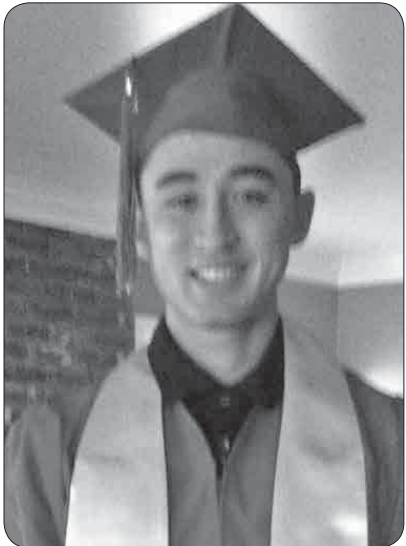
Cameron Tuck, completing three years, graduated from Pasadena City College. In September, Cameron will be attending the University of California, Los Angeles, where he plans to continue his education in Economics

and Business Administration. He is the son of Scott and Kris (Vanderhaar) Tuck of Temple City.

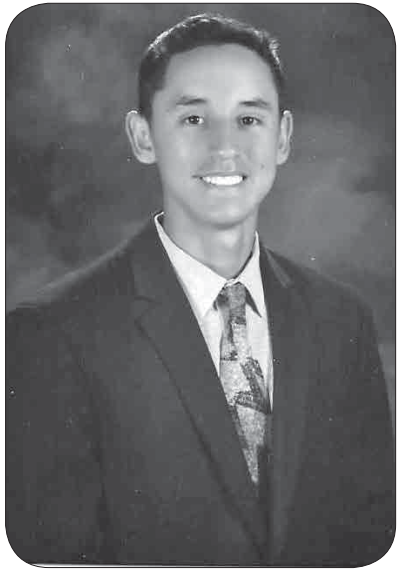
Ryan Tuck graduated from Arcadia High School and will be attending Pasadena City College. He is an Athlete Scholar and Arcadia Rotary Athlete and an MVP for baseball. He hopes to be able to play baseball while at PCC. Hasn't quite decided on what major study to pursue. He is the youngest son of Scott and Kris Tuck.

Finishing her first year studying for her Master's Degree in Criminal Justice at Michigan State University is past Pugliese Lodge Queen Kelsey Brower.

Congratulations to them and their parents.



Cameron Tuck



Cameron Tuck



Kellen Brower

La Costa dei Fiori Lodge # 2424

Encinitas, Ca.
by Mary DeFalco

What a busy month we've all had!! Graduations, Father's Day, the beginning of summer BBQ's and the preparation for vacation plans.

In this month's column we are celebrating the many accomplishments of our own children and grandchildren. Of course they are all great, but some of them work harder and should be noticed for their educational success.

Anthony Fregoso, grandson of Josephine and Felix Bucelli, not only got accepted into the University of Southern California but has completed his freshman year at the USC, Marshall School of Business, with an international business trip to Taipei, Taiwan and Singapore.

His sister, Alea Fregoso, is entering her senior year in high school at Santa Fe Christian and completed a mission trip to Rwanda, Africa in June. In addition, her junior class built and furnished a home for a family of six in Tijuana, Mexico through the Build a Miracle Foundation.

Mary Elizabeth Ange-22 is a recent graduate of the nursing program at Kennesaw State University. She is the granddaughter of Carolyn and Sal Ange. Mary Elizabeth is now a RN Clinical Nurse working in the 3North Trauma NICU at Wellstar Health System, Kennestone Hospital, Kennesaw, GA.

Nathan Tholl- 16 is the grandson of Carolyn and Sal Ange, and a junior at Vista High School. His awards include: The San Diego Union-Tribune 31st year honoring 2016 All-Academic Team: baseball. The All-Academic team honors juniors and seniors who participated in a CIF-approved varsity sport and maintained a cumulative, weighted grade-point average of 3.0 or better.

And yet another grandson of Carolyn and Sal Ange, Hayden Bentley-11 and a student of Santa Fe Christian, has already began his career winning awards. Pop Warner Scholar 2016. He has been recognized as one of the Top 1% of over 350,000 scholar-athletes, National All American.

Kathryn Webb-20, daughter of Susan Webb and granddaughter of Sadie Tamburine, is a junior at Cal Poly University, San Luis Obispo studying mechanical engineering and was just elected president of the Cal Poly Society of Automotive Engineers.

Her sister, Natalie Webb-18 is a sophomore at Grand Canyon University, Phoenix. Natalie will represent La Costa Dei Fiori Sons of Italy Lodge #2424 at the Queens' Contest.

Luke Lindgren-18, and son of Debbie Lindgren, just graduated from Canyon Crest Academy and will be attending the University of Cali-

fornia in San Diego. He has 1st place at the San Diego Summer Science Festival, 1st Place for Water Environment Foundation at the Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair, National AP Scholar, Silver Congressional Medal, 3rd degree black belt. He won the Student to Italy award from Sons of Italy. He also received an Academic Cord at Graduation for being in the top 10% of graduating class.

He also has a brother, Mark Lindgren- 15. He just completed his freshman year at Canyon Crest Academy. Mark has received the Gold Presidential Volunteering Award, **Bronze Congressional** Medal and 1st Place for English Style Horseback Riding at the Helen Woodward Horse Show. Mark serves on the Teen Volunteers in Action's Leadership Council.

Harrison La Porta-21, has just graduated from Oswego SUNY; Business Administration on the Dean's list. Harrison is the grandson of Patricia Veltri.

His brother Cameron La Porta-19, is a 2 year Scholarship recipient with the La Cross Team, Pfeiffer University NC.

Morgan Van Dyke-15, is another granddaughter of Patricia Veltri and is on the

Honor Roll, and has received recognition for Attendance and Math. She is an athlete and on the Cross Country team, in the Northport HS Marching Band. She also has time to be on the principal's list every year.

Her sister Avery Van Dyke-13, has received recognition for gymnastics, dance, photography and art. Northport Jr. Hi Principals list every year.

Devin Thurman Silverstein-15, another grandson of Patricia Veltri, is a trophy winning Catcher with the Island Trees NY Little League for 8 years. Honor roll every year

His brother Ian Silverstein-13 has received the Island Trees Humanitarian Award besides being on the honor roll every year. He has been a sponsor of the St. Baldrics charity for 3 years in a row and had to shave his head for this yearly event.

Wow! What a great group of future leaders of America with an Italian heritage to back them up. And last but not least, Tyler Davis-18, is the recipient of the SOI Scholarship Award. He was presented with his award at our June meeting and is off to Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo.

Until we meet again, have a great summer!!

365 Fund Raiser - Winners

June 1-15

1	\$25.00	OSIA Watsonville #2016
2	\$25.00	Roldan & Frances Vigil
3	\$25.00	Arlene Nunziati
4	\$25.00	Avery Watson
5	\$25.00	Adivane Pardine
6	\$25.00	Waldo Lorenzini
7	\$25.00	Nancy Anderson
8	\$25.00	Patsy Rushing
9	\$25.00	Vivian Santilli
10	\$25.00	Chris Lotito
11	\$25.00	Arlene Nunziati
12	\$25.00	James Hill
13	\$25.00	Mary Luzzi
14	\$25.00	Linda Nunziati
15	\$25.00	Meri Sorrella

June 16-30

16	\$25.00	Watsonville Lodge 2016
17	\$25.00	Rodolfo Valentino Lodge
18	\$25.00	Bubba Ziegler
19	\$200.00	Tony Sestito
20	\$25.00	Fran Catallo
21	\$25.00	Adeline Nettleton
22	\$25.00	Chiara Rose DeSantis
23	\$25.00	Roberta Oswald
24	\$25.00	Susan Dunsford
25	\$25.00	Jason Trigleth
26	\$25.00	Manny Finazzo
27	\$25.00	Chentel Fizio
28	\$25.00	Genny Arietta
29	\$25.00	Paula Lehn
30	\$50.00	Arlene Nunziati

Cristoforo Colombo Lodge #1534

Reno, NV
by Historian, Maria Nelson

For the last several months, our regular meeting hall has been getting remodeled but we made it through. In April, Barbara Wiesnewski, our immediate past president, stepped in and talked about the great benefits of being part of Sons of Italy and how we can connect to members throughout the United States. Barbara is always willing to help in any way she can. Not only is she a State officer, she & Ken maintain our Carmen Ghia car at the National Auto Museum in Reno. She arranges our Aces Baseball game night each year and many other things. This year our game is July 15th.

Our main fundraising event of the year is our Festa Primavera, which was held on April 30th with over 340 people attending. Madeleine Zunino and her hard working committee were amazing as everyone knew their jobs and did fantastic work in all areas of the event; tickets, table arrangement, servers, bar, cooks in the kitchen & pasta, raffle and we added a silent auction thanks to the great donations of several members especially the Brooks Family, we raised \$2900 there alone!! We want to thank all of the members who helped, sold tickets and all who attended this event so we can continue to fund our charitable giving & scholarships.

In May, we had our Member Initiation. We initiated 11 members. Lori Rossi, Secretary of the Grand Lodge and Joy Bruno, State Trustee of the North, were our initiation officers. Our new members included: Bill Nelson; Sam Olson; Lydia Aberasturi; David Pincolini; Michael Fassi; Annemarie Chavez; Laurie Maloy; Daniel Viveiros; Ann Torrise; John Naut; Frank Tagliano; and Robert Tagliano. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner by our Chef Antonio Ricci and were updated with our Festa report. Our Festa was a bigger success than ever; because of this success we voted to give another \$1,000 scholarship in 2017.

In June we presented our \$2500 scholarship to Andrew Dobrowski. Andrew had many accomplishments during his high school years at Galen High School in Reno. Among other things, Andrew said, "The Sons of Italy Scholarship will assist me in paying for my undergraduate degree and eventually medical school. I greatly appreciate the financial support and encouragement I have received from the Sons of Italy". We were so happy to give Andrew this scholarship.

We are looking forward to The State Convention in Sparks Nevada where our Lodge Queen Carleigh Barber will be presented as a Duchess of the Grand Lodge.

This year, two of our members, Donna and Suraj Zutshi, celebrate 35 years in business as the Travel Center. They have sent many of us on great adventures. Also, Hugh and Pamela Ricci received their 35 year pins at our May meeting.

We look forward to our annual picnic August 28th at Idlewild Park in Reno. It's always a fun day. We have a salami toss game, other games for the children, and great food brought by our members. Our members, the Andersons, will once again make their delicious Italian sausages for this fun-filled day.

We are blessed to have so many young children attend our meetings. They enjoy learning about their Italian heritage as we have our business meeting. Afterwards, they share their art and/or news with us.

REMEMBER ... A tavola non si invecchia (you don't age while seated for a meal).

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

Passa una buona - Enjoy your Summer!



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Napa Lodge # 2043

Napa, CA
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Napa Lodge 2043 Congratulates our 2016 Scholarship Recipients!



Katherine Michelin, Justin Sienna High School with Financial Secretary/Scholarship Chairlady Julie Querin.



Roman Ruffino, Napa High School with Vice President/Scholarship Committee Member Seth Rossi.



Domenic DiSalvo, New Tech High School with President Anna Graeber.



Stephanie Siqueiros, Vintage High School with Vice President/Scholarship Committee Member Seth Rossi.



Joanne Coccia Lodge # 2553

Fontana, CA
by Anthony Finazzo



Joe Bono's Restaurant became a local source of Italian foods previously unavailable in the area.

Bono's Restaurant and Deli is a historic restaurant located at 15395 Foothill Boulevard in Fontana, California. The restaurant opened in 1936 to serve travelers on U.S. Route 66, which then passed in front of the site; it originally operated as a produce stand. In 1943, increased traffic on the high-way prompted the owners to expand their operations, and the current building was constructed as a full-service restaurant. Mama Bono was a figure head at the restaurant and greeted every customer as they walk in. The restaurant building has a Streamline Modern design and features red and green stripes promoting its Italian cuisine as well as painted grapevines promoting its wine. As Fontana's Italian immigrant community grew in the 1940s, the restaurant also became a local source of Italian foods previously unavailable in the area.

The Big Orange, a 7-foot tall orange-shaped citrus stand, is located on the property of the restaurant. The Orange Stand was originally located 3 miles to the east; restaurant owner Joe Bono purchased the stand in the 1990s and moved it to its current site. While the restaurant had an orange-shaped stand of its own when it served Route 66 traffic, it was eventually demolished due to decreased demand. The Big Orange is one of six surviving orange-shaped buildings in California.

The restaurant, which is currently closed, was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2008. Joe Bono received permission to move the building 20 feet back from Foothill Boulevard in 2013. There are people who have lived in Fontana for many years and they know parts of this great town's history. There are a select few who have lived here for 80-plus years and have seen so much change. Some, like Joe Bono, are still working to keep the history alive.

Joe is a man who was born in Fontana in 1930. His parents settled here in the 1920s. Joe was born in a doctor's office before any hospitals existed in this city. The only elementary school that existed was located where City Hall stands today.

He went to Fontana Junior High School and once he got to high school, he attended Chaffey in Ontario because there wasn't a high school in Fontana yet. Once he graduated, he offered to drive the high school students in a school bus from Fontana over to Chaffey High in Ontario, California. He then went on to attend USC and graduated from USC Law School. He worked for the district attorney's office in San Bernardino for a number of years. In 1995, his mother passed away and he decided to return to the family business.

Joe's parents opened Bono's Deli and Restaurant in 1936. The family had originally moved here for the grapes. Back in those days, Fontana was filled with Vineyards. Joe's father and grandfather would harvest the grapes. The first batch was sold and shipped back east. The second batch was sold to the local wineries. The Bono family members kept the third batch and made their own wine.

Joe's mother started selling orange juice from the historic orange stand that still sits to the right of Bono's Deli on Foothill Boulevard, close to Sultana Avenue.

The Bono family has deep roots in this city. Joe's parents built their home right behind their restaurant and they raised him and his three sisters there. All of them went on to college and had successful careers. Joe now lives in that home. The Bono family personally knew A.B. Miller, the founder of Fontana. Joe remembers a time when everyone knew each other and the sense of community and business was strong.

Joanne Coccia Lodge #2553
By: Anthony N. Finazzo

The history of their restaurant and the Orange Stand have people from all over the world coming to see what the Bono family created. Joe has been sent pictures from people who have visited the historic orange. He has been gracious in allowing tourists

to come into the restaurant. He tells them stories from the past and shows pictures of what once was. He has letters written in Italian from those who have traveled such a far distance to get a glimpse at history. If you Google this family and the orange stand, you will find many blog posts from visitors who have traveled along Route 66 to see its many attractions. The orange stand can be found on the Fontana Wikipedia page as well.

Bono's Deli is a place that many Fontana residents remember for its Italian sandwiches and pasta dishes. Mama Bono was a hardworking mother and business owner whose picture still hangs in the back room of the restaurant. Joe was very close to his mother and he keeps her memory alive in Bono's Deli.

The restaurant has been closed for several years now. The county as well as a company has built a warehouse across from the deli on Sultana. They moved the deli building about 20 feet back away from Foothill Boulevard to widen the street.

Joe has also been a part of the Fontana Historical Society for years. He has done his part to ensure that the history of this city remains. He has fond memories of Hazel Putnam, who led the Historical Society for many years.

He still has hopes that his historic restaurant will not be just a memory and that someday it will re-open again and the people of Fontana, and those who travel from all over, will be able to sit at the tables, eat the food and enjoy the place that his family members dedicated their lives to all those years ago. His restaurant has many nostalgic memorabilia of the 1940s and 1950s. It is safe to say that Joe Bono is a huge part of Fontana's history, and the legacy of his family will remain for years to come. Joe Bono is a charter member of the Joanne Coccia Lodge 2553. He joined the lodge in 1984.



Joanne Coccia Lodge # 2553

Fontana, CA
by Manny Finazzo

Since we no longer have our own hall, our monthly lodge meetings are held at the Knights of Columbus hall the third Sunday of every month. Every Thursday at noon, there is a pot-luck lunch at Joe Bono's restaurant. We are experiencing some great Italian and American dishes. There is always great turn out and we appreciate Joe's generosity for letting us use his restaurant.

The City of Fontana just finished the Fontana Days celebration. We did have a float in the parade and 15 of our members rode on it. Although it was warm, we all got through the parade before the real heat came. We all had a good time getting the float ready and enjoyed our day together. Thanks to Michaelynn Minicucci and Ryan Stotz for chairing this event and putting everything together.

By the time you receive this newsletter, our delegates will have returned from the Grand Lodge convention in Sparks, NV. All business and committee reports will be reported to our members. The Grand Lodge program included a queen pageant, which is a fund raiser for the Grand Lodge and for the local lodges who sell tickets. Our lodge had \$1,500 in ticket sales. The first prize is \$3,000 as well as other monetary prizes. Good luck to all who bought tickets.

In lieu of our monthly meeting on June 19, the board

of directors held a special board meeting on Monday, June 13, at the Knights of Columbus hall. All financial matters and general business were discussed. It was decided and voted on to cancel the regular meeting because of Father's Day. Hope everyone had a nice Father's Day

The 2016 Scholarship applications have been received and we will issue five awards totaling \$5,000. Seven applications were distributed and five completed applications were returned. All five students are worthy of scholarships. The awards will be issued when we receive the students' identification numbers from the accepting colleges.

We are again putting articles in the Il Leone newspaper. To find out what's going on in the Grand Lodge and other lodges throughout the State, check out the Il Leone.

There is a bus trip planned on December 4th to see the Andrea Bocelli show in Anaheim. If you would like to join us, please call Lois Mitchell for details at 1-951-202-0809. There are only 45 tickets available. First come will be first served.

The Joanne Coccia Lodge #2553 celebrating at the Fontana Days Parade June 4, 2016. President Manny Finazzo seen riding the float with fifteen loyal members enjoying the ride and the festivities.



Scarves for sale from Grand Lodge
\$15.00 each inc postage



Diary of a Convention Newbie

by Gina Elizabeth LoVecchio ~ Giuseppe Mazzini Lodge #2011

Wednesday -
Arrive - yay! Free valet parking - double yay!! Check in and settle in. rest a bit. Go through “goodie bag”. Whoa - this report booklet is thick. Are we going to go over everything in this book? Name tag - (hey cool), check. Credentials, check. Name on bag, check (‘cause there’s a couple hundred identical ones joining mine). Freshen up and dress for the welcome reception. Hey, this thing’s hosted by the hotel and they have an OPEN bar!? Way to go, Nugget! Oooh, look at all these people I don’t know - where’s my aunt? Drinks all around and tasty apps, too. Hey, look there’s some young people - that’s nice. Joe, Aldo, Pam,,,glad we all have name tags.

Anyone for bocce? Hey, what’s that little white ball called? What’s the object of the game? Why is the official measuring the distance between the balls? I gotta learn how to play bocce. Dinner at Rosie’s then \$20 at the penny slots. Twenty minutes later...\$3.50 down, better quit now. Couple phone calls then off to bed. That late afternoon latte is keeping me up - I might have to lose a few more bucks in the machines downstairs.....

Thursday -
Good, morning, Sparks, Nevada! Ahhhhh, Starbucks in the lobby and “A Christmas Story” slot machine - a hundred bucks down the tubes....oh, well. Morning meeting - so excited. Giuseppe Mazzini, represent! Wow, this meeting really moves. People say what they need to and we move on, no dilly-dallying. Met a bunch more people and introduced myself to the president of the Diamond Valley Lodge in Hemet. (Will plan my visit/vacation down there around there lodge meeting. Lunch and a quick nap and back to the ballroom for more reports. Oi! The afternoon got heated with people arguing about the sale of the Grand Lodge building. It seemed everybody was saying the same thing, but their semantics were confusing people into debating each other. Had to have a bit of a rest before dinner. Excited to dress up for Railroaders theme tonight. Woo-woo! Many people dressed up - lots of overalls and caps. Dinner was delicious - I’d never had Chicken Wellington before. I was so tired I zipped out after the meal and zonked out almost immediately. The bed and pillows here are comfy.

Friday -
Buon giorno! Day 2. Coffee and croissant. Ready to rummmmmble - and the debates continue - to sell or not to sell, that is the question. It’s all semantics. Moving on. Got some good membership ideas from Joe Simoni’s Membership report. Then, I met Jimmy the serval from the Kirshner Wildlife Sanctuary - that was one sweet kitty. Afternoon break-out session and I spoke for the first time - yay, me! Pageant dinner then bed. Couldn’t sleep so I slipped downstairs to my favorite slot machine. Finally bed at 1:15.

Saturday -
Well, I’m awake...after seeing Frank Locicero in his bright golden jacket this morning. Had a nice chat with Lynn Lawrence-Murphy about my ideas of adopting a school and bringing “Italian story time” and cannoli workshops to a local elementary school. OK, let’s get the ball rolling. Business continued with thank you’s, the raffle, bocce winners and the donation procession. (There’s gotta be a better way to do the donations, and by “better” I mean “shorter” - sheesh!)

Mega rest time then the Black and White ball with the scholarships presentations. A little more slot time and then bed.

Sunday -
Up and at `em. Check out. Whoa, that Starbucks line is long - getting something on the road. Coffee along the road and brunch in Auburn at Awful Annie’s - awfully delicious, is more like it. Aw, man, traffic...but finally home. Now a cold drink and some rest. Convention was sure fun and interesting. Hope I can go back next year. Until then...



Royal Court Of The Golden Lion At The Nugget

by Chris Lotito, Chairperson

I want to apologize for not being at the State Convention in Sparks, Nevada to all my loyal and dedicated contributors of the Royal Court of the Golden Lion. I am sorry I was not there to welcome new donors into the fold and present them with our lion pin. It is with great pleasure for us to know that there are lodges and members who want to be a part of a prestigious program in our Western foundation.

I want to thank our State President, Lynn Murphy, for doing the honors on my behalf and to my dedicated wife, Mary, who assisted in every phase of the program. Welcome to the Watsonville Lodge, under the guidance of its President, Janey Leonardich, who will receive the Bronze Lion Pin from our

State President, Lynn Murphy, at its annual picnic. We appreciate your contribution and hope you will be with us every year. This is the first plateau and we want you to continue to hit the silver and gold plateaus. To John and Donna Lee Costa for achieving the 2nd. plateau, received their Silver Lion Pin, thank you for your support. To, Madeline Zunino, who jumped to the Gold Pin plateau, is an achievement she accomplished in a very short time and now on to the diamonds. Happy, happy are we Vita Zaccaria found her Gold Lion and she will receive, finally, diamonds to adorn her Lion. Also, a big welcome to Philip Privitera who graciously became a contributor by donating \$500.00 for him and his son. They were presented with the Bronze Lion Pin. Hopefully they will

continue to contribute every year.

To all my dedicated and loyal supporters you are very special to me and my appreciation cannot be described in words because it would not justify the true picture I would like to paint as an artist of extreme notoriety. To me you are outstanding members of the Order that believe in our program and the goal we achieve puts our Grand Lodge of California on top of the pinnacle of success.

IT WOULD DEEM IT AN HONOR AND MY DEEPEST HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR SOME OF YOU INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS AND LODGES TO BECOME A PART OF THIS PROGRAM IN OUR WESTERN FOUNDATION THAT CAN BE USED AS A TAX WRITE OFF.

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