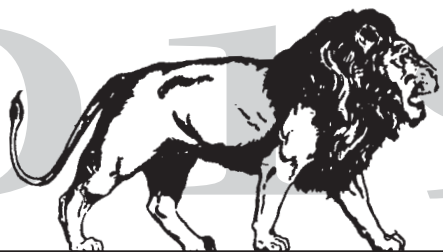


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## A Message From The State President



State President  
John Costa

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter with family and friends. Donna Lee and I were able to spend my Easter with grandkids from Virginia and the rest of my family. Family is very important and must take a priority during our busy lives.

Looks like the rain is finally thru for a while, now its onto pulling weeds, washing cars and all the other outside chores that we have all been putting off. Soon it will be time for warm weather, sun glasses and picnics. But before that your delegates will be going to convention in Reno. Make sure you ask your delegates to take good notes so you will all know what is going on with your Grand Lodge. Send your delegates with questions and concerns; we want every member to be involved.

May has been a busy month besides traveling to lodge events, working with our convention coordinators Lynn and Lori; It is amazing how much time goes into preparing for convention, thank you both for all your time and effort. Also thank you to the office staff for

helping also!

As I mentioned in my last article, I am running for re-election as your State President, I hope I will have your support. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. If I do not answer the phone please leave me a message, I will return your call. Some feel that they do not want to bother me since I may be at work, I signed up to do this job and have the support of my employer. Feel free to contact me.

Reminder to every lodge member, you still have half of a year to win on the 365 winner raffle tickets, a lot of large prizes still available. Buy one for your neighbor that picks up the paper when you are gone, or for a friend. Let's all help our Grand Lodge.

To all the Mother's Grandmother's out there Donna lee and I wish you all a blessed Mother's Day, Lets all spoil our mothers, remember you would not be here without them.

Another holiday coming in May is Memorial Day, let us all remember those that have served, or are serving our country. Thank you for your service.

By now you have received info on the Student Summit being held in Washington DC. If you have a student interested in attending please make note of the deadline. This looks like an amazing opportunity for youth.

Looking forward to seeing all the delegates in Reno, Nevada .at our 83rd Convention at the Atlantis Resort

Ciao  
John

## News from the Central

by Arlene Nunziati  
State 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



Wow this month just flew by! After I wrote my last article, I visited the Roma Lodge and celebrated their 89th anniversary. What a lovely event and delicious risotto. Prior to the meeting we had a Q & A session which I think went very well. I hope the questions were answered to everyone's satisfaction.

They have a great lodge and the members are very hard working and work together. That evening new members were initiated and President Larry Dutto presented certificates to everyone who has been in the lodge from one year on up to over 65 years. The young children who received a one or 5 year certificate were so excited to receive a certificate. Just think – just a presentation of a certificate shows how much their members are appreciated. Great job Roma Lodge and thank you for your hospitality. We also saw Past State Queen Maci DePaoli; so great to see her and her family. The trip was long to get there but so well worth going. I will do my best to attend their 90th anniversary next year.

Last month we had a very successful CIAO meeting over in Oakland at the Colombo Club. It is great to have so many organizations working together. We all discussed our various events and the Consul General also joined us.

Columbia Lodge had a great corned beef & cabbage dinner at their last meeting. April the cooks will be preparing tripe!

## News from the South

by Sadie Tamburine  
State 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



**I trust that everyone had a blessed Easter with family and friends.** For most Italian American families, our feasts emanate from the Roman Catholic Church. Of course, the two biggest feasts are Christmas and Easter, followed by the anniversaries of the Saints feast days. The most popular are Festa of San Giuseppe (Patron Saint of Sicily), Festa of San Gennaro (Patron Saint of Naples), Festa of San Marco (Patron Saint of Venice), Festa of San Francisco (Patron Saint of Calabria) and of course Mary Mother of Jesus Christ.

Our family's Easter celebration really started on Palm Sunday when we would go to Mass and get our blessed palms. Then we went to the cemetery to place some palms on all our family grave stones. I remember my Dad making the palms into small braided crosses for all the kids and larger ones for the tombstones. During the week leading up to Easter, we made Corona Pasqua (Easter Bread Wreath). It was a big braided bread with colored Easter eggs baked in the dough. Some were made in the shape of a wreath while others looked like breaded dolls with one egg at the top. They were always a hit with the kids. Traditionally Italian Americans went to church on Good Friday at noon and I remember the statues of the saints in our church having hoods over their heads. What I remember best is that Good Friday was the day we made Pizza Rustica. It was like a large quiche covered

## News from the North

by Barbara Wisniewski  
State 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President



My dear Sisters and Brothers. I know most of you are not aware but last year I was diagnosed with kidney cancer. Because of surgery and treatments, I was limited in my ability to visit with Lodges. I apologize in that should have been part of my duties as a vice-president. I am happy to announce that my recent tests came out cancer free! My strength is returning, and I'm planning to be on the road to visit many of your lodges soon.

My first trip was to the Columbia Lodge for their 75th anniversary and to honor our National President, Vera Girolami. I was, as always, impressed with Vera as the representative of our Order. I am so proud to call her "friend".

Our First Vice-President, Arlene Nunziati, did a wonderful job as Chairperson of the event. She and her committee made it an affair to remember. Thank you for a wonderful dinner and entertainment. It was such fun spending time with old friends and making new ones.

Our Convention is fast approaching and, as many of you know, this is an election year. There are several seats on the Council that have more than one person running. They will present their qualifications and past work in the Order for your consideration. We on the Council take our positions very seriously and believe that we always need to work for the Good of the Order in all decisions. Please consider that

## The Grand Lodge loses a Past First Lady

Just before we went to press we heard the sad news that our Past First Lady Vickie Ibleto peacefully passed away on April 19. Vickie was a member for 61 years and was our First Lady from 1995 to 1997. Her funeral was held on April 25 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Cotati. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Arturo.

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# From the Editor’s Desk

by Andy Pampuro  
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Happy Mother’s Day  
to all you  
wonderful mothers.

Andy & Louise Pampuro  
Steve & Debbie Ure





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State First Vice President  
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So nice to be retired (so far at least) left me time to attend opening day of the SF Giants. Exciting day.

The next day the Columbia Lodge celebrated their 75th anniversary and honored our National President Vera Girolami. Our hard work was well worth the effort – everyone had a terrific time and stayed late to dance. We have one of our founding members still alive, Norma Marcucci, and have as officers, the daughter in law and grandson of another. Thank you to all the state officers who attended from throughout the state.

April 10 we attended a ceremony at the airport with the Consul General of Italy to welcome the newest airline, Air Italy, which will fly direct from SFO to Milano three times weekly. It was a very exciting time and ceremony. Flights don't seem to be too expensive so remember this airline when you plan your net trip to Italy.

The next day I was back at the airport to enjoy some R&R in Las Vegas with our National President. It was a great trip, very relaxing, not too profitable, but fun. We saw a show featuring Cindy Williams and were able to have a late dinner with her. It was a great show and so funny!

I hope that everyone had a blessed Easter. Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers. Until next month Ciao.



State Second Vice President  
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in a bread crust. It measured about 12 inches long and 9 inches wide and 2 inches high. It was made of many different meats (boiled ham, soppressata, hard salami, prosciutto) and cheeses (ricotta, pecorino romano, provolone). I really enjoyed and still do the cutting up all the meats and cheeses and trying to sneak a few bits. Of course Good Friday was a Day of Fasting and No Meat so if we got caught by our Grandmother, mother or aunts or wives, we got a smack with the Cucchiaio (large wooden spoon) across our knuckles as penance. Holy Saturday was always and still is the day we eat our Pizza Rustica for lunch.

Easter Sunday was the day to dress up and start the day with Mass. After church we visited relatives houses and enjoyed a little snack of cookies or Easter Sweet Cake. When we got back home, the feast started. First course was celery and fennel with olive oil and seasonings and more Pizza Rustica or Pizza di Grano (sweet winter wheat pie). Second course was always Pasta usually Lasagna or Large Shells Stuffed with ricotta cheese. The third course of the meal was Roasted Leg of Lamb served with roasted potatoes, carrots and onions. As usual when Italian Americans end a holiday meal, it is always with a variety of desserts including Chocolate Easter Eggs, Sweet Easter Cake (Pastiera), cannolis, and several types of cookies... almond biscotti, amaretto cookies. All served with coffee, espresso and a shot of Lemoncello or Sambuco.

If you would like the recipe for the Pizza Rustica call or email me and I will send to you.  
I would like to wish all mothers a HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!

State Third Vice President  
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when you are deciding for whom to cast your vote.  
We would love to see more of you in Reno. There is so much to see and do here. The Rodeo is also in town that week. Please consider coming over the mountain (or possibly visiting your own back yard) and see what we do at convention. Stay an extra day or come in early.  
Thank you for all you do to keep our Order strong.  
Till next month  
Fraternally



365 Fund Raiser - Winners

Mar. 16-31			
16	\$25.00	Dario Sindichich	
17	\$25.00	Siena Buldo	
18	\$25.00	Valley of the Moon	
19	\$25.00	Steve Guthrie	
20	\$25.00	Alana Garibaldi	
21	\$25.00	Cris Santoro	
22	\$25.00	Pam Stewart	
23	\$25.00	Joy Bruno	
24	\$25.00	Rita Kurpieski	
25	\$25.00	Charles Santagata	
26	\$25.00	Sally Imerone	
27	\$25.00	Jackie Cerchi	
28	\$25.00	Steve Trentini	
29	\$25.00	Mauro Romagholi	
30	\$25.00	Bill Viverto	
31	\$50.00	Nancy Zanolini	
Apr. 1-15			
1	\$25.00	Nora DeRose	
2	\$25.00	Arlene & Nora Nunziati	
3	\$25.00	Joe Boncore	
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9	\$25.00	Mary Sue Frediani	
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12	\$25.00	Libid Bidinost	
13	\$25.00	Mary Jane Cambria	
14	\$25.00	Joseph Sciamè	
15	\$25.00	Pam Bini	

365 Winners

In last month's issue we made a terrible error saying that someone won \$200 on the 25th of the month. This was not true. the person only won \$25. The only time the prize is bigger is as follows:  
Last day of the month - \$50  
Mother's Day - \$200  
Father's Day - \$200  
Christmas Day - \$200  
New Year's Day - \$200  
and Columbus Day - \$500  
This is it, if you see something different once in a while it is wrong. We try our best not to make mistakes but it does happen and we do apologize if it causes any misunderstandings.

Vote for experience!  
Vote for dedication!  
Vote for years of experience!  
Vote for Arlene Nunziati  
for State President of the  
Grand Lodge of California  
also for National Delegate







Louise Silacci Presenting the Check to UC Davis Library

Hazel Ann Christin, BD Chair – Pictured above that helped with the presentation: Top Row: Bill Murphy, John Costa  
Middle Row: Beth Callahan, Joy Bruno, Louise Silacci, Nicole Capdarest-Arest First Row: Toni Arellanes-Miller, Lynn Lawrence-Murphy

Grazie mille. I want to personally thank the following donors who contributed to the Birth Defects Library at U.C. Davis: Beatrice Portinari Lodge – Cesare Battisti Lodge – Marlene Cristanelli – Diablo Valley Lodge – Eureka Lodge – Gloria Garibaldi – Gold Country Lodge – Northern Solano Lodge – Roseville Lodge – Sacramento Lodge – Shasta Lodge – Virgilio Lodge - St. Helena Lodge. Also, Grazie Mille to OSDIA Western Foundation for their support in helping with finances that enables all birth defects library's in California, Nevada and Oregon to focus on advancing research, education, and patient care in birth defects and genetic diseases.

In the United States, birth defects affect one in every 33 babies are the leading cause of infant deaths, accounting for 20% of all infant deaths. ([cdc.gov/ncbddd/birthdefects/data](http://cdc.gov/ncbddd/birthdefects/data)) Thank you again for your generous donations which enable others in the field to facilitate awareness, advance knowledge, and improve care for patients with birth defects and their loved ones.

"Thank you for your gift of hope." UC Davis Birth Defects Library & Hazel Ann Christin

*If you want to get the job done right then vote  
for  
Pauline Richmond  
for the position of State Vice President  
of the Cental area  
Also consider her for National Delegate*



*Pauline has over 43 years in the Order.  
She has held the position of several State offices.  
She is no stranger to helping her fellow members.  
And she has put hundreds of miles on her car to  
support the many lodges up and down the  
coast of California.*



## Valley of the Moon Lodge # 1959 Sonoma CA by Susan Antonini-member at large [susanantoniniart@gmail.com](mailto:susanantoniniart@gmail.com)

**MEMORIES AND FAMILY**  
Looking around at the sea of faces and happy smiles and non stop talking, made me think of the times when my Italian grandparents were still alive and we met for Sunday dinners at the Ranch... so it is here at the Sonoma Lodge...Welcome one and all!

**NEW BUT NOT UNKNOWN**  
We have two new members that as I interviewed them... know more of the Lodge members than I do...how sweet is that!

**WOMAN POWER**  
Welcome to our very own 1st woman Commander of the American Legion, her motto, Born to serve!

Willi Vaughn a Sonoma Real Estate Appraiser...in Sonoma since 2000.

**WINE – OLIVE OIL – HONEY...**  
John Albini...our new member and maker of all the products Californians love.... John's family came from Garzeno Italy, in the Province of Como.

John's dad founded the Petaluma Lodge in 1930 and also the Sonoma/Marin Italian Club in 1918.

**APRIL DINNER** was prepared by Rose Catering... Paul and Wanda Pedroni... good comments were made by all...

Rick Maffioli and Bobby Montini were both in the hospital for a short stay...Rick says, "when he wakes up and his feet hit the floor, it's a good day!"

And Bobby says, "he is doing his best to take care of himself!"

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# William Paca Lodge #1960

Mountain View, CA  
by Peggy Ludwico

We are almost half-way through the year. I can't believe it. A lot has happened already this year. Our new President, Gloria Ravetto, is doing a great job settling in to her new position. All of us at the William Paca Lodge want to give our heartfelt thanks to our past President, Rosalia Margarit for her dedication and loyalty for the many years of service to our Lodge.

Lorraine McCutcheon, our treasurer for many years, passed away in February. Sister Lorraine played a major role in keeping our Lodge going. We are grateful for all she has done. While she will be missed we are thankful that Sister Linda Clausen has stepped into her position as treasurer for the remainder of the 2019-2020 term.

We had a scrumptious ham and scalloped potato dinner meeting held on Wednesday April 10. Thanks to Carlo Marengo and Mike Ravizza, our chefs. Paula Chidichimo provided a delicious pear salad, Gloria Ravetto pitched in with deviled eggs and artichoke bites but the topper of the evening was the awesome tiramisu made by Lucia Ditri. What a great evening of good food and good friends.

We sang Happy Birthday to the members present who celebrated a birthday in April. Mike Ravizza, Paula Chidichimo, and Jo Savelly. Jo turned 93 on April 2 and she still bowls once a week. Wow!!

We have a dinner meeting almost every second Wednesday of the month. We would love it if you could join us. Just give me a call at 408-772-6712 for details.

Well I guess that is all for this month. Keep a smile in your heart and a smile on your face. Life is easier that way.



# Youth Committee

by Brian Watson

Greetings Brothers and Sisters  
Convention time is just around the corner and I have an exciting youth program set up for the kids. Here is a list of the activities I have for convention. I made some changes from what is in the convention packet paperwork, remember that the list is subject to change.

Thursday Afternoon & evening:  
The Discovery Museum and lunch  
Thursday evening: Star Wars theme night  
with convention delegates  
BRING YOUR STAR WARS ATIRE!!

Friday Afternoon & evening: Wild Island Waterpark day  
with lunch at the park and dinner at the youth room upon return


Saturday Afternoon: Virginia City sightseeing  
and tours with lunch

Saturday evening: Circus Circus games and poolside pizza  
upon return

It's not too late to support the Little Lion Program either as an individual, as a lodge, or as both. I have again set up different levels of support for the program. Those who donate over \$100 will be part of the elite Platinum level, donations up to \$100 are in the Gold level, up to \$50 donations are silver level and the bronze level is up to \$25. This is a great way to invest in our youth and the future of our organization. For those of you who were at convention and saw the looks on the faces of our youth members could see how excited they were about being a part of the order and how they want to do more with their lodges and other youth members.

I am looking forward to the FUNtastic events we have set up for the youth and I hope they are we well!

Fraternally,  
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We appreciate all your help.  
Thank you,  
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# Alaska

by Stephen Contrado, B.A., Th.M.  
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On January 3, 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the proclamation admitting Alaska as the forty-ninth state. He redesigned the American flag with seven rows of seven stars. The design needed to be changed again in March when he signed the bill admitting Hawaii as the fiftieth state. The flag was then finally designed with five rows of six stars and four rows of five stars. Members of the Order of Sons of Italy in America proudly recite the Pledge of Allegiance to this American flag and the republic of the United States of America.

In 1867 the United States bought Alaska from Russia for \$7,200,000. William H. Seward, who was then Secretary of State, made the purchase. Alaska is larger than the combined area of next three largest states: Texas, California, and Montana. It has many islands. The territory was so far away and so undeveloped that the American people thought he spent the money foolishly on "an icebox." They called Alaska "Seward's Folly." Later, Americans discovered more gold in Alaska than in the Yukon territory of Canada. Alaska has much wildlife, many forests and other natural resources, and much mineral wealth. It is important for our national defense.

On account of its cold climate, Alaska had very few people when it was purchased. It was too cold for cattle, but the government sent twelve hundred reindeer for use by the Eskimos. The herd increased rapidly, and

reindeer meat was shipped from Alaska to the United States for food. The value of salmon caught in Alaskan waters in 1929 was more than five times what the United States paid for the territory. "Seward's Folly" has proven to be one of the best buys ever made.

The people of Alaska elected their own legislature and sent representatives to Congress in Washington, but the President of the United States appointed their governor. In 1910 Alaska had about sixty-five thousand people, about half of them were whites and the rest Eskimos. All of them together would make the population of only one small city in America.

Sled dogs were an important a means of transportation in Alaska. Jack London (1876-1916) popularized sled dogs in his book Call of the Wild (1903). London had found the material that inspired his book from a trip to Alaska and Canada. He submitted his story to the San Francisco Bulletin, but the editor rejected it telling London that interested in Alaska had subsided.

The Alaska Agricultural and School of Mines, established in 1917, became the University of Alaska in 1935. Today Alaska is a composite of new and old. It has many fine cultural institutions. Alaska's capital is Juneau. Anchorage is its largest city. Alaska doesn't have a grand lodge of the Order Sons of Italy in America, but Italian Americans residing in Alaska may become national at-large members.



The area of Alaska compared to other states.

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# Northern Solano Lodge # 2534

Fairfield, CA 94534  
by Rick Tracy and Pam Boes

We ended the month of March with a flurry of storms which hinted that Spring would be postponed.

In that vein, one of our last activities was the monthly soup night hosted by Rod Newbert on March 25th at his beautiful home in Fairfield. In the words of Snoopy "It was a Dark and Stormy Night". This did not keep many of our members from braving the storm to attend. As usual the soups, appetizers and desserts were fantastic. Thank you Rod for being our host. Helen and Rich Barker will host the soup night in May.

On March 28th twelve of our members volunteered at the Contra Costa/Solano Food Bank. Our Lodge,

under the direction of Joy Bruno, has been volunteering since 2003. We set a new record this past month of sorting and boxing over 4,000 lbs. of food. In the past the Lodge members would sort every other month but due to the increase in participation we are able to volunteer every month.

Card night was hosted in April by Caroline Abughazaleh and in May will be held at Rick Tracy's home.

All members are encouraged to attend and have a fun evening.

Carol Urban and Susan Cahan, coordinators of "Helping Hands", were successful in collecting blankets, socks and other items for the residents of the Voralto Vil-

lage Memory Care Facility in Fairfield. Our Lodge members were so generous that there will be items donated to a facility in Vacaville also.

Sue Cahan announced that the interviews for the Assist-A-Grad scholarship program have been completed. It was decided that scholarships will be made in memory of members who have passed.

This year we will honor the memory of Albert Galli and Joseph Ragusa. Our Lodge will present three, one thousand-dollar scholarships this year at a ceremony in May. As is the custom, the recipient's names will not be announced until the presentation. Those students and their families will be invited to our regular Lodge meeting

for further recognition. Frank Mossa, Kay Locatelli, Rose Beeler, Jana Houston, Tim Smithson and Bobbie Martinez also assisted in the interview process.

Richard Barker announced that the "Day at the Races" on May 3rd already has 80 members and friends attending this yearly event. It promises to be an exciting and perhaps for some, a rewarding experience.

At our Lodge meeting on April 18th we welcomed several guests. Louise and Frank Rossi introduced their cousins from France, Agnes and Patrice Rossi. Lisa and Alex Hambright, Louise and Frank's daughter and son in law, also attended. Another special guest was Nanette

Shamieh, Community Events Lead, for the American Red Cross in Solano County. Nanette has agreed to return and do a presentation for our Lodge. Members and guests commented on the fine Easter Dinner prepared by David Rico and assisted by Angie Cazera and Carla Gamez. Decorations were provided by Helen and Rich Barker.

A monthly feature in the La Voce, the Lodge Newsletter, is "Who Am I", created by Don Craddock. Don and a featured member create a description for those attending the meeting to guess "Who Am I".

Thank you, Don, for this enjoyable way for us to learn more about each other.



Here is the scoop –  
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For a clear vision of Order Sons and  
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Così come  
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for  
National Delegate



# Roma Lodge # 1573

Tulare, CA  
by Larry Dutto

Roma Lodge celebrated their 89th Anniversary at the April meeting. Over 100 members and guests were present to enjoy a delicious meal of Italian sausage and risotto prepared by *the Pitigliano and Goni Families along with the help of Joann Beecher*. The lodge recognized members who were celebrating membership milestones. National President, Vera Girolami and State Vice-President *Arlene Nunziati* were on hand to help the lodge celebrate this important anniversary. The United Lodges held a special Q&A session prior to the dinner and meeting to get an update on the Grand Lodge from Arlene and Vera.

Over 70 lodge members were given certificates commemorating milestone years of membership in the lodge. The lodge had 10 members who were celebrating 50 years of membership in the lodge.



Roma Lodge 50 Year Members

Nick Serafin, Frances Della, Vince Sola, Giovanna DePaoli, Vera Girolami, David Milanese, Ben Curti, Steve Milanese and Ken Curti.



Roma Lodge 50+ Year Members

Ron Pedroncelli, Philip Curti, Sharan Barreto, Vera Girolami, Joann Beecher and Gary Dutto



Roma Lodge 40 Year Members

Charlie and Nancy Pitigliano along with Vera Girolami



Roma Lodge New Members

(l-r) *Emily Semoes*, held by grandmother Cathy Mederos, *Camilla Pitigliano*, held by father Dominic Pitigliano, and *Richelle Chiaramonte*, were presented membership packets by National President Vera Girolami.

Roma Lodge will be hosting their 84th annual Ravioli Dinner on Saturday, May 11th at the T.D.E.S. Hall in Tulare. The meal features ravioli, spaghetti, chicken, green beans, salad, salami, cheese and a biscotti cookie for dessert. The dinner will be a drive through takeout only. Tickets may be purchased from *Cathy Mederos*, 687-1112 for only \$20.



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United Lodges of  
Southern California

by Andy Pampuro



The United Lodges of Southern California held it's meeting at the Centinela Valley Lodge Hall on Sunday, April 7th. After taking care of business we held an election for officers for the next two years. Our new president is Hank Lowinger who is also the president of the Saddleback Valley Lodge.

For Vice President Micael DiGiuro, president of the Pugliese Lodge was voted in. Our out going president is Carmine Baffo. Our recording secretary remains Rosemarie Vanderhaar. Our treasurer remains Vita Zaccaria. Elected historian was Andy Pampuro, elected trustees are Lou Seibel, president of the West End Lodge, Linda Ennenman, president of the America Lodge and Bill Viverto, president of the Hacienda Lodge and the guard elected was Steve Guthrie, president of the Centinela Valley Lodge.

Pictured above is out going president Carmine Baffo turning over the gavel to newly elected president Hank Lowinger.

Hanford Lodge #1543

Hanford, CA

by Jackie Giacomazzi



Jackie Giacomazzi: Hanford Lodge President, Louise Silacci, presents a check for \$1000 to a representative from the Kings Gospel Mission at its April meeting.

Shasta Lodge #2453

Redding, CA

by Carole Dellaragione

Hello from Redding, Shasta Lodge is as busy as ever. We ended March by preparing lunch for the "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day", which commemorates the sacrifices of Vietnam veterans and their families. It is part of a National effort to recognize the men and women who were denied a proper welcome upon returning home more than 40 years ago. Shasta Lodge has been a part of the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day event since Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed AB717 in 2009, which establishes the annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans on March 30 in the State of California. Shasta Lodge is proud to serve a pasta lunch to all in attendance. The program includes a tribute at the Veterans Cemetery at Igo. Upon return to Redding, there is entertainment by youths of Manzanita School, several guest speakers, a tribute to the MIA/POW and reading the names of the Shasta County servicemen and women who lost their lives in Vietnam.

On March 31st, about 21 of our members attended the Chico Vincenzo Bellini Lodge's annual spaghetti feed fundraiser. Thanks to John and Lorna Jepsen, our state deputy, for the wonderful desserts Lorna prepared for us. It was a good time, some of us even won raffle prizes.

Then on April 14th our landlords, the Redding Community Guild, held their annual scholarship fundraiser with a Farmers Market/Craft Fair, and Spaghetti Feed. There

was a little smaller turnout than they had hoped for, but a good time was had by all, and they exceed their anticipated income for our scholarships

After three weeks of cancellations because of rain, the City of Redding Bocce League is underway. Our Sons and Daughters of Italy teams are doing well. A few of us are also playing on a senior league.

Our Junior Member Blake Zufall competed in the Boston Marathon with about 26000 others. Blake had hoped to break his personal marathon record and finish in the top 100. He did set his own personal record and finished 122 in the Men's Division, finishing with a time of 2:31:30, only 24 minutes behind the winner. His Dad Ron, Mom Teresa, Brother Adam, Sister Kristiana, and sister and brother-in-law Kaitlyn and Michael were there to support him. Blake graduated from UC Davis and is a scribe at Mercy Medical Center in Redding until August when he begins medical school at Washington University in Southern California. We are proud of you Blake.

And then we had some sad news. We lost our member of 34 years, Al Massa, at age 102. Al and his wife Angie have been very active in our lodge and Al will certainly be missed.

Mother's day is May 13th. We wish all you mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and stepmothers a wonderful day.

Ciao from your friends at Shasta Lodge



Blake Zufall at the Boston Marathon and his Sister Kaitlyn. Blake is a junior member of Shasta Lodge and Kaitlyn was a member before her move to Boston.

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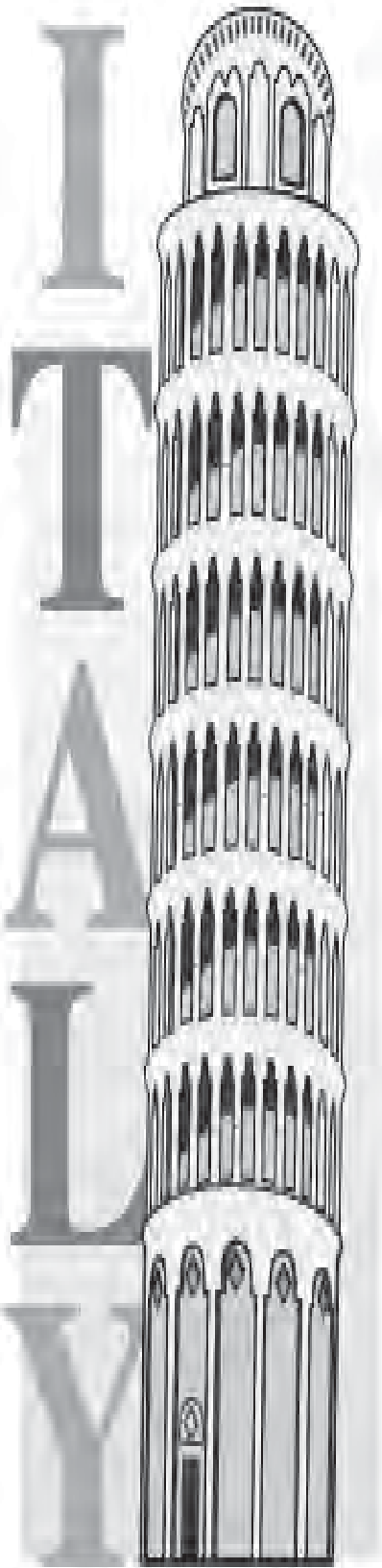
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# Saddleback Valley Lodge # 2566

Mission Viejo, CA  
by Andy Pampuro, Immediate Past President

On April 5th our lodge went to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. Twenty eight of us took the journey in two vans driven by our President Hank Lowinger and First Lady Michelle Lowinger. They got us there all safe and sound. It was a beautiful day and we all enjoyed the library. The big reason we went was to see the Pompeii exhibit which was outstanding. You'd swear you you there when the volcano erupted.

When we headed for home we made a dinner stop at a fabulous Italian restaurant which everyone enjoyed.

Many thanks to Hank and Michelle for doing all the driving. It was greatly appreciated.

For our meeting on April 12th Pat and Pete Dito decided to serve us tacos with all the trimmings. It was a fabulous meal and we thank them for chairing the event.

We had a surprise visit from our Second State Vice President Sadie Tamburine who came with our State Deputy Sal Denaro.

Our lodge King Joey Perez goes to Saddleback College and got involved with the theater group. For the weekend of April 10 to the 14th he was in a musical called "Into The Woods" He along with the rest of the cast did a superb job and got a very long standing ovation.

We all wish you a very happy Mother's Day.



Pat and Pete Dito were our dinner hosts for our lodge meeting.



President Hank Lowinger and First Lady Michelle Lowinger in front of the Ronald Reagan statue.

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# Dolly Sinatra Lodge # 2400

Palm Springs, CA  
by Andy Casey

Most people, when they think of Frank DiSalvo, think crooner, great America song-book singer, but to my way of thinking the man is a pure “rocker”! And he brought the crowd at the 42nd Annual Anniversary Dinner/Dance and Recognition Ball to their collective feet, and kept them dancing, Sunday March 31st at Aqua Caliente ballroom. The choice of Frank to be this year’s honoree was an obvious and wonderful choice. This guy earned it!

Besides being the Lodges vice-president, doing his monthly show at our weekly meetings and signing up new club members, at a rate second only to our President Joe LaPorta, he is the consummate ambassador of good will for our Lodge! This Pied Piper of the Lodge, has sure led a lot of us, myself included, to the Lodge, and once there, we’ve stayed! Where else on Earth can you have a four course Italian dinner and be entertained by Frank for twenty bucks or less! No-where!

He sings the standards with the best of the singers, but it’s when he grabs his guitar, one of many he’s made, turns on the charisma and charm, he is the best! My opinion of course. But the dance floor was packed with revelers having a BALL!! If you remotely like to dance to the oldies, this man is going to have you dancing and applauding. I hope you get how amazing a time we had this year! The dinner/dance is our biggest event of the year, and has never disappointed year in and year out. If you’re not finding time for this annual event, plain and simple, you’re missing out!

Master of Ceremonies this year again was Patrick Evans, who always does a masterful job! The States 2nd vice president Sadie Tamburine spoke as did Joe LaPorta our President. Then came Frank, and he spoke of his life of music, entertaining and his grandfathers, one of which taught him the art of making guitars. And he introduced his lovely wife Addy, who also spoke kindly of him, which is always a good thing, as Addy is going to always tell you what’s on her mind!

After that there was a special treat with Rowan & Martin, reincarnated in the persons of Andy Casey and Larry Capeloto, stumbling and ad-libbing their way through a skit, largely full of inside material, but certainly fun! THEN CAME THE MUSIC! And now we have another year till our next honoree! But the Lodge will keep on rocking and rolling, and helping others through our charity programs! Another fun season has come and

mostly gone. We will be closing until October 9th, after our May 15th gathering.

And already planned for next season is a golf tournament benefitting the Western Foundation, which is comprised of this States 52 lodges. The golf and a luncheon buffet will be held at the beautiful Indian Canyons

Golf Resort in Palm Springs on November 18th. Further details on this fun and exciting tournament will be coming to you in our newsletter. Joe, and the rest of the tremendous volunteers, who keep our club running so efficiently, wish you an amazing summer of fun and good health!!



Our Honoree Frank DiSalvo and lovely wife Addy dancing.



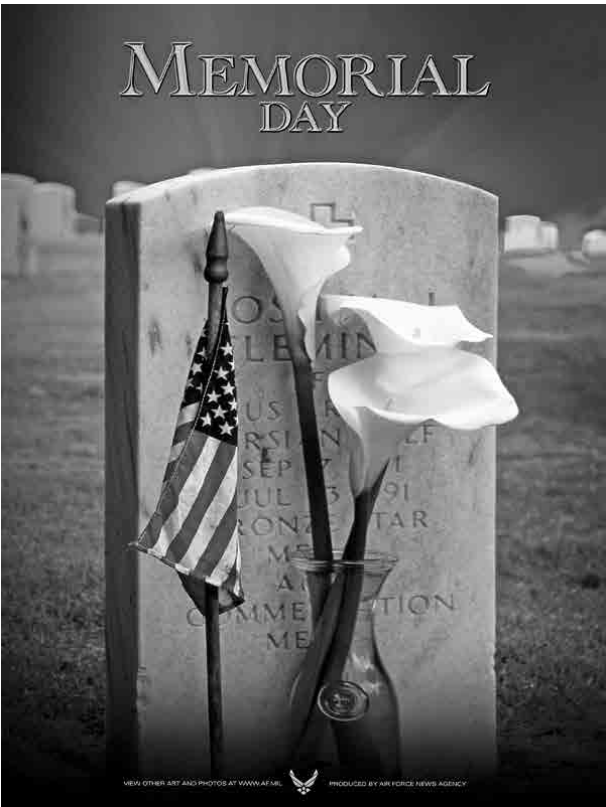
Honoree Frank DiSalvo on guitar leading his band.



Our Lodge President Joe LaPorta and First Lady.



The ladies that keep the Lodge going! Lori, Renee, Joyce, Laurie, Patti.





# Columbia Lodge Honors National President On 75<sup>Th</sup> Anniversary

by Arlene Nunziati

One hundred seventy one guests attended the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Columbia Lodge, San Mateo, and the honoring of National President Vera Ferrara Girolami on the evening of April 6, 2019. An excellent job keeping the program short so that the guests could have an enjoyable evening was done by M/C State First Vice President Arlene Nunziati.

The beautiful event was held at the Peninsula Italian American Social Club in San Mateo where a delicious dinner was served.

Sister Vera was the first woman elected to the position of State President of the Grand Lodge of California and is only the second woman to hold the esteemed position of National President. Many accolades were awarded to her as she has done outstanding work in both positions. Over the years, Vera has received many awards and honors, among them serving as CAO of the Western Foundation, Past President of the Modesto Lodge and Founder and President CEO of the Central Valley Sons of Italy.

Shas has been married to Hon. Al Girolami for 58 years, has two daughters, three granddaughters and two grandsons.

President Joe Simoni presented her with a beautiful Swarovski necklace with matching earrings and Al presented her with a Swarovski ring.

She gave a beautiful talk and introduced her large family, friends from the Villages, her nursing school classmates and her Cruiser friends.

In attendance were guests from all over the State of California and Nevada: National Trustee Lynn Lawrence Murphy and State Trustee Bill Murphy, State President John Costa and 1st Lady Donna Lee, State 2nd Vice President Sadie Tamburine, State 3rd Vice President Barbara Wisniewski, State Trustees Louise Silacci and Ray Bini and many State Chairs and representatives from lodges far and near. Prof.ssa Anna Zeppieri represented the Consul General of Italy and National Foundation Trustee Maria Fassio Pignati presented Vera with a lovely bouquet of flowers from the Consul General.

Music was provided by the Lou Roselli Band and everyone stayed dancing to the end. A beautiful and memorable evening for Vera and for everyone who attended.



President Joe Simoni and Vera



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by Louise Vicino

Greetings from Petaluma!

How wonderful can a day like today be? I looked out at my garden this morning, looked at the beautiful sky and thanked God for the beauty that he gives us in Mother Nature. We are so fortunate here in Petaluma, we are truly in God's Country.

Had a nice meeting the other night. Our State President John Costa and our Deputy Rick Branch were in attendance and they installed our new President Ernie Giono. They also initiated Mary Ellen Higgins and Annie Cellilli into the Lodge.

Our congratulations to President Ernie and congratulations to our two new members, Mary Ellen and Annie.

We want to thank our Vice President Jim Gambonini who did a great job at our March meeting. We encourage everyone to support our new President by attending the meeting and giving support at our events. Come to the meetings and meet your fellow members, get acquainted with everyone there, and get to know others. Some members come alone and they need to know that we are a friendly group. Make them feel welcome.

Our thanks to Ed Santero and the cooking group. who prepared a great meal for us. Thanks to the ladies who brought the dessert and also to anyone else who helped in any way. I miss Ed's Mother, Louise, her family and all her wonderful desserts. Think of them often.

We hear that Aileen Petty is planning to move to Texas at the end of the year. Aileen has done a good job and we hate to see her leave when the time comes.

Congratulations to Marilyn Lombardi, who is now our new Chaplain and also to Ron Benson, our new trustee.

Our winners of our monthly raffles are as follows: Karen Bonfiglio, Ron Benson and Madeline and Rose Lavezzo.

Our next meeting is May 9th. Please make your reservation for the dinner by calling Ernie Giono. It is important for the cook to know how many are coming.,

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those celebrating this month. Happy Mothers Day and Fathers Day. Remember them, giving them lots of love, hugs and kisses. If they have passed on, then remember them fondly and keep them in your hearts especially on those days and everyday.

Get well wishes to anyone who is ill. Thinking of Bruno Fomasi and hoping he on the road to recovery. Miss seeing him. Good to see that Bette Finkbonner is doing so well and looks so good. Nice to see John too.

Say a prayer for our service people, the homeless, victims of crime and for our Country.

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

Ciao,

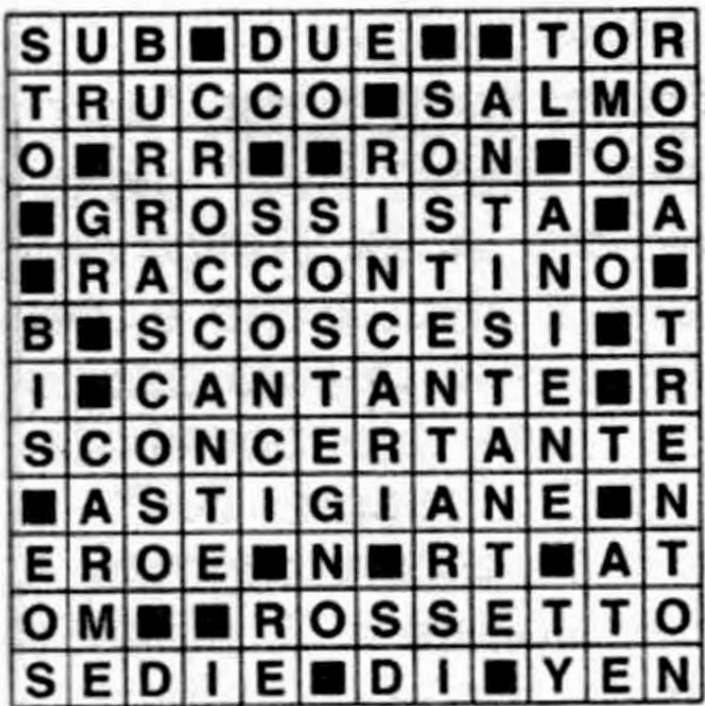
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William Paca #1960	5/25/47
West Covina #2056	5/14/56
Anaheim #2076	5/13/58
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*by Angelo Bianchi, Esq.*