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## Message From the State President



State President  
Barbara Wisniewski

How is it possible that it is 2022? I guess it is true what they say, "Time goes faster as you get older!"

I want to wish my Sisters and Brothers in our Order a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. We can only pray that the pandemic will subside enough to allow us to continue to share our meals and meetings together. If you haven't seen a member recently, give them a call. They may need to hear a friendly voice.

I was excited to attend the meeting of the Columbia Lodge #1940 in San Mateo. President Angelo Fanucchi was a gracious host. The Lodge collected so many toys for the "Toys for Tots" program. It warms my heart to see our members working together towards great causes. They did put me to work, which I loved. We initiated six new members, installed a Sargent at Arms and I was able to give out pins and certificates for members over 25 years and over 50+ years. I was honored to give a 73-year certificate to a wonderful woman, Frances Sutter. It is members like her that have kept our Order going.

I also would be remiss if I didn't mention my most amazing hostess, Arlene Nunziati. She not only put me up (put up with me) and fed me but was my chauffeur for the time I was in San Francisco. I know many of us remember when we could travel the state and stay with a Sister or Brother in their home.

I also got to spend more time with our Office Admin,

Ervin. He was patient with me as I asked questions. Maybe by the end of my term, I might learn a fraction of the procedures at our Grand Lodge Office!

The Giuseppe Verdi Lodge #1441 had First Gent, Ken, and I as guests at their Christmas party. The food was excellent as always and the fraternity is just wonderful. Thank you, President Maryanne Campbell for your hospitality.

I am so blessed to have such a beautiful, extended family of all my Sisters and Brothers in the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America.

Please remember to include me in your invites (Please send a copy to our Recording Secretary, Lori Rossi, [loriathegrandlodge@gmail.com](mailto:loriathegrandlodge@gmail.com)) when you are initiating new members or honoring long time members. I would be honored to be a part of the ceremonies.

I, along with our National Officers, Lynn Lawrence Murphy, Maria Pignati, and Arlene Nunziati are getting ready to attend the National Plenary session in North Carolina. I know they will have a report for you at that time.

Because there was not an "in-person" National Convention, the Sellaro Awards were not presented. This will be done at the Plenary Session. The winners of this prestigious award for are our own, Past Grand Lodge President, Past National President, and dear friend, Vera Girolomi. The second awardee is a long-time friend of me and my family, Vince Sarno, Vince is a Past President of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and Past National President.

For those of you who don't know what the Sellaro Award is, it is the highest award presented to a member of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America. A candidate must be nominated by another member of the Order. The selection is based on accomplishments, commitment, dedication, and efforts on behalf of their Lodge, their Grand Lodge and/or the Supreme Lodge of OSDIA. Participation in community ac-

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## News from the Central

Pauline Richmond  
State First Vice President



My dear Brothers and Sisters, after a year of political uncertainty and a global pandemic, I invite you to step forward with boldness and confidence, to experience a renewal of your hearts, minds, and souls. If the past year has taught us anything, it is that we cannot let opportunities to spend time together pass us by. I am looking forward to coming together in meetings and events; to lodge visits, hearing the laughter and rejoicing among all of you, especially after being apart for so long.

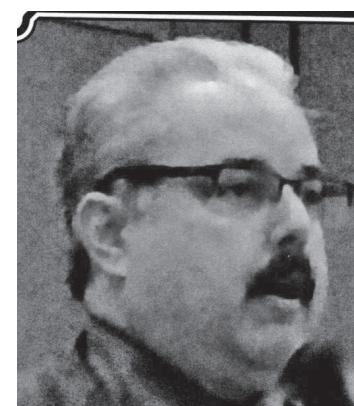
On Thursday, December 9, 2021, I attended Enrico Caruso Lodge #1463 (My Lodge), Meeting and Christmas Party. Our charities representatives from Bethlehem Center, Food Link, and The Rescue Mission attended the meeting. Each were presented with a check in the amount of \$500.00 from our Lodge. We had a delicious dinner with a visit from Santa who gave each child a gift. The tables were set up beautifully in a Christmas theme with a gift at each place setting. It was a wonderful evening visiting with members that have not been to a meeting in over a year!

This year the State Vice Presidents will continue to gather information from their area/district lodges newsletters and share the various lodge activities with the lodge Presidents, State Officers and Committee Chairpersons monthly.

My appointed State Deputies list and State Officers Official visit list was completed in August 2021 and copies of the lists were sent to the Grand Lodge Office and to our State Recording Secretary, Lori Rossi. I will be looking forward to receiving the required reports from the State Deputies and

## News from the South

Mark Vaona  
State Second Vice President



Happy New Year to all. I hope everyone stays healthy this year and we can get back to seeing each other. I don't have a lot to say this month but I do want to emphasize if there is anyone you haven't seen or talked to in awhile reach out. Sometimes a 10 minute conversation will make some ones day. I look forward to attending some of the lodges meetings this year and hopefully that will start happening again soon.

If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact me at your convenience. My contact info is in the Il Leone.

State Officers in the Central District.

The following in brief is a report on the activities of the five lodges of the ULSJV December 2021 meeting in the Central District:

Clovis Lodge #1449 at present does not have a meeting place, so they are meeting in various area restaurants. They have had two successful fundraisers during the pandemic.

The Columbo-Stella Lodge #1149 has had a few Zoom meetings in the past year and will meet in January. They sold gift cards via mail, phone or Venmo and did very well. They have seven new members. Bravo!! Lodge President Olivia De Liddo gave a report on the Italian Museum at the Fresno Fairgrounds. The grand opening will be February 8, 2022. Admission will be free. Mark your calendar. The Fresno Lodge is planning a big celebration for the 100th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of California's Mother lodge the Colombo-Stella Lodge in September 2022.

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## News from the North

Louis Lodi  
State Third Vice President



To My Sisters & Brothers of OSDIA

I would like to start out with a big Congratulations to Tony George, new President of the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge in Chico, and his officers. Mike Smith has done a tremendous job and now has passed the gavel to Tony. I know he will continue the superb work the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge has done throughout the years. I would also like to congratulate Mark Rossi and Yvonne Vanoni for becoming State Deputies. Mark is the State Deputy for the Napa Lodge. Yvonne is the State Deputy for the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge. They both will be great assets to the lodges and will help in any way they can.

Sending best wishes for a speedy recovery to Bill Murphy. Donna Lee Costa has stepped in to be President of the Napa Lodge for now. Thank you, Donna Lee! I hope that our "Bocce Monthly Fun Fest" can start in April at The Solano Senior Center in Fairfield. We want to invite all our OSDIA members to come and "Bocce." A flyer has gone out to the lodges with all the information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 916-996-5634.

Here are a few "Did you know?":

1. There are approximately twenty-five million people in the United States who participate in Bocce.
2. George Washington was a big bocce fan, so much that he had a court at Mt. Vernon.
3. Bocce is second only to Soccer as the world's largest participant sport, so I guess you can say that Bocce is "on a roll". Ha...Ha!

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State President  
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tivities that benefit Americans of Italian heritage will also be considered. You don't have to have held a position in the Grand or Supreme Council to be nominated. This is quite an honor. Wouldn't you agree.

Our January Lodge Presidents' Zoom Meeting will be held on January 23, 2022, at 7:00 PM. If some of our Presidents don't have an email account let me know and I will send a phone dial number so you can take part in our calls.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or to reach out to Ervin in the Grand Lodge Office. Ervin is in the office from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday.

Till next month  
Fraternally  
Barbara

State Third Vice President  
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I would like to thank Pauline Richmond, First Vice President for the great work she is doing and for making us aware of the OSDIA app on YouTube and News12 Plus/NYC/. There you will see videos about OSDIA and other Italian topics. A must see is Lidia Bastianich interview about her growing up Italian and what it meant to her.

I hope everyone stays healthy and safe. God Bless and do not forget to reach out to someone you know and just say hello.

Ciao for now,  
Louie Lodi

State First Vice President  
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Hanford Lodge #1543 had a successful drive-thru spaghetti/meatball dinner/sauce sale in October 2021. In January they are planning a polenta and stew dinner/meeting. All are invited.

A report by Roma Lodge #1573 President Larry Dutto on the State Presidents Zoom meetings held the 4th Sunday of the month. He is encouraging lodge president to participate in the Zoom meetings. In October the lodge was honored by the City of Tulare, naming October as Italian Heritage Month. The Mayor of Tulare, Dennis Mederos, is a member of the Roma Lodge. They served over 350 people in a drive-thru ravioli and chicken dinner for two with all the trimmings.

The Enrico Caruso Lodge #1463 will be celebrating their 95th Anniversary in August 2022.

With the new year hopefully, all lodges will be starting to have their general monthly meetings again!

Ciao - Until next month

## LEADERSHIP

by Pauline Terrusa Richmond  
State First vice President

The most efficient way to get a reliable performance from others is to treat them like heroes. Giving public credit to someone who has earned it is the best leadership technique in the world. It is also an act of generosity that is, never forgotten.

The loyalty you generate is the most important currency a leader has.

Leaders show the way! Have you ever noticed that if you smile at people they smile back? Well, if you are giving, they want to give right back. If you are sure-footed, they want to follow you. If you are confident about reaching a goal, others emulate that confidence and will try to achieve it for you. The best thing you can do is get followers to mirror your actions by being what you wish them to be. Successful leaders will say that you trust others to do well. If, on the other hand, you believe your people will fail, they will meet your expectations as well.

INTEGRITY – Inspires trust – Do what you believe in!

## Duties of a Local Lodge Orator:

Next in line, fourth in the rankings, we have the Local Lodge Orator. The Orator is the representative of Judicial Powers of the Local Lodge and shall have the following duties and prerogatives:

### Article 45-Local Lodge Orator

- A. Gives opinions concerning the application and interpretation of the laws of the Order
- B. Observes that the laws of the Order are properly applied
- C. Is subordinate to the President in matters relating to the administration of the Local Lodge.
- D. Is subordinate to the State or National Orator in matters relating to the exercise of judicial powers
- E. May present on the Orator's own initiative and shall present on the order of the President or on the deliberations of the Local Lodge, written accusations against any non-officer member of the Local Lodge who has committed any infraction of the laws of the Order by first submitting them to the State Orator and then presenting the charges at the hearing before the Local Lodge Arbitration Board.
- F. Presents charges against Officers of the Local Lodge only when ordered by the President and shall forward these charges to the State Orator
- G. Shall call the attention of the President any statutory violation or ritualistic or regulatory infractions that are observed. (I hope this would be done quietly so as not to embarrass anyone)
- H. Retains the right to speak last in all discussions relating to the interpretation and application of the laws of the Order.

The Orator is our guide through the Order's by-laws. We must always remember to be discreet in verbalizing our issues. We are a fraternal organization. When a member is voted into this position, they get the opportunity to learn the by-laws of the Order.

## Attention: Financial Secretaries

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## History of Valentine's Day in Italy

Valentine's Day is an old tradition from the Roman Empire. Taking place on February 14, Valentine's Day celebrates the Queen of Roman gods and goddesses – Juno, the Goddess of Women and Marriage. In Italy, Valentine's Day is known as La Festa Degli Innamorati.

### Traditions for Couples

Valentine's Day in Italy was historically celebrated as a Spring Festival. They will celebrate the advent of spring together by spending time outdoors, strolling in parks, sitting under trees or in beautiful gardens, and listening to music or talking.

Contemporary Italian couples may present each other with small, chocolate-covered hazelnut candies by Perugina, which are filled with a sweet cherry liquid center. The inside wrapper of Perugina Baci candies boast romantic poetry.

Italian couples also follow the tradition of padlocking their love to a bridge or railing, and throwing the key away.

In Verona, Italy – known as the city of Romeo and Juliet – there is a four-day Valentine's celebration, with heart lanterns lining the city and free concerts in the Piazza dei Signori. There is also a love-letter writing contest and romantic dinner specials in restaurants around town.

### Traditions for Singles

For young, single girls in Italy in the past, it was believed that the first man they saw on Valentine's Day would be the man they married – or at least a man who looked like him! As such, young girls would wake up early and look out their window at men who walked by.

### Many Different Ways to Say I Love You

Italian is a romantic language – and the originator of Romance languages! Now, if you have a sweetie who is Italian and you want to impress, here are a few ways to profess your love in Italian!

## Attention Presidents and Officers...



Lodge Events Calendar:

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



# Cesare Battisti Lodge # 1518

Petaluma/Rohnert Park, California  
by Ernie Giono

Hello Members:

Here we are almost three years into this pandemic. Our lodge did get together in early December then Omicron reared its ugly head and here we are again, on hold. We will try to get together March 13 with a few new restrictions. This would be our members only St. Patrick’s Day Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner. We have many new members we need to initiate at this meeting if possible.

Must have advanced reservations by phone to 707-559-3119 - Must show your vaccine card with two Pfizer and one booster OR two Maderna and one booster OR one J & J and a booster. (No card to show, no entry) - Masks must be worn unless eating or drinking.

A sentry will be posted at the entrance checking vaccine cards (or a photo copy) and if yours is not proper or you left it home, sorry, turn around and go home - no entry.

I hope all of you reading this are vaccinated, healthy and doing your best to cope during this third year. Who ever dreamed this could happen.

May God Bless all of you and our first responders and especially our troops who are keeping us safe.



# Cristoforo Colombo Lodge # 1534

Reno, NV  
by Historian, Maria Nelson.

Happy New Year! We at Cristoforo Colombo Lodge are hoping for a better 2022.

Our Lodge was not very active last year. Our annual August picnic had to be cancelled because of horrible smoke from the terrible California fires. We were all so looking forward to getting together socially again. It was a disappointment. However, we won’t look back and this August we will have a wonderful picnic. We have kept all the Lodges affected by the fires in our thoughts too.

Our annual Festa Primavera at the Elks Club was cancelled because of Covid. This is our big fundraiser so we were concerned. Our Lodge decided to do a Non-Festa Primavera Fundraiser. We were “filling the boot” with contributions, big and small, to make our goal of \$8000. So far we have received \$6,560. We are proud of our members for helping us through this past difficult year. Again, we will look forward to our Festa Primavera this year at the Elk’s. SAVE THE DATE- April 30, 2022.

In October many of us attended the Great Italian Festival at the El Dorado Casino in Reno. Our Lodge had a sauce booth as did Past President Joe Eidem and the Bonaldi/Ricci family. It was a beautiful Saturday, great weather, fun music and crowds of people were in attendance.

In December we enjoyed our big Christmas dinner party and Santa came for the kids. They all received gifts from Santa and Santa received a check from us for the St. Baldrick’s Foundation. Many attended this event and we had a great time. Our member, Sam Olson, was our raffle master shouting out the raffle numbers while the children delivered the prizes to the winners.

We have added two new charities to our giving in 2021. We gave to Bees 4 Vets and Awaken. Representatives from both of these organizations spoke to us about their organizations. Bees 4 Vets help our Vets who are suffering from PTSD or other related issues. Awaken is an organization working with human trafficking. Our State is high on the list for human trafficking. We were able to present these two new charities with a substantial check.

When you meet someone who acts in a foolish way or does something particularly silly you can turn to your friend and say “la mamma dei cretini è sempre incinta”.

The English equivalent would be “There’s one born every minute” or “there’s a sucker born every minute”.

Thank you for reading about our Lodge. We hope you are all back to your regular activities and functions and are doing well. Until next time.....

Please visit our Face book page at Reno Sons of Italy and our website for more information: [www.renosonsofitaly.org](http://www.renosonsofitaly.org). Learn more about our Lodge, your Italian heritage and upcoming events.

# Roma Lodge # 1573

Tulare, CA  
by Larry Dutto-President

## “Meet & Potatoes”

Roma Lodge is in the San Joaquin Valley, the richest agriculture region in the world. Most of our charter members were farmers or dairymen who immigrated from Italy in the late 1890’s and formed the lodge over 90 years ago in 1930. Although, we do not grow a lot of potatoes in our area I was struck by an article in a local agriculture publication announcing the annual “Meet and Potato” conference of growers and exhibitors in Anaheim. They have over 2,000 attendees each year at the convention center with exhibits, breakout sessions and a lot of activities for everyone to learn about potatoes and enjoy.

You may be asking yourself what this has to do with the Order and the Grand Lodge of California. I was attracted to the article because the convention was held in Anaheim, site of the 2022 Grand Lodge convention and it is a two-day conference. It occurred to me how the potato folks can bring together hundreds of exhibitors, thousands of attendees and conduct all their business and activities in just two days! Remarkable! I wondered why the Grand Lodge convention could not conduct their business in a one or two-day conference.

January is the month local lodges submit their proposed bylaw changes to the Grand Lodge for consideration at the convention. Our members, at the January meeting, have approved submitting three changes. First, will be changes to **ARTICLE 57-STATE DELEGATES**. In part it documents:

Each Local Lodge shall have the right of representation to the Grand Lodge **based on the State Delegates count specified by the State Recording Secretary as Follows** by one or two voting delegates:

One State Delegate for the first 25 members *and one additional delegate for lodges with more than 40 members for a maximum of two delegates per lodge.*

The proposed change is different from the one previously submitted requesting every lodge have two delegates by allowing lodges with 39 or fewer members to have just one delegate and those above 40 to have two delegates. This will reduce the financial burden on lodges to send delegates to the state convention.

The second proposed change to **ARTICLE 5-GRAND LODGE CONVENTIONS** requesting the Grand Lodge convention be held for only two days every other year. If the potato folks can get all their business done in two days, why should the Grand Lodge need more than one or two days to complete their business.

Finally, we have a proposed change to **ARTICLE 57-STATE DELEGATES-SECTION M** which will remove the fines which could be levied against local lodges for not having delegates at the convention. Let’s make the convention a positive experience rather than a punitive one.

Roma Lodge members hope you will support these bylaw changes.



## LOVE FROM ONE HEART

It was love from the start...  
Cupid’s arrow has pierced my heart.....  
Like a clinging vine and the tilking of them.....  
Please say yes to this rhyme  
And be my Loving Valentine....

By Diana Stanton Minsky

HAPPY

Valentine's

Day

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# I'm an Italian American

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*I am William Paca, signer of the Declaration of Independence.*

*I am an Italian-American. I financed the Northwest Expedition of George Rogers Clark and accompanied him through the lands that would become Ohio, Indiana, Illinois,*

*Wisconsin, and Michigan. I am Colonel Francesco Vigo.*

*I mapped the Pacific from Mexico to Alaska and to the Philippines.*

*I am Alessandro Malaspina.*

*I am Giacomo Beltrami, discoverer of the source of the Mississippi River in 1823.*

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

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

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

*First enlisted man to win the medal of Honor in World War II,*

*I am John Basilone of New Jersey.*

*I am an Italian-American. I am the million strong who served in America's armies and the tens of thousands whose names are enshrined in military cemeteries*

*from Guadalcanal to the Rhine.*

*I am the steel maker in Pittsburgh, the grower in the Imperial Valley of California, the textile designer in Manhattan, the movie maker in Hollywood, the home maker*

*and the breadwinner in 10,000 communities.*

*I am an American without stint or reservation, loving this land as only one who understands history, its agonies and its triumphs can love it and serve it.*

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

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

*I Am An Italian-American.*

*by Angelo Bianchi, Esq.*



Happy Valentine's Day



Barbara Wisniewski State President and Husband Ken

Attention All Presidents ...

Monthly Zoom Meeting 4th Sunday of the month



We gather together, go over what is going on in each of our lodges. This is the place to address the adventures our lodges are facing. Let's see how we can help each other.

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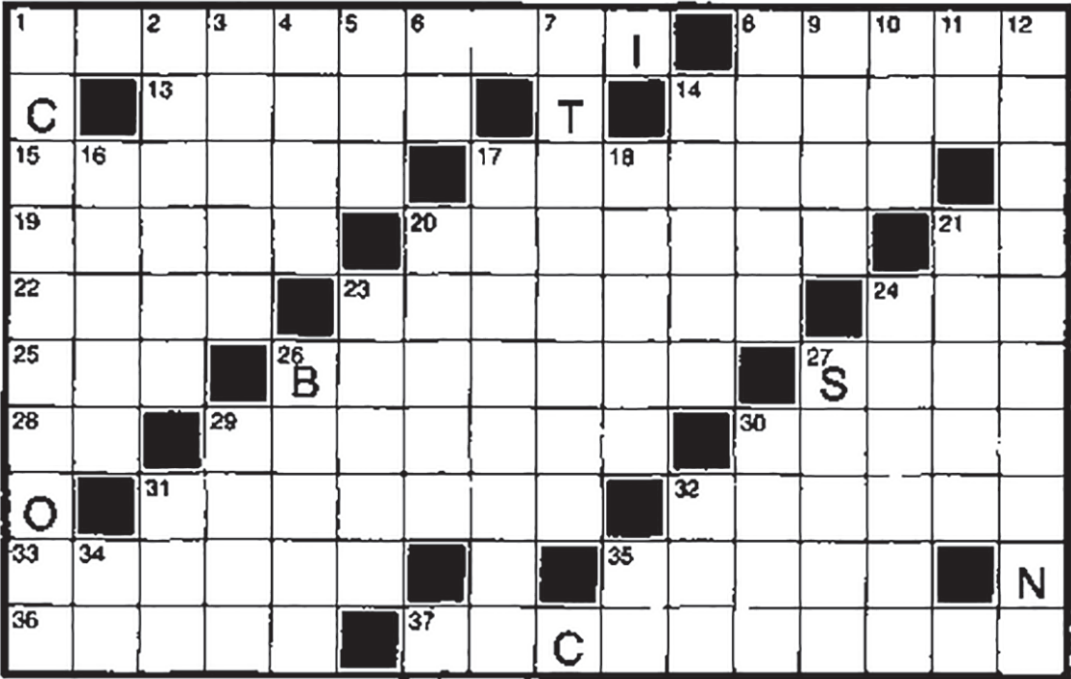
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## Castles

by Stephen Contrado, B.A., Th.M  
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Today castles seem almost imaginary. They are kept alive in our minds by literature and Hollywood films. They are represented in lovely illustrations. They sometimes are featured in gothic novels where a beautiful lady is imprisoned in a dungeon or held in a gloomy tower and eventually saved by a clever hero. Castles refer back to a time before cannons and gunpowder.

Castles were not primarily constructed for comfort, but to keep out enemies. Made of stone, their rooms were heated by smoky fireplaces and lit by torches. Most castles were constructed in the Middle Ages and retained importance during the Renaissance when city states competed with one another. Castles served as fortresses. Noblemen needed to protect their families and the people of their domains.

Castles often were built on hills or elevated places so they would have a commanding view of the adjacent land. This made castles hard to attack and easy to defend. When castles were built on level ground a wide and deep moat was dug outside the high, thick castle

walls for defense. A drawbridge over the moat led to a fortified gate to enter the castle. The bridge would be raised if the castle were attacked. Towers at critical locations within the castle held archers to defend the walls.

The castle enclosed courtyards, storehouses, stables, chapels, and shops and taverns. Knights and ladies enjoyed social and religious festivals within the castle. Then and now, some castles were thought to be haunted. Ghost stories are not uncommon about castles, for castles were likely places where murders and crimes occurred. Today some castles are maintained as museums. Images of castles are sometimes impressed on coins or stamps. Italy has many interesting castles, some now only in ruins. The Italian word for castle is “castello.”

If you dream of a castle, it may be a sign of a happy marriage or it may mean you will receive a legacy. To dream of leaving a castle denotes a loss. Dreaming of a castle may represent a dreamer’s need for security

## Garibaldi-Meucci Museum

by Joy Bruno

### CA State Chair/National Overseer

The Museum has changed it’s website it is now [www.garibaldi-meuccimuseum.com](http://www.garibaldi-meuccimuseum.com). Exhibit changes and current events are updated regularly.

The Christmas tree lighting was beautiful. You can catch it on the new website. It is well worth the time to view it.

The reopening of the museum is starting out with a spectacular presentation of Dante Alighieri’s Inferno Illustrations presented by Dr. Snjezana Smodlaka Ph. D. Dr. Smodlaka has published numerous articles on Italian language and literature, and has presented more than 30 papers in USA, Croatia,Austria, Spain and Germany. This should be an outstanding experience.

The Brick program is still ongoing. I have order forms as well as applications for membership in the Museum.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions or information you may need on the Museum, I am always available.

## Colombo-Stella Lodge # 1149

Fresno, CA

by Olivia DeLiddo, President

Happy 2022. It has been quite awhile since I have written an article. We, the Mother Lodge, are entering our 100th year. Our Lodge was founded in September of 1922, and since we are the first and oldest Italian fraternal organization in all of California, this is a very big deal. Some of you may remember the time our Lodge nearly folded, twice. We had some very lean times, but we rebounded.

We are planning to have a huge celebration in September and I need everyone to help. There are 100 years of memories, pictures and documents that are in our members archives. I am asking everyone to look into their picture albums, their clippings and send me any highlights you think I should have. I plan to make a special video of the people that have been instrumental in Colombo-Stella’s 100 years.

I need to start this project early, so please check asap. I will give more details of our event as it gets closer. I am trying to coordinate it with Grand Council.

There is also something else I’d like to ask. Many of you were at our 90th Anniversary celebration 10 years ago. We had a display of all of our historical items. One went missing. It was the Fez our Founding members wore on their heads 100 years ago! It has OFDIA above the lion and Colombo 1149 below it. I have placed an ad in this paper, so you can see the picture there. I immediately called the restaurant and had all my members ask everyone they know. Someone has it. There is a reward and no questions will be asked. We just want this important part of our history returned.

For those of you interested in the Italian Museum at the Fresno Fairgrounds: Our Grand Opening has been postponed due to the Omicron variant.

We are working on a couple of “no-contact” fundraisers.

Our youth member Hannah Craig (who is now moving up to Regular member) has become a first grade teacher! Youth member Luca Fanucchi is thriving at Notre Dame. New youth member Sophia Linder is doing well after her 2nd knee surgery.

We are not meeting in person until we can safely do so. I pray you all are doing well and are staying healthy.

Until we can meet, Ciao.

## REWARD for return of Fez

Missing from Fresno’s 90th Anniversary celebration 10 years ago.

NO QUESTIONS ASKED

Fez says Colombo 1149

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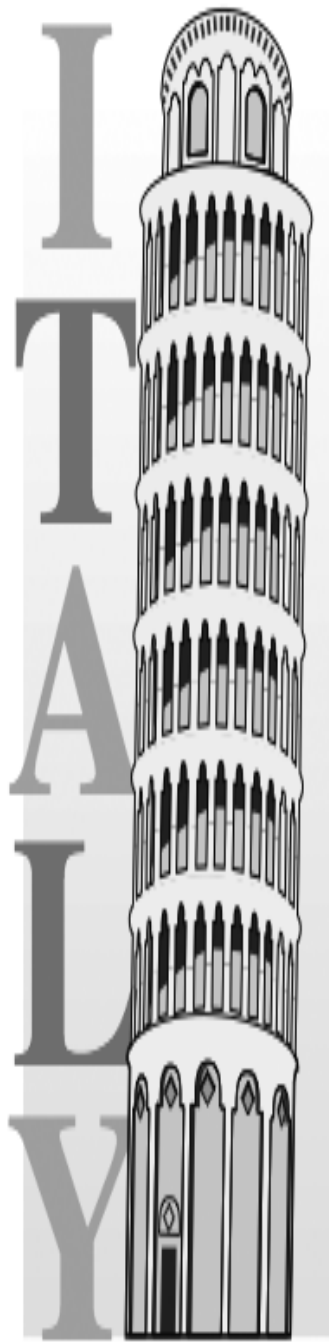


PHOTO (Wikipedia): Castel Nuovo, also called Maschio Angioino, a medieval and Renaissance castle, serves as a symbol of Naples and the Campania region of Italy.





Cristoforo Colombo Lodge #1534  
Reno, NV  
by Maria Nelson



Son's of Italy sauce booth at El Dorado Festival



Bonaldi/Ricci sauce booth at El Dorado Festival



Kids at our Christmas Party



Santa at our Christmas Party



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Hanford Lodge #1543  
Hanford, CA  
by Jackie Giacomazzi



Ernie Bertaina, a 72-year member of the Hanford Sons of Italy Lodge was honored on his 94th birthday when the Lodge met for its January meeting. Ernie was presented with a cake when the group sang "Buon Compleanno" to him following a delicious polenta and stew dinner served by "chef" President Michael Leoni.



Immediate Past President, Louise Silacci, received a gift from President Michael Leoni for her years of service as President of the Hanford Lodge. (2020/2021) The next meeting of the Hanford Lodge will be held on February 9, 2022 and will be "Pizza Night"!! Happy Valentine's Day to all!!





# Eureka Lodge # 1274

Eureka, CA1  
by Joe Bonino

Our Eureka Lodge #1274 Christmas Party at the Plaza Grill in Arcata was a fun and bright affair. Forty-one members and guests dined on a delicious dinner prepared by Uniquely Yours Catering Company.

This year’s Pinochi and Stagnoli Memorial college scholarship competition has begun. Please call Gene Senestraro at 707-442-6396 or Dianne Luzzi at 707-442-8812 for an application.

The Grand Lodge of California and the National also have scholarships available. Go to OSIA.org for applications.

As part of October’s National Walk to End Alzheimer’s the Eureka Visiting Angels Senior Home Care team captained by Lodge member Jeanne O’Neale finished in first place for the most money raised by a Visiting Angels team (\$50,148.54). The team also received recognition nationally for being the largest Walk team.

Lifelong member of the Eureka Italian-American community Lynn McKenna finished first in donations raised by an individual (\$23,510.77).

If you would like to donate to the 2022 Walk team you can text 2ENDALZ to 51555 or go to the Humboldt County Walk website at act.alz.org/Humboldt2022.



Enjoying the Eureka Lodge Christmas party are Immediate Past President Eddie Fornari-Morgan, his wife Sue, Gene Perricelli, and Gene’s two daughters.



After the Eureka Lodge Christmas party in the Jacoby Storehouse in Arcata Betty Senestraro tells Santa Gene what she wants for Christmas.



# Shasta Lodge # 2353

Redding, CA  
by Carole Dellaragione

Hello from Redding,  
We hope 2022 is going well for each of you. Shasta Lodge began the year with a very nice celebration of life for our dear friend Jean Russell. She is certainly missed by all of us.

President Jim Nobili appointed Bob Gullixson to council as a trustee to temporarily replace Jean. He also appointed Jim Giacomelli as a temporary orator since Jim Lamanna has not been able to attend meetings for a while.

On January 20th we served a dinner to the Redding Police Explorers. Due to Covid there were fewer Explorers in the program this year, but they held the awards dinner to honor the eight who had participated.

Our Crab Feed is nearly sold out and is three weeks away as I write this. Paul and Jim are very busy getting the lodge ready and all the supplies ordered that we need. Lots of empty shelves as you all know.

Our lodge will celebrate our 42nd anniversary in February but will hold our dinner on April 23rd when things are a little slower around the lodge. We hope a few of you will join us. More information will follow.

Wish you all a Happy Valentine’s Day.


Your friends at Shasta Lodge.



Part of the Kitchen crewat the Police Explors dinner. John Taselllo, Jim Nobils, John DeMatteo




Redding Police Officers prepared to serve dinner to the Explorres.



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## Lodge Activities .....

Centinela Valley Lodge .... We are having a Crabfest Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 19th at our lodge hall in Torrance. You have your choice of crab or rib eye steak with linguini with red or white sauce, veggies, salad and dessert. Cost is \$40 for adults and \$20 for children 12 years old or younger. Contact Annette Porter at 310-245-1502. Music by the Sicilian Band.

We are starting a new column in the Il Leone where lodges can put a short blurb in the paper advertising an event their lodge is doing. Send your information to me and to Debbie. We don't want your lodge bulletin only the facts on your event.

## Cornelia-Vita Nuova Lodge # 1198

San Francisco  
by Maria Fassio Pignati

On Sunday, December 19, members of the Cornelia-Vita Nuova Lodge of San Francisco visited Firehouse #28 in North Beach to drop off toys to the firemen stationed there for their Toys for Tots program. It was a beautiful, brisk day in the City, and it was the first time that we were together as a lodge since March 7, 2020. It felt great to be with our Brothers and Sisters performing an act of kindness for those less fortunate. The firehouse, in the Italian district of San Francisco, has been remodeled but the interior floors still have bricks that hearken back to the days of horse-drawn fire trucks. The edge of the bricks even had the green, white, and red of the Italian flag painted on them.

The firemen who greeted us were kind and gracious and were most appreciative of the toys we brought. A big thank you to Sandy Del Grosso for all her work in organizing this event with her husband Paul, and to the members who attended. It was great seeing our President Angela Silva who in November passed her Bar exam! We are proud of you, Angela! Thanks also to those lodge members who couldn't attend but donated to their local firehouses. The biggest thank-you goes to the firemen themselves, who put themselves on the line every day to keep us safe. Wishing you blessings of health and peace for the New Year!



l to r: Paul Del Grosso, Chair Sandy Del Grosso, Jeanine Catalano, Jack Silva, President Angela Silva, Maria Fassio Pignati, Ugo Pignati and our Fireman.

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## Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day, also known as St. Valentine's Day, is celebrated each year in America on February 14th, a time when couples show their love for one another with greeting cards, romantic gifts, and outings.

While February 14th might seem to be what some derisively label a "Hallmark holiday" implying that greeting card companies promote the holiday to sell more stock, Valentine's Day is a tradition honored by many Americans and their families uniformed and civilian. It is also quite ancient.

A Brief History Of Valentine's Day

Before the holiday we in the west currently celebrate, Valentine's Day was observed by Romans as the festival of Lupercalia, held in mid-February as a rite of spring. The celebrations included fertility rites, sacrifices, and a lottery-based matchmaking event.

By the time of the 5th century, religious leaders in the Catholic church appropriated Lupercalia much in the same way Easter was co-opted from competing religions. Rebranded as St. Valentine's Day, the name is said to have originated from one of two people put to death by the Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius Claudius Gothicus circa 270 CE.

Some refer to this date as 270 AD, but "AD" is short for Anno Dominai, which is distinctly Christian nomenclature which is why scholars took to referring to the date as 270 CE, which is short for "Common Era." Both designations refer to history occurring from the time of Christ onward and in spite of what some might infer, the use of CE instead of AD dates as far back as the 16th century.





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*Anniv. July 20, 1996*  
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*Anniv. Apr. 17, 1966*  
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*Anniv. July 27, 1929*  
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*Anniv. Feb. 19, 1984*  
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LODGE No. 2424**  
*Anniv. Oct. 22, 1978*  
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**MODESTO  
LODGE No. 2021**  
*Anniv. Apr. 20, 1952*  
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Dinner 6:00pm. RSVP  
Julie: (707) 252-9196  
Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Native Sons Hall  
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**LODGE No. 2534**  
*Anniv. Jan. 16, 1983*  
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*Anniv. Sept. 5, 1925*  
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*Anniv. Mar. 4, 1972*  
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**LODGE No. 1449**  
*Anniv. Apr. 4, 1927*  
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**LODGE No. 1573**  
*Anniv. May 25, 1930*  
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**LODGE No. 1413**  
*Anniv. Apr. 4, 1926*  
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*Anniv. Feb. 8, 1925*  
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**LODGE No. 2566**  
*Anniv. Nov. 17, 1984*  
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**LODGE No. 1898**  
*Anniv. July 5, 1940*  
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**LODGE No. 2453**  
*Anniv. Feb. 23, 1980*  
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*Anniv. May 28, 1958*  
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*Anniv. May 17, 1947*  
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*Anniv. Jan. 6, 1924*  
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