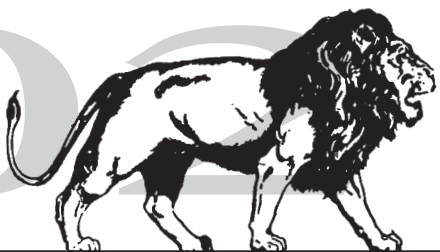


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A Message From The State President



State President
John Costa

As I write this we (your Grand Council) just completed a virtual "Zoom" Grand Council Meeting. Thank you to all the officers for your patience and it was nice to see a few other lodge members sit in. This has not been an easier year for our filial lodges, but I know we will overcome. All of the Grand Lodge business was taken care of.

Our State Convention will be done by "Zoom" also this year. The date of our Convention will be June 26th 2021, Mark your calendars. This will be an interesting task, more information will follow shortly. As I stated last month, this is an election year. Those members who wish to run for an office within the Grand Lodge please sends a letter of intent to our State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi.

As our counties begin to open up, please remember

to follow the guidelines of your local government. I personally am looking forward to visiting a few lodges prior to the end of my term in June (fingers crossed). Even if I am unable to before June I will make up for lost time and still venture out to your local Lodge activities.

One thing we still notice at the Grand Lodge office is many members' beneficiaries are not correct or up to date, for those with Life Insurance with the Grand Lodge. Please review this, it makes it a lot easier when we are processing.

We will be placing an ad this week for a new Office Manager. It is not easy hiring someone during a pandemic, but we will have someone in there soon. Please continue your patience with us; we will continue to monitor phones and emails. Again thank our Recording Secretary Lori Rossi for doing double duty.

Lodges using zoom for your meeting please send me an invite to attend, I will try to log in when I can. As always feel free to contact me either by email or phone. Thanks go out to our vice presidents for keeping our filial lodges up to date on what is happening up and down the state.

Hang in there everyone. Vaccines will soon be administered to everyone soon

Stay safe and healthy!!
Yours Fraternally



State 1st Vice President
Barbara Wisniewski

I am happy to announce that Ken and I have received our second vaccination and are enjoying our newfound freedom. The very first thing we did was go to our young granddaughter and hug her forever. I certainly didn't want to let her go and she let me hold on as long as I wanted. That was the hardest thing to endure while following the COVID guidelines, not seeing my grandchildren. I hope that you have all received your vaccines and have been able to get your hugs in also!

Now that Spring is finally here and we can spend more time outside, Please consider spending time together as a Lodge. If our numbers aren't low enough to meet inside perhaps a Saturday or Sunday afternoon at a park or in a member's backyard could be arranged. Our members are counting on Lodge Presidents to keep us together. Lodge Presidents, you are the backbone of our Order. You keep our members involved. Thank you for all you are doing during this difficult time.

How are you doing with Membership and Retention? I know some of our Lodges are still not meeting. I certainly understand the members that are concerned about being in a meeting. Are we reaching out to the members that we haven't heard from in some time? Are we sharing our "Love of the Order" with family and friends? These things will help with our Membership and Retention.

I know we are still in a holding pattern with many of our activities but let's plan. We may have to tweak a date or two, but we will give our members things to look forward to participating.

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State 2nd Vice President
Pauline Richmond

GREETINGS! HAPPY
APRIL 2021!

I hope the student that had the eligibility requirements applied for the OSDIA's National scholarships offered. OSDIA has awarded over \$61 million in scholarships to date! In past years, Sons of Italy Foundation has offered 10 to 12 merit-based scholarships and National Leadership Grants, ranging from \$4,000, to 25,000 in a Nationwide competition. These figures and the numbers of scholarships may vary according to funding each year.

If you follow Facebook, each Wednesday at 4:00pm PT you can listen/watch the "OSDIA Interviews Live". Wednesday 03/04/2021 Season 3 featured special guest-host, Adriana Trigiani along with Italian America Magazine Editor-in-Chief, Miles Ryan Fisher, and 1st National Vice President Supreme Lodge Bob Bianchi. They were joined by prolific novelist and international bestselling author David Baldacci! He told of his first trip to Italy and the changes it made in his life etc. It was a moving story about visiting his hometown in Barga, Italy. David also spoke of the "Wish Well Foundation" he created with his wife. David answered questions during the live interview. It was an excellent interview and a great example of an Italian American. I enjoyed every minute of the interview. I encourage everyone to connect and listen to the "OSDIA Interviews Live".

The 3rd weekend of March on Saturday 20th the Grand Council will have scheduled Zoom meetings. (News of the meeting will be forth

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State 3rd Vice President
Sadie Tamburine

Hello brothers and sisters, I continue to pray for those affected by the COVID pandemic. I pray for all who have experienced loss and that everyone stays safe and that we will get back to our normal activities soon. Did you realize that April is a big month for celebrations in Italy. I thought I would share a few of the most interesting ones.

Easter

Easter, Pasqua, often falls in April. Italian Easter week celebrations start during the week before Easter and continue through Easter Monday, La Pasquetta, a national holiday and a day where you may find some very interesting festivals. One of Easter's most unusual events is the Scoppio del Carro, or Explosion of the Cart, in front of the Duomo in Florence.

Pesce d'aprile

April 1 is known as Pesce d'aprile, or "April fish." It is celebrated like April Fool's Day in the US, with practical jokes and pranks, often with elaborate set-ups.

Palio della Rana

This frog race, usually takes place the weekend after Easter in the town of Fermignano, between Urbino and Urbania in central Italy's Marche region. Contestants, representing each of the seven contrade or neighborhoods, dress in historic costume and race with frogs atop small wheelbarrows trying to reach the finish line before the frog hops off. There is also a procession in historical costume.

Il Giuramento di Pontida In early April, there is a historical re-enactment at Pontida of the alliance between

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ATTENTION PLEASE

Please send all articles and photos to me. If you send them to Andy he has to then send them to me which can cause the paper to be delayed.

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I appreciate all your help.



SAVE THE DATE

for our State Convention.
the date is June 26th 2021
more information to follow





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State First Vice President
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So many of our Lodges are holding Drive thru Dinners. They are all reporting financial success.

The newsletters I have received are taking their Lodge members to Italy with articles about traditions and celebrations as they have been practiced pre-COVID.

I am wishing all my Sisters and Brothers a happy and holy Easter,
Till next month

Fraternally

State Third Vice President
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the Lombard cities of Bergamo, Brescia, Mantova, and Cremona against Federico Barbarossa on April 7, 1167. The town of Pontida is 16 km from Bergamo.

Rome's Birthday
The date of Rome's founding (in 753BC) is celebrated on April 21 so if you're in Rome, watch for festivals, concerts, and special events. There's usually a fireworks display over the Tiber River and gladiator shows around the forum area.

Saint George's Day
In Caresana in the Piedmont region, Saint George's Day on April 23 is celebrated with the Palio dei Buoi, a parade of floats pulled by oxen. Saint George is the patron saint of farm workers.

Liberation Day
April 25 is a national holiday celebrating Liberation Day (Festa della Liberazione) in Italy. Some services may be closed but there will be festivals and concerts in many places.

Festival of San Marco
Saint Mark, San Marco, is the patron saint of Venice and there is a festival in Saint Mark's Square on April 25, including a procession to the basilica. On this day in Venice, you should give a rose to your loved one.

San Biagio Day
San Biagio, the patron saint of Avetrana in southern Puglia, is celebrated with a 2-day festival including bands, food, a street fair, and a religious procession.

The Race of the Ring
The Corsa all'anello in Narni in the Umbria region is part of the celebrations held the last week of April. During this medieval jousting competition, three horsemen try to snare rings. There are also a historical Sprocession and other events.

God bless everyone, will have more trivia next month.



State Second Vice President
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coming!).
A reminder: The State delegates requirement list has been sent to the lodges Recording Secretary to be filled out and returned to the Grand Lodge.

Thursday, March 17th I sat in on the Renaissance Lodge Zoom meeting. I was invited to give a brief history about myself. Lodge president Mary Jane Cambria ran an excellent meeting, allowing all in attendance to speak. Reports and planned upcoming events were given. There was some social time ending the meetings. Much appreciation to the Renaissance members for allowing me to join their meeting.

Until we can be together again Stay Safe! Have a Blessed Happy Easter!
Ciao – until next month!

Italy

1. The name Italy (Italia) means 'calf land'.
It is most likely that this name derived from the fact that the bull was a symbol of the tribes of Southern Italy. It was originally spelt Vitalia, rooting from the Latin, 'vitulus' which is a one-year-old calf. volcano Etna in Italy
2. Italy has more volcanoes than any other country in Europe.
This large number of volcanoes is mainly due to the fact that the land lies on a fault line, which is the cause of volcanoes. A number of these volcanoes are active, or have been active in the past hundred years and are very famous, including Vesuvius, Etna and Stromboli. This is actually incredibly beneficial, offering fertile soil to grow crops such as grapes and olives.

Wishing everyone a Happy Spring



Barbara Wisniewski State 1st Vice President and Husband Ken



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February 8, 2021

Mayor Jim Kenney
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Dear Mayor Kenney:
On behalf of the Commission for Social Justice, the anti-defamation arm of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA)—the largest and oldest organization representing Italian-American men and women—I am writing to express our outrage that your Executive Order renames Columbus Day as Indigenous People's Day. In doing so, you have deliberately wronged us, which is an affront to every single Italian American in Philadelphia and across the country.

That you would make such a change with complete disregard for any fair process in which voices get to be heard is disrespectful to all of your city's voters. This unilateral action should be concerning to your constituents, as it is a clear sign that you will not hesitate to make changes with no input other than your own. Sooner or later, you will come for them, just as you came for us—and like us, you will deny them their voice as well.
I hope that your constituents keep that in mind when they make their voice heard in the next election

Sincerely,
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Cesare Battisti Lodge #1518

Petaluma, CA
by Ernie Giono

Dearest members:

I joined the Marvelous Marin Lodge of the Sons of Italy in what seems like 50 years ago. Maria Toreson was President and after her, my dear friend Anna Biggio.

The Marin Lodge closed and we merged with the Cesare Battisti Lodge in Petaluma. A few members including Anna Biggio drove many miles north from Marin to Petaluma.

Happy years passed and little did I know I would one day be holding the gavel at this Lodge that was estab-

lished in 1929.

A year or so passed and when Ann Albertoni left her position as President, I was chosen to follow her. It was not easy for me but I learned to handle it. I had a lot of support and must admit, I'm enjoying it.

Again, little did we know that this pandemic would hit us so hard. It has been over one year since we had a dinner/ meeting and now finally, it looks like we just might be able to start getting together again soon. I am hoping that all or most of you have

received the Covid vaccine as I have. Our new meeting hall is waiting for us and changing the time from Thursday nights to Sunday afternoons has been received very well by the members.

The new location is much larger and the rent is very reasonable...OK, we don't have to pay any rent! This helps our bottom line a lot.

I will keep everyone in the loop. Meanwhile, be kind to someone today and the kindness will be returned back to you ten fold.

Valley of the Moon Lodge #1959

by Susan Antonini
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SOON....

We are almost there folks... no doubt coming up soon you will be given notice of the dinners resuming...but not quite yet...

It is like we are horses at the gate...waiting for it to open... chomping at the bit...yep, that's us....waiting till we can be together again...

A RECENT CHANCE MEETING

How wonderful it was to visit briefly with Gloria Garibaldi.. former State Deputy of Sons of Italy Lodges...OH how she misses visiting with all of you as well as visiting different lodges and sharing fellowship over a table of good food! (and wine!)

CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS

With sadness I am reporting the passing of a dear Sons of Italy fellow... Ricciotti (Ric) Maffioli... his willingness to help at the dinners and sweet smile will be missed. He was a lover of old automobiles. and a member of the Moose Lodge (a really good dancer I'm told) as well as a member of Sons of Italy for over 20 years..Those of you that knew him well could probably add more kind memories. Dear Ric, you will certainly be missed!Our prayers are with his family.

PRAYERS

Gigi...who is recovering from a stroke.

JO GRANT...

Doing well after both of her Covid 19 immunizations... and her son Paul Grant, our SOI President say he, "loves us and misses us and hopes to gather together soon"

TOO BUSY...?

How can this be?...reach out to your friends and neighbors...a phone call would suffice.

DUOLINGO challenge...

400 days...still a beginner...but hey!

HAPPY EASTER

Rejoice!...such a blessed day!

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY...

HAPPY CINCO de MAYO....



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Roma Lodge #1573

Tulare, CA

by Larry Dutto-President

Thinking Outside the Box

I am sure for many of us who write articles for our own lodge newsletters or those appearing in the *Il Leone* we will call up our last year article and type in the new information and save it under this year’s filename. The pandemic has changed all of that. The April 2020 edition of the Roma Lodge article had a complete listing of over 75 members who would be presented their “milestone” membership certificates for every 5 years of successful Roma Lodge membership. It included pictures of new members and their families and information about our 90th year anniversary celebration. Which of course never happened because of the pandemic. We have not met since March of 2020.

On March 20th I decided to participate in the Grand Council zoom meeting to learn about what is going on at the state level. I must thank and congratulate **President John Costa** and all the Grand Council officers for volunteering of their time and energy to keep the Grand Lodge solvent in these exceedingly difficult times. I learned total membership is down to 3,300 members, 5 lodges have been officially closed and the Grand Lodge convention will be held online, and business will be conducted on only one day. When the tenets of the Order are **LIBERTY-EQUALITY-FRATERNITY** it is difficult to do much when our local lodges rely on socializing fraternally at our meetings, dinners, and fundraisers.

If we have learned anything in this pandemic is the

fact, we must all look at our past ways of doing business and adapt to new ways of functioning as an organization. Large corporations and businesses have decided to forego the expensive brick and mortar office complexes, expensive parking lots and daily commutes, to allow many of their employees to work from home. Technology has improved the ways we can communicate for meetings and it will only get better over time.

Just think of all the travel, meals and housing saved with the Grand Council meeting in March. Business was conducted, documents shared, ideas discussed, and actions taken while everyone in attendance were at home in front of their computer! I received my *Il Leone* the same day and saw the note from **Debbie Ure**, who reminded everyone to send her the articles and she lives in the State of Washington! Go figure!

When delegates get their packets, it will show several areas of the budget operating in the negative. *State Financial Secretary, David Lavezari*, and his committee, have done a lot of work in simplifying the way the budget is presented on an annual versus 6-month basis which is extremely helpful. Yes, the pandemic forced the cancellation of the 2020 convention, Royal Pageant, operating losses for the Grand Lodge Building, loss of membership, the list of red numbers goes on and on. At the 2021 convention delegates need to take a critical look at the way the organization is being

operated and look for new ways to do business. During the Grand Council meeting *Al Girolami, Judiciary Chair* discussed Roma Lodges two resolutions submitted two years ago and will be on the agenda at this year’s convention.

Roma Lodge has six delegates for the convention based on our membership. Our resolution suggests each lodge be represented by only *two delegates* to reduce costs to local lodges who have the burden of financially supporting their delegates. Each year, depending on the location of the convention, we spend \$3,500-\$6,500 to send our delegates to the convention. Remember, the bylaws indicate if you do not send the required delegates you could be fined \$200.00 per day per delegate! We suggested, in our rationale, lodges could send as many attendees to the convention as they would like but only two would be allowed to vote.

We also have a resolution to have the convention held every other year. There has been opposition to this proposal because, *“We tried that several years ago and we didn’t get as much in donations the year we didn’t have a convention”* was the reason we could not go to every other year. **REALLY!** Did you contact donors, local lodges, and other groups, and request their donations in the year you did not have a convention? Do we really think the reason donations were down occurred because we did not have a convention that year? Probably not.

As an example, look at your delegate registration packet when you get it. It is filled with punitive measures. You must buy the entire packet, you must always wear your badge, you must be in your seat when each session starts, your lodge will be fined if one of your delegates misses a session. The list goes on and on. Is this the type of convention our millennial members are going to give up work, family time, or vacations to attend? After the Reno Convention, we had one of our promising young leaders indicate they would never go back to a Grand Lodge convention again as a delegate!

The pandemic has given all of us an opportunity to change the ways we do things on a personal, professional, and organizational basis. There is an old saying, *“if you do what you have always done, you will be what you have always been”* if the Grand Lodge continues to do what it has always done, dropping membership, insolvency and the loss of more local lodges may occur.

Roma Lodge has nearly 300 members of which, **ONLY ONE**, is *Italian-American*. The rest of us are *American Italian*. The Grand Council and the rest of us need to start taking actions to ensure we have a viable organization to fit the needs of our changing demographics. We need to *“think outside the box”* and make changes in the organization to ensure we survive!

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Here’s a list of interesting, educational, and fun facts about Italy and her friendly people that you may not already know:

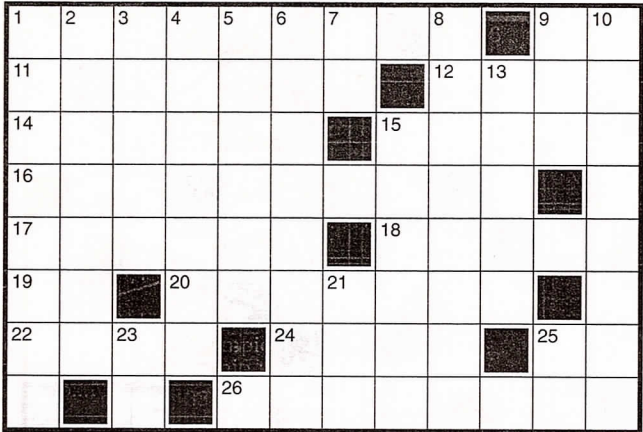
1. Italy is only slightly larger than the state of Arizona
2. Italy’s population is about 58 million
- 3.About one-fifth of Italy’s population is over the age of 65
- 4.The average life expectancy of an Italian is 79.54 years, slightly higher than the U.S.’s 78.2 year average
5. Pizza was invented in Naples
- 6.The average Italian loves his bread! They eat about a half-pound a day!
- 7.The average Italian consumes 26 gallons of wine each year
8. Italy is the fourth most-visited country in the world, with about 5 million visitors annually
9. Italy has more hotel rooms than any other country in Europe
10. More than 75 percent of Italy is classified as either hilly or mountainous
11. Italy did not become a “united” country until 1861
12. Ice cream cones were invented in Italy, and so were eyeglasses!
13. Italy has more masterpieces per square mile than any other country, reflecting the country’s love for great art
- 14.The wolf is Italy’s unofficial national animal
- 15.The University of Rome is the largest in Europe, enrolling about 150,000 students at any given time

16. Italians suffer and have suffered more earthquakes than any other country’s people
- 17.The most common Italian surname is Russo
18. Each night, most Italians take a pre-dinner stroll known as a passeggiata
- 19.About 85 percent of Italians are Roman Catholic
20. In Italy, soccer fans are known as tifosi, carriers of typhus, due to their rowdy behavior
21. Italy boasts the world’s longest land tunnel, the 22-mile-long Lötschberg Base Tunnel, a railway link between Italy and Switzerland
22. Italians must be 18 years old to vote for the lower house of the parliament but cannot vote for the upper house – the Senate – until they are 25
23. The world’s first operas were composed in Italy and the country is still considered the opera capital of the world
- 24.There are two independent states that sit within Italy’s borders: San Marino and Vatican City
25. Everyday, about 3,000 Euro are tossed into Rome’s famed Trevi Fountain. The money is used to subsidize a market for Rome’s needy.

The more you understand about Italy before starting your trip, the more you will find yourself becoming truly immersed in your surroundings when you land in Italy.



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L'ULTIMA di PIERINO

RICHIESTE

Un uomo alla guida di una piccola barca a motore si avvicina a una gigantesca petroliera in navigazione e si sbraccia per richiamare l'attenzione. Non appena dal ponte della nave si affaccia un marinaio, lui gli dice:

— Mi scusi, ma sono rimasto senza carburante: ne avreste un po' da prestarmi?

QUIZ QUIZ QUIZ

- ❶ Che cosa indica il nome "Deneb"?
- A. Una stella - B. Una regione africana - C. Un mammifero
- ❷ Dove veniva coniata la moneta chiamata "gazzetta"?
- A. A Milano - B. A Venezia - C. A Firenze
- ❸ Qual è la superficie della Libia?
- A. 359.540 km² - B. 759.540 km² - C. 1.759.540 km²

IL PROVERBIO

Partendo dalla lettera in neretto e toccando le lettere contigue una sola volta otterrete un proverbio.

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- ❹ Chi fu Marco Praga (1862-1929)?
- A. Un pittore - B. Un commediografo - C. Un musicista
- ❺ Che cos'è, in Brasile, "Madeira"?
- A. Un fiume - B. Una città - C. Una regione
- ❻ Dove si trova la città di Tarascona?
- A. In Spagna - B. In Francia - C. In Svizzera

Al Caiola

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Alexander Emil Caiola was born on September 7, 1920 in Jersey City, New Jersey. He was the son of Emil Caiola, an Italian barber, and Genevieve Esposito.

At an early age, Al wanted to become a singer, but his father advised him to pursue a career as an instrumentalist because it offered better professional opportunities.

Al was a guitarist prodigy by the age of eleven. He took lessons at Time Square Studio. When he was sixteen he was playing with another Italian-American guitarist, Tony Mottola, on a children's radio show.

During World War II, Caiola played with the U.S. Marines Corps 5th Marine Division Band, and he served as a stretcher-bearer in the Battle of Iwo Jima.

In the 1950's Al became a studio musician in New York City. In 1960 he began recording for United Artists Records. He had a hit with the theme song for "Bonanza," a Western television series watched by millions of Americans every week, whose plot revolved around a father and his three sons on a vast Nevada ranch. United Artists used Caiola to make recordings for movies and television, such as Wagon Train and The Ballad of Paladin.

Caiola arranged many popular songs with a jazz twist. In the 1970's he continued his work with the Avalanche Recordings label. He also helped popularize ethnic-themed instrumental music. He produced his 33-RPM album "Ciao" in Italy, a country passionately steeped in music, in 1962.

Caiola played with countless and famous musical artists of different styles, from jazz to rock, such as Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Buddy Holly, Paul Anka, Percy Faith, Perry Como, Rosemary Clooney, Petula Clark, Bobby Darin, Frankie Avalon, Connie Francis, Elvis Presley, Sarah Vaughan, Glen Campbell, Barbra Streisand, Johnny Mathis, Ben E. King, Del Shannon, and many others.



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Spring Weather in Italy

I'm defining spring as the months of March, April, and May in Italy, but because of Italy's Mediterranean climate (and, probably, climate change in general), May can be as hot as June or July these days. March, by contrast, can be as chilly and damp as February. Spring is, after all, a transition season – so unpredictable weather

really is an appropriate hallmark. Spring temperatures will vary quite a bit depending on what month you're there and what part of the country you visit, so it's a good idea to check not only the regional temperature averages (these are listed in the individual articles on each month, listed

below) but also the actual forecast when you're starting to think about packing. In general, though, don't be surprised if you need to prepare for a little bit of everything – this is a sunglasses and umbrellas season.



To all members of the California Grand Lodge of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America. I am running for President of our Grand Lodge for the term 2021 through 2023. Please reach out to me with any questions you may have on my qualifications or to submit any suggestions on moving forward.

Faternally, Barbara



Hanford Lodge # 1543
Hanford, CA
by Jackie Giacomazzi, Treasurer

Remember When: Hanford Lodge traveled with the Enrico Caruso Lodge to visit the San Antonio Mission. A fun trip with a lot of early California history learned by all attending.



C. Colombo Lodge #1315

Antioch CA

by Zelda Lefrak-Belleci

Around & About

With

Safety in Place

(Our Answer to Covid-19)



C. Colombo Lodge President Carol Esposito has been working from home following Covid-19 restrictions. She also uses her tech skills to keep the members informed and connected. In-person meetings may have stopped, but Carol does her best to reach out to lodge members via email and Zoom. Carol has created cards to be sent to members on their special occasions; labels for the monthly greeting cards given to the local VA Hospital patients; formalizing all reports and financial data. A job well done!



Georgette Riccabona is a woman of many creative talents. Among her volunteer efforts she chairs the decorating committee for the Antioch Historical Society, turning their museum into a Christmas fantasy. She sells her prize winning cucidati (fig cookies) at festivals in California and Nevada. Lately she turned an old armoire into a coffee bar for her kitchen! The photo above caught this C. Colombo member out shopping. Notice the mask! Waiting for her vaccine shot, Georgette Riccabona faithfully follows the Covid-19 precautions.



C. Colombo Lodge is committed to a service project honoring the military men and women confined to the local VA Hospital in Martinez, California. Each month the Service Committee produces handmade tray favors or holiday cards to let the 100 patients in-care at the facility know they are remembered. Shown above is Lodge Treasurer Judy McMahon working on the February cards that marked Valentines Day.



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Eureka Lodge # 1274

Eureka, CA

by Joe Bonino

Eureka Lodge #1274 extends March & April birthday wishes to our lodge members Nancy Paoli, John Senestraro, Lorene Luster, Dave Olivieri, Bonnie DuMond, Linda Biondini, Erling Dellabalma, Rosemary Fitzpatrick, Bill Chino, Joe Ceriani, Julie Stagnoli, Cecilia Mattana-Smullin, and Julie Williams Bonino.

Lodge President John Salizzoni just returned from visiting his brother in Yuma, Arizona, in March. While there he did some mechanical bird watching: US Army black hawk helicopters were on maneuvers overhead every morning.

If you have not already done so, please don't forget to send your dues payment for 2021 to Donna Olivieri at 5998 Christopher Dr. Eureka, CA 95503.

Rodolfo Valentino

Lodge # 1449

Clovis, CA

by Carol Watson, President;

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Being a human means we are not perfect, but that is perfectly fine.

There is a huge race going on now between those that refuse to wear masks and those that are getting vaccinations to keep them, their family, and their neighbors safe from the COVID-19 virus. The fewer folks that wear masks mean we will be delayed in getting back to our normal lives and having our monthly meetings again. As Dr. Fauci says, wear the masks, get your shots, and keep wearing the masks.

Stylist Norma Kamali almost said "Stay flexible so that you don't break".



PUZZLE ANSWERS

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WEAR A MASK AND REMEMBER

SOCIAL DISTANTING



Advice from the WHO

The World Health Organization (WHO) website has instructive videos showing how to wear a mask. They advise cleaning hands both before putting the mask on and after taking it off, not touching the mask, making sure it fits properly without gaps, and removing it by the ear loops while leaning forward and avoiding any contact with the front of the mask. They cover proper storage and cleaning of re-usable masks, and they remind viewers that the mask alone will not guarantee protection, and people must still follow social distancing and handwashing recommendations. They explain that prolonged use of masks does not cause CO2 intoxication or oxygen deficiency. This has been tested; despite the fears of some in the public, blood oxygen and CO2 levels are not affected by wearing masks. Masks should not be worn while exercising, because sweating can make the mask wet, which can interfere with breathing and promote the growth of microorganisms.



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