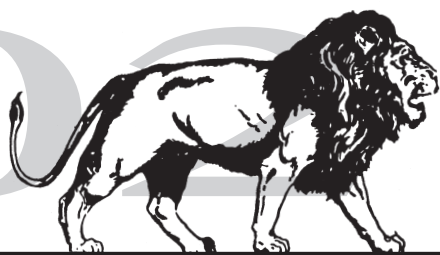


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## Message From the State President



State President  
Barbara Wisniewski

Since last edition of the Il Leone, First Gent, Ken, and I have attended Lodge meetings at Gold Country #2705 and Northern Solano #2534. While there we initiated new members. There is nothing we like better than to assist with new members becoming Sisters and Brothers.

I spent a few days at the Grand Lodge building where State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi and I interviewed for a new office administrative person. We hired Ervin Siaux and both of us feel he will be a good fit for our team. Ervin will be in the office Monday through Thursday from 8 AM to 5 PM. Please feel free to reach out to him with your requests and inquires, or just to introduce yourself. He may not have the answers but will find them and get back to you. He can also make sure your requests for merchandise get filled.

I hope our Lodges have put

the name of a Queen or King for our Royal Pageant. We need at least five contestants to have a successful pageant. Some of the young women and men will receive a percentage of the tickets they sell. The Local Lodges will also receive a percentage of the tickets they sell. This is a win-win for all who participate. I know the final date is past but, I'm sure, if you contact Pam Ricci about an additional contestant, she will gladly send you tickets to sell. If you have not entered a candidate, you can help support another young person by purchasing tickets from their Lodge.

I want to thank all the Officers and members that attended the Golf Outing in the South for the Western Foundation on November 15, 2021. Joe LaPorta, President of the Dolly Sinatra Lodge #2400 and Trustee for the Western Foundation put together an amazing event with 50 golfers and many more attending the luncheon and raffle after the golf. We all had a great time and, I believe, a very successful fundraiser. Thank you again Joe.

A reminder to all our Lodge Presidents, we will be having our next voluntary Zoom call on December 26th. I hope you can all attend. I believe these calls are essential to the workings of a successful Lodge. We can share the good and the bad

Remember, If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year to all!

Till next month  
Fraternally  
Barbara

## News from the Central

Pauline Richmond  
State First Vice President



Dear Members,

Hopefully, those Lodges that have a candidate for the upcoming Royal Pageant for the 2022 Grand Lodge Convention in Southern California have sent their participant notification to Pamela Ricci, Royal Pageant Chairperson. This is one of the few opportunities that we have to highlight our youth. This is a fun event and a good opportunity to encourage the youth members to get involved. Please let us all make, an effort to support this event whether you have a participant or not!

The sessions of the National Convention in August 2021 by Zoom ran smoothly and like clockwork! Our National President did an outstanding job keeping order and moving right along. No time was wasted and lots of business completed.

I hope the email I sent to the lodge Presidents with information regarding the National Convention was read and shared with your members. This is valuable information informing our members of what is happening within our Supreme Lodge.

News in brief: Our National Technology Committee developed a show on Facebook entitled OSDIA Interviews LIVE and other innovative programing.

If you, or lodges you are a member of, wish to take advantage of advice on how to start your own programing, sizzle reels, or other things the committee has done, you can contact Dr. Mary Kovach (mkovach21@yahoo.com), Dr. Mark DeNunzio (denuziodds@yahoo.com), and/or Lisa Marie Falbo, who does our producing (lisamarie@longshotprod.tv).

Our OSDIA Interviews LIVE, has made amazing progress in marking and promoting OSDIA to the world, even during a pandemic. There were 30+ live interviews with amazing guests, and over 500,000 views and more than 800,000 reaches on our social media platform.

After each season, we had sizzle reels (short clips of OSDIA interviews) promoting the series for the next season. These short clips are also on our YouTube channel and website.

Wednesday, November 10, 2021, I was invited to the Hanford Lodge #1543 regular meeting and Thanksgiving Dinner. It was delicious dinner with great hospitality! If you're looking for a great Christmas gift their 90th Anniversary edition cookbooks are still available to purchase.

On Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 6:30pm I was invited to a RingCentral Video meeting with the Colombo-Stella Lodge #1149. Lodge President, Olivia DeLiddo held a productive meeting with business taken care of with upcoming events discussed and dates scheduled. Their Christmas Dinner will be on December 11, 2021. The Lodge will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary in September 2022. The Colombo-Stella Lodge #1149 is the Mother Lodge of the Grand Lodge of California, OSDIA. I am looking forward to attending the celebration of their 100th Birthday!

On Sunday, November 21, 2021, I attended Enrico Caruso Lodge #1463 Annual Penny Social and Fundraiser for our Lodge Queen Elizabeth "Lizzy" Simon. It was a fun day for the senior & junior members and guest. The Penny's do add up for a successful event.

Buone Feste -- May you have peace, hope and happiness at Christmas and during the New Year.

Ciao -- until next month



## News from the North

Louis Lodi  
State Third Vice President



To My Sisters & Brothers of OSDIA

I am extremely happy to see many of our Lodges getting back to their monthly dinners. A big congratulations to The Roseville Lodge as they had their first dinner celebration on November 18th since the start of the Pandemic. I and my better half, Lodi attended. There was a great crowd for their Ravioli Feed. Being Italian, everyone enjoyed the "Three F's," Family, Food, and Fraternity. I was able to sing some songs also. Thank you, Marlene Christinelli, and her Lodge, for a wonderful evening!

The Northern Solano Lodge in Fairfield is having their "Toys to the Salvation Army Dinner" on December 16th at the Senior Center in Fairfield at 6:30 P.M. I know Don Cradduck and the gang will have a great toy drive and dinner. Ernie Gionons Lodge Cesare Battisti is having their first post pandemic Christmas Dinner at the Rancho Granada Park Center. Eureka Lodge is having their Christmas event on December 5th at the Plaza Grill. I wish I could be there. I know John Salizzoni Eureka members will have a wonderful time. Incidentally, the Eureka Lodge celebrated their 97th Anniversary this year. Wow!

Cristoforo Colombo Lodge in Reno is having their Big Christmas Dinner on December 15th. Since they have not been able to have all their fund raisers over the year, they have been gathering donations with "Fill the Boot." Their poster has a graphic picture of Italy and next to that a thermometer showing how much they have raised. Currently it



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Duties of a Local Lodge Vice-President:

Next in line we have the Local Lodge Vice-President you need to have served an entire term in another position on the Council. This will give you the continued opportunity to see how things work. Again, the ideal situation would be to serve in a few different positions in the Council and work your way up. Here are the duties of the Lodge Vice-President as per the By Laws of the Grand Lodge of California. Many Lodges have other things that the Lodge Vice-President oversees. Speak with your Lodge President and see what kind of responsibilities are expected in your Lodge.

Article 43-Local Lodge Vice-President

The Local Lodge Vice-President is the second ranking officer of the Local Lodge and shall have the following duties:

- A. Takes the place and assumes all rights and duties of the President when the President is absent;
- B. Succeeds to the Office of President whenever the President for any reason whatsoever, ceases to occupy the position and shall be legally installed in the Office of President as soon as possible.

After all the experience working your way up, I would hope any Local Lodge Vice-President would then run for the position of President at the next Local Lodge election.

State Third Vice President Cont. from page 1

is at \$6,000. I am sure they will fill the boot considering their charitable Italian spirit.

At the beginning of 2022 I would like to get have some input from everyone in the North on starting a Bocce Club where once a month Lodges can come together and play Bocce. I know all the Lodges love to play so let us see about coming together and enjoying our fellow Paesanos. Please email or call me as I would like to hear from you all.

I can not believe that another Christmas season is upon us. I think this Christmas everyone realized these past months have made us stop and appreciate our friends and families. Let us all give Thanks that we have been blessed and may we keep this the Greatest Country on God’s Green Earth. I ask all of you to make it a point to call someone you have not talked to in a while and wish them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May 2022 find all OSDIA members and their families healthy and safe. Let us make OSDIA the greatest Italian organization in America. Buon Natale to you all.

Ciao For Now,  
Louie

Attention all Lodge Presidents:

Next President Zoom Meeting will be held on Sunday Evening December 19th

Watch your email for Zoom log-in/call-in information

If you do not have email, call another lodge President to get the call in number.

Royal Pageant Update 2022

I know this is a difficult time and many Lodges are struggling just to have meetings, so it looks like this is not the year to have a Royal Pageant. With personal letters sent to the Lodge Presidents, the article in the Il Leone, and extending the deadline, we were still not able to fulfill the Bylaws by procuring a minimum of five candidates for the Royal Pageant 2022.

I want to personally thank the Lodges that did step up and nominate a candidate, I know it takes lot of work and dedication. This person can still reign as Queen/King of your lodge so make them feel special.

I hope to get together with the Social Media Group this year as they are young, and many are past Lodge Queens to help promote this traditional event so we can get more interest next year.

I am sorry to have to make this announcement, but I am confident with the help and recommendations of the past Queens and Social Media Group we will have a Pageant in 2024.

Happy Holidays and all the best to you.

Buon Natale!

Pamela Ricci,  
Chairperson Royal Pageant Committee

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Napa, CA  
by Tracey Warr, Recording Secretary

Charlotte Mary (Cappadona) Anderton  
1925 - 2021



Charlotte Mary (Cappadona) Anderton, 96, passed away on Friday, October 22, 2021.

Born on October 14, 1925 in Secaucus, New Jersey the youngest of nine, Charlotte moved to Napa when she was nine-years-old. Besides being a homemaker for her family, she also worked as a bookkeeper and a childcare giver. She was active in our community, running the bingo at St. John’s Catholic Church, being involved in her children’s schools including Justin-Siena, and a member of the Sons of Italy and the Italian Catholic Federation.

She loved many things including spending time with her family, writing letters, traveling, playing cards, socializing, doing jigsaw and crossword puzzles, and watching the SF Giants. Charlotte will be dearly missed within the community and our lodge, we ask that you think of her always and often as her family does.

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.





# October Every Day Raffle Winners

Date	Amount	Name of Winner
Oct. 1 Friday	\$25	Mary Jane Cambria
Oct. 2 Saturday	\$100	Fred Fascenelli
Oct. 3 Sunday	\$50	Dan Marinelli
Oct. 4 Monday	\$25	Madeleine Zunino
Oct. 5 Tuesday	\$25	Amanda Fouts
Oct. 6 Wednesday	\$25	Don Craddock
Oct. 7 Thursday	\$25	Barbara Wisniewski
Oct. 8 Friday	\$25	Christina Zebik
Oct. 9 Saturday	\$100	Nina Clancy
Oct. 10 Sunday	\$50	Gaby & Gary French
Oct. 11 Columbus	\$500	Suzanne Simon
Oct. 12 Tuesday	\$25	Marlene Romanazzi
Oct. 13 Wednesday	\$25	Pauline Richmond
Oct. 14 Thursday	\$25	Mary Sue Frediani
Oct. 15 Friday	\$25	Isabel Daramy
Oct. 16 Saturday	\$100	D. Cronk
Oct. 17 Sunday	\$50	Nicole Celentano
Oct. 18 Monday	\$25	Linda Parent-Tasca
Oct. 19 Tuesday	\$25	Gary Mirata
Oct. 20 Wednesday	\$25	Stella Riccio
Oct. 21 Thursday	\$25	Jeff Cella
Oct. 22 Friday	\$25	Donna Lee Lawrence-Costa
Oct. 23 Saturday	\$100	Dawn Romero
Oct. 24 Sunday	\$50	Marlene Romanazzi
Oct. 25 Monday	\$25	Marty Zeeb
Oct. 26 Tuesday	\$25	Chloe Scialo
Oct. 27 Wednesday	\$25	Wayne Grant
Oct. 28 Thursday	\$25	Petra Petry
Oct. 29 Friday	\$25	Marlene Romanazzi
Oct. 30 Saturday	\$100	Tony Giamberdino
Oct. 31 Halloween	\$200	Jim Tumino

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## Rodolfo Valentino Lodge #1449

Clovis, CA

by Carol Watson, Presidenti and

Lou Catallo, Historian; (559) 299-2205 lcatallo@aol.com

Do it for your family: get your shots.

Last month (November) we had our second get-together at Luna’s for salad and pasta. The meeting mostly discussed negotiating for the use of Notre Dame Hall and alternatives to that venue.

This month (December): our meeting will be at Andiamo’s for a 6:00 PM no-host dinner; be sure to let Carol or Isabel know of your attendance. The food at Andiamo’s is always great. We hope everyone will be having a wonderful Christmas and New Year Season.

Also: United Lodges of the San Joaquin meeting will be December 11 at the Hanford Historical Society building, so let Carol Watson know if you will be attending. Rides to Hanford can be arranged.

National Scholarships are again being offered; check this issue of Il Leone for details.

Say it in Italian: A Fagiolo. Literally, “to the bean”, or “just in time”.

## Cesare Battisti #1518

Petaluma/Rohnert Park, CA

by Ernie Giono, President

By the time you read this our first post Covid dinner.meeting went off without a hitch on December 12th. I hope to have some pictures will be in the January Il Leone. We have been idle for over 20 months.

I have decided that 2022 will be my last year as President. I have to pay attention to my health issues and also concentrate more on my other position as a Travel Agent booking Princess Cruises all the way into 2023.

I hope all of you have been vaccinated as this is the only way to end this horrible pandemic. Stay well and remember to be kind to somebody today. You will be rewarded by smiles in return. Ernie Giono

## Christmas in Italy: A Month of Traditions

Beautiful Christmas in Italy is like no other celebration! When we study Christmas around the world, Italy is one of the unique countries we look at: shepherd bagpipers, elaborate Nativity scenes, and a kind witch that flies on a broom. The traditions of Christmas in Italy are based heavily on the religion of Christianity (Catholicism), and on the Italian holiday calendar. Christmas in Italy isn’t only the special day of December 25: throughout December and January there are a number of religious holidays to mark the festive season.

DECEMBER 6: La Festa di San Nicola. This festival in honor of St. Nicholas, the patron saint of shepherds, is celebrated in towns such as Pollutri. According to tradition, St. Nicholas saved the people of the town from a famine by feeding everyone with a handful of fava beans. To commemorate the miracle, the town lights fires under enormous cauldrons, in which fave (broad beans) are cooked, then eaten ceremoniously.

DECEMBER 8: L’Immacolata Concezione – Immaculate Conception celebrates the birth of the Virgin Mary (Mother of Jesus), born without sin. The day is marked with celebrations and processions throughout Italy and with most people off from work, it is also the day when many Italians put up Christmas trees and other holiday decorations.

DECEMBER 13: La Festa di Santa Lucia. The Feast of Santa Lucia is originally from Sicily, and now celebrated in some areas of the northeast as she brings kids extra gifts before Christmas-time. It is sometimes celebrated by families with large traditional feasts of homemade pasta, and special dishes.

Presepio Italy- Kid World Citizen

DECEMBER 24: La Vigilia di Natale. On Christmas Eve during the evening, Italian families and friends have the traditional “cenone,” that is the BIG Italian dinner.

The presepio (manger or crib, and the Nativity) is the center of all Christmas decorations in Italy. The Nativity scene represents in miniature the Holy Family in the stable and is the most common symbol of Christmas for families. The presepio is actually more important than the Christmas tree in Italy, as it represents the real meaning of Christmas according to the Catholic Church. Almost all Italian churches will display their presepio outside, or in the main piazza (town square); some are elaborate, others rustic, some have live animals, and some are extremely old and valuable.

At midnight, zampognari and pifferai, shepherd bagpipers and flutists who represented the original shepherds visiting Baby Jesus, come down from the Abruzzi Mountains around Rome to play music and entertain the crowds of people at religious shrines in the area. The zampognari and pifferai wear traditionally colorful costumes with vests of sheepskin, knickers, white stockings, and large cloaks. Here are some in a video:

DECEMBER 25: Natale Christmas is referred to as Natale (meaning birthday in Italian). According to the most authentic Italian tradition, the gifts for the children brought Christmas Eve are brought by Gesu’ Bambino (Baby Jesus); Santa Claus is a recent new addition that is taking place as well, but it’s not the original Italian one. For people living in Roma, the Pope gives a blessing in the square of the Vatican City, at noon on Christmas day from his balcony.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR





The Gold Country  
Lodge # 2705  
El Dorado Hills, CA  
by Tami Welch

The Gold Country Lodge #2705 recently celebrated its new member initiation on October 19, 2021. We have 10 new members!!

We had a wonderful turn-out by many of our lodge members attending. The Arietta Family provided an excellent ravioli dinner. New members initiated this evening include, Sergio Camerllo, Regina Roman, Denise Esposto-Hunt, Richard Hunt, and Richard Macaluso. We would like to thank Barbara Wisniewski, State President, and her husband Ken Wisniewski for attending. Many thanks also to Lynn Lawrence Murphy, Past State President and Dan Marinelli, State Representative for attending as well.



L-R: Richard Hunt, Denise Esposto-Hunt, Sergio Camerllo, Regina Roman, Richard Macaluso. New Members not pictured: Debbie Harris, Marielena Holler, Al Meir, & Gene & Maria Vaccaro.



Initiation of members by President Barbara Wisniewski.



Manny Finazzo, State Orator

Valley Of The  
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Lodge # 1959  
Sonoma, CA  
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SOON....yes, this has been said before, do step forward if you would like to help in the kitchen...at the meetings ...or any position that keeps the Valley of the Moon Sons of Italy Sonoma....running like a well oiled machine!

**MEMBERS OF NOTE!**  
Marie Davis 52 years  
John Musilli 48 years  
Gary Hermes 43 years  
Josephine Grant 39 years  
Good and faithful members of Valley of the Moon Lodge....

**VOLUNTEERS...**  
Sons of Italy runs on Volunteers.yep, just in case you were not aware....and one person (though) there are many... had some recipes that were interesting...perhaps you would like the recipes. Panforte is one....Uccellini di Manzo another....given by Len Poli.  
who was our chef for several years...such good memories in the kitchen...laughing as we prepared dinner for the monthly dinners.  
(email me and I will send recipes to you)

**OFFICERS....**  
Without whom we would have no meetings and you folks without whom we would have “niente”! Things we cherish as we age...Friends, Family and Fellowship...that wraps up SOI in a nutshell! So keep your membership fresh, and volunteer if you are able.  
Lest I forget, we support many charities and scholarships.

**PRAYERS ARE WELCOME**  
Pray that we can visit together soon.  
Pray for those that are ill....

**A TRIP TO REMEMBER.**  
Josephine Grant and daughter Marie, just returned from a 24 day trip to Italy. Visiting Jo’s hometown of Bassano del Grappa in Italy’s Veneto region. Bassano is known for its wooden 13th Century Ponte Vecchio bridge spanning the River Brenta.... They toured Pisa, Rome and visited the Sistine chapel...

There is something special about seeing where your mom grew up...especially if it was in Italy!  
Hugs to all  
Ciao



Merry Christmas  
Buon Natale



Rosemarie Biagetti Vanderhaar  
State Scholarship Committee Chairperson  
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I want to take this time to thank you all for allowing me to be your State Orator. For those who don’t know me, I have been in the order for 37 years. I have served on my lodge board of directors for 36 of those years. President 3 different times for 10 years. I have served as Grand Deputy to 2 different lodges for a total of 16 years. Served as State Trustee of the South for 4 years. Served on the By-laws revision committee with the Honorable Al Girolami for 3 years. I promise to do the best of my ability to hold this office to the highest. If I don’t have the answer to a problem, I sure will look to find the answer.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving. Hope everyone was able to gather with your family and friends again like the years past. Hope this finds everyone free for the covid 19 pandemic. My prayers are with everyone that this pandemic is past us.

I want to touch on what should be going on at local lodge meetings. First the rules of conducting a meeting should b followed. The ritual and protocol of the order should start before the meeting. It is a reminder of who we are and what we are about. A agenda should be made out and passed out to all members to follow. Less confusion. Everyone gives their report. When all business is done, then members can speak on the good of the order. GOOD OF THE ORDER means jus that. If there are issues, then bring it up and let the officers do their job and discuss it all the officers meeting. Report back to the members with solutions. Meetings are for all to be updated and heard. Officers and delegate should report to the members of what is going on at the State level. Delegates to the convention should take notes and report to the members at the next meeting of what was done and passed at the convention.

All officers who took the oath to uphold the By-Law of the order, should be doing just that, UPHOLD the by-laws of the Order. Promote the order and not tear it apart.  
Again thank you for allowing me to serve you.

A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
and Happy New Year!



Merry Christmas!!



Barbara Wisniewski State President and Husband Ken

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metà dell'anno - 22. In bocca al... pupo - 23. Bei fiori - 27. Lasciata senza capelli - 28. Giunzione articolata tra due pezzi metallici - 30. Città del Belgio - 32. Abitante dell'India di religione non islamica - 35. Altopiano della Calabria - 37. La Weber della TV - 38. Il famoso "di carota" - 41. Iniz. di Respighi - 42. La città della Garisenda (sigla).



— Dicono che se tutto aumenta la colpa è dell'euro: prima o poi me ne capiterà fra le mani uno per vedere se porta iella anche a me!

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# The Christ Child

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God is worshiped in diverse ways. One way he is worshipped is as a child. The beauty and innocence of a child evokes sublime love. The developmental phases of a child are an amazing process of individualization. The child represents all that man can be when he attains full enlightenment. As a child must be protected to come to maturity so to must one's worship of the Creator be cultivated. So it is understandable that devotions are practiced glorifying our Lord's childhood, human and divine. This is expressed in sacred art, literature, and music.

Sometimes Jesus Christ is represented and worshiped as the divine Infant. Christmas and the Feast of Epiphany celebrate his birth. Sometimes Jesus Christ is portrayed as a wonderful child. The Gospels don't reveal much about Jesus's early childhood. After the narration of his birth, the next mention of Jesus is the Finding in the Temple when he was twelve. (See the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 2.)

The famous statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague, given by Princess Polyxena of Lobkowicz to the Discalced Carmelites in 1628, celebrates the Lord's infancy. Another famous statue is the Santo Bambino of Aracoeli. The Santo Bambino of Aracoeli is a 15th-century wooden image enshrined in the titular Basilica of Santa Maria in Aracoeli, Rome, Italy.

The statue of Santo Bambino of Aracoeli (also called "il Bambinello") shows the Christ Child swaddled in golden fabric, wearing a crown, and adorned with gemstones and jewels donated by devotees. Pope Leo XIII authorized its public devotion in 1894 and granted a canonical coronation in 1897. It was again blessed by Pope John Paul II in 1984. The image was purportedly stolen in 1994 and replaced with a copy. Millions of tourists and locals have visited the basilica to view it.

The statue of Santo Bambino of Aracoeli was carved from a block of olive wood from the Garden of Gethsemane by a Franciscan friar assigned to the Holy Land in the 15th-century. People have long associated the image with healing.

The theft of the Santo Bambino caused outrage in Rome. The police being unable to recover it, a number of rich individuals offered a ransom. The inmates at the Regina Coeli prison even wrote a petition to the unknown thieves asking for its return. And when the petition failed, they donated money for the new copy. The image was too well-known to be sold. What do you think were the motives of the thief or the thieves?

Devotion to the Christ Child stirs deep thoughts and emotions and inspires many good works.



il Bambinello (The original was stolen in 1994).

# Chico's Festa Italiana

The sunrise was bright and clear on Sept 18; a good sign for our Lodge's premiere event of the year. The inaugural "Festa Italiana" was about to open in downtown Chico's City Plaza.

Planning this extravaganza was the brainchild of Patti Denito, who put together a stellar committee of members dedicated to making it a success. And from the feedback we received, it was indeed a great success.

The Festa kicked off at 10 A.M., ran all day and included Music and Entertainment, Bocce ball, Children's Activities, Vendors, and of course - Food.

Highlighting the entertain-

ment on the bandstand were "The Dino-Holics", a Rat Pack group including Marilyn Monroe. "Balliamo" from Sacramento performed traditional Italian dance in full costume, a very talented and colorful ensemble indeed. Food vendors had everything from calamari (tender and delicious) to cannoli, and of course pizza. Our Lodges' homemade meatball sandwiches were such a hit they sold out way too early.

The kiddies in attendance delighted in face painting, art work and bocce instruction was given for kids and adults alike. It's amazing how many people never played bocce, the great Italian pastime.

The visual highlight of the day was the "infiorata"(flower carpet) arranged around the plaza fountain. It was a spectacular piece of "eye candy". (The concept came from flower carpets in many Italian Festas). Made in four quadrants; the one done by a local florist was incredible, with colorful flower petals displayed in mosaic patterns. The other three were done by Lodge members and were beautiful as well.

The City Plaza had been closed for refurbishing, and our event signaled the reopening - and a grand re-opening it was. Congratulations to all who made it possible.



Marilyn and the President.



Our flower carpet.



Italia Balliamo



Dino-holics.



# Roma Lodge # 1573

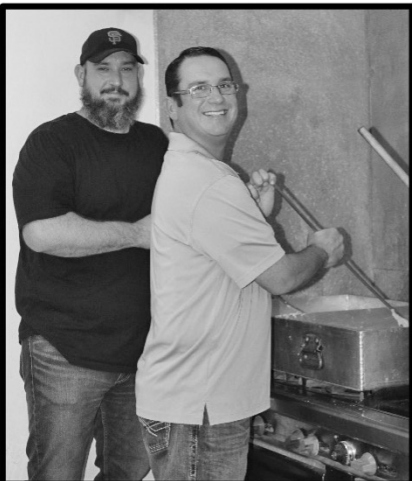
Tulare, CA

by Larry Dutto-Roma Lodge President

For as long as anyone can remember, Roma Lodge #1573, has held their November meeting along with a great dinner of polenta and stew. Many Roma Lodge members ancestors come from Northern Italy, where polenta originated during the days of the Roman Empire. Polenta was the stable diet of many peasants who had little else to eat in poverty-stricken Italy during those times. Over 70 members joined for the meeting and dinner enjoyed by all.



Michael DePaoli and sister Maci Daramy along with the rest of the DePaoli Family cooked a great dinner of polenta and stew for Roma Lodge members.



Joseph Goni and Josh Pitigliano assist with stirring the polenta and adding the butter and cheese. So good!



Adelyn Watkins assisted members with their favorite beverage during the polenta dinner.



Lillian Pedroncelli-Cotta was a member of Roma Lodge for 68 years making her the longest member of the lodge. She passed away at the age of 96. Lillian was married to Enrico Pedroncelli in 1945 and they lived in Waukena just outside of Tulare. Enrico was a member of the lodge and she joined in 1953 and he passed away in 1961. She married Lawrence Cotta in 1968 and was married for 49 years before his death. Lillian enjoyed attending Roma Lodge activities over the many years she was a member. She often joined son Ronnie and daughter-in-law Karen Pedroncelli at our annual ravioli dinner or Christmas party. Farewell Sister Lillian may you rest in peace.

## ITALIAN CHRISTMAS

First of all, we would like to clarify that we perfectly know that many people don't celebrate Christmas and that this festivity is especially associated to the Christian religion, the birth of Jesus Christ, the three Wise Men etc, but here in Italy Christmas is by now associated to many other things that have nothing to do with the religion, such as:

1. TO GO SHOPPING Christmas is a festivity that is characterized by conspicuous consumption: in spite of the cold and the low temperatures, many people flood in the streets – rigorously decorated with lights and decorations – to crowd the shops and hoard the most beautiful things to give to friends and family, but also to themselves! Very often we also buy stupid Christmas-related things that we won't use until the next Christmas!
2. Another Christmas tradition in Italy, as in many other parts of the world, is DECORATING THE CHRISTMAS TREE. According to the Italian tradition, all the decorations are put up on the 8th of December (that is the Immacolata day in Italy). But pay attention to who is going to decorate the tree... not everyone is able to achieve great results!
3. Under the tree, every family puts all the PRESENTS that, at midnight on Christmas Eve (the 24th of December) will be unwrapped!
4. Obviously, among the Christmas decorations in Italy, we cannot forget the typical nativity scene NATIVITY SCENE with the cave, Mary, Joseph, the ox, the little donkey and baby Jesus!
5. In any case, what really characterizes Christmas for every Italian is the ancient dilemma: PANDORO or PANETTONE? The desserts that are the protagonists of the Italian Christmas are without any doubt these two: pandoro and panettone! In every house, every year, is always the same story: fights about which one to buy and which one is the best. The main difference between the two is that panettone has candies, while pandoro is empty inside and it is dusted with powdered sugar.
6. A reason for many family fights are also games such as the TOMBOLA. This traditional Christmas play is like bingo, with the only difference that not only wins who makes "cinquina" [5 numbers in the same row] and "tombola" [filling out all the numbers], but also wins who makes "ambo" [2 numbers in the same row], "terno" [3 numbers in the same row] and "quaterna" [4 numbers in the same row]: obviously, the awards are proportioned.

But when do the Christmas celebrations end in Italy?

7. Between Christmas and New Year's Eve, the celebrations continue in Italy, until the EPIPHANY, that is the 6th of January, that, from a religious point of view, is the day in which the three Wise Men visited baby Jesus, but, from a folkloric point of view, it is the day in which the "Befana" arrives. "La Befana vien di notte con le scarpe tutte rotte il cappello alla romana viva viva la Befana!" (famous Italian nursery rime about this character). The Befana is an old woman a little ugly but generous! She usually gives children some socks full of sweets!

Expression of the day DURARE DA NATALE A SANTO STEFANO: last very few, like the time between these two days, that is the 25th and the 26th of December (for example: Queste scarpe sono state fatte malissimo! Non sono durate da Natale a Santo Stefano! These shoes have been made badly! They lasted a very short time!)

In conclusion, we can say that the essence of the Italian Christmas is spending time with the people we love, trying to be more generous and taking a break from the daily routine. But now leave us a comment explaining which are the traditions in your country... we wish you BUON NATALE e FELICE ANNO NUOVO (Merry Christmas and Happy New Year)!



# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



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Salt is a chemical compound (NaCl) composed of sodium and chlorine. We cannot survive without it. It flavors and preserves our food. It is commonly used in shakers alongside black pepper. The ocean contains great amounts of salt. But most of the salt we buy in tiny crystals is mined from the earth. Seas that evaporated millions of year ago have left behind layers of rock salt. Salt can also be obtained by drilling wells into salt deposits.

Salt has been used to make chemicals used in manufacturing, everything from rubber to steel. Factories would shut down if there were no more salt. But there is enough salt on earth to last millions of years. A thousand years ago the Venetians made a fortune in selling salt. Today, iodine is added to some brands of salt as a nutritional supplement. (Iodine deficiencies affect about two billion people around the world and is a preventable cause of mental retardation.)

Salt has played a social role as well as a nutritional one. In some societies salt was used as money. Roman soldiers were paid partly in salt. The English word “salary” comes from the Latin word for salt “sal.” Salt has been used in various ceremonies around the world.

Salt is used in English expressions to imply worth and wit. The apostle Paul encouraged Christians to let their conversations be full of grace, seasoned with salt (Colossians 4:6).

Medieval alchemists experimented with salt. It has been used by witches for protective spells. There are various superstitions about salt, too. To keep bad luck away, one can throw a little salt over one’s left shoulder. Most of the superstitions we have forgotten.


Many foods are tasteless without salt. A salty taste is one of the four “primary tastes” with sweet, sour, and bitter being the other three. The preservation and flavoring of food such as meat and fish with salt is called curing food. Salted foods resist spoiling.

Salt is a symbol that sometimes appears in our dreams. If you dream you are cooking with salt, it may mean good days are ahead. Putting too much salt on food may warn of overspending. Spilling salt suggests displeasure and quarrels. And dreaming of salt may mean someone will soon be recognized for his wisdom.


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**United Lodges of Southern California  
Columbus Celebration and Testimonial to  
State Officers of the South**  
by Rosemarie Biagetti Vanderhaar  
Recording Secretary & Event Chairperson

On Sunday, October 10th , the United Lodges of Southern California celebrated Columbus and Italian Heritage Month and honoring State Officers from the South. The event was held at the Centinela Valley Lodge Hall in Torrance.

United Lodges’ President Hank Lowinger welcomed the guests. Vice President Michael Di iGiuro led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Louise Pampuro who delivered the invocation.

Members and guests from the Anaheim, Centinela Valley, Hacienda, Joanne Coccia, Pugliese,Saddleback Valley and West End lodges attended the afternoon event. The guests enjoyed delicious appetizers and cocktails prior to a dinner of Prime Rib or Chicken Wellington with all the trimmings. A favorite dessert of Spumoni Ice Cream cake rounded out the dinner.

A program featuring video presentations was presented by Marissa Lavezzari and Sarah and Fiona Taylor. Marissa’s presentation was of

notable Italian Americans in various sports such as baseball, football, hockey. Sarah and Fiona’s presentation started with Christopher Columbus and went through

Italians and Italian Americans in the fields of government, medicine and entertainment. Included in the presentation was a brief story of Mother Cabrini who became the first Italian American saint. Both

Marissa and the Taylors did a great presentation. Francesca Taylor, Italian Culture and Heritage for the Pugliese Lodge assisted with the video. Marissa was able to join us for her presentation but the Sarah and Fiona were both away at school and did theirs via the video. Assisting with the technical support was Mark Vaona. A guest Mary Ruiz, from the Saddleback Valley lodge spoke briefly about Columbus and the ongoing controversy of his legacy.

The second part of the program was the presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to the State Officers being honored. United Lodges President Hank Lowinger made the

presentations to Mark Vaona, StateSecond Vice President, Manny Finazzo, State Orator and Davis Lavezzari, State Financial Secretary. Presenting the Certificate to State Trustee Hank Lowinger was Andrew Pampuro who had been the longest serving United Lodges president, ten years. Due to a prior commitment, State Trustee Mary Jane Cambria was unable to attend.

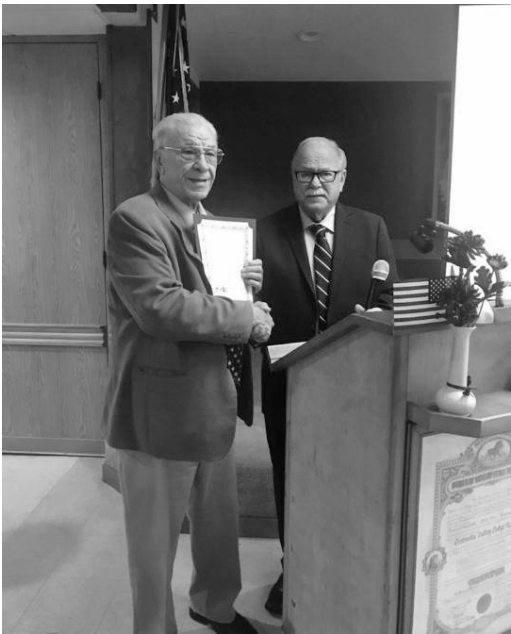
Before closing remarks, a raffle of gifts donated by the member lodges was held. In charge of the raffle was Michelle Lowinger.

In closing the event, President Hank Lowinger thanked everyone for coming and to have a safe drive home. He also thank Annette Porter and the Centinela Valley Lodge for their help with the event.

**Side note:** As chairperson of the event, I wish to say thanks to Annette Porter, Mark Vaona and Steve Guthrie and the Centinela Lodge for assisting the United Lodges . Thanks to Marissa Lavezzari and Pugliese Lodge members, the Taylor family for their presentations..



*David Lavezzari, State Financial Secretary honored by United Lodges of Southern California.*



*Manny Finazzo , State Orator*



*Mark Vaona, State 2nd Vice President. and Hank Lowinger, president of United Lodges presented their certificates.*



Marissa Lavezzari presenting her video of Italian Americans in Sports. Here she is showing those athletes in football.



Hanford Lodge # 1540

Hanford, CA

by Jackie Giacomazzi



A group of loyal Hanford Lodge members prepare meatballs for the fundraising drive-thru dinner held on October 29.



These ladies had a hard job keeping up with packaging the many take-outs given to customers.(Toni Natali, Pat Scialo, Vicki Tos)



Junior Members, Daniel and Jacob Leoni stir sauce being prepared for the spaghetti dinner.



Members enjoy the Thanksgiving potluck which was held at the November meeting of the Hanford Lodge. (Shown are the Sant'Agata & Belezzuoli families).



Junior members, Jacob & Tyler Strutz , help Janis Hansen and Jackie Giacomazzi take dinners to cars during the drive-thru dinner

Shasta Lodge # 2453

Redding, CA

by Mac Turner

Greetings from Redding,

After our great Paesano Days event in September, our lodge has not slowed down. On October 16th we hosted a fundraiser for the Alyssa Arai-za Wings of Angels. They raise money to help families of seriously ill children. They served about 400 spaghetti and meat-ball dinners and had a great raffle and auction. There were eight of our lodge men who took care of the cooking, clean-up and bar. Kudos to President Jim Nobili, Vice Pres. John Di-Matteo, Paul Monette, John Tasello, Leonard Duz, Steve Delben, Jim Giacomelli and Bob Gullixson. Great job guys.

On November 13th we held our annual Thanksgiving-Memorial dinner. This dinner honors our deceased members. All the proceeds go to our scholarship fund. It is put on by the council members but a lot of other members helped with set-up, cooking and especially clean-up. It was a good event and we raised over \$2,000 for scholarships.

At our October and November meetings we welcomed six new members. Patricia Deem, Kathleen Duval, Cathy Jenkins, Doug Phelps, James Richards-Russo and Terri Watson. We welcome them to our lodge and look forward to getting them involved in our activities.

In October we lost yet another long-term member. Lydia Reed had been a member for thirty-four years. She leaves her husband Harold and a son and daughter. Rest in peace Lydia, you will be missed.

In December we will have our annual Council Christmas Party and two large catered Christmas parties with many other events already on the schedule for 2022, including the Redding Police Explorers and tentatively our Crab Feed in February. We are also planning our lodge anniversary party the end of February, and a St. Patrick's Dinner in March.

There are some big plans in the works for South City Park and the surrounding area. This is the site of our bocce courts and where we hold our annual Paesano Days. A presentation was made at the last Redding City Council meeting showing some of the proposed enhancements. Our lodge has some special insight that we will share with the City Council and the City of Redding officials to let them know that the park can be improved, made safe and once again be a positive feature of the City of Redding.

Our lodge wants to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas, and a busy and profitable New Year.

Your friends from Shasta Lodge



President Jim initiates new member Kathleen Duval.



Pam and Pat Karch sing Amazing Grace at the Thanksgiving-Memorial Dinner



Chaplain Charlotte Bailey rings the bell for each deceased member as President Jim reads their name at the Thanksgiving-Memorial Dinner

Christmas

Let the Spirit of Christmas lite  
Your way...lifting this well of gray...  
As the church bells ring “may this  
Christmas be blessed and this Pandemic  
End”surely we will sing for joy...  
Keep Santa in your dreams...bringing  
Gifts of happiness to every Girl and Boy...

Holliday Greetings  
And the best for  
The New Year

by Diana Stanton MinskyStanton



# Saddleback Valley Lodge # 2566

Mission Viejo, CA  
by Peter Dito

Saddleback Lodge has been very active with a lot of fun activities in the past two months. In September we had a fish fry which was organized by Al Trentini and our staff Gourmet chef and culinary expert, Joe Collora.

In October we had our taco night. This fun event was replete with a taco man, Mexican costumes, decorations and music. The affair was organized by Pat Dito and Theresa Vinciguerra. Andrea Palombo-Carpenter even brought a pinata stuffed with nummy candy. Theresa found an excellent taco man who made sure we had enough to eat. Thanks to all our members who brought desserts and salads. Decorations were by Bernie and Kerry. The pictures below (taken by Michelle) are our organizers and decorators and Cisco and Poncho, our leaders:



Our November Meeting was a Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. A heartfelt thanks to Michelle and Hank for organizing this one! Although it was a catered affair, many members brought desserts. Admission was a toy for “Toys for Tots”, the US Marine organization dedicated to giving children a happy Christmas.

Mary Ruiz’s daughter, Debra, arranged to have wine tasting at our Thanksgiving meeting. She is associated with Scout & Cel-lar, a company dedicated to providing natural wines, without added sugars and synthetic chemicals, from around the world. She explained the subtleties of various wines, grapes and locales. I think we all learned a lot.

We also had speaker Eliz Hendershot from WISEPlace speak about how they help homeless women get back on track with a safe shelter, counseling, health services and employment assistance.

Saddleback Valley Lodge President, on behalf of the lodge members presented a \$350.00 donation.



Worthy President Hank Lowinger calls our meeting to order.



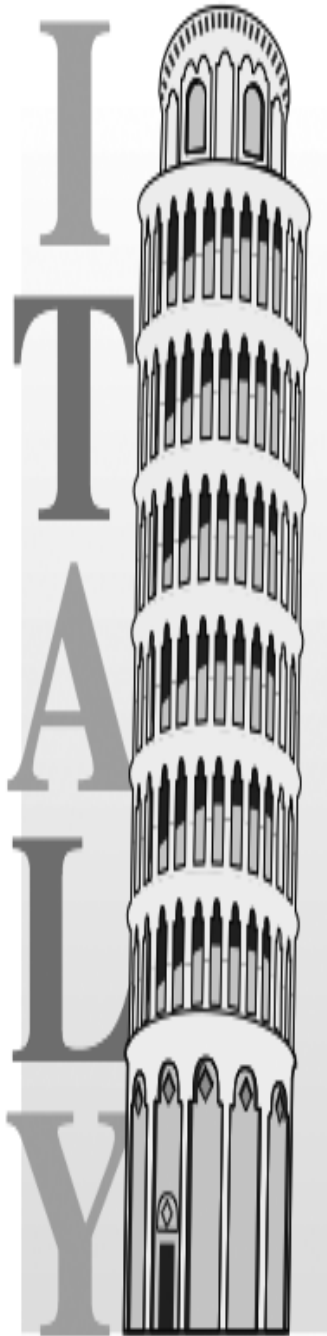
Here we are at the conclusion of our November meeting.  
We are all looking forward to next month’s Christmas Luncheon and are eagerly anticipating the fun meeting and outing we have planned for next year.

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## Roseville Lodge # 1415

Roseville, CA  
by Jan Abriani

It was a FANTASTIC evening to remember! Our lodge had not been together for over two years, so we celebrated with a delicious ravioli dinner, camaraderie, catching up with friends, good cheer and laughter with 80 people in attendance. State Third Vice President, Louie Lodi, and his wife joined in the festivities. To our members delight, four turkeys were raffled off. All went home with the warm feeling of what it means to be Italian.

Have a a wonderful and healthy Thanksgiving.

Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year



# Centinela Valley Lodge #1991

Torrance, CA  
by Annette Porter

Our November 72nd Anniversary dinner was a terrific evening! We had a wonderful prime rib or chicken wellington dinner. The food was fantastic, as usual. Our caterer did another outstanding job. The members that helped put this event together created a beautifully decorated hall. Without

each and every one of them, our events would not be as successful. We would like to thank each of the lodges and state officers that attended our anniversary: Anaheim Lodge, Joanne Coccia Lodge, La Costa Dei Fiori Lodge, Pugliese Lodge, and Saddleback Lodge. The state officers

that attended were: our State Deputy and Michelle Alfieri Lowinger, State Financial Secretary David Lavezzari, State Orator Manny Finazzo (representing the State President), and State 2nd Vice President Mark Vaona.

Our honorees Rick & Lynn Lavezzari. Rick has been a

member of Sons of Italy since 2005 and Lynn has been a member since 2012. Rick & Lynn have been a big part of the lodge supporting it monetarily and supporting the lodge when needed.. They also support the lodge as a trustees.

In October we were hon-

ored at the City of Torrance City Council Meeting and we were presented a Proclamation for Italian-American Heritage Month. The Major Pat Furey came to the anniversary to present the proclamation to the lodge.



The City of Torrance Mayor presenting the proclamation to our Lodge President Steve.



President Steve and wife Bobbi enjoying Paul Finazzo and his lodge



Anaheim Lodge Mariann and Charlie



Manny Finazzo presenting our honorees Rick & Lynn Lavezzari with a certificate from the State President Barbara



Joanne Coccia Lodge Paul, Manny, Judy, Mauro, Marlene and Rosemarie



David Lavezzari and his family

Loa Costa Dei Fiori Lodge Sadie, Susan, Michael and Joann



Lodge President Steve Guthrie presenting a small token from the lodge to Rick & Lynn



State Deputy Michelle Lowinger and her husband Hank, Emilia and Dom Gargano and Pugliese Lodge president Mike Diguire and his wife Edithe.



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A few of our members Linda, Yolanda and Lucy having a wonderful time



Lodge members enjoying their evening with good friends



The Sinaguglia family enjoying the company with the Pat, Bernard and Mary



Mark Vaona and his family enjoying themselves at this wonderful occasion



Tony “The Sicilian Band” our entertainment of the evening

LEADERSHIP

by: Pauline Terrusa Richmond  
State First Vice President

As OSDIA, we are on a journey that must be filled with Liberty – Equality – Fraternity. Regardless of one’s leadership role, one thing many of us have learned over this period is the importance of human connection. A simple phone call can make a significant difference in a person’s life.

Take a moment to think about other things that can help move one forward in these challenging times. It will also help to face inconvenient situations realistically and logically.

- Accept support from others
- Avoid negativity
- Surround yourself with positive people

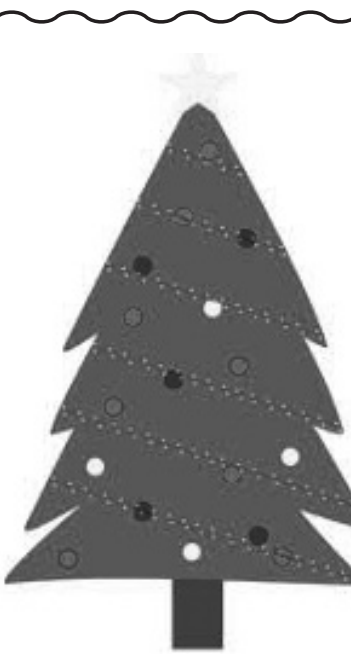
It has been said many times; the way we treat people is just as important as how we lead them. There are many ways to implement respect into the leadership role. Thank you, please and praise go a long way, and other words do too:

- Thank you for sharing your time and talents.
- What do you think?
- I have fun learning from you.
- Please know I appreciate all you do.
- Thank you for bringing dessert to the meeting
- Mistakes happen-we all can learn from them.
- You do an excellent job.
- You are doing great-never give up.

One thing we should never forget: “They may forget what you said, they may forget what you did, but they will never forget how you made them feel.” (Carl W. Buecher)

Contrary to same beliefs is that most good leaders are made, not born. Becoming a leader does not require super intelligence or an important sounding title. It does, however, require the ability to make others respect you, and believe in your vision.

Auguri With all good wishes for Christmas and Every happiness in the coming year.



Buon Natale



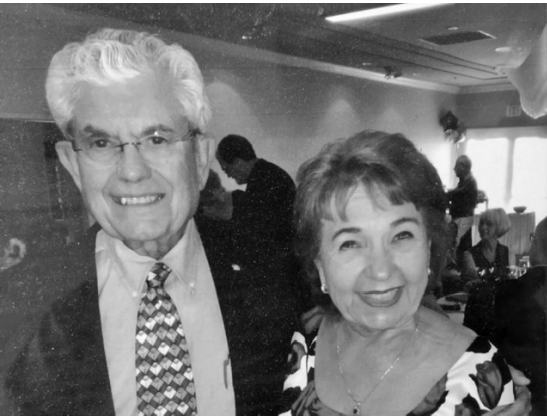
Louie Lodi, Vice President of the North and Londi Medrano

The officers and members  
of the  
Renaissance Lodge #2259  
wish you and your family  
a very joyous Holiday Season!



President Mary Jane Cambria

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Past State President Roy and Yvonne’s is “Past First Lady”.

Puzzle Answers

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Attention all  
Lodge Presidents:

Next President Zoom Meeting will be held on  
Sunday Evening  
December 19th

Watch your email for Zoom log-in/call-in information  
If you do not have email, call another lodge President to get  
the call in number.



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October 10, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the Conference of Presidents of Major Italian American Organizations (COPOMIAO), we would like to convey the supreme disappointment of our organizations, as well as our own personal disappointment, at the hurtful, disparaging, and insensitive proclamation that you issued on October 8, 2021. In your remarks on Friday, you became the first President to issue a proclamation for Indigenous Peoples' Day on the same day as Columbus Day, and in doing so you have reaffirmed to the entire Italian American community that you do not support us, nor do you value the contributions and sacrifices of our community to this nation's history. These sacrifices and contributions have long been recognized by former Presidents with the celebration of Columbus Day as a federal holiday, and your actions yesterday have marginalized those achievements and alienated our entire community.

By effectively "canceling" Columbus Day, you have shown that you, like so many other Americans, do not truly understand our story, which began with the lynching of eleven Italian immigrants in 1891 by a mob of over five thousand people in New Orleans. Many do not know that this was the largest mass lynching in American history, and that these atrocities toward Italians continued with over forty additional lynchings over the course of thirty years. At the time this took place, the *New York Times*, the most widely read newspaper of the day, applauded the lynchings, and later President Roosevelt stated that the killing of these immigrants was "a rather good thing". This hostility toward Italian immigrants created an atmosphere of aggression and antagonism directed at our community that lasted for decades. It was because of these brutal atrocities that President Harrison proclaimed a national Columbus Day the following year to honor and thank Italians and Italian Americans for their contributions to the United States. You, sir, have undone over a century of good will and effectively stated that our contributions hold no meaning for you personally, or for our great country, despite the fact our First Lady is of Italian American heritage.

The Italian American community has long been a proponent of an Indigenous Peoples' Day to mark the achievements of Native Americans to our nation. However, we believe these achievements should be acknowledged in addition to, not in lieu of, the achievements of Christopher Columbus, and that Indigenous Peoples' Day should be rightfully honored as its own distinct and separate holiday. The advocates for the removal and diminishing of Columbus Day base their argument on three false narratives that have been incorrectly and unjustly spread by those seeking to besmirch and vilify the great explorer.

The false narrative begins, most strongly, with the issue of slavery. Columbus is wrongly portrayed as the man who introduced slavery to the New World. Nothing could be further from the truth. Columbus never owned a slave, and, in fact, the slave trade had already existed and thrived long before his arrival, with the Native Americans possessing thousands of Indigenous slaves, and continued long after Columbus's death. It is not widely known that the slave trade from Africa did not begin until one hundred years after the death of Columbus, nor is it acknowledged that many Native American tribes owned African slaves. It is also seldom reported that Columbus is the man who pleaded with Queen Isabella to allow for the baptism of the native people to protect them from becoming slaves, because under the laws of the day a baptized person could not be enslaved.

Secondly, those seeking to cancel Columbus state that he was aggressive and brutal toward the native population. The truth is that Columbus was a great friend to the Taino Indians and had a good and mutually respectful relationship with their chief. Columbus and his men protected the Taino people from the ruthless and vicious attacks they had long endured by the neighboring cannibalistic Carib tribe who sought to massacre and enslave them. Columbus adopted a Taino Indian boy as his own son, and to this day, Columbus' achievements and contributions are celebrated by the descendants of the Taino people throughout Puerto Rico.

The third narrative, one which has long since been debunked, is that Columbus was responsible for genocide in the new world. This negative portrayal insinuates that Columbus and his men intended to murder and slaughter all of the native population they encountered. When examined rationally, it is clear that this is a preposterous falsehood. The main motivation of Columbus's journey was not to plunder, but to evangelize the world and bring the Christian faith to all that he encountered. Columbus also sought to develop strategic trade partnerships in these new lands, not to indiscriminately massacre the population. The truth is that it was the inadvertent spread of disease, not the sword, that unfortunately killed vast numbers of the native population. The global COVID pandemic we are facing today is a prime example of how easy it is for a virus to spread over a vast population, and how devastating its effects can be.

Speaking on behalf of over fifty of the largest and most influential Italian American membership organizations, that represent the vast majority of the nearly sixteen million Italian Americans in this country, six percent of the total U.S. population, COPOMIAO strongly condemns your proclamation and acknowledges that you obviously do not wish to establish a meaningful relationship with the Italian American community. Our organization has shown its support for you personally, as well as for the First Lady, who has twice been invited to speak at our National Italian American Summit Meetings and has declined on both occasions. Your abandonment of the Italian American community has been noted by the majority of our members, and your dismissal of Columbus and his achievements signals your blatant disregard for our contributions and our worth as an ethnic minority group.

Every ethnic group in this country has made meaningful contributions to our society and should be recognized for those accomplishments in a productive and mutually respectful way. Just as we have vocally supported the celebration of an Indigenous Peoples' Day, we demand that the achievements and accomplishments of Italian

Americans continue to be honored and celebrated as they most justly deserve to be. The history of the Italian American community is deeply woven into the very fabric of our nation, and our contributions to the advancement of the national culture is of equal value to every other ethnic group that comprises the United States of America. Columbus Day is the only clearly recognized national acknowledgement of the history and sacrifices of Italian Americans, and by taking that away from us, and promoting another ethnic group in our place, you are alienating our entire community and sowing the seeds of further division rather than being the unifying force that you have declared yourself to be.

It is regretful and disheartening that you believe neither the Italian American community nor the Indigenous Peoples' community deserve their own separate and distinct holidays. You can begin correcting this situation by issuing an apology for your recent hurtful and disrespectful remarks, as well as issuing a new proclamation designating Indigenous Peoples Day on any day other than Columbus Day. Just as we do not wish to diminish the sacrifices and achievements of Native Americans, we ask for the same respect and acknowledgement for our own sacrifices and achievements. There is no reason for you, or any American, to support the minimization and dismissal of our cultural achievements. In order to strengthen the bond amongst the many ethnic groups that comprise our country, something that is so desperately needed at this time, we should be acknowledging and celebrating all of our respective achievements. By favoring and celebrating one ethnic group at the expense of another, your proclamation is counterproductive, disappointing, and divisive.

Only you can correct and repair the damage you have inflicted upon the relationship between the Executive branch of our government and the Italian American community. We respectfully request a meeting with you to discuss our concerns and make a genuine effort to find a mutually agreeable pathway forward that honors our community and preserves our history.

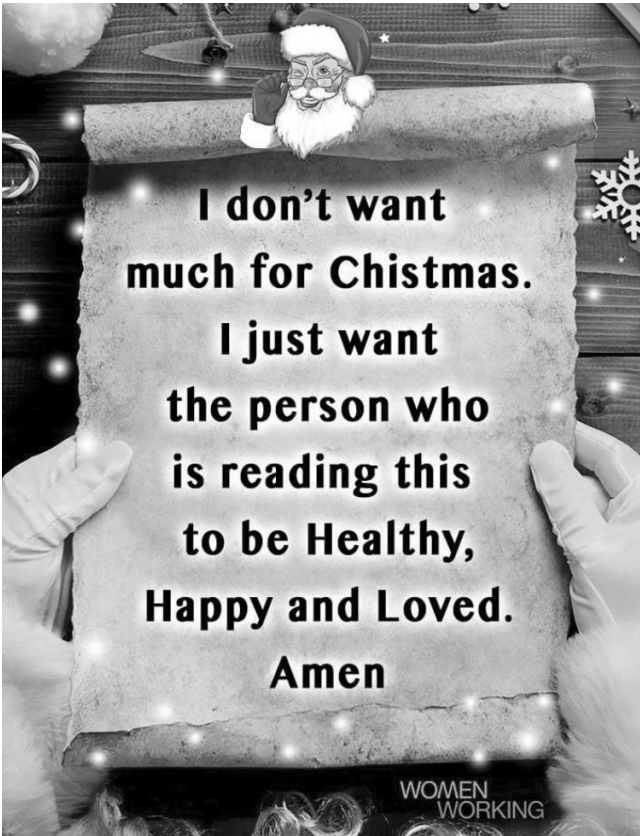
Sincerely,  
*Basil M. Russo*

Basil M. Russo, President  
Italian Sons and Daughters of America  
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*Anniv. June, 1924*  
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*Anniv. Aug. 31, 1924*  
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*Anniv. Jan. 28, 1929*  
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**LODGE No. 1198**  
*Anniv. April 21, 1923*  
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**LODGE No. 2352**  
*Anniv. Sept. 21, 1975*  
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**LODGE No. 1463**  
*Anniv. June 27, 1927*  
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**LODGE No. 1274**  
*Anniv. Mar. 16, 1924*  
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**LODGE No. 1627**  
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*Anniv. Sept. 6, 1927*  
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**LODGE No. 2705**  
*Anniv. July 20, 1996*  
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**LODGE No. 2168**  
*Anniv. Apr. 17, 1966*  
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**LODGE No. 1543**  
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*Anniv. Feb. 19, 1984*  
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**LODGE No. 2424**  
*Anniv. Oct. 22, 1978*  
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The Valley Club  
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**LODGE No. 2021**  
*Anniv. Apr. 20, 1952*  
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Dinner 6:00pm. RSVP  
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Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Senior Activity Center  
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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. 1573**  
*Anniv. May 25, 1930*  
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*Anniv. Feb. 8, 1925*  
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**LODGE No. 2566**  
*Anniv. Nov. 17, 1984*  
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*Anniv. July 5, 1940*  
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**LODGE No. 2453**  
*Anniv. Feb. 23, 1980*  
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**LODGE No. 2016**  
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