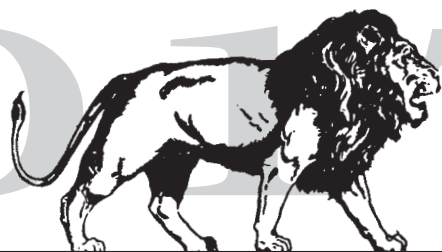


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A Message From The State President



by Lynn Lawrence-Murphy
State President

"Fratellanza"

As I sit down to write my last article as your State President, I wish to express my deepest gratitude for allowing me the honor to represent you these past four years. I began my term in the spirit of fratellanza and transparency, and have tried to serve you at all times with these goals in mind. The past years have been busy and challenging, but I can honestly say filled with joy and happiness, and very rewarding. As I have visited your lodges, it has been my desire to meet as many members as possible, to listen to your concerns and wishes, and most of all assist the lodges and our Grand Lodge in meeting the many challenges our membership is facing today as well as to move forward in a positive, productive manner. As I mentioned in an earlier article, I would like to see us adopt the motto of "Italian Americans: Celebrating our heritage – building a better tomorrow".

Our membership these past few years, unfortunately, has declined due to many deaths but also due to many cancellations and lodge closures. Retaining members as well as acquiring new members is vital if our lodges and the Grand Lodge are going to survive and move forward. It takes each and every one of us to accomplish this goal and I know as a united, fraternal family we can achieve this. Membership Chairman Joe Simoni and his committee have been working on a New Member Questionnaire

and a Membership Brochure. Food for thought: Does your lodge have a membership chair and program? Do you welcome new members with open arms, listen to their ideas and get them actively involved in your meeting and activities? When members leave our lodges or don't attend several meetings, do you follow up with a phone call or message finding out why? We all appreciate that one on one personal touch to make us feel wanted and needed, and most of all part of the family. One individual, one lodge cannot do it alone. It takes all of us working together, supporting each other within our lodge and other lodges, and we will succeed in keeping a happy, fraternal productive lodge and Grand Lodge.

May and June are filled with many anniversaries and events within our Grand Lodge. The following lodges celebrated anniversaries in May: Vincenzo Bellini's 35th, Dolly Sinatra's 40th, Anaheim and St Helena's 59th, Valley of the Moon and William Pace's 70th, and Roma's 87th. In June we celebrate West End's 45th, Cristoforo Colombo's 86th, Enrico Caruso's 90th and Camelia Colombo's 93rd. On June 3rd Rodolfo Valentino also celebrated their 90th (actual date April 4th). Congratulations to all these lodges! Your longevity and commitment to the Grand Lodge and the Order are truly commendable and greatly appreciated. Wow, if we add those numbers up we have a total of 824 years of service and dedication by these lodges. Thank You, thank you, thank you members!!!! Bill & I were able to attend the Valley of

the Moon's 70th and the Rodolfo Valentino's 90th. Only wish we could have attended all of the other celebrations, but I cannot express enough how much I truly appreciate all of you for your devotion and dedication to the Order.

On Saturday, May 6th Bill and I travelled to Reno, NV to attend the Cristoforo Colombo Lodge's Festa Primavera. It might have rained outside, but the internal temperature was warm and cozy consisting of great company, an outstanding meal, an amazing array of raffle prizes and auction items. What a delightful evening and a great way to welcome spring. I am sad to report that their Lodge President Pam Ricci's father passed away suddenly several days later. Burt Bonaldi not only entertained thousands of people over the years performing as one of the Gaylord's but also entertained us at several State Conventions. Our prayers and condolences go out to Pam and the Bonaldi family. The next Saturday May 13th, we attended the Vallejo Lodges' Annual Wine Tasting event for the U.C. Davis Alzheimer's Center. Their Silent Auction always offers many unique and must have items brining in many extra dollars for this great cause. On Thursday May 25th, I had the great pleasure to attend the 29th National Education and Leadership Awards Gala in Washington DC. The amazing leaders that were honored, the outstanding Scholarship Winners along with the many military heroes in attendance

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SAVE THE DATE

The Grand Council dates have been changed to September 23-24, 2017. We will be honoring our Past State President Maria Fassio Pignati on September 23 at the Santa Clara Hilton Hotel in Santa Clara near Levi's Stadium. Check flights to the San Jose Airport. More information will follow.

Commission For Social Justice

by Anthony Ricevuto

Recently in Nevada with the assistance of Pam and Hugh Ricci, they discovered that Nevada Senators were in the process of eliminating Columbus Day. Members of the opposition were well organized, focused and had several Native American groups along with educators from various California and Nevada educational institutes to provide testimony against honoring Columbus. They had already authored a Senate bill that was due to be voted on. The Las Vegas Lodge and the Italian-American community joined together with the efforts of CSJ and the National Knights of Columbus encouraged contacting politicians with a national letter writing campaign. The bill was defeated thanks to the nationwide response. Has this become more of a race issue against Italian Americans to honor Columbus instead of a day to celebrate Native Americans?

Mr. Caira, President, Commission for Social Justice, has been incredible active in assuring that negative issues concerning our culture are protected. His statement to these various organizations is "We are disappointed at the recent national trend that seeks to implement any measure that discredits Christopher Columbus and, if effect, slight the contributions that Italian Americans have made to this country and the development of western civilization as a whole."

Some of the below issues that occurred in the past year have been contested by CSJ:

In San Francisco, The School Board eliminated Columbus Day and replaced it with Indigenous Day without a formal hearing.

Klamath Falls, Oregon, attempt in replacing Columbus Day.

National Education Association encourage its members to urge their school districts to replace The Federal holiday with El Dia de la Raza or Indigenous peoples Day.

Spokane, Washington designated Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples day.

State of Montana drafted a bill to name Native American Day in place of Columbus Day.

State of Colorado drafted an anti-Columbus Day bill. Colorado, was the first State to recognize Columbus Day. Recently the Bill was defeated thanks to all who wrote emails, letters and called legislators to oppose those who supported the effort.

NBC Saturday Night Live April 8, 2017, Tenement Museum skit referred to Italians as "filthy, greasy and not even white people."

CSJ continues to challenge any discrimination movements and bias against Italian Americans. It's essential that whenever issues arise, OSIA Lodges responses must be organized, show professionalism, have members become pro-active, attend hearings, and document their concerns and be proactive. It starts with Lodge Presidents and members contacting and relaying information in a timely manner to the Grand Lodge and CSJ representatives.

Columbus: Fact vs. Fiction FICTION: COLUMBUS DID NOT DISCOVER THE AMERICAS. THE VIKINGS DID. FACT:

In 1950, a map surfaced in Europe that shows the "Island of Vinland" in the northwest Atlantic Ocean. The map's text in Medieval Latin explains that Leif Erickson and his Vikings found Vinland in the year 1000 A.D. The Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., dates the map's parchment to around 1434 A.D. – nearly 60 years before Columbus' first voyage. But when researchers at London's University

College used a laser technique to test the map's ink, they found it contained a chemical substance called anatase, which was not synthesized until 1923, proving that the map is a forgery. Did Columbus "discover" America? In every significant way, he did. Even if others visited the continent sporadically before he did, their voyages had no

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From the Editor’s Desk

by Andy Pampuro
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Congratulations to all of our scholarship winners featured in the centerfold. Chairlady Rosemarie Vanderhaar and her committee did a great job selecting the winners. This is not an easy job but they did fine. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Pam Ricci and her family on the death of her father, Burt Bonaldi, who was half of The Gaylords. They were a very successful duo who made lots of records with their talents. When ever we had a convention in Reno or Sparks Burt would entertain us and thrill us with his talent. He



was a member of the Cristoforo Colombo Lodge in Reno. The next issue of the Il Leone will be the July/August issue and that is the issue we feature the convention activities and list the newly elected State Officers. Also we will have the new Il Leone Sponsor list. The contributions are coming in slowly. I hope it picks up and we have the long list we are use to seeing in the paper. Happy Father’s Day to all of you wonderful men.

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News from the Central

by Arlene Nunziati
State 1st Vice President



I have thoroughly enjoyed representing the Central area as their Vice President and representing all of you as the State First Vice President. It has been a learning experience.

Let us hope that happier times are ahead for us. We have lost so many brothers and sister lately. My sincere sympathy to Pam Ricci on the loss of her Father Burt. I know we all have such fond memories of him and the Gaylord's entertaining us at convention.

Sincere sympathy also to Joy Bruno and her family on the loss of her son in law.

My congratulations to the Northern Solano Lodge for a very successful "Day at the Races". I went this year with National First Vice President Vera Girolami and we had a great time – great food, great company and even came home ahead!

Four years ago at convention my grandson Lorenzo was awarded a scholarship. May 21 I attended his graduation from Marquette University in Milwaukee. Where has the time gone!!

We will have a new slate of State Officers elected at convention. I look forward to working with new brothers and sisters and a new State President.

Thank you State President Lynn for a great four years.

I hope all the Moms had a fabulous Mother's Day and a Happy Father's Day to all the Dad's.

Ciao for now.



News from the North

by John Costa
State 2nd Vice President



Summer is finally here, warm days, barbecues, flaming and beautiful warm evenings. This will be my last article addressing you as your 2nd State Vice President. Let me first say "thank you " for all your support and kind words during the last two years. It has been a pleasure being your vice president. A special thank you to Andy, our editor, for always having to send me reminders for me to get my article in on time.

Convention is upon us and there is a lot of work to be done. This is an election year, so with that I am asking for your support as I run for the office of State President. As I know it's not one person that runs an organization, but a village of people to express their ideas, and desires.

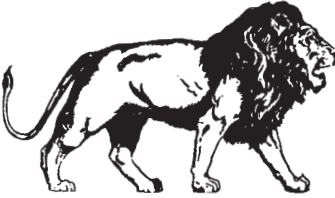
I had the pleasure to help cook at the Vallejo Lodges scholarship dinner where they presented 10 scholarships to some young deserving future leaders of our country. I know many other lodges have had scholarship awarding to students also. Congratulations to all.

On the Saturday before Mother's Day, the Vallejo Lodges held their annual Wine Tasting event for Alzheimer's Research. The event was well attended and everyone was very generous.

On May 22nd I had the pleasure to assist in the initiation of 15 new members to the Napa Lodge. Congratulations Napa Lodge, Keep up the good work!!

In closing, I want to congratulate all the officers of the current administration for a job well done. It was not easy at times but we made it through. A lot of work is ahead of us too keeping the Grand Lodge on the right path. Let's all, "Work together to Grow Together" for the better of your Grand Lodge of California.

Again thank you for all your support in the past and hopefully in the future!



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historical significance. Columbus' voyages, however, marked the end of thousands of years of isolation between the Western Hemisphere and the rest of the world. The recorded history of the Americas and the Caribbean starts with Columbus.

FICTION: COLUMBUS FOUND SOPHISTICATED NATIVE CIVILIZATIONS. FACT: Most of the native tribes Columbus found were hunter-gatherers who engaged in bloody tribal wars and, in the case of the Arawaks, Caribs and Canibs, slavery, torture and cannibalism. To survive, the native populations depended on "slash-and-burn" cultivation of the land along with hunting, fishing and collecting edible wild plants, seeds and shellfish. They had no written language, history or literature. In their struggle for survival, these peoples were not the champions of the environment that they are often portrayed as today.

FICTION: COLUMBUS WAS A SLAVE-TRADER. FACT: Columbus never owned any slaves or brought any to the Western Hemisphere from Africa. During his first voyage in 1492, Columbus landed on the island of Hispaniola (now Haiti and the Dominican Republic). There, with the help of a tribe of friendly Taino Indians, he built a fort called Navidad and left 40 of his crew there when he returned to Spain in January 1493. On his return to Hispaniola in November 1493, he learned that all his men had been massacred by another Taino tribe. Columbus and his men fought with these Indians, capturing about 2,000 and in 1495, sent 500 of these prisoners of war (POW) to Spain to be sold as slaves, as was the custom in 15th century Europe. He sent another 30 Indian POWs to Spain the following year, but the Spanish monarchs ordered him to stop the practice and he never again sent Indians to Europe to be sold as slaves. 3 It is important to note that slavery was not unique to Europe. Columbus found it practiced in the Caribbean by the Caribs and Canibs who made slaves of the tribes they conquered and also ate their victims. (Hence the word "cannibal".) Later Spanish explorers in Mexico and Central America found that even the more advanced civilizations of the Aztecs, Incas and Mayans kept slaves. These civilizations also practiced torture, ritual murder and the human sacrifice of their own women and children as well as of prisoners of war. Such practices horrified the Spanish and caused them to look down on native cultures. In fact, the Spanish arrival in the New World was the decisive factor that eventually ended human sacrifice and cannibalism there.

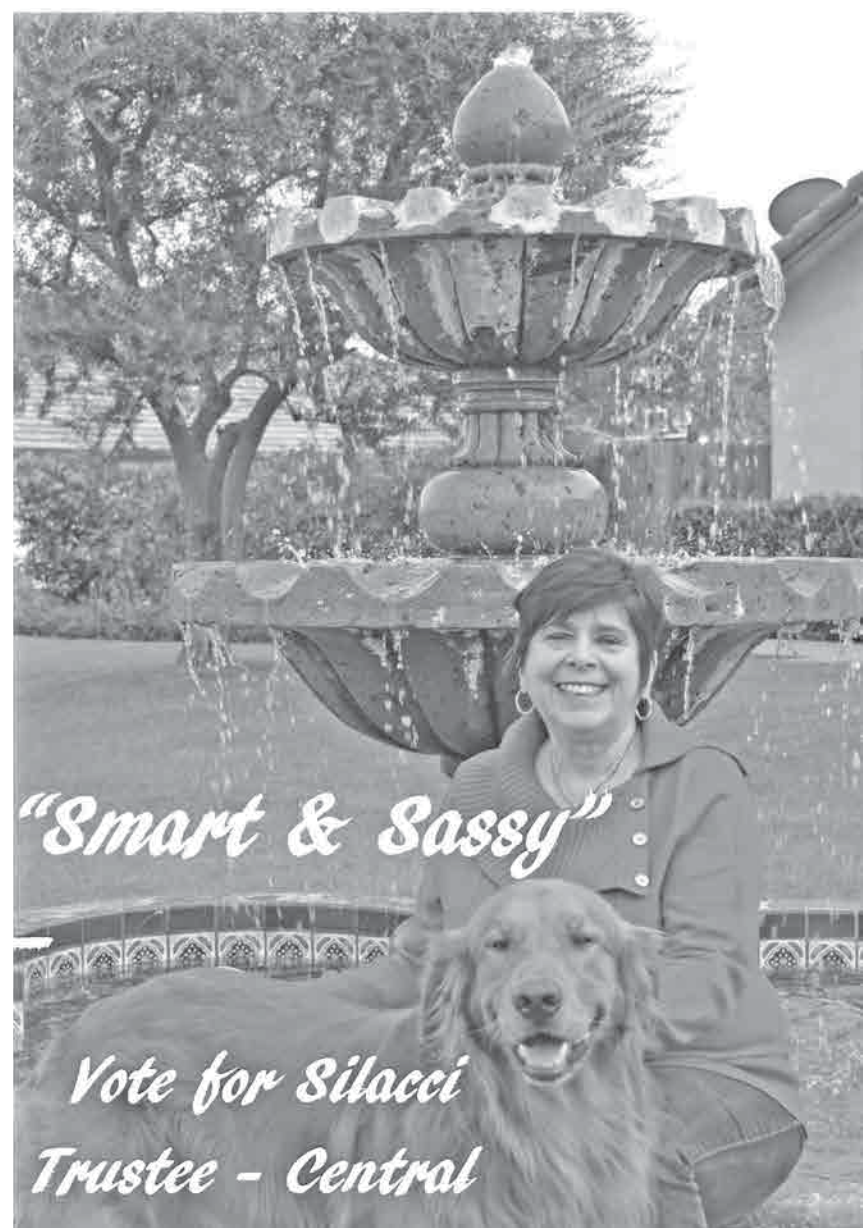
FICTION: COLUMBUS WAS A RACIST. FACT: No

evidence indicates that Columbus thought the islanders he met were racially inferior in any way. In fact, in the journal of his first voyage, Columbus describes the Tainos and other tribes as "well-made with fine shapes and faces...their eyes were large and very beautiful...straight-limbed without exception and handsomely shaped...." He praises their generosity, innocence and intelligence, saying they could "readily become Christians as they have a good understanding." Initially, Columbus had friendly relations with the five Taino tribes he met during his first voyage. These relations soured with four of the five tribes after he found the colony of men he had left behind in the fort Navidad had been slaughtered. He became good friends, however, with one tribe of Tainos led by Chief Guacanagari, who helped Columbus build his fort and fought alongside Columbus against the Taino tribes that wanted to kill the Europeans. Guacanagari paid heavily for his friendship with Columbus. His village was burned; he was wounded in battle and fled to the mountains where he died.

FICTION: COLUMBUS COMMITTED GENOCIDE. FACT: The destruction of the native populations of North and South America over the centuries is a complex historical tragedy. No one knows exactly how many people were here when the Europeans arrived. The numbers vary from 8 million to 145 million. Many researchers believe the number to be around 40 million. Columbus made four voyages to the Caribbean in a twelve-year period (1492-1504), spending from only seven months to two years and nine months (including the year he was shipwrecked on his fourth voyage.) It is inconceivable that he could have killed millions of people in so short a time. Responsibility for the deaths of many thousands of natives can justly be attributed to the Spanish conquistadors and other Europeans who followed Columbus here. But even in this case, since there were more natives than Europeans, the loss of millions of lives could not have been caused by the Spaniards' warfare and forced labor alone. 4 In fact, most of the native populations perished because they lacked immunity to such diseases as small pox, typhoid and diphtheria as well as the non-fatal childhood diseases of measles and mumps that they caught from the Spanish explorers. These diseases were not transmitted deliberately and cannot be considered a tool of genocide. Scholars estimate that 80% of those who died were infected without ever seeing a white man. Tragic as this epidemic was, it also bears remembering that prior to the Europeans' arrival, the Western Hemisphere was no Garden of Eden. New

medical research on pre-Columbian mummies in Peru, Chile and remote areas far from the early European colonies reveals that tuberculosis, long thought European in origin, was rampant among the Indian tribes before the arrival of Columbus. Arthritis, periodontal disease and significant bone erosion also afflicted the native populations well before the voyages of Columbus and other Europeans. Most adults, only in their 20s and 30s, had terrible teeth or none at all. Very few lived past age 40. The native populations gave the early explorers syphilis, which they brought back to Europe. Clearly, blaming Columbus for the extermination of the native populations is as fair as blaming the native populations for killing people who die from using tobacco and cocaine, which the natives introduced to the Europeans.

FICTION: COLUMBUS DESTROYED THE BALANCE BETWEEN MAN & NATURE. FACT: Columbus and the other Europeans brought with them Old World agricultural techniques, including crop rotation and animal breeding. They also introduced new tools (including the wheel) as well as new plants and domesticated animals, including the horse. These imports led to improved farming methods, a greater diversity of crops and a more dependable food supply that benefited the native populations. Perfected over the centuries, they have helped make the nations in the Western Hemisphere a significant source of food for the rest of the world. FICTION: COLUMBUS AND OTHER EUROPEANS STOLE THE NATIVES' LAND. FACT: A sad fact of human civilization is that powerful nations usurp the land of the vanquished. The Spanish conquistadors who followed Columbus in the 16th and 17th centuries were establishing an empire through military conquest. They did what Egypt, Persia, Rome and China did before them in the Middle East, Europe and Asia. They also did what the Aztecs, Mayans, Incas and many North American Indians did in the Americas. "The Iroquois Federation in North America subjugated so many Indians," writes Richard Gambino, "that historian Francis Parkman calls them 'the Romans of the New World.'" But Columbus himself had no part in this. It is worth pointing out that the Europeans brought considerable benefits to Latin America. Their arrival gave the entire continent a common language, while in North America, land taken from the Iroquois and other tribes eventually became the United States, a haven for the poor and oppressed from all over the world, who find opportunities and freedoms here that their own countries deny them. And it all



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make you proud to be a member of OSIA and honored to be able to attend this event in honor of these great people. On May 30th along with Immediate Past State President Maria and husband Ugo, Bill and I attended the Italian Republic Day Celebration in San Francisco. At the San Francisco City Hall, there was a flag raising ceremony in the morning, and a reception was given that evening by Lorenzo Ortona, the Consul General of Italy. Wedged in between these social events, Arlene, Juanita and I met with Baris Ratanjee from StockMason to work on developing the new Membership Computer Program on May 9th and 10th at the Grand Lodge Office. Wednesday, May 31st State Financial Secretary Gabe Domenici and Budget and Finance Chair David Lavezzari flew up to the Grand Lodge to work with State 1st VP Arlene and 2nd VP John Costa, and me on the 2018 budget.

Here we are again once more preparing for our State Convention which will be held in Fresno this year. Many hours of planning and work take place so this event will be productive and enjoyable. I wish to thank the many State Officers and Chairs, the Grand Lodge Office staff and the host lodge “Colombo Stella” and the following lodges that also assisted in this event: Rodolfo Valentino, Hanford and Enrico Caruso. Your support of each other and your work is greatly appreciated and an example of true fraternalism.

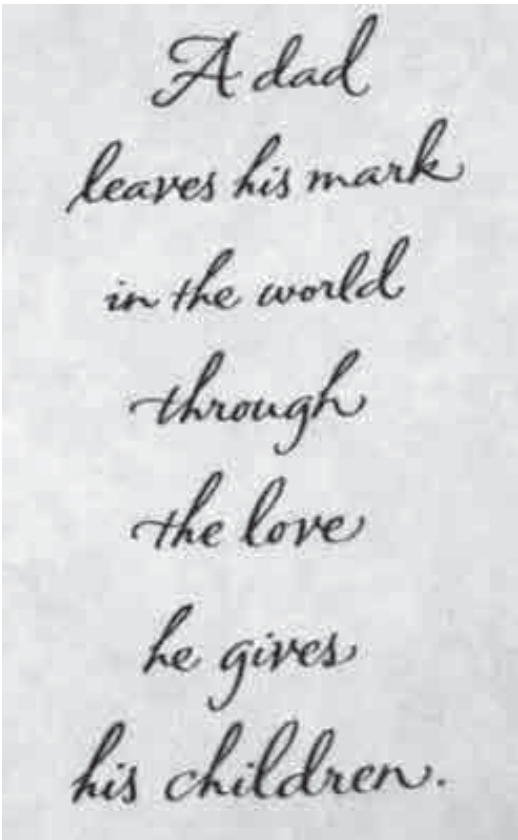
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would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the wonderful members who have been so kind and caring to Bill and I. I wish to thank the State Officers and Chairs who have worked with me and given their time, talents and even opened their pockets to support our Grand Lodge. Thank you, office staff for constantly being there to serve our members. I wish to express an especially Big Thank You to Lori Rossi who has come in weekly to do the books with the fantastic salary of \$0.00 – an above and beyond volunteer! Thank you Joy Bruno for being our “Girl Friday” on Tuesdays. Most of all, I wish to thank my husband and partner Bill for always being by my side in our many travels, listening when I’m stressed, and supporting me with love, kindness and understanding.

I wish the new Officers much success as they step into their new positions. I am here to support and work with you.

Once more, I would like to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation of each and every one of our members. Participating in parades and festas, attending meeting, and celebrating Anniversaries have been lasting and memorable experiences. You have made this journey a truly blessed, honored, enjoyable, and rewarding experience.

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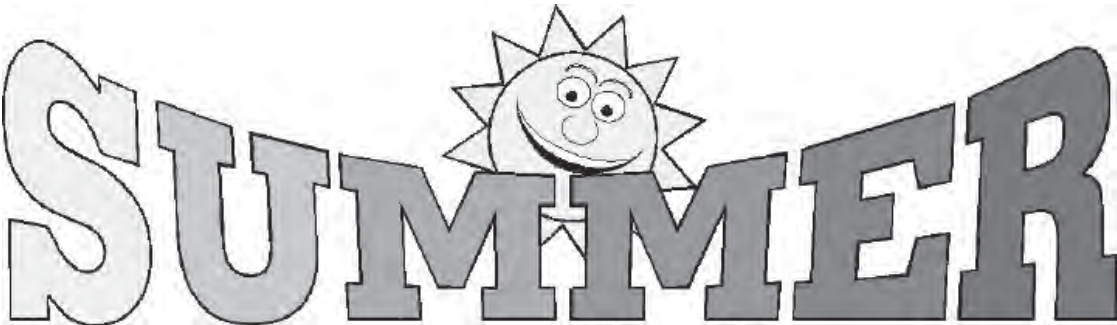
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Nevada Saves Columbus Day

Legislative amendment anchors Columbus Day
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Columbus Day isn't going anywhere in Nevada.

Lawmakers on Thursday amended a bill that would have renamed the holiday celebrated on the second Monday in October honoring Christopher Columbus, the Italian explorer who is widely taught as the man who discovered America, as Indigenous People's Day.

Legislation in several other states and localities have done away with the day. A staple in grade school curricula, recent opinion has changed regarding the 15th century explorer, including criticisms of perpetuating rape and genocide of indigenpos people in the Americas.

State Sen. Tick Segerblom, D-Las Vegas, originally sought to do away with Columbus Day in favor of Indigenous People's Day in Senate Bill 105. It passed committee early in session and was originally scheduled to be voted on during Nevada tribes Legislative Day.

However, it faced opposition from those who felt the plan was becoming a race issue instead of a day to celebrate Native Americans. Columbus Day is also important to many Italian Americans.

The new language won't replace Columbus Day but instead allow the governor to proclaim Indigenous People's Day in the state on August 9 - in line with International Day of the World's Indigenous People.

Columbus Day has not been a state holiday since 1992. The bill must pass the Senate by Tuesday unless it is granted a waiver.

Membership Committee

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The status of the membership rolls of the Grand Lodge of California continue to dwindle. For the past two years, the Membership Committee has provided you several suggestions on how to increase and retain your membership. There are two additional documents, if approved by the Grand Council by Convention, will go a long way in assisting you with membership: 1) a New Member Survey and 2) an updated Membership Brochure. I sincerely hope that you will take the information offered to you in my Il Leone articles and use them; some will work, some won't. Review the recommendations (see the "Action Plan" the Committee developed and provided at the last Convention). Use

what works best for you. April ended in good shape, thanks to the Dolly Sinatra Lodge (President Joe LaPorta) with 11 new members; Eureka Lodge (President Eddie Fornari Morgan) with 9 new members; Colombo-Stella Lodge (President Olivia Deliddo Gallegos) with 6 new members!! (Way to go, Olivia) and the Sacramento Lodge (President Michael Marinelli) with 4 new members. The Dolly Sinatra Lodge may have my good friend and mentor Mr. Frank DiSalvo, but Sacramento has Louie Lodi.

This will be my final article as Membership Chair. It has been quite a challenging but exciting learning experience for which I thank our state president for appointing me to this position and, in addition, recommending me to the National Membership Commission. It was a delight to work with Chairman Mark DeNunzio, where I had the opportunity to incorporate some of the ideas shared by the commission. Lastly, my sincere thanks go to my committee for all their hard work and efforts to move the Grand Lodge of California forward: Anna Graeber, Edna Esposito, Pauline Richmond and Peter Dito. I would recommend this group to any committee.

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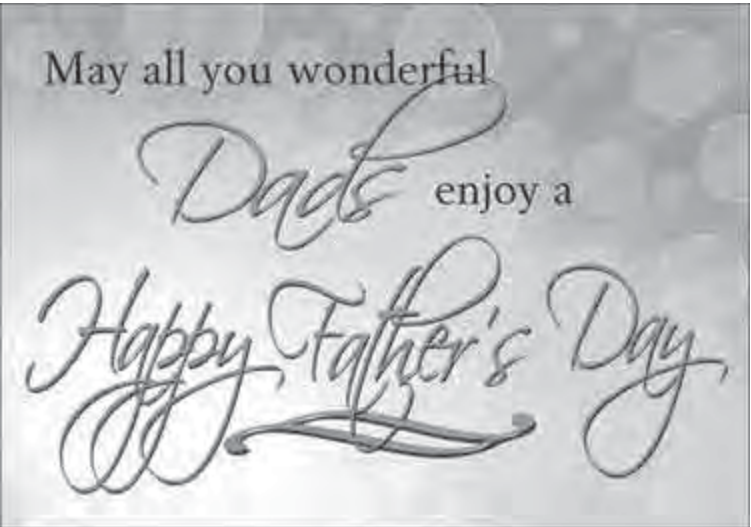
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Bonaldo (Burt) Americo Bonaldi
July 6, 1926 ---May 10, 2017



Bonaldo Bonaldi (Burt Holiday, B.A., Bunzo, Papa, Gramps) was considered to be one of the most talented and innovative entertainers of his generation. Born in Detroit Michigan, he started out as an ambitious young athlete at the very strict all boys, St. Joseph’s Collegiate High School in Detroit; Bonaldo was noted as being one of the most popular boys in the school because of his ever-present humor and wit. Bonaldo’s family who were Italian immigrants, Louis and Geltrude Bonaldi, owned an Italian book and music store (which had the store on the bottom floor and the family living space upstairs). After school and practice for the school teams, Bonaldo would come home and work in the store. It was at the store (his long-time partner with the Gaylords, Don Rea, said) he learned his love for music because classical Italian music was constantly playing. Louis, Bonaldo’s father, realized Bonaldo’s acting skills so he had him enroll in an acting school. Bonaldo confessed that he tried to keep those classes a secret from his high school friends so as not to be embarrassed! Soon after, Bonaldo’s eventual wife, Maria Urli, suggested that Bonaldo team up with this other guy she knew who had a great voice and did wonderful impersonations. This teaming with Ron Fredianelli (later Ron Gaylord) inspired the birth of the Gaylords.

Performing mostly pantomimes and then adding songs, Burt and Ronnie began to make a name for themselves. They then added Don Rea to the group as a pianist and arranger and their reputation grew throughout Detroit.

Bonaldo had the great idea of finding Italian songs and putting English lyrics to them. In 1952 they recorded “Tell Me Your Mine” and it became an instant hit. This hit was quickly followed by other hits including: “From the Vine Came the Grape”

and “The Little Shoemaker.” All of those songs became gold records. The Gaylords was the first group in Detroit’s history to record a gold record.

Bonaldo served as a Supply Sargent in the United States Army stationed in Puerto Rico toward the end of WWII. He was very proud to serve his Country and was only 19 years old at the time.

Following the war he returned to Detroit, attended the University of Detroit and briefly played on the football team where he again (because of his humor more than his athleticism) became a team favorite. The University of Detroit played the University of Nevada when Dick Trachock was on the team in the same year Bonaldo played.

The Gaylords continued to grow in popularity and eventually became one of the most highly paid and popular groups to play in the Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe, and Reno Casino lounges including Harrah’s, Caesar’s Palace, Sahara, the Nugget in Sparks, Sands, Desert Inn, The Dunes, The Riviera, Tropicana, the Riverside, Mapes and so many others. In fact, they played in Harrah’s casinos for 22 years! Burt, along with

Ronnie and Don, recorded well over 250 songs and were equally loved for their unique and original comedy.

In 1963, Bonaldo changed his stage name to Burt Holiday to compliment his partner’s stage name Ron Gaylord; together, they became Gaylord and Holiday and continued to perform along with Don Rea as their pianist all over the United State and London. Throughout the 60’s and 70’s Burt used his humor, wit, and entertaining skill to be invited to perform on such television variety shows as American Bandstand, the Tonight Show, Flip Wilson, Andy Williams Show, Rowan and Martin’s Laugh-In, The Glenn Campbell Show and numerous others. Burt did shows with Don Rickles, Sammy Davis Jr., Bob Hope, Red Skelton, Duke Ellington, Fats Domino, Buddy Hackett, Arthur Godfrey, Maurice Chevalier, Danny Thomas, Dinah Shore, Bill Cosby and so many more. Burt, Ronnie and Don even sang at Frank Sinatra’s Palm Springs home for Sinatra’s birthday!

Burt, Ronnie and Don created and recorded a number of very successful commercials including:

Detroit’s longest running commercial jingle: Roy O’Brien’s Ford, as well as Detroit’s Dick Scott’s Dodge, and the long-running commercial jingle for Boomtown Casino in Verdi, NV for Bob Cashell.

One of Burt’s many prized accomplishments is the musical Famigila, about three generations of Italian men in America (the father, his son, and the grandson). Ronnie said he wrote this musical for Burt in which Burt magnificently played the role of the grandfather. Famiglia was successfully performed in many places across the United States.

His partner’s son, Ron Gaylord, Jr., often performed with the Gaylords and then always performed with Burt after Ronnie Sr. passed away almost 15 years ago. Ron Gaylord passed away shortly after they got to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City, a life long dream.

Burt’s first manager, Jerry Perenchio, remained his life-long friend to the very end. Burt would send him letters and emails and Jerry would send Burt books to read. They would email, talk, and reminisce.

Burt was a friend to many and loved performing the National Anthem at Detroit Lion’s Games as well as at the University of Nevada. He was a great emcee for charitable events for the Wolf Pack dinners, the Italian Golf association as well as the Sons of Italy. The Gaylords were one of the top acts at many Italian Festivals all over the country and especially at the Great Italian Festival at The Eldorado Hotel in Reno. In the past few years he has enjoyed singing God Bless America and always telling a joke to open the meeting of the G.O.D Club with his many friends there.

Above and beyond Burt’s many accomplishments through-out his life as an entertainer, Don Rea said, that one of the many talents and gifts Burt had was his ability to make everyone he performed for, or came in contact with, feel very comfortable and happy.

With all of his accomplishments in the world of entertainment, his most prized and cherished moments were when he married the love of his life, Maria, who gave him his 5 children, Pamela, Louis, Maria, Lydia & Paul, who he always bragged about because he was so proud of them. His face would light up when he saw or talked about his 12 grandchildren and 4 Great Grandchildren,

Youth Committee
Brian Watson – Chair

Greetings Brothers and Sisters

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

with their lodges and other youth members. I would like to thank the Isabel Ronzano and Meri Sorrells both of the Rodolfo Valentino Lodge in Clovis for their donations to the Youth Committee!

Thank you all so much for supporting the Lodges youth program.

I am looking forward to the FUNtastic events we have set up for the youth and I hope they all enjoy themselves which I know they will.

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they were the light of his life. Bonaldo was also dedicated to his Catholic faith and was always active in his parish. Fr. Chuck Durante was his mentor and confidant especially after Maria passed away. Until the day he died, he talked about getting strong enough to go back to Detroit to see his brother and family, whom he loved dearly, and perform just one more time at Andiamo’s, Joe Vicari’s Supper Club. Now he can perform with many of his friends who have left this world to be in a better place with his wife Mary and his Lord.

Bonaldo was preceded in death by his parents, Louis & Geltrude Bonaldi, his sister Vida Benvenuti and his wife Maria (Mary) Bonaldi. He is survived by his brother Ezio Bonaldi(Diva) Children: Pamela Ricci, (Hugh), Louis Bonaldi, (Tierra), Maria Nelson (Bill), Lydia Aberasturi (Paul), Paul Bonaldi (Jeanette).

Grandchildren: Antonio Ricci, Angela Sharenbrock (Mike), Nick Bonaldi (Roanna), Andrew Bonaldi (Courtney), Anthony Bonaldi, Madison Bonaldi, Michaela

Bonaldi, Bill Nelson (Sam Olson),Edward Nelson(Jen), Louis Aberasturi, Mitchell Bonaldi, Sheena Bonaldi.

Great Grandchildren: Ella & Amico Ricci, Nathan Nelson, Giovanni Bonaldi, also many loved nieces, nephews and cousins, some still in Italy.

We wish to thank the wonderful staff at the Carson Plaza Retirement Home, Cynthia Reilly, care giver and the care givers at Kindred Home care for all their kindness and caring.

In lieu of Flowers, a donation for scholarships for children of Italian descent may be sent to: Community Foundation of Western Nevada
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Brother Manny Finazzo

Joanne Coccia Lodge #2553
by Anthony Finazzo



Manny (Emanuel) Finazzo is the youngest brother in a family of five children – four boys and one girl. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1937. His parents were Frank and Maria Finazzo who were immigrants from Cinisi, Palermo, Sicily. Manny has been involved in many community activities. He is a charter member of the Joanne Coccia Lodge #2553 serving as a trustee, vice-president, and as president for four-and-one-half terms: from 1987 to 1990, from January 2001 to December 2002 and from January 2013 to December 2016.

After high school graduation, Manny went to work as a laborer and union man at Kaiser Steel in Fontana, California. Twelve years later, at the age of 29, he was promoted to supervisor with a crew of 18 people under his leadership. At this point, deciding to attend college meant working full-time and taking night classes. Earning his associate degree in management after three years, he was soon promoted to the position of Department Planner in charge of all aspects of running a multimillion dollar operation with 75 employees under his supervision.

In 1983 Kaiser Steel shut down with Manny having over 28 years of service. He was still a young man and decided to start a business of his own. He became owner of a boat and motorcycle franchise which he built into a million dollar store. In 1988 the economy went south and he closed down the franchise. From 1988 to 2000 he returned to the steel industry with California Steel and Oregon Steel, retiring after a total of 38 years, and he never looked back.

Meanwhile, Manny served our lodge in all the various capacities. When the Joanne Coccia Lodge was established in 1984 Manny took over the presidency under difficult circumstances. The road was rough and rocky in the early days, but he was able to up-right the ship and steer it in

the right direction. In 1989 Brothers Manny, Ron Bitonti and Joe Balsano established the bingo night fundraiser. The bingo was very successful and served our charitable needs. Manny also worked with Clara and Joe Sacco, Bob and Mary Abbruzzese and many other members to establish the annual Fourth of July fireworks booth. The profits from these fundraisers helped us purchase our lodge property. Manny's dream, and the dream of many of the members, was to build a solid foundation and work toward owning our own property. Through the hard work of many volunteers, that vision became a reality.

Manny was instrumental in acquiring the Joanne Coccia Lodge property on Sierra Avenue. Brothers Manny, Ron Bitonti, Rick Masotto, Frank P. Finazzo, Jr., Al and Ray Coccia along with many member volunteers spear-headed the renovation of the building. The charities have continued to prosper under Manny's leadership. Through the years the lodge balance sheet continued to increase with the help and devotion of our members including Dorothy Rathfelder and Martha Nagy with the goal of someday burning the mortgage.

As well as serving as president of the lodge, Manny was the hall manager dealing with roof and plumbing repairs, vandalism and all the problems involved with ownership. After 18 years, it was time to sell the property. The lodge and the members now are in a better financial situation.

Manny is very proud of his family, especially his wife. Veta and Manny were married for 55 years. Veta passed away in February 2016. She was at his side during the good times and the not-so-good times. They have three beautiful children: Deborah and husband Paul, Frank and wife Frances, Maria and husband Peter. Manny also has six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. The extended Finazzo Family is a big part of the Joanne Coccia Lodge and they are proud to be members.

Manny now desires to be a candidate for the Grand Lodge of California's Trustee of the South. He needs your support and hopes that you will vote for him at the next Grand Lodge Convention in Fresno. He will be a dedicated Trustee and a great asset to the Grand Lodge of California.

ORIZZONTALI: 1. Con cinque si viene espulsi nel basket - 6. Parte della nave - 11. Capolavoro omerico - 12. Mireille del cinema francese - 13. La bellissima di Sparta - 14. Abbreviazione di società - 15. Grinza epidermica - 16. Leggera bevanda - 18. Pronome relativo - 19. Amò Galatea - 20. Una bibita analcolica - 22. Io... all'accusativo - 23. Li distruggono le grandinate - 24. Sono pastori d'anime - 25. Rovinare, sprecare - 27. Furono acerrimi nemici di Roma - 30. Opzioni, dilemmi - 31. Sono... distintivi di santità.

VERTICALI: 1. Ettore della "disfida di Barletta" - 2. Dito del piede - 3. Città belga - 4. La forniscono le pecore - 5. Nome di donna - 7. L'inizio dell'Odissea - 8. Il poeta della "Cavallina storna" - 9. Marcel, romanziere francese - 10. Stabilimenti siderurgici - 16. Avaro, tirchio - 17. Monumento di Madrid - 20. Nome d'uomo - 21. Più volte, spesso - 23. Agenzia di stampa inglese - 24. Dote morale, qualità - 26. Insenatura naturale - 28. Esercito Italiano - 29. Signoria Vostra Illustrissima.

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Saddleback Valley Lodge # 2566

Mission Viejo, CA
by Andy Pampuro

On the weekend of April 29th the Saddleback Valley Lodge held a garage sale at the home of our president and first lady Hank and Michelle Lowinger in Riverside. We had enough stuff to sell that would make Good Will jealous of us. We did very well for a one day sale and what was left over some company came and took it all off our hands. They would try to sell what was left and give the money to some charity. The big problem we had was that it was very, very hot and very, very windy. Our stuff was flying all over the place. We certainly thank the members who came out on Friday to get every thing ready for Saturday and those who came out on Saturday.

At our general meeting on May 12th we were honored to have our State Orator Sadie Tamburine and her husband Sid as well as our State Deputy Rosemarie Vanderhaar in attendance. Sadie spoke about the Grand Lodge while Rosemarie spoke about the National Lodge explaining what each does and how we benefit by them. They also

answered many questions from the members.

We also initiated 6 new members with State Orator Sadie Tamburine and our State Deputy officiating. They were Paul Dito, Claudine Robinson, Elizabeth Balsamo, Connie Lawson and Aaron and Michelle Lowinger.

We also presented the Greg and Carol Amendola Memorial Scholarship to Christine Dito who is the granddaughter of members Pete and Pat Dito and daughter of our newly initiated member Paul Dito.

As you can tell it was a very busy meeting ending with a tribute to our mothers. President Hank and some of the other men served the mothers a delicious meal of lasagna, salad, garlic bread and dessert.

The evening ended with our historian Nina Perez singing "Mama" receiving a standing ovation.

Next month the women will treat the fathers.

We wish all you fathers a very happy Father's Day.



Left to right - - Our State Deputy as well as the Scholarship Chair Rosemarie Vanderhaar Immediate Past President Andy Pampuro and scholarship winner Christine Dito.



Our new members being initiated - - - L/R Paul Dito, Claudine Robinson, Elizabeth Balsamo, Connie Lawson, and Michelle and Aaron Lowinger.



L/R State Deputy Rosemarie Vanderhaar, State Orator Sadie Tamburine and President Hank Lowinger.

Hanford Lodge # 1543

Hanford, CA
by Jackie Giacomazzi
jackiegiacomazzi@gmail.com



Frank Parisi, a member of the Enrico Caruso Lodge in Visalia, gave us a little bit of "Italian culture" as he reiterated in Italian what President Louise Silacci said in English as a part of the agenda at the May meeting of the Hanford Lodge. It was lots of fun. Mille grazie to fratello, Frank!!! We will see you at the Convention in Fresno. Remember, "Smart & Sassy"—Vote for Silacci, Trustee-Central!!!!

While President Louise Silacci and Treasurer Jackie Giacomazzi were on a 2-week tour in Holland and Italy, members of the Hanford Lodge worked very hard in 100 degree temperatures creating their wonderful sauce to deliver 500 quarts of sauce to their customers. President Louise presented each member of the committee with a little token of her appreciation for a job well. Pictured are committee members showing off their gifts from Italia.



The Hanford Lodge scholarship winners pose for a picture in a "frame". Shown are Tyler Webb, Jacob Strutz, Caitlyn Schales and John Tesoriere who each received a \$500.00 scholarship from the Hanford Lodge. They also received a \$250.00 cash gift from the Lodge as well as a \$100.00 gift from the Junior Member group. These fine members worked very hard through the years helping to raise funds for scholarships. Tyler Webb and Jacob Strutz also were recipients of Grand Lodge scholarships in honor of Lilia Giacomazzi. Buona fortuna to each of them as they go off to college.



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2017 Scholarship Winners



*Student to Italy
Oreste Turchetti
Grand Lodge of California
Italian Club of San Diego*



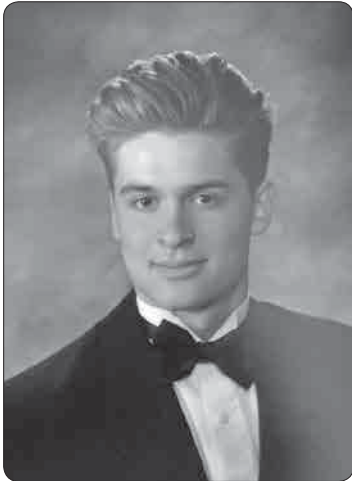
*Student to Italy
Mikayla Faro Kappes
Grand Lodge of California
Italian Club of San Diego*



*Bethany Donato
Bob Trinchero
Perpetual Scholarship
\$5,000*



*Kiegan Lee
Eva Moresco Memorial
Scholarship
\$3,000*



*Conner London
Cristoforo Columbo Lodge in
honor of Deceased Members
\$2,500*



*Sydney Kalane Reinart
In honor of
David Prisco
\$2,500*



*Rebecca Anne Snell
In Memory of
Dan & Adua D'Amico
\$2,500*



*Natalie Heflin
Salvatori/Frank DeSantis
\$2,500*



*Madeline Casolari
Frank DeSantis/Salvatori
\$2,500*



*Dominic Joseph Liberta
Terry Watson Memorial
\$2,500*



*Nicolas Paolo Battaglini
Pete & Paula Ucceli Memorial
\$2,500*



*Jennifer Bonino
William.Paca Lodge, In Memory
of Virginia Linda
\$1,000*



*Camille Leoni
Grand Lodge, North
\$1,000*



*Natalia Teresina Cipponeri
Grand Lodge, Central
\$1,000*



*Aaron Gallemore
Grand Lodge, South
\$1,000*



*Melinda Mary Raulino
Cristoforo Columbo
(in honor of members)
\$1,000*



*Leonard Megliola
Centinela Valley Lodge in
Memory of Caroline Allen
\$1,000*



*Susan Scialia-
In Memory of John Elliott –
Bianca Zonni
\$1,000*



*Sophia Santo
Anaheim Lodge, In Memory of
Deceased Members
\$1,000*



*Samantha Rose Tricoli
Peter Tubiolo
Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000*

2017 Scholarship Winners



Matthew Signorotti
Becozi Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000



Benjamin Hunter
Mario Moro Memorial
\$1,000



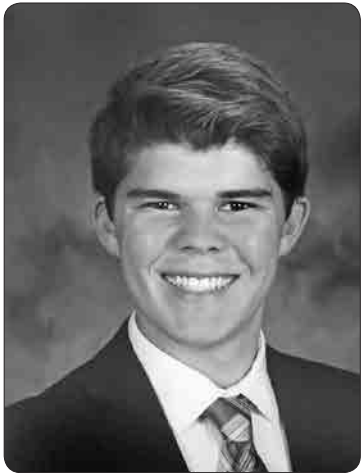
Christine Marie Ditto
In Memory of Greg &
Carol Amendola
\$1,000



Lena Banchemo
In Honor of Linda DePalma
\$1,000



Jillian Della Penna
In Memory of Louis Petrellas
\$1,000



Gianluca Allesina
Anaheim Lodge, In Memory of
Larry Peluso & Al Scali
\$1,000



Jacob Structz
In Honor of Lila Giacomazzi
\$500



Tyler Webb
In Honor of Lila Giacomazzi
\$500



Lorena Iniguez
In honor of Members
Hacienda Lodge
\$500



Elena Ingram
North Bay United Lodges
\$500



Nicholas Ryan Rossi
America Lodge
\$500



Julia Raven
Beatrice Portinari Lodge
\$500



Violet Sparks
Virgilio Lodge
\$500



Natalie DeLuca
In Memory Of Agnes Serra
Centinela Valley Lodge
\$1,000



Courtney Freeman
Athletic/Lotito Scholarship
\$1,000



Scholarship Recipients Awards Reception



Top photo: Madeline R. Casolari, recipient of the Frank DeSantis/ Salvatore Scholarship.

Middle Photo: Samantha Rose Tricoli, recipient of the Peter Tubiolo Perpetual Scholarship.

Bottom Photo: A J (Aaron) Gallemore, recipient of the Grand Lodge Allocation Scholarship, (So. District).

All three are pictured respectively with Rosemarie Vanderhaar, Scholarship Comm. Chair, Past State and National President Frank J. DeSantis and Past State and National First Lady Eileen DeSantia.

Three scholarship recipients from Southern California area were honored at a reception on Saturday, May 20th at the offices of the DeSantis Management Group in Santa Ana where the graduating seniors were presented with their certificate awards Madeline R. Casolari, Samantha Rose Tricoli and A J (Aaron) Gallemore along with their respective family members attended the midday reception. They were greeted by Past State and Past National President Frank DeSantis and Rosemarie Biagetti Vanderhaar, Scholarship Committee Chair.

The Scholarship Committee Chairperson introduced each student where upon Eileen DeSantis presented each one their certificate award. This was followed by the recipients speaking briefly about themselves and their plans. Madeline Casolari will be attending Wellesley University, majoring in biochemistry; Samantha Tricoli will be attending Cal Baptist, majoring in nursing and A J Gallemore will also be attending Cal Baptist majoring in mechanical engineering.

A delicious lunch of gourmet sandwiches, chips, miniature chocolate eclairs and cold drinks was served.

As scholarship committee chairperson, I sincerely and fraternally extend my gratitude to Frank and Eileen DeSantis for their warm and gracious hospitality. I, also wish to thank the two DeSantis daughters, Kathy and Jeannie for their help with the lunch and the photo session. A thank you to the students and their families for taking time out of a busy schedule this time of the year to attend the reception..

Busy-Busy-Busy is an apt description of the past four weeks for the Vallejo Lodges, with two major events back to back.

On Sunday, April 30th, we held our **Annual Scholarship Presentation Dinner**. Ten outstanding young people received awards: Jared Andrews - Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 343 Scholarship, Tyler Bosetti - Beatrice Portinari & Virgilio Lodge Scholarship, Sadie Cunning - Adua Pizzorno Memorial Scholarship, Drew Gilmore - Veronica Tarantino Memorial Scholarship, Christopher Howley - Henry W. Treadway Memorial Scholarship, Nolan Lanza - Joe Agosta Memorial Scholarship, Alysia Morelli - Carroll Family Scholarship, Noah Moretti - Giannia & Harry Manfredi Memorial Scholarship, Julia Raven - Grand Lodge Scholarship donated by Beatrice Portinari in honor of Regina Coragliotti, Rebecca Snell - Daniel E. D'Amico Memorial Scholarship and Violet Sparks - Janet Capello Scholarship and the Grand Lodge Scholarship donated by Virgilio Lodge in honor of Pete Mustico. An amazing evening, meeting and listening to the recipients express their thanks and also their future goals and aspirations. Scholarship Committee: Fred Asche, Ray Bini, Tony Intintoli, Pamela Bini, Rick Branch and Evelyn Fox. Erin Hannigan, Chairwoman of the Solano County Board of Supervisors served as MC. The kitchen crew of John Costa and The Branchini's cooked up a delicious dinner of spaghetti and meatballs. The raffle table overflowed with prizes. Thank you to everyone who worked so diligently to make this an outstanding event!

Wine Tasting & Silent Auction, our event that raises funds for UC Davis Alzheimer's Research, happened on Saturday, May 13th at The Classic Car Museum. What a great venue and we so appreciate the generosity of Buck Kamphausen. It definitely Takes A Village and many hours of hard work to continue to make this a highly successful event. The Vallejo Lodges are grateful to everyone who attended, donated food, wine, items or all three. An abundant spread of appetizers presided over by The Kitchen Queens Marlene Parr and Laverta Harris and of course an amazing variety of wines poured by First Gent Bill Murphy, Frank Locicero, State Trustee Central, Tim Coragliotti, Steve Branch, Rick Branch and Rick Silveira. Juggling all the tickets at the Reception Table: Regina Coragliotti, Jessica Ray, and Josephine Agosta. We were honored to have our Grand Lodge State President

Vallejo Lodges

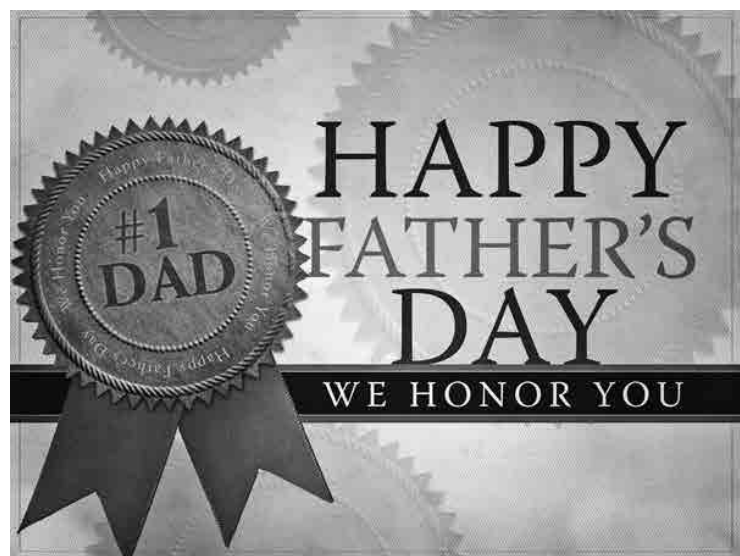
by Sharon Silveira

Lynn Lawrence-Murphy in attendance, in addition to Grand Lodge Queen Mary Lucido. An outstanding 2 tables of door prizes gathered by Chair Melanie Rushing. Chair of the opulent Silent Auction was Sharon Silveira. A thank you to Chelle Castagnola for handling The Money Board which was won by Donna Branch. A very special presentation of \$1200.00 was made by Dorothy Branch and her sons Rick & Steve. The family requested donations to UC Davis Alzheimer's Research Center be made to honor the passing of Dick Branch.

Mark your calendars for the day before Mother's Day 2018---and if you've never attended---make it happen!

Facebook....we're on facebook! Thanks to Chelle Castagnola, Beatrice's Financial Secretary and evidently Web Mistress, for making this happen. Give us a Like---Order Sons of Italy in America Vallejo Lodges. See the latest photos from our events and find out what's happening.

Essere Bene ed Eserre Felici!



Shasta Lodge # 2453

Redding, CA
by Carole Dellaragione

Greetings from Redding,
As always, Shasta Lodge remains a very busy lodge. The end of April the Redding Grange, of which most members are also members of Sons of Italy, held their spaghetti fundraiser for scholarships and made enough to give two \$1000 scholarships. Shasta Lodge will award three \$1000 scholarships this month to our very deserving Junior Members, Bryce Giacomelli, Madison Pulice, and Jessica Toombs. More information and photos will follow in July.

Rose Nobili, Bob Whitmore and two others recently played golf in the Military Order of the Purple Heart tournament. Shown is a photo of Rose Nobili by our hole sponsor sign.

At our May general meeting we were treated to Polenta and Chicken prepared by Jim Nobili, Jim Giacomelli, Paul Monette and John DiMatteo. Great job guys. As usual we will have a hamburger and hot dog barbecue at our June meeting.

Several of our members worked with the Redding Asphalt Cowboys serving a pancake breakfast to about 10,000 people during Redding's annual Rodeo Week festivities. This meant being there ready to work at 5AM. Thanks to all of you who participated.

We have some major renovations going on in our building, including new acoustical ceiling in our big room. And it does look great. Thanks to John Tasello and

Jim Nobili for taking the time to be with the contractor most of a week.

We have had several social nights recently. The last two were held at the bocce courts our lodge built in South City Park last year. What great fun we are having. The weather has been great, but we anticipate starting later in the evening as it heats up as Redding does. We hope to do two social nights a month until the end of September to get some more bocce teams ready for our big Paesano Days bocce tournament the 22nd and 23rd of September.

Memorial Day is next weekend. Shasta Lodge will present our wreath at the Northern California Veterans Cemetery on Monday, May 29th during their ceremony, and again the 30th, the official Veterans' Day at the Veterans Grove by the Redding Convention Center. We hope each of you will take a moment or two to remember those who have served our country.

As convention nears, we are still short a couple of delegates. We hope to have a full slate of delegates. Those of us who are planning to go hope to see some old friends and make some new ones.

We hope you are all enjoying some spring weather. It will be 100 degrees in Redding very soon. We also wish all you Dads and Grandfathers a very nice Fathers Day.

Ciao, Your friends at Shasta Lodge 2453



Rose at Golf Tourney.

Colombo-Stella Lodge 1149

Fresno, CA
by Olivia DeLiddo Gallegos, President

So, I blinked and the year is half gone! I can't be the only one who feels this way! Fresno has been very fortunate up to today for our weather, tomorrow we expect 96 degrees, and from then on, well, I will be a prisoner in my home unless I'm forced to go out!

This brings to mind our State Convention, which we are hosting the 22, 23, and 24 of June. I expect Fresno will be pretty hot then, as well, so be prepared! I am looking forward to my Host duties. Several of our members are planning on coming to see how we work during the day, and play during the night. We received a beautiful Michael Kors handbag to be raffled. Call me for a ticket. I will give a full report next month.

I want to thank Grace Barra and Gina and Don Nullick for coming to the Lodge early on meeting day to help me make taralli's for Convention. They really came through for me and I just can't thank them enough. Unfortunately, the 2 ovens had only 2 racks between them, so it took all day to make 10 pounds. Grace and I stayed on the entire day. The meeting that night was not well

attended at all. I know many of you were sick, but we really need you. It's ONE night a month. Please keep your commitment to this Lodge, we have such important work coming up.

Next month, we will start making plans for the September fundraiser. Our Concert Series are underway and doing well. We have scholarships and Isnardi grants upcoming. If you have any ideas for the summer months, please bring them to our meeting next month. As always, we need

new members, the membership drive is still going on, so bring someone with you. At our last meeting, we voted on the amounts of donations we are giving at Convention. Winner of the scratch off ticket was Carlo Prandini. The name drawn for the \$25.00 progressive drawing was Leonardo Canzio, who was not present. Next month the amount goes up to \$30.00, you must be present to win. Until next time, Ciao!.



Bocce Social Nite.



Jim, Paul and Bob



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Your lodges FaceBook Page url link
Your lodges Twitter url link
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365 Fund Raiser - Winners

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| April 16-31 | | |
| 16 | \$25.00 | Gino Pignati |
| 17 | \$25.00 | Joe La Banca |
| 18 | \$25.00 | Carolyn Caminada |
| 19 | \$25.00 | Gloria Garibaldi |
| 20 | \$25.00 | Linda Nunziati |
| 21 | \$25.00 | Joy Bruno |
| 22 | \$25.00 | Susan Nudo |
| 23 | \$25.00 | Cristoforo Colombo #1534 |
| 24 | \$25.00 | Jack Silva |
| 25 | \$25.00 | Watsonville Lodge #2016 |
| 26 | \$25.00 | Elizabeth Carmona |
| 27 | \$25.00 | Pauline Richmond |
| 28 | \$25.00 | Pamela Bini |
| 29 | \$25.00 | Shirley Albertson |
| 30 | \$50.00 | Davie & Frank Delfino |
| May 1-15 | | |
| 1 | \$25.00 | Anna Luisi |
| 2 | \$25.00 | SharonDohrn |
| 3 | \$25.00 | Pauline Richmond |
| 4 | \$25.00 | Louise Silacci |
| 5 | \$25.00 | Jack Silva |
| 6 | \$25.00 | Pat Dito |
| 7 | \$25.00 | Louise Pampuro |
| 8 | \$25.00 | Joy Bruno |
| 9 | \$25.00 | Michelle Lowinger |
| 10 | \$25.00 | Genny Arietta |
| 11 | \$25.00 | Paula Rossetto |
| 12 | \$25.00 | Karen Carroll |
| 13 | \$25.00 | Jennifer Sheldon |
| 14 | \$200.00 | Catherine Caserta |
| 15 | \$25.00 | Marco Zonni |

Enjoy
Summer!



PUZZLE ANSWERS FROM PAGE 4



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to Andy if possible.
We appreciate all your help.

Thank you,
Andy Pampuro
Debbie Ure



In support of all the men and
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into military action.
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thoughts, and in our prayers.



Roma Lodge # 1573

Tulare, CA
by Larry Dutto

Roma Lodge presented their annual scholarship winners for 2017 at the May meeting. Frances Della, scholarship chair, presented recipients with their certificates with over 60 members and guests present. Each winner will also be presented certificates at their high school scholarship ceremonies at their respective high schools.



*Picture Caption-*Roma Lodge scholarship chair Frances Della presented scholarships to high school students. (l-r) *Gabrielle Benedetti, Dayton Pitigliano, Chloe Cushing, and Frances Della.* Far right is *Sydney Reinhart* who was also a Grand Lodge Scholarship recipient.

Roma Lodge held its 83rd annual ravioli dinner at the Tulare TDES Hall on May 13th. Serving nearly 800 people, a delicious meal of ravioli, spaghetti, chicken, green beans, salad and dessert kept a long-time tradition of providing great Italian food to the community a tradition of Roma Lodge #1573. For the first time the dinner was a drive-through only without a sit-down option which proved to be very popular with those who purchased tickets for the event.

Over 50 members assisted co-chairs *Cathy Mederos, Kathy Briano, Ken Curti* along with *Charlie Pitigliano* who supervised the making of 65 gallons of delicious sauce, Vince Sola prepared the green beans, *Michael DePaoli, Mike Saltzman, Joseph Goni and Matt Watkins* cooked the chicken, *Dominic and Michael Pitigliano* along with *Rob Pinkerton* headed up the group that cooked the ravioli and spaghetti. Dennis Mederos handled traffic flow and *Aaron Dutto* and *Ken Bertorelli* checked customers in and junior members assisted in taking dinner bags to customers. *Mary Louise Yribarren, Nancy Pitigliano, Joann Beecher and Maryann Luis* organized the serving lines.



Caption-(l-r) Nancy Pitigliano, Kathy Canata and Mary Louise Yribarren get ready to serve over 800 ravioli dinners.

Over 50 Roma Lodge members assisted in a very successful 83rd ravioli dinner.



Gold Country Lodge # 2705

El Dorado Hills, CA
by Tami Welch



Our Annual Pasta Bowl was held on Sunday, April 23rd. Instead of American bowling we decided Italian Bocce Bowling would be more our style. This is one of two of our main fundraisers in the year to support our Scholarship Fund. We were graced with beautiful weather and fun by all. We played Bocce at our local courts and followed with a wonderful Pasta Dinner, Awards, Raffle and music by Bill Cheichi at our lodge.

Pictured: Our president Anthony Scotch handing our awards to the 1st and 2nd place teams. A great big thank you to all those that supported our fundraiser and all the work that was put into a very successful event. We are planning on having another one in the fall!

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Lodge Anniversaries

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| June | |
| Hanford #1543 | 7/27/27 |
| Santa Rosa #1898 | 4/5/40 |
| Columbia #1940 | 7/30/44 |
| Cold Country #2710 | 7/20/96 |
| Paradiso Lodge #2743 | 7/10/99 |

Congratulations!!!

Anaheim Lodge #2076

Anaheim, CA
by Fran D’Errico
Recording Secretary

"WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING"

Sunday May 7th, The Anaheim Lodge Sons and Daughters of Italy, Celebrated the Anaheim Lodges 59th Anniversary Luncheon, held at the Holiday Inn, in Buena Park. We were pleased to Honor Rosemarie Vanderhaar. Rosemarie was born in Watkins Glen, New York and moved to Pasadena with her parents as a child. She is a first generation Italian-American. Rosemarie was very active in her parish of Immaculate Conception Church in Monrovia. She served in every office on the board of Parents Club. She was first involved with the Italian Catholic Federation in Arcadia, and served as secretary. Her father is the one who got her involved with the Sons of Italy. He made her an offer to pay her first years dues in the Palm Springs Lodge (Now Dolly Sinatra Lodge) and be a delegate to United Lodges on behalf of the lodge. Needless to say that after 34 years Rosemarie has made a great impact on the Sons of Italy and the other Italian originations that she participated in over the year. Many honors have been bestowed upon her through the years for her outstanding work she does. Even the City of Los Angeles and thr County of Los Angeles have honored her. She was married 56 years to George, the love of her life, before he passed away in December of 2013. Her two daughters and sons-in-law are, Kim and Eric Brower of Oceanside, and Kris and Scott Tuck of Temple City. She is blessed with five grandchildren. All are or one time, were junior members of the Pugliese Lodge. Rosemarie is still working in her current position of Administrative Assistant for nearly 18 years. The Anaheim Lodges wished you many, many more years of being active in your life and with the Sons of Italy.

We were pleased that the following lodges attended to honor Rosemarie. America Lodge President, Centinela Valley Lodge President, Cornelia-Vita Nuovo President, Joanne Coccia Lodge Past President, Renaissance Lodge President, Saddleback Valley Lodge President, and West End Lodge Past President.

Committee Chairpersons for the Grand lodge were; Birth Defects Libraries - Hazel Ann Christin, Queen Contest- Eva Lavezzari, Italian Language & Culture- Vita Zaccaria, Scholarship- Rosemarie Vanderhaar, Budget & Finance- David

Lavezzari, and Media-Andy Pampuro and wife Louise.

State Trustees of the South; Al Trentini and wife Jean, Marco Zonni and wife Nina. State Trustee of the Central; Pauline Richmond.

Past State President- David Prisco and Past State President and Past National President-Comendatore Frank DeSantis and wife.

Grand Lodge Queen, Mary Lucido and the Anaheim Lodge Queen and Miss America, Elizabeth Lavezzari.

"UPCOMING EVENT - Please watch for the La Stella and Fliers"

Our Delegates are getting ready to attend the Grand Lodge Convention at the end of June.

JULY 23rd: Our Annual Anaheim Lodge Picnic. Please see La Stella and Flyer for information on Where, When, Fun...

"WHAT OUR JUNIOR MEMBERS ARE DOING"

(PARENTS, GRAND-PARENTS, FRIENDS, SEND ME YOUR ARTICLE AND I WILL WRITE IT UP IN THE IL LEONE. Thank you also for keeping the Italian Heritage going in our Junior Members.)

Congratulations go out to, two of Anaheim Lodge Junior Members who are also sisters who graduated from University. Gina Cristina Copak, graduated on May 20, 2017 from the University of Pacific in Stockton, California. She has worked very hard for her doctorate in Pharmacy. Also younger sister, Marie Ginana Copak, who was the former Queen of Anaheim Lodge, and Miss Convention for Grand Lodge. She graduated on May 6, 2017, from California Baptist University of Riverside, California, with her undergraduate in Physical Therapy with a minor in Nutrition.

THIS is a REMINDER , FOR ALL MEMBERS, TO COME SUPPORT THE LODGE.

We encourage you to attend and support our lodge... If you need a ride, call any officer and we will make arrangements for transportation. Especially now that we have our General Meeting during our monthly events. If you have Italian and non Italian friends who wish to come to our events, please bring them and see what a fun time we have and very friendly members. Our lodge has always been family oriented and we still encourage this standard in our lodge. We all want our Italian Heritage to continue for generations to come.

Schedule of Upcoming Events and Dates are all set, mark your calendars:

June: Convention in Fresno
July: Sunday 23rd - Lodge Picnic East Gate Park
August: Friday 25th - Angel Baseball Night Out

God Bless those serving and protecting our country, and Arrivederci until next time.



Rosemarie dancing.



Rosemarie and Vice President Mariann Aita.



Grand Lodge Queen Mary and Anaheim Lodge Queen & Grand Lodge Queen Miss America Elizabeth.



Queen Elizabeth Lavezzari, President of Anaheim Lodge Eva Lavezzari, Queen Mary Lucido and Rosemarie Vanderhaar.



Winner Every Day Raffle

1. Purchase a Winner Every Day Raffle ticket for \$30. If your lodge does not have any, you can order some through the Grand Lodge.
2. Mail your ticket stub and check to the Grand Lodge of California, 5051 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94112
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by Ellen Toscano

Celebrating our 70th anniversary tonight!! Pictures with the state president, other special guests, and 25+ year members!



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Joe Dimaggio & Marilyn Monroe

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Marilyn Monroe was born Norma Jean Mortenson on June 1, 1926 in Los Angeles. Her mother was emotionally unstable so Marilyn spent much of her childhood in foster homes and in orphanages. The identity of Marilyn's father is unknown.

Marilyn married James Dougherty when she was only sixteen. But in a few years she divorced him. While she was working at a defense plant in 1944, an Army photographer noticed her and hired her to pose for posters for the troops. She began acting in small roles, her success grew, and she became an internationally famous, blonde sex symbol of the 1950's.

In 1954 Marilyn married Italian-American, baseball center fielder Joe DiMaggio, who was born in Martinez, California in 1914. Their marriage only lasted a year, but it was much popularized. After the failure of their marriage, Joe sought therapy and stopped drinking alcohol. Despite their differences, Marilyn must have enjoyed being the wife of an Italian American. Joe and Marilyn remained close friends. He and Marilyn read poetry together in her last years.

Marilyn married American dramatist Arthur Miller

whom she later also divorce. During this period, she was under the care of a psychiatrist due to her depression and use of alcohol and drugs. Joe re-entered Marilyn's life as her marriage to Miller was ending. In 1961, Joe secured Marilyn's release from Payne Whitney Psychiatric Clinic in New York. She joined him in Florida where he worked as a batting coach for the New York Yankees.

Joe was alarmed when Marilyn associated with people he believed were detrimental to her health. Marilyn was found dead in her Brentwood, Los Angeles, home on August 5, 1962. The cause was believed to a barbiturate overdose, although suicide was not ruled out, and her death has also been the subject of conspiracy theories.

Joe claimed her body and arranged for her funeral at Westwood Village Memorial Park Cemetery, barring Hollywood elite. He had a half-dozen red roses delivered three times a week to her crypt for 20 years. He refused to talk publicly about Marilyn or otherwise profit from their relationship. He never married again. When he died in 1999, his last words were, "I'll finally get to see Marilyn."



Joe DiMaggio with Marilyn Monroe (1955)



Rodolfo Valentino Lodge #1449

Clovis, CA
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Last Month: We had a great turn-out for the 103rd annual Clovis Rodeo Parade, which was themed as "Super-Heros", and, our fantastic float, music, and dancers brought in a real Second Place position in our category of Service Organizations. If you have never been to the parade and / or have not seen our float in action, you have missed out on a great local event. Over 35 of our members participated in the float, our own Rick DelCarlo provided the accordion music, and our Tarantella Dancers entertained the crowd at each judge's station where we were officially announced.

Our 90th Anniversary Dinner Committee pretty much wrapped the final details for the dinner that we put on June 03, 2017. The gathering was followed by our regular meeting. We had several special guests plus a potential new member.

Next Month, our meeting will be Pot Luck and we will review the expected success of the Anniversary Dinner for lessons learned, and any changes that may be needed for the upcoming October 16 Pasta Fest.



Our Clovis Day Parade float, rear view, displaying our themed grape arbor, with Rick DelCarlo at the accordion surrounded by the Tarantella Dancers.
Photo by Olivia Gallegos, our State Deputy.

David Baldacci (of "The Fix") advises that we should be respectful, believe in ourselves, and be well read. Good advice for everyone.

We will also be announcing the winners of the three scholarships that will be awarded. The awardees, at the Anniversary Dinner were Holly Ann Ravizza, Dominic Liberta, and Zachary Albert Kutz. Each of these students have highly impressive records in academics, and, as a lodge, we can be very proud of supporting them in their future.

Also, by now, you will have already have received the new telephone listing of all our current members. As the note says at the bottom, let us know of any errors or comments.

July will be a No-Meeting-Month.
August will be Pot Luck.

Do you have comments for our lodge members? If so, let me know at my email address (above) and we can publish it in this column. Also, if you have any photos that we can include in our archive of lodge memorabilia, let me know either at our monthly meeting or contacting me at the email adress shown above.

Ronald Reagan once said: Our origins matter less than our destinations. Get your destination headed better by applying for the many SoI scholarships available to you by contacting Scholarship Committee Chair, Isabel Ronzano, at (559) 297-0851, for information on this topic. **The Scholarship Deadlines** are: for **Clovis Lodge**, March 31, 2018; for **California State Grand Lodge**: March 01, 2018; and, for **National Lodge** the date is generally November to February of any year (for more information, and grants available for tours/studies in Italy, go to <https://www.osia.org/students/scholarships.php>); National scholarships are for \$500 to \$5,000. These are great for any student on a budget or not.

Join Us: If you have friends or family that are looking for good fellowship and a place to hang out on the **third Monday of each month**, invite them to join you at our meetings, 6:30 PM, at Notre Dame Hall, 333 8th Street, at DeWitt Avenue. We feature short meetings, great companionship, and superb food. Our web site is <http://rodolfovalentinolodge.com/>.

Happy Fathers Day!
My Dad taught me everything I know.
Now I dance circles around him !



I love you Dad!
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