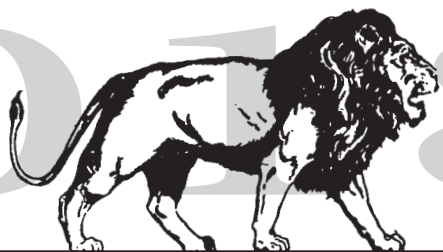


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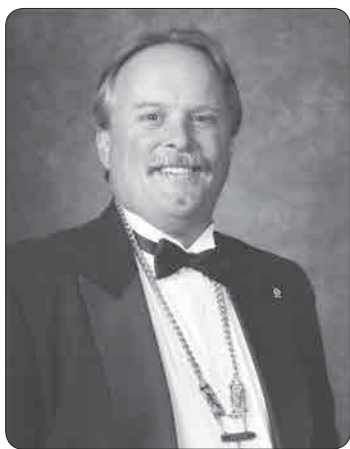
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## A Message From The State President



State President  
John Costa

As we enter into May we should have plenty of flowers the April showers took care of that. It is nice to have some spring weather, even though we need the rain. The end of April and going into May will be a busy time for my schedule. The end of April I attended the Modesto Lodge's foundation Black Tie event. The following week it was onto Santa Rosa Lodge for their Fish Fry. The next weekend it was up to Chico where Vincenzo Bellini Lodge held their anniversary dinner and also honored a well deserving member Jim Lamanna, their state deputy, but not only state deputy there but also for Weed and Klamath Falls, a well deserving member. The very next day First Lady Donna Lee got on a plane to Anaheim for Anaheim's 60th anniversary dinner, I sure I will be able to fit in some Disney time while there.

May 12th is the Vallejo Lodges Annual Wine Tasting event. I am also hoping to attend Centinella Valley's anniversary dinner, then (where do I have time to work!) I will be heading to NELA in Washington DC fortunately I will be able to see my grandkids while there as they live in Virginia.

As I have mentioned in past articles, with the help of Solano County Supervisor Erin Hannigan and her staff, with the help of Senator Mike Thompson we were able to get the new post office named after Janet Capello. Those that remember Janet, you would agree she is most deserving of this honor. Thank you Erin and Michael for your hard work in achiev-

ing this!!

So I do not forget, Happy Mother's Day to all of those mothers and grandmothers! Remember they are why we are here!. On a personal note, "Happy Mother's Day Mom and happy birthday, (her birthday is real close to Mother's Day) I appreciate everything you have done in the past and your support in the future!

Convention is fast approaching, Lori and Lynn have been working very hard are planning with the host lodge West End. Sitting in on one the meetings with the hotel there is a lot of work that is done to prepare for a convention. So next time you see Lynn and Lori tell them thank you for all their efforts.

By the time you read this we will know who the new Queen or King will be for the Grand Lodge of California, Congratulations to all the candidates and thank you for all your efforts in fund raising not only for yourself and you lodge and the Grand Lodge.

On a sad note we have lost a lodge. Lake County Lodge voted to close their lodge at the end of April. It's hard to see a lodge close, but fortunately we were able to have a number of members transfer to other lodges. Thank you Karen, for your years of service as President of Lake County lodge.

There are other Lodges that are struggling to keep membership. I have asked our three area Vice Presidents to reach out to these lodges to see where we can help. Membership is a key to our success. Sign up a new member, talk about the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America to your friends and neighbors. It is amazing how many people have not ever heard of our organization.

Communication is another item we all as an organization need to work on. We have so many tools to communicate, be it land lines, cell phones, twitter, instagram email, texting and facebook, just to name a few. Regarding facebook, I personally do not go on facebook that often, but when I do, I see all these

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## News from the Central

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



Attended a meeting of the Cornelia Vita Nuova Lodge, dinner was great and President Angela ran a terrific meeting. She has some great new ideas for events for this year. This is a very old established lodge in San Francisco and there were quite a few members in attendance. Everyone works together. Hopefully I can attend another meeting in the near future.

Columbia Lodge had a great corned beef & cabbage dinner sponsored by the Dice Girls. The corned beef was delicious and the evening great. Thank you Dice girls.

We are looking forward to another visit from our State Trustee from the Central Louise Silacci. She was so impressed by the lodge that she is returning.

Hospice of San Mateo County honored my Dad at a big fundraiser dinner at the PIASC in March. It was lovely and such a lovingly tribute to Dad. They had all sorts of raffle prizes and auction items and everyone was so generous.

Easter was very quiet but a lovely day. It was just Mom and I; the kids were not able to come home.

I attended opening day of the Giants and was thrilled as this is only my second time to attend opening day. Unfortunately, this time we lost but it was a lovely sunny day. Such a great experience.

That week Baris from Stackmason came to the office and we completely converted to the new membership system. The per capita and rosters will look a little different in June for the 3rd

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## News from the South

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



I was pleased to be able to attend the United Lodges from the South meeting on April 8th at the Centinella Valley Lodge. I had the opportunity to bring the lodges up to date with what happened at Grand Council meeting, Western Foundation meeting and the Gala. Following this meeting my daughter, Susan Webb, and I drove to Palm Springs to celebrate their 41st Anniversary. President Joe La Porta was the Honoree.

More trivia about our Italian culture.

Many of our Italian relatives believe in superstitions. One of the more popular superstitions is the Malocchio (mal=bad occhio=eye) or the evil eye.

It's the look that one person gives to another if they are jealous or envious. According to Italian folklore, those giving the malocchio can cause harm to someone else. Legend says it's just another way of putting a curse on others that can cause physical pain such as head or stomach aches or even cause misfortune.

**Protecting Yourself from the Italian Evil Eye Curse**

What can you do to prevent the malocchio (often pronounced "maloik")?

Many Italians wear a horn (cornetto, corno, or cornicello) which resembles a chili pepper. The horns are usually made of coral, gold or silver and are either worn as a necklace or hung in one's home to ward off evil spirits. This horn tradition evolved in Old Europe when the horned animal (the moon goddess) was considered sacred.

They are a culturally pop-

## News from the North

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



Spring is in the air, finally, and May flowers have bloomed after the many April showers!

Now is the time for our Lodges to get involved in membership drives. Does your Lodge have an active Membership Committee? Maybe you could volunteer for that Committee. Your Trustees could use help in growing our Lodges and our Order. Remember, one new member per member!

As a member of the Grand Council, I have worked with the rest of the Council to cut costs at every turn. What I have realized is that many costs are fixed. The only way to have us pay less is to increase our membership. The more members we have the less per member it costs to support the Grand Lodge through the year. Get out into your community and get recognized so we can attract new members.

When a potential member arrives at a meeting make them feel welcomed. Introduce yourself. If you are a Lodge Officer be sure to mention that and talk about what that means to you. If you are not an Officer talk about what being a member of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America means to you. Show them that we are a family of sisters and brothers.

Till next month...

Fraternally

ular amulet and are primarily found in Italy and in North America among descendants of Italian immigrants. In some instances, the corno has become a symbol of Italian pride.

More to come.



# From the Editor's Desk

by Andy Pampuro  
apampuro@comline.com



This is just a gentle reminder that your sponsorship monies are due either now or at the convention. I hope you are all willing to continue as sponsors of the Il Leone. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Fraternally yours,  
Andy Pampuro



## Save the Date

Please do not plan anything for your lodge for September 22, 2018. That is the night of the Humanitarian and Leadership Gala. It will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Santa Ana. We would appreciate it if all the lodges support this important event. More information will follow.

Sadie Tamburine  
State Second Vice President  
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PRESS RELEASE

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Thompson Announces Passage of  
Bill to Rename Vallejo Post Office in  
Honor of Janet Capello

*Local icon to be honored for contributions to  
Vallejo community*



Vallejo – Today, **Rep. Mike Thompson** (CA-05) announced that the President signed legislation introduced by Thompson to officially rename the Vallejo Post Office located at 2635 Napa Street in Vallejo as the “Janet Capello Post Office Building.” Janet Capello was a lifelong resident of Vallejo who was dedicated to serving her community, always working to improve the lives of those around her.

“Janet Capello was an icon of our community, working tirelessly to help others and fighting passionately to improve our entire district. I was honored to know her and honored to fight for the passage of this bill that will memorialize her lifetime of service,” **said Thompson**. “Her work with the Order of the Sons of Italy helped support so many of our young people pursuing an education and her service to Vallejo improved our community as a whole. Naming this Post Office in her honor will serve as a lasting testament to her love of the people she served.”

“Janet Capello was such a powerful force in the fabric of Vallejo. She lived her life as a strong woman of deep convictions—of her greatest passions were the City and especially the Youth of Vallejo,” **said Solano County Supervisor Erin Hannigan**. “Our new Post Office near her family homestead now bears her name as a tribute to her community spirit.

“Janet was an incredible pillar of our Italian community who strived to better every aspect of her environment,” **said John Costa, State President of the Grand Lodge of California, Order of Sons and Daughters of Italy in America**. “We, as members of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, were honored to have known her and to have worked alongside her. This Post Office will be an important reminder to us all to serve our community and those around us and to remember our dear sister Janet.

“Janet and I met 21 years ago and she was such a great person in the community. She was somebody to look up to and it was because of her mentorship that I became the ‘Kitchen Queen’ for the Sons of Italy,” **said Marlene Parr**. “This honor is so well-deserved because of all that she did for the community.”

Janet R. Capello was born on May 25, 1935, in Vallejo, California. The granddaughter of Italian-American immigrants, Ms. Capello and her family were lifelong residents of the Vallejo area. An alumna of both Vallejo Central High School and Vallejo Junior College, Ms. Capello spent over forty years working at the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. During her time there, and in the years following her retirement, Ms. Capello rapidly became a mainstay in public life, serving on countless boards, commissions, and organizational leadership teams.

Ms. Capello’s deepest passion was the “Sons of Italy” organization. A fiercely proud Italian American, Ms. Capello was a member of Lodge No. 1626 for more than 63 years, and was the first to bring the organization’s “Sons of Italy Scholarship Commission” to Vallejo. In her role as Chairwoman, Ms. Capello helped hundreds of local students attend college, and in her work overseeing the Sons of Italy’s various charitable events, she raised thousands of dollars every year to support Alzheimer’s research at the University of California at Davis. Ms. Capello served at different times as Vice-President of the Grand Lodge of California and as Secretary of the United Lodges, two of the organizations most distinguished posts, and she received the Dr. Vincenzo Sellaro Award, the Sons of Italy’s highest honor, in 2007. In 2012, Ms. Capello passed away at the age of 77.

Congressman Mike Thompson is proud to represent California’s 5th Congressional District, which includes all or part of Contra Costa, Lake, Napa, Solano and Sonoma Counties. He is a senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee. Rep. Thompson is also a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and chairs the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force as well as the bipartisan, bicameral Congressional Wine Caucus. He is also an Italian-American and a member of the Sons of Italy St. Helena Lodge No. 2077.

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President’s Message  
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amazing recipes for food and it makes me hungry, please not so many at a time. But getting back to communication do not assume that by sending an email that person did receive it, if you don’t hear back pick up the phone and call to make sure they received.

State First Vice President  
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per quarter but really not much difference. I am still learning so please be patient. If you receive more than one copy of the Il Leone, notify me so that I can correct it. My sincere gratitude to the Tedesco’s for all the assistance they have given me since I have worked here. Baris could not believe that such a sophisticated system was written so many years ago. It really was a great system and gave so much information and we really need to thank them!

I attended the Palm Springs Anniversary Dinner honoring President Joe LaPorta with National President Vera Girolami. It was a great event attended by over 150 guests. Food was great; casino where venue was held is beautiful and everyone was so friendly. A great evening for a very deserving gentleman. We were treated to the great music of Frankie DeSalvo. I could listen to him all night!

Let me close with this inspirational quote ,“When I stand before God, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, I used everything you gave me” Erma Bombeck. Think about this and hopefully it will inspire you to help our Grand Lodge of California.

The first morning we had breakfast with National 5th VP Richard Della Croce and his wife Chris. They needed to get away from the Chicago weather and came to the right place. The next morning we had breakfast with Joe and his wife and then had a tour of the very beautiful Palms Springs Lodge Hall. It is really a beautiful building. I also met Lori who brings in all the new members along with Frankie and Joe. I asked her how she gets so many new members and she gave me her “secret”.

We have a new young person in the office that is currently in training.

I finally got my first taste of crab. Attended the crab dinner of the Italian American Heritage Club in San Jose and got to see the beautiful statue of Christopher Columbus that the Mayor of San Jose had removed from City Hall. It is really a beauty statue! And the crab was delicious!

Any questions, be sure to contact me.

Ciao and Happy Mother’s Day to all the Moms!



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California Italian-American Task Force



Dear Fellow Italian-Americans,

*Once again Columbus Day in California is under attack. We need your voice to help save the holiday.*

A Legislative Bill (SB-1490) has been introduced in the California State Senate by Senator Henry Stern to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day. The Bill is backed by casino tribes.

Let's save the Columbus Day holiday, observed in California and nationwide on the second Monday of October each year by the federal government and in most states and cities across America. **This is our holiday. Don't let them take it away from us to erase our history and replace it with some one else's holiday and history.** We need a holiday to celebrate and tell our story. Columbus is blamed for many acts of others that followed him, but the truth is that he was one of the greatest explorers in history and came here to open trade routes.

Columbus Day is part of our American and Italian-American heritage. *It is an American holiday celebrating all immigrants to the United States and their descendants* which is most of us. Italian-Americans have adopted the holiday as their own national holiday and celebrate their heritage and rich contributions across our nation on Columbus Day. Its the day we and other Americans celebrate our own coming to America. So let's let our Legislators know we want to keep an Italian-American holiday on Columbus Day.

**We need your voice - and your help - to let some key legislators hear from us that we oppose this Bill and that we want to keep our Italian-American holiday. The Bill comes up for hearing on April 24.**

*If you or your organization wishes to be listed as opposing SB1490 please send confirmation to [italy1@surewest.net](mailto:italy1@surewest.net)*

The California Italian American Task Force and many other Italian-American organizations and individuals across the state are opposing the Bill and letting the Senators know why Columbus Day matters to Italian-Americans.

**Please take a minute to call or send an email to the following legislators:**

**SEND A LETTER!**

You can send letters to the name of the Senator at:  
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**SEND AN EMAIL!**

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# Joanne Coccia Lodge # 2553

by Anthony N. Finazzo  
Past President



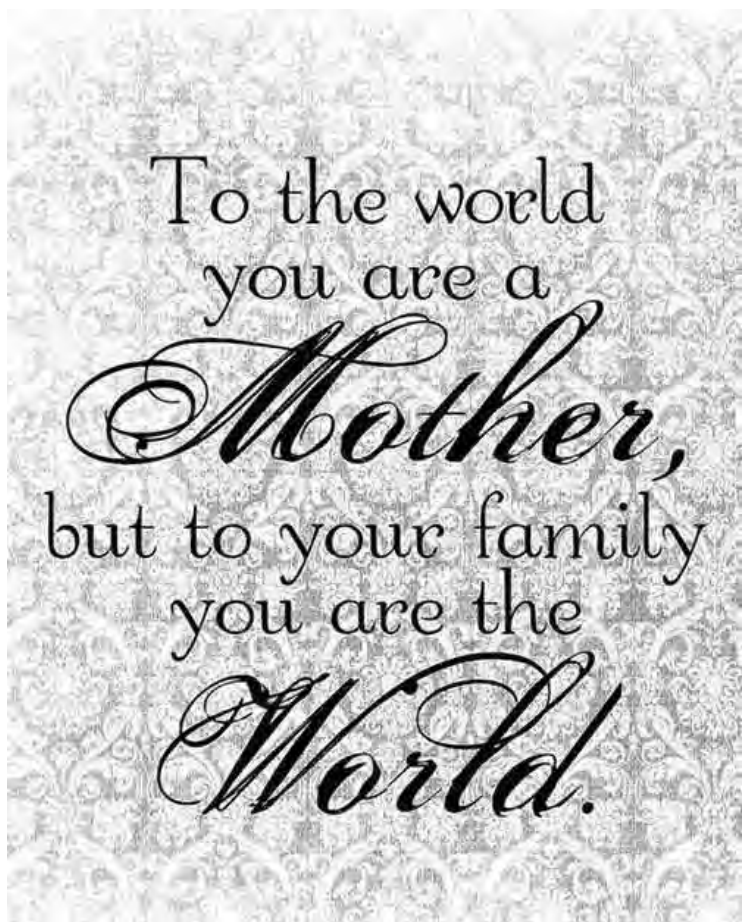
Devin Joseph Guevara

Devin Joseph Guevara, 18, Grand Lodge King Candidate and junior member of the Joanne Coccia Lodge #2553 has received Boy Scouting's highest achievement award. Devin was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout on January 2, 2018, and celebrated with family and friends at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor on April 14, 2018. The ceremony was held at his Eagle Scout project site, the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fontana where the Joanne Coccia Lodge holds their monthly meetings. There were approximately 100 people in attendance for this special occasion. A delicious spaghetti dinner with meatballs was served after the beautiful candle-light ceremony. Devin joined the Cub Scouts in 2006. He bridged to Webelos I and II, earned the coveted Arrow of Light and graduated into Boy Scouts in 2011. Of the 36 merit badges he earned, 21 of them are Eagle Scout merit badges which are required to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. A senior at Redlands High School, Devin will graduate in June 2018. An aspiring film editor, he is looking forward to a career

in film and post production. Devin plans to attend college and will receive a scholarship award from the Joanne Coccia Lodge #2553. Devin was sponsored by both organizations, the Knights of Columbus and the Joanne Coccia Lodge, to help raise funds for his project. Devin and his fellow scouts took on the task of renovating the entire exterior of the Knights of Columbus hall. They did a marvelous job. A number of people spoke during this event and awarded him several proclamations from the Knights of Columbus, the Joanne Coccia Lodge and the City of Fontana.

**"Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in Boy Scouting. Since 1912 more than two million boy scouts have earned the Eagle Scout Rank. In the words of the Eagle Scout Promise, Eagles do their best each day to make their training an example, their rank and their influence count strongly for better Scouting and for better citizenship in their troop, in their community, and in their contacts with other people. To this they pledge their sacred honor."**

Devin's parents were in attendance and both spoke highly of their son's accomplishments. Devin's mother is Michaelynn Minicucci, the Recording Secretary for the Joanne Coccia Lodge #2553. Devin and his sister Maggie became junior members of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in 2011. Congratulations Devin on your achievement as an Eagle Scout and good luck in your future endeavors.





### Attention Lodges Attending Convention:

I would like to ask our lodges to please bring any historical artifacts and/or memorabilia that they would like to share for the Italian Language & Culture/History room that will be available in the hotel....lodge banners, programs, photo albums, etc.or any item that has historical significance for your lodge. Since 2018 has been declared the “Year of Italian Food” please also bring any lodge cookbooks to display . All items will be lovingly taken care of, and will be picked up by their owners by the end of convention. Please contact me if you haveany questions.

Maria Fassio Pignati, Chair,  
Italian Language & Culture/History  
Committee.



### Let’s “tie” one on at Convention

Did you know that 2018 has been declared the year of Italian food in the World? At our upcoming convention

Italian Language & Culture/History Committee Chair:

Maria Pignati is requesting that lodges bring their cookbooks to help highlight the Year of Italian Food.



And what better way to accessorize a cookbook than an Italian apron or tie?

There will be three different contests as follows:

- Italian themed aprons – adult
  - Both combined (aprons and ties) – youth.
  - Nothing “R” rated – Please
- \* Italian themed ties – adult
  - \* Each have a \$20 entry fee

How it will work:

- 1) Entries will be brought in at registration and given a number, then taken to display.
  - 2) A container will be placed in front of each entry for people’s choice voting.
  - 3) \$1.00 per vote. No tickets needed.... just keep dropping those one-dollar bills.
  - 4) Container with most \$ in adult competitions will be split 50/50 with the Grand Lodge
  - 5) Youth container with most \$ will be split 50/50 with the youth group.

All will be on display throughout the convention and winners will be announced when time permits. Should you have any questions OR SUGGESTIONS, feel free to e-mail me at [silaccilu@gmail.com](mailto:silaccilu@gmail.com)

Fraternally,  
Louise Silacci  
State Trustee-Central



### 2018 State Convention

The 82nd State Convention  
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the Double Tree by Hilton Ontario Airport  
from June 28 through June 30, 2018.  
Rooms are under the name  
Sons of Italy The room rate is \$110. ++  
Hotel must receive reservations by June 1

The Package price is \$240.00 which includes the following:  
Thursday, June 28 – Theme Night: Great Gatsby  
Roaring 20’s  
Friday, June 29 – Royal Pageant  
Saturday, June 30 – Black and White Ball

Any questions, contact  
Convention Coordinators  
Lori Rossi or Lynn Lawrence – Murphy

Wednesday, June 27 (3:30) is the  
Bocce Tournament Price \$16.00



### The Youth Committee needs *your* help!

Brothers and Sisters,

It is that time again, Time to support the Little Lion Youth Program. Once again we are offering a free youth convention package to our junior members, but we need your support to again to help offset the cost to the Grand Lodge.

Please 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.

Remember that the youth are the future of our order and we are dependent on them to take over for us in the future. Let us ALL join together and help build a stronger youth program to ensure that the Sons of Italy will last forever!

Fraternally,  
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## Cleopatra

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Cleopatra was a member of the Ptolemy family that ruled Egypt. She was born in 69 B.C. She was too young to rule when her parents died so she was put under the care of two Egyptian nobles, named Pothinus and Achillas. These corrupt men tried to control Cleopatra and remain in control of Egypt even after Cleopatra was old enough to rule.

Fortunately, Julius Caesar, who was a great general and the leader of the Roman world, arrived in Egypt at this time. Cleopatra was competing with her brother for the throne. Caesar took her side in the conflict and helped her to gain power.

Caesar was captivated by Cleopatra’s charm, intelligence and beauty. It is believed they had a son named Caesarion. With Caesar, she visited Rome. She believed her country would be treated well by the Romans. She loved Egypt and wanted it to be a partner of Rome in governing the world.

Her fortune changed, however, when Caesar was assassinated. It was now a time of uncertainty for Cleopatra and Egypt. No one knew who would assume power in Rome and what their attitude would be toward Egypt. Cleopatra returned to Egypt to await the results. Mark Antony and Octavian, two very influential

men in Rome, contended for political power.

Mark Antony visited Egypt, met with Cleopatra, and fell in love with her. They shared common interests. Antony wanted the wealth of Egypt to help him attain mastery of Rome. Cleopatra hoped Antony would make Egypt a leading nation in the world.

The forces of Anthony and Cleopatra met with those of Octavian in a great sea battle at a place called Actium in 31 B.C. Octavian won the battle. Soon afterwards Antony lost another battle at Alexandria. Filled with grief, Antony stabbed himself and died in the arms of Cleopatra. Cleopatra fearing to be treated cruelly by the victorious Octavian killed herself by making a poisonous asp bite her.

Queen Cleopatra has been talked about ever since. The Greek biographer Plutarch was one of the first authors to write about her. Her story is told in the plays “Anthony and Cleopatra” by William Shakespeare, “All for Love” by John Dryden, and “Caesar and Cleopatra” by George Bernard Shaw. The actress Elizabeth Taylor will forever be remembered for playing the title role in the movie “Cleopatra” (1963). Cleopatra is the subject of many paintings, prints, and artifacts.



A Roman bust of Cleopatra dated to the mid 1<sup>st</sup> century B.C. discovered in a villa along the Via Appia.

## 365 Fund Raiser - Winners

March 16-31

16	\$25.00	Jack & Carla Silva
17	\$25.00	Sadie Tamburine
18	\$25.00	Lou Seibel
19	\$25.00	Angela Caserza
20	\$25.00	Joyce Coccia
21	\$25.00	Lawrie Salvestrin
22	\$25.00	Angela Silva
23	\$25.00	Yolanda Ivaldi
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25	\$200.00	Lucy Sacco
26	\$25.00	Norma Marcucci
27	\$25.00	Virgilio Lodge
28	\$25.00	Jan Trigleth
29	\$25.00	Norma Marcucci
30	\$25.00	Kim Grenne
31	\$50.00	Albert Galli

April 1-15

1	\$25.00	Dick Haggerty
2	\$25.00	Tim Coraglotti
3	\$25.00	Liz Steckman
4	\$25.00	Joy Bruno
5	\$25.00	Moya Valdez
6	\$25.00	Deborah Mistaetta
7	\$25.00	Sam Spagnola
9	\$25.00	Linda DePalma
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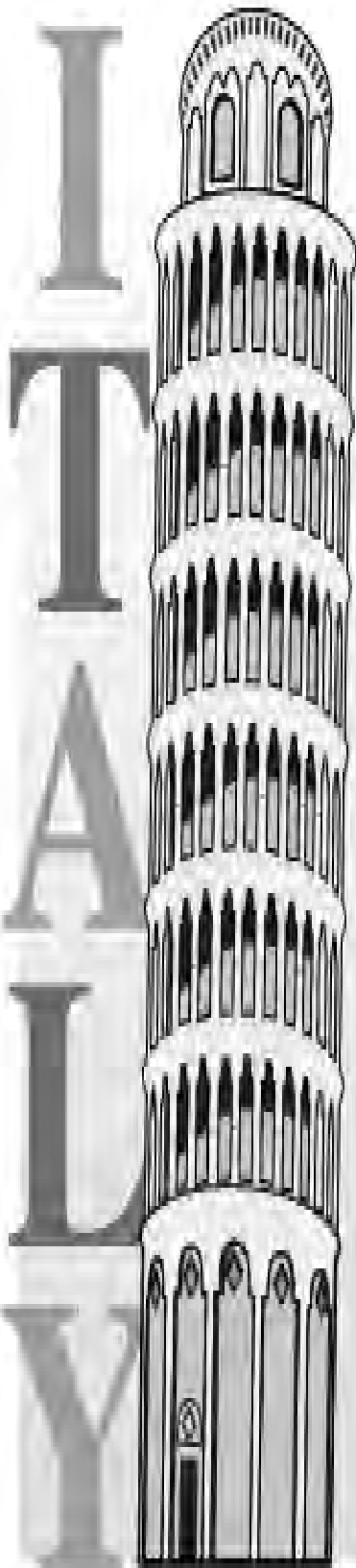
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More info to come

## Lodge Anniversaries

May	
Roma #1573	5/25/30
Valley of the Moon #1959	5/17/47
William Paca #1960	5/25/47
West Covina #2056	5/14/56
Anaheim #2076	3/13/58
St. Helena #2077	5/28/58
Dolly Sinatra #2400	5/29/77
Vincenzo Bellini #2519	5/29/82

Congratulations!!!





# Vallejo Lodges

by Sharon Silveira

Always an amazing event when the Vallejo Lodges honor their scholarship recipients. On Sunday, April 15th, six of our eight winners with their families joined us for a traditional spaghetti & meatball dinner. Erin Hannigan, Vice-Chairwoman of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, severed as the evenings MC and introduced each recipient with some background on their accomplishments.

Kiara Amaya Agan from Rio Vista High School received both the Daniel D’Amico and the Adua Pizzorno Memorial Scholarships. Anicia Alanis from Benicia High School was awarded the Henry W. Treadway Memorial Scholarship. Both Chloe Bonini from Benicia High School and Skylar Jacobs from St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School each received a Buck Kamphausen Scholarship. Macguire Buss from Vacaville High School was the recipient of both the Donald Cahan Memorial Scholarship and the Joe Agosta Memorial Scholarship. Sydney Minns from Armijo High School received both the Veronica Tarantino Memorial Scholarship and the Giannia & Harry Manfredi Memorial Scholarship. The Janet Capello Scholarship was awarded to Kathryn Ross from Benicia High School. Tana Smith from Vacaville High School received the Virgilio & Beatrice Portinari Lodge Scholarship.

Kudos to the Scholarship Judging Committee: Fred Asche, Pamela & Ray Bini, Rick Branch, Evelyn Fox and Tony Intintoli. Applause for our cooks Rick Branch, Glen Rushing, John Costa and Steve & Lucy Branch and a thank you to our servers Donna Lee Costa, Shelby Clemmons, Bert Harris and Cody Tarantino, a past scholarship recipient. Without a doubt a heartwarming and uplifting evening!

Looking ahead.....come join us on Saturday, May 12th, for our annual Wine Tasting & Appetizer Event benefitting UC Davis Alzheimer’s Research. In addition to delicious food, good wine, and an extensive silent auction---the USA World Classic Car Museum is an fascinating venue. Please call Pamela Bini for tickets or additional information. 707 552-7474 or 567-2938



2018 Scholarship winners.



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Eureka Lodge #1274

Eureka, CA  
by Josephine Silva

We said Goodbye to 2017 and Hello to 2018. We are already one quarter into 2018 before we knew it. And, with the passing of 2017, we think of our beloved members who have recently passed away: Evelyn and Aldo Bongio, Jerry Colivas, Don Raffaelli and all the other members we have had the privilege of knowing and loving these many years. They have left an indelible mark on our order and our lives. Adios Dearest Ones; Until we meet again!

The annual chicken and polenta dinner is coming up on April 29th and I am already salivating at the thought of the delicious sauce and chicken falling off the bones, soft and scrumptious, with French bread to sop up the sauce. Of no, I am torturing myself just thinking about it. If anyone

is in the Eureka area, come on down. You are always welcome! \$15 buys you a ticket and it is worth it. Food, wine, fellowship and fun; life is good in Eureka.

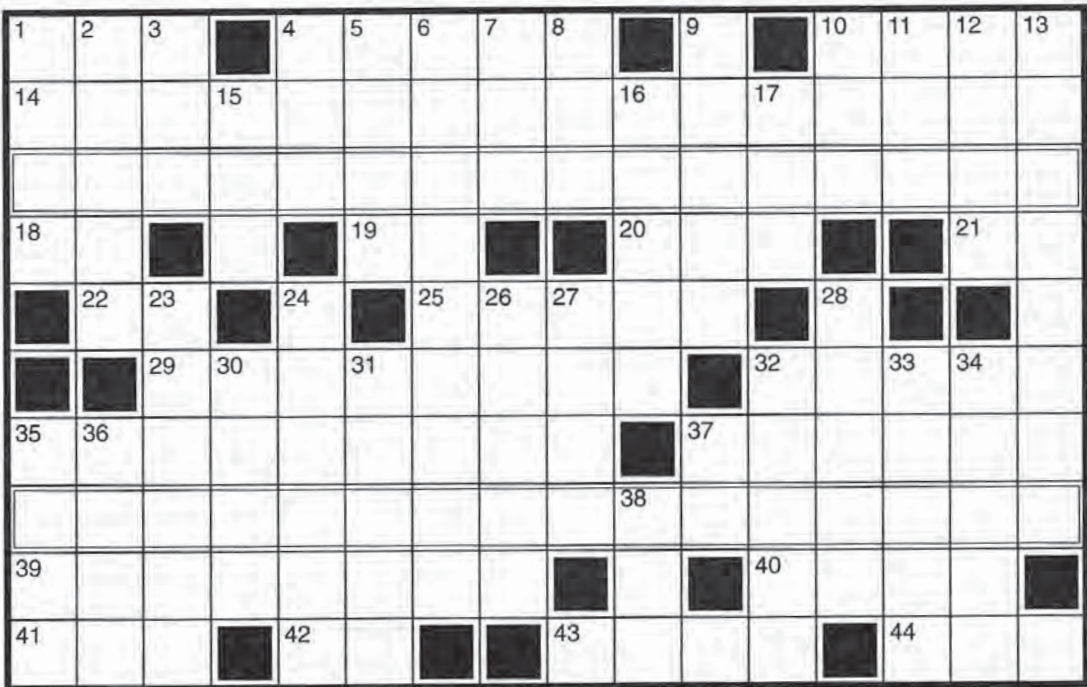
At our October 2017 chicken and polenta dinner we made a motion to donate half of the proceeds of the raffle to the fire victims in Santa Rosa. Needless to say, I am proud of our order. I think we are a great group of people. Full blooded, half-blooded, semi-blooded and wish to be blooded Italians!

The May meeting will be our Mother's Day/Father's Day potluck and we will be giving scholarships to three high school seniors. It is always a wonderful event. Their parents and sometimes grandparents attend.

Have a wonderful Springtime.

The Eureka Sons of Italy lodge recently donated \$900 to help a fellow lodge member who was a victim of the Santa Rosa fires last year. Butch Bondi, left, of the Eureka lodge presented the Santa Rosa lodge with the check. The money was raised at a Sons of Italy chicken and polenta feed last October. The next Sons of Italy chicken polenta feed will be held April 29 at St. Bernard's Academy in Eureka. Serving begins at 5 p.m. and reservations are recommended. Also pictured are, left after Bondi, Sue Tunstall, lodge secretary; Randy Apel, fire victim; Joan Acquistapace, president of Santa Rosa Sons of Italy No. 1898; Doreen Venturi, state deputy; and Carol O'Donald, mistress of ceremony. For more information, call 707-843-6604.

CRUCIVERBA A CHIAVE



Nelle due strisce bordate potrete leggere un proverbio (1, 4, 5, 3, 4, 2, 6, 7).

**ORIZZONTALI:** 1. Raganella verde - 4. L'attrice Alt - 10. Signorina inglese - 14. Territorio ligure con Rapallo e Chiavari (tre parole) - 18. Affermazione - 19. Articolo per sportivo - 20. Si usano per lo slalom - 21. Simbolo del piombo - 22. Il centro di Roma - 25. Pesce d'acqua dolce - 29. Nastro per elettricisti - 32. Nota scrittrice di romanzi rosa - 35. Si dice di cibi rustici - 37. Kathleen attrice e Tina cantante - 39. Gravi mancanze di viveri - 40. La vita militare - 41. Istituto che assicura (sigla) - 42. In fondo al corteo - 43. La cerca il senza tetto - 44. Antico altare sacrificale pagano.

**VERTICALI:** 1. Opera di Mascagni - 2. Tito, scrittore latino - 3. Saluto a Maria - 4. Conferenza Episcopale Italiana - 5. Lago asiatico - 6. Piante con radici piccanti - 7. Poesie classiche - 8. Licenza (abbrev.) - 9. Frutto vellutato - 10. Isola del Mar d'Irlanda - 11. Incisore (abbrev.) - 12. Fa fermare l'automobilista - 13. Parere, apparire - 15. Collera

- 16. Per nulla ruvide - 17. Tu e loro - 23. Molto povera - 24. Bucherellate come spugne - 26. Pure... i fianchi - 27. Gabbie per polli - 28. La Lisi del cinema - 30. Diventerà una pianta - 31. Rapido, svelto - 32. Nome di donna - 33. Laminetta di strumenti musicali a fiato - 34. Musicò "La vedova allegra" - 35. Legumi tondeggianti - 36. Il "Ford" dei fumetti - 37. Fine di racconti - 38. Segnale galleggiante.



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Saddleback Valley Lodge #2566

Mission Viejo, CA  
by Andy Pampuro  
Immediate Past President

On April 27th we took a bus trip to Century City to see the beautiful Eataly which is housed on the second and third floors. The place is huge and quite spread out. They sell almost everything Italian ... pasta, meats, wines, pastries, gelato, etc. Very expensive but some of us did buy a few things. We certainly thank Marilyn Vecchio who arranged this trip and with the help of our president Hank Lowinger and his wife, Michelle they made the bus ride as comfortable as they could passing out water and goodies.

Then at our meeting on April 6th we crowned our prince Joseph Perez. Our outgoing queen, Baylin Herrington, approached the podium and made her farewell speech to the audience. It was a magnificent speech as only Baylin can do. Then our prince was escorted by his mother, Nina Perez and Louise Pampuro, both past queens. Baylin then put the robe on Joseph and then crowned him and handed him his septore. Joseph also gave a great speech. President Hank Lowinger presented each with a monetary gift from the lodge. We are very lucky to have two vibrant youngsters to represent our lodge. Baylin is Miss Convention City and will relinquish her crown at the convention.

We enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by our First Lady Michelle Lowinger. We also had a bake sale which did very well. We certainly thank all those who bought their baked goods.

On Sunday, April 8th, we had a concert put on by Nina Perez. It was held in one of the clubhouses in Laguna Woods. We had a very nice crowd who enjoyed the talents of many singers including Nina who had with her many friends who sang magnificently including her son, Joseph, who is our lodge Prince. They all were accompanied on the piano by Keiko Halop. It was a fantastic show. During the intermission cookies and coffee were offered to the many people in attendance. The monies made on this concert and the bake sale will go towards royal tickets for our prince.

On Saturday, April 14th, we held a garage sale at the home of our recording secretary Bernie Neil. We certainly thank all those who worked the sale which was quite successful. We also want to thank Al Schlappy and Bernie Neil for allowing us to use their home for this sale.

We wish all the mothers in our lodge a very happy Mother's Day.



Outgoing Queen Baylin Herrington.



President Hank Lowinger presenting a gift to Baylin.



L/R President Hank Lowinger, Louise Pampuro, Prince Joseph Perez and Nina Perez.



Prince Joseph Perez and Queen Baylin Herrington.



Prince Joseph Perez with his parents Nina and Keith Perez.



Our Prince Joseph Perez singing his solo.



Nina Perez on the far left and her friends.





# 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
3. Once received, your ticket goes into the ticket drum.
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6. There are several days throughout the year that have a higher dollar amount. Those days are listed on the back of each ticket.
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## Roma Lodge # 1573

Tulare, CA  
by Larry Dutto

Roma Lodge celebrated their 88th Anniversary at the April meeting. Over 70 members and guests were present to enjoy a delicious meal of Italian sausage and risotto prepared by Michael DePaoli, Joseph and Frank Goni, Dominic Pitigliano and Joann Beecher. The lodge recognized members who were celebrating membership milestones.

Roma Lodge will be hosting their 83rd annual Ravioli Dinner on Saturday, May 12th at the T.D.E.S. Hall in Tulare. The meal features ravioli, spaghetti, chicken, green beans, salad, salami, cheese and a biscotti cookie for dessert. The dinner will be a drive through takeout. Tickets may be purchased from Cathy Mederos, 687-1112 for only \$20.



Roma Lodge 5 Year Members

Austin Gentry, Daniel Daramy, Adelyn Watkins, Giulia Watkins and Elisabeth Curti. Certificates were presented by State Trustee Louise Silacci.



Roma Lodge 50 Year Member  
Presenter Louise Silacci.



Roma Lodge 50+ Year Members

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# Dolly Sinatra Lodge # 2400

Palm Springs, CA  
by Andy Casey

It's finally happened! What most of us have been waiting for year in, and year out! Joe La Porta, our current President was the 41st Honoree for Person of the year at this year's Anniversary Awards Dinner and Dance!! Having declined the honor for the last few years, perhaps longer, Joe finally accepted the honor after a letter write campaign in was launched to our Board of Directors in behalf of the nomination.

Our Master of Ceremonies, Patrick Evans, kicked of the evening recounting how he met Joe, and ended up joining the Lodge himself. He then asked Joe was there anything he could do for him, and Joe said he could perhaps feature the club on Patrick's local television show. The success of that segment brought so many people to the doors that when Patrick offered to do it again, Joe turned him down as he was now turning people away as he had a full house!

The award, so deserved, was presented by National President, Vera Ferrara Girolami, at the dinner/dance held April 8th at Agua Caliente Casino! A 150 plus electrified members attended his induction as Honoree of the Year. There was unquestionably a high level of excitement to honor Joe, because he has done so much for all of us!

The evening was magical! The dinner and service by the casino were wonderful. The entertainment was provided by the always engaging and incomparable Frank DiSalvo and his Palm Springs Swing Band. Frank, the consummate entertainer, and the band had everyone dancing and enjoying all evening.

The story of Joe, his personal career ascendance, and his joining the Lodge are well documented in previous articles. His successes as our Lodge President, from raising donations holding the Lodge together, literarily, financially, and enabling it to continue our charitable programs, such as the college scholarship program, have been well told in past stories.

It's the untold story of

this charismatic, dedicated and incredibly hard worker, just doing it. He's bringing in twenty five or so new members yearly! He knows all the members, and takes a personal interest in all his members. Frank DiSalvo, who himself should be a strong candidate for Honoree very soon, was brought to a meeting about six years ago. A fast friendship grew with Frank and Joe, and soon Frank was entertaining members too. Then Frank started inviting friends to come to the Lodge, myself included. Amongst them was Larry Capeloto, Michael DiAngelo and other Valley entertainers. Soon they were volunteering their services, and the weekly entertainment continued to blossom! These entertainers all had their own shows in town here too. If they had a special event going, well guess who would always be in their audience, supporting them, Joe and Laurie! He's genuinely liked, even in a thankless job for the most part, trying to keep all the members happy with seating arrangements, complaints of this and that and enduring it all with a smile. Think about trying to keep your own family happy, let alone 130 plus members, and you get an idea. Throw into the mix a life threatening bout with cancer, which is in remission thankfully now, one never knows for sure, and you begin to get a glimpse of your President. Pretty astounding!

That's a brief summary of why everyone was so enthused to see Joe finally get the award he eschewed for so long! Let us hope that he doesn't retire as our President anytime soon, at least not until we figure out who that someone is, who will be the last one out after each meeting, hauling out the garbage and turning off the lights!

Speaking of turning off the lights, the Lodge closes for the summer after the final meeting May 24th and will reopen October 3. In a year that went all too fast we did end with a loud and happy bang, when Joe became our Honoree of the Year!



Joe LaPorta with National President Vera Girolami.



Joe LaPorta with Sadie Tambourine from State Board.



President Joe LaPorta with our First Lady.





## Sacramento Lodge # 1352

Sacramento, CA  
by Pam Stewart

March and April have been jam-packed with fun for the Sacramento Lodge. In March we had a scrumptious dinner of Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner, prepared by David Carboni and Dan Marinelli. In addition to all that, we had Cabbage Rolls prepared by Verna Carboni! Thank you to David, Dan, and Verna for preparing this delicious meal. David Carboni also treated all the members to St. Patrick Day scarfs and chocolates! The winner of the Ways and Means in March was Mike Coker. We were also blessed in March to have our Grand Lodge Queen Mary Lucido attend our dinner and speak during our meeting! At the meeting we acknowledged Pam Tedesco for 43 years of lodge membership and had a fun raffle with lots of great prizes. Thank you Verna Carboni for organizing our raffle this month.

April dinner we enjoyed a variety of soups (Clam Chowder, Minestrone, and Chicken Noodle) prepared by Deangela Smith and then afterward played Bingo! Thank you Deangela for the delicious dinner! We welcomed two new lodge officers at our meeting: Trustee Verna Carboni and Guard Chris Campbell. The winner of the Ways and Means for April was Louie Lodi. Congratulations to our Big Bingo Winners: David Carboni, Verna Carboni, LaRay Macchiavelli, Genny Arieta, Susan Dixon, and Shelia Marinelli!

Save The Date for our upcoming events: May's Dinner and Meeting on Wednesday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. for enchiladas dinner! Bocce and Barbecue on Sunday, June 10 at the East Portal Park and our Annual Shrimp Feed on Saturday, October 20 in Rancho Cordova.

### GIOIA SANNITICA-CASERTA

Province of Campania.... in Campania is the city of Naples, Vesuvius AND the grand Reggia di Caserta, called the Versailles of Italy built in the 18th Century by the will of Charles III Duke of Bourbon. The architect was Luigi Vanvitelli.

And to our wonderful surprise, cousins of Marie Rossi paid us a visit at our last SOI dinner. Maurizio Pascale & Ester Vignali, visiting from Gioia Sannitica-Caserta.

How fun it was to try our language skills on Maurizio, as he repeated in English, no doubt wishing that English was used instead.

### LUSSINPICCOLO,

Norm our humor specialist....said his family came from this small island. First mentioned in 1398...under the name Malo selo. (small village)...In 1868 there were 11 shipyards, and became the place of the largest and developed merchant marine in the Adriatic Sea...but alas... things changed with the invention of the steam engine and a grape vine disease peronospora....passed under Austrian-Hungarian rule in 1797 till 1918 given to the Kingdom of Italy and in 1947 incorporated into Yugoslavia, now Croatia....I will say no more....I am not sure when Norms family came to this country....but then that's another story.

### MAUREEN MIGNACCO-DUTIL

was initiated at the meeting after the April dinner... what a delight...Her family came from Genoa, and a grandmother from the Italian part of Switzerland. In 1903 her father was born in Napa and the family had a small resort in Rutherford where they had little cabins.

## Valley Of The Moon Lodge # 1959

Sonoma, CA

by Susan Antonini -member at large  
susanantoniniart@gmail.com

(feel free to email me with your stories)

### TO KEEP OR NOT TO KEEP.....

Two ways to keep volunteers are: ONE, have a good sense of humor and TWO, offer a little Schnapps...

**THANK YOU** to our guests Maurizio and Ester and to Doreen and John Amara who gladly pitched in to serve the dinner....and the gift of hospitality of Marie Rossi in which little sparks of warmth are added to make us feel Italian! And to our Cook, Hans Strand...who likes to cook, eat, drink and be merry!

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### LOU SYLVESTRI....A SAD DAY!

passed away a couple of days ago...

Lou & Nita and Mike & Karen would "double date" many times...Lou always supported the monthly dinners and Scholarship Dinners and would attend other Lodges events as well... He was a piece of the puzzle of the SOI dinners....he was a great fellow and will be missed.

### A QUOTE FROM MY ITALIAN BOOK

Usa, Riusa, Ricicla

Ciao!



State Deputy Gloria Garibaldi, New member Maureen Mignacco-Dutil, Pres. Paul Grant.



Front to back- Visiting from Gioia Sannitica Italy Ester Vignali & Maurizio Pascale - Susan Antonini Kitchen helper and our Cook, Hans Strand.

Photo taken by Marie Rossi-Coordinator of all things Italian.



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# Rodolfo Valentino Lodge #1449

Clovis, CA

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

**Last Month:** Our April Anniversary Pasta Fest was a huge success! Not to mention names, but, along with our usual faithful dinner lovers I spotted the Hanford Queen candidate plus past Central Valley Sons and Daughters of Italy Queens and court members; also noted were officers of other lodges; and, at least one Olympic Gold Medalist (swimming) that resides here in Clovis. Of course, all our diners are royalty to us and we truly enjoy hosting this party for everyone. Prizes and gifts were enjoyed by at least one in three of our



guests. Also enjoyed by was music by Rick DelCarlo and vocals by Josh Bravo; Rick’s accordion renditions are always loved and appreciated. He will also be our feature for our Clovis Rodeo Parade float entry (which hasn’t yet occurred at this writing). Our lodge wants to thank all those that helped in the set-up of the hall, the preparation and serving of food, and last but not least, the cleanup after the party. Many great comments were aimed at Josh’s singing prowess.

Italy is approximately 116,400 square miles (including Sicily and Sardinia), which is slightly larger than Arizona. The Sardinians believe they are not “true” Italian. Almost four fifths of Italy is mountainous.

**The Ronald McDonald House** is no longer accepting pull tabs as a donation, so, for future use, just leave them on the can to add weight to your usual recycling effort. The charity noted that their matching donor quit on them, and the price of the aluminum (\$0.25 per pound) was too low to allow

a reasonable pay-off for the effort. Thanks for helping in the past.

Italians created many cheeses, including gorgonzola, mozzarella, provolone, and ricotta. No one knows when the pizza was invented, but the people of Naples made it popular. Parmesan cheese originated in the area around Parma, Italy, Matthew Kutz is our 2018 Scholarship winner and will be pursuing major in music; His proud grandmother, Alberta Ferrer, presides as our Lodge 1449 Vice President.

**This Month:** Most likely, we will discuss lessons learned from last month’s Pasta Fest; we know we have been doing this for many years, but we always learn a little more from each dinner. Many comments were heard at the hall at how great everything was this year, but we never want to forget that each dinner is a new experience and the next one can get better. Be there to contribute your critique, comments, and suggestions.

**Next Months:** June 18, July 16, and August 20, 2018

will be normal meetings with Pot Luck.

**The Grand Lodge 2018 Convention starts June 28th** at the Ontario Airport Double Tree Hotel. Our very own Bryan Watson is in charge of the Youth Committee and is limited to “cash-on-hand” when it comes to their tours and entertainment. Please do not feel shy about contributing to his effort; what our youth feels/believes in regard to the lodge will influence their choices in the future. Help to make this convention a fun-filled trip for them. Just make out a check to the Western Foundation.

**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://rodolfo-valentinolodge.com/>.

# William Paca Lodge #1960

Mountain View, CA  
by Carolyn Franklin

Spring is in the air and some rain! How lucky can we get! Remember the olden days, before malls and technology took over our world, when we could smell rain and fresh air and not exhaust fumes! And, at the Lodge, the wonderful, intoxicating smell in the air is an Italian dinner!

Mike Ravizza’s baked ham and scalloped potatoes with carrots was just the right meal for a cool April evening. Rich, soft, creamy potatoes wrapped around a chunk of ham! Alongside Mike, Carlo Marengo lent his magic touch to the festa. Always a winning team. Paula Chidichimo brought an almond salad with fresh spring greens and blue cheese, the perfect touch to compliment a hot, tasty meal; a chilled salad crowns any piping hot dinner. Real food for real people!

The lemon-filed sheet cake, brought by Russ Genna was the end of another perfect meal. Italians mangiamo insieme per vivere e non per mangiare. The home made meal is always done with the best ingredients, and love is the best one of all.

I just read an article that said the Italian culture centers around a passion for food and wine. Is there a better way to enjoy your dinner? Someone once said, “Keep a man fed with a good meal beside a beautiful woman and there would be no more wars.” Why hasn’t someone thought of this already? Due data di vino e un pedal al medico!

We were privileged to have two special guests for the evening, Cino Chiegia and his grand nephew, Jeff Gilliland. Jeff authored a book about his great Uncle Cino, “Four Dollars and a Dream”. Cino was a fisherman in Italy during the Second World War, when at the tender age of 18 he joined the merchant marines and left Italy for America. His adventures took him to

Oakland where he was employed by the Oakland Scavenger Company. Later, he became a share holder at that same company. He came to America with \$4.00 (cash) and lived the American dream. This is one of those success stories that make America the great country it is today.

Thank you both for a wonderful story and sharing our wonderful, family evening.

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# Pugliese Lodge #1375

Los Angeles, CA  
by Mary Lotito

## PUGLIESE LODGE “DAY AT THE RACES”

On March 4, 2018 the Pugliese Lodge invaded Santa Anita race track with 200 guests hoping to bring home that green stuff we work so hard for. It was a beautiful day and under the supervision of Mary Lotito and ably assisted by hubby, Chris, with co-chairs Carla and Bill Komar, all were ready for the races to start. You could feel the enthusiasm in the atmosphere where the guests were studying the forms on each horse running. Some bet on the jockey, some the colors the jockey wears, or the color of the horse. No matter which way they make their selection it is their preference and some are very successful. I always think it is a guessing game. The owners don't even know when the horse will run. This is what makes horse racing so intriguing and fascinating because of the guessing game.

The catering was provided by Portofino Trattoria, propitiator, Nick D'Egido, assisting in setting up and serving, son Nick Jr. and son-in-law, Giancarlo and a few friends. They were lucky in winning a few raffle gifts.

The raffle table was loaded with beautiful gifts were donated by the officers of the Pugliese Lodge. One of the gift's donated by John Donato and Paul Bodnar was bid by silent auction. It was valued at \$175.00 and It went for \$150.00, thank you lucky one.

We are grateful for the people who helped and ticket sellers who made our day successful; Mary and Chris, Carla and Bill Komar, Alexa Lotito, Michael and Edithe Digiuro, Karen and John De Santis with help from Grand-

daughter, Sophia Suitor, who chalked the winning numbers, Anna Lee Broderson, Sean Dankowsky, Bonnie Dixson, Brandon and Connie ( Lotito ) Weil and Leslie Emge. Our Queen, Sarah, was there with mother and sister. New member, Paul Giuliano, had four generations attending the races, hope they come again. We'll be looking for you. Attending was our Grand Deputy, Nina Zonni and hubby, Marco. The Hacienda Lodge brought in 6 members, thank you President Bill Viverto. Big ticket sellers Karen and John De Santis and Tony De Santis. Our appreciative gratitude, many THANKS!!!

Michael Gatti, has a new title, "GREAT UNCLE". First born baby girl in the immediate family, CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Carla Komar and daughter, Alexa, enjoyed ten days of southern comfort. A Christmas gift to them from hubby, Bill Komar. They spent days in Savannah Gerogia, Charleston, South Carolina and Nashville, Tennessee. Foods were definitely different, and most enjoyable. Looking for another quick visit.

Silvio Pierotti, enjoyed a fine happy birthday party at Dipillis Italian restaurant in Rosemead. Party given by wife, Yolanda. Family and friends made it an unfogetable happy occasion. A two digit year!!! Happy year from all of us.

Ciao  
Mary M. Lotito  
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# Centinela Valley Lodge # 1991

Torrance, CA  
byAnnette Porter

Our April Queen’s Cor-  
onation dinner dance was a  
beautiful evening. We had  
a wonderful lasagna din-  
ner. The food was fantastic!  
Thanks to chef John Barbera  
and the members that helped  
to put this event togeth-  
er. The hall was decorated  
in Dodger Blue as our new  
Queen loves the Dodgers. We

had eight of our past queens  
in attendance, to add to the  
importance of this event to  
our Lodge. They were: Pat-  
ty Lavezzari Perez, Louise  
Pampuro, Lori Scalabrini  
Blackwell, Mary Grace Ter-  
amo Grammatico, Lisa Vao-  
na-Case, Gilma Vaona, Brita-  
ny Porter Garnica, and Nicole  
Vaona. Nicole Vaona, being

the most recent past Queen,  
crowned our new Queen,  
Marissa Lavezzari. All the  
queens looked so lovely. Our  
entertainment for the eve-  
ning was provided by Tony  
“The Sicilian Band”. Tony is  
fantastic and he always has  
people up and dancing. A big  
“Thank you” to the following  
lodges that came to celebrate

this special evening with  
us: America Lodge, Ana-  
heim Lodge and Saddleback  
Lodge.  
Our members make our  
events as successful as they  
always are.  
Our Anniversary is  
scheduled for Saturday,  
May 27th. Invites have gone  
out to the State Officers and

each Lodge. The menu will  
include your choice of Prime  
Rib or Chicken Wellington.  
The price will be \$40.00 for  
adults and \$20.00 for children  
under 12. We will be honor-  
ing Brian Sinaguglia and the  
Memory of Lenny Sinaguglia  
this year.



Our new lodge queen Marissa Lavezzari and her father David Lavezzari walking together before she is crowned.



Would like to introduce our new queen Marissa Lavezzari.



President Annette Porter and our chef for the evening John Barbera and his wife Italia.



Past lodge queen Nicole Vaona crowning our new queen Marissa Lavezzari.



Our past queen Mary Grace and her husband Joe Grammatico.



Past queen Lori Blackwell and her family Sean and Pam Broderick which are also members of the lodge.



Our new lodge queen Marissa and her family.



Our queens past (8) Patty, Louise, Lori, Mary Grace, Lisa, Gilma, Britany and Nicole and current queen Marissa. It was a beautiful coronation.



Linda Enneman (America Lodge) and Joe Rossi with his friend dancing with the youth.



Shasta

Lodge # 2453

Redding, CA

by Carole Dellaragione

The last two months have been a little sad for us at Shasta Lodge. We lost have lost five past and present members. Dan Goode joined our lodge in 2007, transferring here from Washington State. Robert “Bob” Allen joined in 2001. He spent a few years serving adult beverages, but could usually be seen at Allen’s Golf Course. Dottie Iagmin joined us in 2009 and enjoyed coming to many lodge events.

Paul Bosetti joined in 1984 just after Shasta Lodge received our charter. Paul served as President for over two years moving from the Vice Presidency when we lost or President. Joyce Pereira had been a member since 1988. She was our first Lady when husband Ken was our President, and she was our Sunshine Lady for many years. May they all rest in peace.

On a pleasant note, we are about halfway through our bocce league. It is surprising how many good teams there are in our area. We are certainly enjoying getting together to play, win or lose, and making some new friends along the way.

We will have our first Paesano Days organization meeting for our big event that will be held on September 21st and 22nd this year. We have multiple co-chairs headed up by our Vice President John DiMatteo once again. We are all looking forward to another great event this year.

We will be awarding two \$1000 scholarships to two very deserving young men, both junior members, at our meeting in June.

Our convention delegates are set and we are making travel plans. Hope to see some old friends, and have a productive meeting this year.

Once again some of our members will help the Asphalt Cowboys serve breakfast to about 10,000 people on Friday of Rodeo Week in May. Others of us will be helping our collegiate Colt 45 “Boys of Summer” baseball team the ends of May as they begin their summer season.

Wishing all you Moms a very special Mother’s Day!

Ciao, your friends from Shasta Lodge.

Pulgiuese Lodge # 1375

Los Angeles, CA

by Francesca Taylor

Sarah Grace Taylor, Pulgiuese Lodge Queen and Jr. Member of OSDIA, Completes her Girl Scout Gold Award, titled “Connessioni Italiane – Italian Connections”

“I want to promote the Italian language and to help the people in Italy who were affected by the earthquakes of 2016 and 2017,” comments Sarah Taylor, 15, a Senior Girl Scout in Troop #28935 of Santa Monica, and a sophomore student at Notre Dame Academy in West Los Angeles.

I have been taking Italian lessons with my sisters since we were small. Our Italian heritage is important to us and to our whole family. We love studying “la bella lingua” and we have had a really great time on our trips to Italy.

For my project I started

a new bilingual Italian – English Girl Scout troop with the help of my mom. We made a Gemellaggio, a twinship, with a Scout troop in Italy, and we have corresponded with them and learned about what they do in Scouting.

Italy has earthquakes and so does California. I learned from my family about the serious quakes that Los Angeles and other California cities have experienced. When I heard about the “terremoti” in Central Italy, I wanted to assist the Scouts there, because they helped so much in the times of disaster and their

scout bases were used as refuges for the community.

I taught my bilingual troop about earthquakes. I raised money by selling Girl Scout cookies and got rescue blankets and special flashlights that are water-activated from the Red Cross. I brought these items to Umbria and presented them to the scout leaders there, for use in their bases.

I am currently working on a website in Italian and English that will educate young people in Italy and in California about earthquakes, how they are caused and how to make the damage less by

doing retrofitting. This is so important in Italy because so much art in Italy is on the walls of churches and other buildings that can get destroyed in an earthquake. On my trip to Italy this month, I visited Norcia and I was able to see the places where stone walls fell down, bringing lots of beautiful artwork with it.

I will keep working on this issue even as my Gold project is nearly finished. It is really great to have this connection and to be able to make a difference for the two countries that I love, America and Italy.





SENATOR MIKE MCGUIRE (/)



## Senator McGuire recognizes renowned ‘Pasta King’ during ceremony on Senate Floor

Thursday, April 12, 2018

**Sacramento, CA** - Today, Senator Mike McGuire and the entire State Senate recognized a Northern California legend, Art Ibleto - the Pasta King. Art was recognized for his decades of contributions and generosity to his community.

“The Pasta King’s life story, his generous contribution to community and his achievements - all earned, never given to him - are why we’re coming together to honor his great work,” Senator McGuire said during the acknowledgement. “From the beginning like most who have immigrated to this amazing country, Art has always given back. He made his hometown, his county and our state stronger - through his generous spirit, his love of community and his love for people. For the past several decades, Mr. Ibleto has, on thousands of occasions, provided free meals to fundraising events, raising millions for worthwhile causes and our region’s most vulnerable.”

Mr. Ibleto is an Italian immigrant born in Argentina and raised in Northern Italy. He was only 11 years old when dictator, Benito Mussolini thrust Italy into World War II. At the Age of 17 Mr. Ibleto joined the Italian Army, but later fled and joined the resistance, slowing the German Army’s deadly march on his home country.

Mr. Ibleto immigrated to the United States in 1949 and he has lived in Sonoma County ever since. Now 91, Art has always been driven and has managed several enterprises including a butcher shop, Christmas tree lot, and limousine service, prior to opening the renowned Ibleto’s Spaghetti Palace on the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. Since the 1970’s Mr. Ibleto has distinguished himself as a prominent restaurateur, caterer, maker of fine fresh and frozen Italian foods, and wine-grape grower.

Throughout the North Bay Firestorm, and during many other tough times for our community, Art Ibleto generously gave back to his community by providing nourishing food to people in need and all at no price.

**Attached photo:** Senator McGuire, Senator Bill Dodd and Assemblymember Marc Levine presented Art Ibleto with an official Legislative Resolution for his many years of commitment to his community.



**KING IN THE SENATE:**  
Thursday morning, state Sen. Mike McGuire will welcome onto the Senate floor Sonoma County “Pasta King” Art Ibleto. The lawmaker from Healdsburg will honor Art, who’s 91, for all the people he fed for free after the fires, and for all the money his pasta feeds have raised for relief efforts locally and around the world.

You can watch the 9 a.m. presentation by going to [senate.ca.gov](http://senate.ca.gov) and clicking at the upper left, “Live Streams in Progress.” Then, go to “Senate Floor Session.”





## C. Colombe Lodge # 1315

Antioch, CA  
by Zelda LeFrak-Belleci



The Crab Feed hosted by C. Colombo Lodge #1315 was a roaring success." The social hall of Holy Rosary School was jam packed with guests attending this annual event/ Part of the crowd pictured above are Maureen Perkinson, Zelda LeFrak-Belleci, Beth Williams, Dennis Clarke, Lanette Clarke and Marjorie Tonin.



C. Colombo Lodge #13155 has been a longtime supporter of the Italian Language program at Deer Valley High School in Antioch, California. Students fro the Italian class volunteered to help at the Lodge fundraiser. Studenti Adamari Franco, Emily Vazquez, Zack Mustar, Alexis Semararo, Antonietta Rivera, e la Profesoressa Amelia Fitzgerald are pictured above. The young people were part of the cadre of servers at the recent Crab Feed.



Highlight at the C. Colombo Crab Feed was the dessert table with a big array of goodies to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Seen above is Janet Castillo bringing in her lemon bars made with home grown lemons picked of the tree in her own yard.



Bartenders Joe Fernandez and Michael Giambona, at the far right, were a hardworking part of the committee hosting Annual C. Colombo Crab Fee. The sold out event was held in mid-March with ticket sales under the direction of Carol Esposito.



The Annual Crab Feed id C. Colombo's big fundraiser of the year! The event is chaired by Edna Esposito, President of Lodge #1315. Originally the idea of the late Harry Brochii, the event has been held for almost 50 years! Pictured above is President Edna greeting guest Ellen Creighton.

## Colombo-Stella Lodge

# 1149  
Fresno, CA  
Olivia DeLiddo Gallegos,  
President

Hello, everyone. Last month I attended Rodolfo Valentino's Anniversary Fundraiser in Clovis with Yolanda Canzio and Grace Barra. Congratulations to President Carol Watson and her members for putting on such a wonderful event. The dinner was delicious as always, they had great entertainment and a very large raffle. As their Deputy I am always so proud of them!

At our last meeting, we voted to do away with the dinner potluck. We decided that if anyone wanted to bring some desserts or finger foods, that would be fine.

May is the month we will be making our donations to Valley Children's Hospital. This is what our September dinner raises money for. I will report next month on it.

Also coming up, Convention in June.

We had a special guest last month, Head State Trustee Central, Pauline Richmond made her official visit to our Lodge. She gave us a lot of good information for membership retention, upcoming events at Convention, and the last Grand Council meeting. We all need to know the goings on in our organization, and the information comes from the top. We are losing members at an alarming rate, and if this organization is important to you, we need you to take this seriously, now, before it is too late. Ask what you can do to help? Bring in a new member.

Winner of our scratcher was Ann Anderson. Name drawn for the progressive jackpot was Pam Lindegren. Since she was not present, the jackpot rolls over to \$15.00 for next month. Next meeting is May 15th, so hope to see you there. Until then, Ciao!

### ATTENTION PLEASE

Please make sure that articles are sent to [debbie@sanddgraphics.com](mailto:debbie@sanddgraphics.com). and [ccApampuro@comline.com](mailto:ccApampuro@comline.com). I would also like articles sent in word to me and PDF to Andy if possible.

We appreciate all your help.  
Thank you,  
Andy Pampuro  
Debbie Ure

