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A Message From The State President



by Lynn Lawrence-Murphy
State President
"Fratellanza"

As the warm days of summer come to an end, it is great to reflect back on the many lodge picnics, barbeques, dinner meetings and Italian Heritage Baseball Games, Bill & I have enjoyed with so many lodge members and friends. The warm days melted into warm hospitality filled with great food and hours of comradery with our Italian family and friends.

As we welcome the days of fall, we also welcome our gathering together for the Grand Council Meeting and a time for State Officers, Committee Chairs and lodge members to meet together and share ideas on how to address the challenges of membership and fundraising, and address all issues and suggestions that arouse at the State Convention. Due to difficulties in obtaining honorees and a lack of support for the Gala, it was necessary to cancel it this year. The September Grand Council Meeting to be held on September 17th will be moved to the Grand Lodge Building on Mission Street in San Francisco. Two main topics for this session will be information on the sale of the Grand Lodge Building and a report from the new Membership Program Committee. Rooms have been set aside at the Crowne Plaza near the San Francisco Airport. For room reservations (mention Sons of Italy), the price will be \$159.00 ++ and \$10.00 for Parking. Deadline for rooms is August 31st. Breakfast,

Lunch and Dinner meals will be catered by Musselli Catering and take place at the Hall of Mirrors for the Saturday September 17th Session. You all are invited to attend the meetings and meals. Please contact the Grand Lodge Office for meal reservations (price will be \$65.00 for all 3 meals). Individual meals will be Breakfast \$10.00, Lunch \$20.00, and Dinner \$45.00. Deadline for meals is September 12th.

I would like to thank Membership Chair Joe Simoni, his committee and all members that went that extra mile and stepped out into the Communities and joined with other Italian Organizations in setting up information booths about the Grand Lodge at the Italian Athletic Club Festival held in San Francisco on August 20th and the San Jose Italian Festival held on Aug 27th and 28th. A great way for our Order to become known to all and a way to support and work with All Italian American Organizations.

The Las Vegas Lodge will be having a Dinner Show for a fundraiser on September 25th at the Italian American Club in Las Vegas. Our own Frank DiSalvo (VP of Dolly Sinatra Lodge) and friends have planned an outstanding show for us. Let's try to help our Vegas Family and support this event. Flyers will be sent.

Please keep pushing for the retention of Columbus Day in your local, state and at the national level. We must be proactive!

As I will be attending the National Executive Council Meeting on August 18th - August 20th, I will report what is happening at the National Level in my next article and also will report what took place at the Grand Council Meeting.

Again, Bill and I express our sincere thanks for the warm hospitality and fraternity you extend to us when we visit your lodges and attend your meetings and events.

THE "BATTLE OF THE GRAND LODGES"

Joseph Simoni
Chair - Membership Committee

In order to attract new and retain existing members, the National Membership Committee is hosting a membership drive for all Grand Lodges that began in January 2016 and ceases at the end of January 2017. Monetary awards for the top 4 winners are:

First Place	\$1,000.00	Second Place:	\$750.00
Third Place:	\$ 500.00	Fourth Place	\$250.00

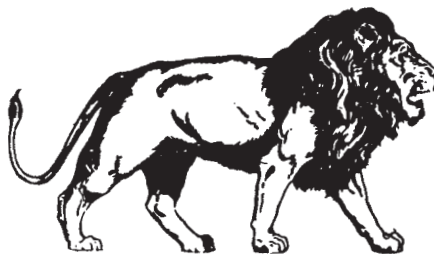
The monetary awards to the top 4 Grand Lodges will be based on the results of the highest *Net Increase* of active members at the end of March 2017. It is important not only to bring in new members, but to retain the ones you already have.

In addition, and with the blessing and approval of our worthy State President, **the top 5 lodges with net increases** will receive the following **decrease in their 2nd Quarter 2017 PER**

CAPITA YEAA!!!

First Place:	<u>10%</u>	Second Place:	<u>8%</u>
Third Place:	<u>6%</u>	Fourth Place:	<u>4%</u>
Fifth Place;	<u>2%</u>		

REMEMBER: All awards are based on the percentage of Net increases (New and Existing members) listed on your Per Capita report as of the end of Q1 2017.



Important message from the National Plenary Session August 20th 2016

We are requesting that **all** members with email addresses contact the Grand Lodge office and provide this information to us. This will assist your Grand Lodge in complying with National's desire to form a nationwide membership roster which will greatly improve communications between filial and state lodges and the National Lodge.

Please be assured that your email address will not be shared or sold to any third party.

The deadline to submit your information is September 30th 2016.

From the Editor's Desk

by Andy Pampuro
apampuro@comline.com



Our deepest condolences go out to Eva Lavazzari, President of the Anaheim Lodge and also the Queen Coordinator. Her mother, Babe Peluso, passed away on July 25th at the age of 80. I have known Babe for almost 50 years and she is one person who is really a Sons of Italy member. She has always been a strong member of the Order. She was the queen of her lodge at one time, then she became the president. She passed those genes down to her daughter Eva who also was the queen at one

SAVE THE DATE

We are making plans for our 65th Anniversary Dinner for Saturday, November 12, 2016 in Watsonville. The final arrangements are being made and I should have them within the next 10 days but I wanted to let our brothers and sisters know of our celebration.

Date: Saturday, November 12, 2016
Time: 4:00 pm
Place: Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club
557 Lakeview Dr, Watsonville, CA 9507
Contact: Janey' Malatesta Leonardich, President
Sons of Italy Watsonville Lodge #2016

time and is presently the president of the lodge. We are so grateful that Babe was at the convention and saw her granddaughter, Elizabeth, be crowned Miss America. She was so proud of both her daughter and granddaughter. Babe will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

We are sorry to hear that the Humanitarian Banquet has been cancel for reasons

beyond anyone's control. All the information pertaining to this has been sent out by the Grand Lodge office.

I am still getting contributions for the Il Leone sponsor program for which we are very grateful. If you made a contribution and and your name is not on the list please let us know. If you want to be a sponsor all it costs is \$25 per name per year.

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News from the Central

by Arlene Nunziati
State 1st Vice President



I am so sorry to report that the Gala had to be cancelled due to poor participation and the inability to secure honorees due to conflicting schedules.

Grand Council will be held in the Hall of Mirrors at the Grand Lodge on September 27. Do come and join us. Our in-house caterer will be preparing breakfast, lunch and dinner for us.

This has been a great summer of travels near and far.

My central area lodges have all been very active doing lots of fun events.

I attended the Watsonville and Columbia Lodges picnics. Great and of course lots of food. Columbia's annual hot dog BBQ was another great event.

Currently I am at a National meeting in Connecticut.

cut. It has proven to be very interesting and enlightening. Thank you to Paul Polo for his hospitality and for inviting us to his beach house in Westport. What a great day we had on the water. Connecticut is a beautiful green state. We also spent a day in New York visiting Nella Varni who now works there. Thanks Nella for the great tour and fun day.

I spent a week cruising Alaska and it was a terrific trip. We visited Ketchikan, Juneau, Stagway and Victoria. In Juneau we were met by author Roy Varni who took us to the Federal Building, salmon hatchery, Shrine of St Theresa where we enjoyed a lovely picnic lunch. We also went to see the Mendenhall Glacier. In Skagway we took a train trip to the Yukon. Great trip. In Victoria we enjoyed a 3 1/2 hour tour of the city in a rickshaw.

I will be assisting membership chair Joe Simoni with a festa in San Jose trying to drum up new members.

My sincere condolences to Eva Lavezzari and her family on the loss of her mother Babe. She was so happy at convention watching her granddaughter crowned as Miss America.

Hope to see all of you at Grand Council.

Ciao until next month.

News from the North

by John Costa
State 2nd Vice President



The warm summer days are turning into warm fall evenings. It's amazing how fast the year has gone. Just 2 ½ months ago we were in Sparks, Nevada for our annual state convention and now it's time to prepare for Grand Council. Grand Council this year will be held at our Grand Lodge building in San Francisco, I hope we will see many of you there. This will give you a good chance to see our building and also the workings of your Grand Council.

Earlier this summer I had the pleasure to attend the summer awards and scholarship barbeque at the Salinas Lodge. What an outstanding event. It is always nice to see the youth at these events where they have attained thru a lot of work various scholarships to help them in there advanced studies. Also honored were, there long time members. Great job, President Pam and all the members of Salinas Lodge!

Approximately 30 people attended the Oakland A's Italian heritage game in early August. The game did not go well for the home team, but the food before and the nice hat with the Italian flag colors on the brim was a neat give away item. The San Francisco Giants Italian heritage game will be Sept 15th against the St Louis Cardinals. Go Giants. (it is an even year).

The Western Foundation Golf tournament fundraiser in Chico is fast approaching, time to get the dust off the clubs and see how many golf balls I can lose. This event is a fun event, meatball putting contest, yes a frozen meatball putting contest, hopefully many of you can support this fundraiser. If you can't make it you or your lodge can be a tee sponsor and also raffle prizes are needed This is one of our only Western Foundation Fund Raiser so let's all get to together and make it successful.

In the middle of August I had the pleasure of attending the National Sons of Italy Plenary Session in Greenwich, CT. This was an interesting experience and it was nice to meet all the National Officers and to network with other state lodge members.

Miss ya Babe!!

Ciao until next month

News from the South

by Ted Seibel
State 3rd Vice President
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A short while after I became President of my lodge many years ago, I became interested in the United Lodges (UL) of Southern California and wanted to know more about it. So, I dragged my lodge's Recording Secretary, my wife Lou, to a UL meeting. We were there as guests of Rick Masotto, President of the Joanne Coccia Lodge in Fontana. Rick was a great guy, full of life and a dedicated member of his lodge. He took me under his wing, introduced me to many leading members of other lodges, and explained a lot of what was going on.

It didn't take long to realize the benefit of belonging to the UL. The most beneficial was what I could bring back to share with my lodge about other lodges. There was a wealth of information listening to what others were doing for their lodge's success.

Most of all, I learned the UL meetings were a constant reminder that there is something greater to our Order than only my lodge and isolating my lodge members from other lodges would do way more harm than good.

When we were young, our family, teachers and peers constantly taught us how to interact with others. We became social in nature where interacting with others was a way of life that brought knowledge, friendship, identity, and a host of other fortunes that made us who we are.

So, communicating with the members of other lodges can only enrich our own lodge. Our lodge members will benefit by making sure members of our lodge regularly attend a UL meeting and in turn share their experience at lodge meetings. One or two visits to a UL meeting isn't going to do it. That's like judging a book by its cover. We should dig in and interact.

That's what we were taught, trained and duty bound. That's what makes the world go 'round.

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Thank You!

We wish to thank all the Grand Lodge Officers, Committee Chairs and Delegates to the convention for your deep concern, condolences, prayers and kind words on the passing of our dear niece, Nicola Zonni Farra. This is the reason we had to leave the convention before it even started. At least we got to see her before she passed. Thank you all for your love and support.

With much love,
Marco and Nina Zonni

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Prudy Kennedy	Shasta	2453
Richard Lipari	Vincenzo Bellini	2519
Anna Van Tassel	C. Colombo	1315
Ronald Rovere	Joanne Coccia	2553
Mark Ruso	Watsonville	2016
Maria Simone	Napa	2043
Antonietta Magan	West End	2127
Julia Massaro	Ukiah	2104
Mervin Todd	Hanford	1543

Three Lodge Presidents Visit The Reagan Presidential Library



Annette Porter, president of the Centinela Valley Lodge arranged a bus trip to the Reagan Library for her members. Deciding to go along were Linda Enneman, president of the America Lodge and some of her members as well as Andy Pampuro, president of the Saddleback Valley Lodge and his wife, Louise. It was a wonderful trip enjoyed by all. Pictured above are l/r Linda Enneman, Andy Pampuro and Annette Porter. The trip took place on July 24th.



News of the Western Foundation

by Roy T. Vanoni, Past State President &CAO

FILIAL LODGES ACCOUNTS PROGRAM

The Western Foundation, a public benefit, non-profit tax-exempt organization as defined by Section 501(c) of the IRS Code, offers a program that extends the benefits of a tax-exempt status to all filial lodges within the Grand Lodge of California. The program is known as Western Foundation Filial Lodges Accounts Program.

What does this mean? It means that a filial lodge can solicit donations and offer each donor a tax deduction for each donation. This is as if each lodge has it own foundation within the Western Foundation. This program allows each lodge to have an avenue to raise funds for charitable purposes by offering a tax deduction on individual donations. It is a wonderful way to raise funds for a lodge's gift giving program since the funds raised can be directed at the request of the filial lodge to any recognized charity including Western Foundation charities, such as scholarships, Alzheimer's, etc.

Recently, the Roseville Lodge # 1413 under the leadership of President Marlene Cristanelli took advantage of this program by hosting a bocce tournament for the Sacramento Area. The funds raised from this event were directed to the Filial Lodges Accounts Program where they will be maintained by Western Foundation and disbursed to a charity or charities selected by the Roseville Lodge. Donors to the event will receive notification of a tax exemption.

More information is available regarding the Filial Lodges Accounts Program from The Grand Lodge Office or by contacting the Western Foundation CAO, Roy T. Vanoni, at 916-872-4999.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Sons of Italy Western Foundation is pleased to announce a gift of \$10,000 to our Scholarship Fund from Scuola di Lingua e Cultura Italiana (School of Italian Language and Culture). The school, located in South San Francisco, no longer is in operation and directed that the funds be used provide scholarships to residents of San Francisco, San Mateo or Santa Clara counties.

Western Foundation is grateful for this donation in support of our Scholarship Program.

365 Fund Raiser - Winners

July 1-15

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5	\$25.00	Barbara Wisnewski
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8	\$25.00	Michael Leoni
9	\$25.00	Hazel Ann Christin
10	\$25.00	Norma Marcucci
11	\$25.00	Lori Rossi
12	\$25.00	Mac Comparetto
13	\$25.00	Genny Arietta
14	\$25.00	Judy Bellino
15	\$25.00	John Russo

June 16-30

16	\$25.00	Cindy Franci
17	\$25.00	Dorothy Jensen
18	\$25.00	Roldan & Frances Vigil
19	\$200.00	Luke & Carrie Harrison
20	\$25.00	Pamela Bini
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23	\$25.00	Nancy Anderson
24	\$25.00	Alan Schlappy
25	\$25.00	George Christin
26	\$25.00	Jim & Tina Lamanna
27	\$25.00	Joe Panza
28	\$25.00	Terry Messina
29	\$25.00	Cindy Eslick
30	\$25.00	Angela Fusco
31	\$50.00	Emmett Yana

August 1-15

1	\$25.00	Paula Lehn
2	\$25.00	Rita Fumosa
3	\$25.00	Gerrie Giotta
4	\$25.00	Gerard Marc Aurele
5	\$25.00	Bonnie Strutz
6	\$25.00	Maria Pignati
7	\$25.00	Suzanne Simon
8	\$25.00	Brian Watson
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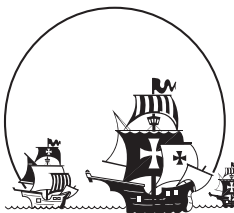


Columbus Day

During the month of October many lodges will be celebrating Columbus Day with civic ceremonies. In the November issue of Il Leone we'll have all the stories. Below are photos of different types of statues depicting Columbus that the Sons of Italy was responsible in erecting.



This bust of Columbus stands in the courtyard of the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana.



This statue was erected on the grounds of the Los Angeles County Mall.



This beautiful statue of Columbus trying to convince Queen Isabella of Spain to finance his voyage while his son Diego looks on stands in the rotunda of our Capital Building in Sacramento.

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Saint Gerard Sagredo

by Stephen Contrado, B.A. Th.M.
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Saint Gerard Sagredo was born in Venice, Italy, on April 23rd about the year 1000. He was from a noble family, associated with the Sagredos. He is also known as Gerard of Csanád because he was the first Bishop of Csanád in the Kingdom of Hungary.

Gerard suffered a serious illness at the age of five and was sent to the Benedictine monastery San Giorgio. He received an excellent monastic education and learnt grammar, music, philosophy and law. Now a monk, Saint Gerard left Venice for a pilgrimage to the tomb of Jesus in the Holy Land around 1020, but a storm compelled him to halt his journey. He then decided to visit the Kingdom of Hungary.

King Stephen I of Hungary begged Saint Gerard to remain in Hungary to preach the true faith to the people. He promised Gerard lodging in his castle. But Gerard would not live a life of luxury. He made his home in a small monastery. Soon he was made Bishop of Hungary. Most of the people were pagans, and the few who had been baptized knew very little about Christianity. Gerard spent his life traveling on foot through the dense forests and along marshy rivers teaching the people how to pray.

Saint Gerard rose early and worked late into the night. He didn't spend his nights in the homes of the rich. When he needed a place to rest, he chose a modest hut. He visited people in their homes, feeding the poor, tending to the old and feeble, and reading the Bible. The sick were taken by cart to a hospital he had built in the city.

The country was guided by Saint Gerard and saintly King Stephen, Queen Gisela of Bavaria, and their son Emeric, who was taught the faith by Gerard. Emeric was intended to be the next monarch of Hungary, but he was killed by a boar while hunting in 1031. King Stephen died in 1038. Blessed Gisela returned to her native Germany and died in 1065.

A pagan king came to rule the country and began to persecute the Christians. In the year 1046, Saint Gerard was climbing into a small boat to cross the Danube on his way to speak with the king when he was ambushed by the king's soldiers, who hurled rocks at him and killed him. The soldiers then pierced his heart with a spear.

Gerard was canonized by Pope Gregory VII in 1083, along with St. Stephen and St. Emeric. Gerard is one of the patron saints of Hungary. His feast day is September 24th.



Statue of St. Gerard in Székesfehérvár, Hungary.

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September

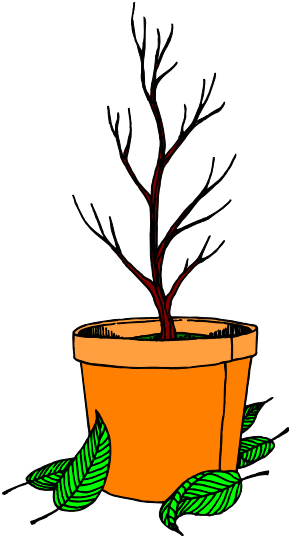
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Congratulations!!!



Membership Committee

by Joseph Simoni – Chair
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I hope that you took time from your busy schedules to enjoy the summer solstice with family friends. Membership, as we know, is the life blood of the Order. Dwindling membership makes it more of a challenge to continue the benefits that come with being a member: Fraternity, Culture, Philanthropic endeavors and Italian cuisine just to name a few. The 2nd quarter has ended, and we have our work cut out for us. There are lodges that have experienced a substantial increase in membership (the Dolly Sinatra lodge, for example) and others that have the capabilities who just may need a little guidance. The Committee has been charged with visiting those lodges that may a little assistance to be the best that they can be. Please welcome them and remember that they are only there to offer suggestions. Sister Edna Esposito, who represents the Central District, has taken lodges in her district and, using her tremendous leadership, motivational and communication skills and love of the Order, is working with them to be "the best that they can be". Members can't drive to the meeting? Set up a "Buddy

System" whereby they contact other members who will "Uber" them to the meetings. Your committee is doing their part as well. By the time you receive this issue, The committee was involved in 2 Festas in August. On Saturday, August 20th, the day was spent in San Francisco at the Festa Coloniale Italiana. Then, on the weekend of August 27th & 28th, we were at the Italian Family Festa in San Jose. I will have more information for you in the next article. The 2nd quarter ended with a total of 4,222 Regular, Associate and Social members and 708 Junior members. In the 1st 6 months, we have netted a net loss of 245 members (a 4.9% decline since 12/31/15). Lodges who have initiated 3 or more in June are Cristoforo Colombo (7), La Costa dei Fiori (5), Sacramento (5), Roseville (3) for a June total of 26. July's winner is the Dolly Sinatra Lodge with 25 new members!! Congratulations and Grazie Tanto, Mr. Joe La Porta and Entertainer Extraordinaire (and Vice President, too) Frank DiSalvo!!!

A total of 37 members were initiated in July. I had mentioned in earlier articles that the National Membership Committee has initiated a Membership Drive Contest that will reward Grand Lodges with monetary awards based on the net percentage increase of active Regular, Associate and Social members. I have included a more detailed explanation in this issue. Your support in this endeavor will be greatly appreciated. Fratelli e Sorelle: Please utilize the resources available to you to increase and retain your membership. Let's all try to show a net increase by the end of 2016.

Grazie Tanto..

United Lodges of So. California Columbus Dinner

The United Lodges of Southern California will celebrate Columbus Day on Sunday, October 2nd with a dinner and entertainment following an United Lodges' short meeting starting at noon.

Attending the event will be State President Lynn Lawrence-Murphy and First Gent Bill Murphy.

No host Cocktail hour: 2:00 p.m.,
dinner at 3:00 p.m.

Entertainment throughout the afternoon featuring Michael Sinatra. A delicious dinner is planned and will be prepared by the Centinela Valley Lodge with dessert served by the Saddleback Valley and West Covina Lodges.

Dinner: \$15/person, children under 12, free.

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For information, call or text
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United Lodges of So. California meet at the
Centinela Valley Lodge Hall
1744 W. Carson Street, Torrance.

Rodolfo Valentino Lodge # 1449

Clovis, CA

by Carole Watson, President;
Lou Catallo, Historian;
lcatallo@aol.com

October Italian Dinner

Fest: It is not too early to begin planning for this event, scheduled for Monday, October 17; find out from your family and friends how many tickets you will need. These pasta dinners are getting better and more popular every year, so get your order for tickets as soon as you can to make sure you and your families can ensure a good time.

Month of September:

What! Pot Luck again? Yes, and it keeps getting better. Last month it was a great lasagna, Chinese salad, peach pie, roll-ups, cheese cake, bear claws, oatmeal cookies ala Ruben, and more, , so, keep bringing those great dishes. Our Italian cooks are the best!

Welcome to our new member: Robbie Kutz has just signed onto our membership rolls. He is the latest winner of the Terry Watson Scholarship award, sponsored by Carol Watson, our president, through the Western Foundation. Robbie is the grandson of our Vice President, Alberta Ferrer.

Congratulations: A big Congratulations! to Lorene Rau for her recent engagement, and now, marriage. Lorene has been a long-time member and contributor to all our efforts here at our lodge.

Galileo Galilei once said: "We cannot teach people anything; we can only help them discover it themselves." Call our Scholarship Committee Chair, Isabel Ronzano, at (559) 297-0851, for information on this topic. *The Deadlines:* for **Clovis Lodge Scholarships**, March 31, 2017, for next year (but start now); for **California State Grand Lodge Scholarships**: March 01, 2017; and for National Scholarships the date is generally November to February of any year (for more information go to <https://www.osia.org/students/scholarships.php>); National scholarships are generally for \$500 to \$5,000.

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/>.

In Memory of Clementina "Babe" Peluso

By Eva Lavezzari



Clementina "Babe" Peluso was born on August 25, 1936 in McComas, West Virginia. She was the youngest of nine children of Gaetano and Eva Capparelli. She was a first generation Italian American. Babe came to California at the age of 16 with her parents and settled in Stanton, California. She joined the Sons of Italy and was a charter member of the Anaheim Lodge #2076 and the lodge's first queen.

Babe was introduced to Larry Peluso at the Sons of Italy by a mutual friend Joe D'Ordine. After dating for six

months they were married and moved to Chicago where Larry was stationed in the Army. They moved back to California where they raised their two children Larry, Jr. and Eva. After 16 years of marriage, Babe lost her husband. She never looked back and focused on her three passions: her family, her children, and the Sons of Italy and of course latter her 6 grandchildren.

Babe was the heart of the Anaheim Lodge serving in all capacities and roles for 58 years. She was the Anaheim Lodges greatest recruiter. It is hard to believe that Babe's love could be greater than her love for her children and family, but her grandchildren were the most prized in her life. She always had a story to tell about her grandchildren to everyone she met. She was the happiest when she was surrounded by them and they will love and miss her forever. Babe passed away suddenly on July 30, 2016.

I just want to thank everyone for the outpouring of love and support for my mother, my family and my brother and I. The Sons of Italy is truly a family organization. Being surrounded by our brothers and sisters was a comfort to all of us. I know my mom is smiling down on us all. She was the greatest mom, Nonna, sister, and Zia. She will be greatly missed.



Saddleback Valley Lodge # 2566

Mission Viejo, CA
by Andy Pampuro, President

On Friday, July 8th we held our monthly general meeting. We were suppose to show a movie after the meeting but we had too much scheduled so we canceled it until next month. Instead we initiated five new members into our lodge. They were Danielle Alfieri, Frank Saporita, Enest Follis, Elsa Girgis and Carmen Moraga-Eid. Our First Lady Louise Pampuro acted as the Herald.

Our Queen Baylin Herington told the members of her experiences going to her first convention as Miss Convention City, She was very proud to represent our lodge.

Marla Marin won the attendance award and donated it back to the lodge..

Following the short meeting the chili cook off took place.

Those who took part in the contest were Michelle Lowinger, Pete Dito, Louise Pampuro, Pat Dito, Andy Ginocchio, Al Schlappy, Kerry Herington and our Queen Baylin Herington. The members voted the following as the big winners ... First place - Michelle Lowinger, second place Queen Baylin Herington and in third place our First Lady Louise Pampuro. Congratulations to you all.

At our meeting in August we had a quick meeting and then we enjoyed pizza and salad and finally got to see our movie which was "Tea With Mussolini." It was an excellent movie and we thank Pete Dito for showing it. Thanks also goes out to Hank and Michelle Lowinger for arranging for the pizza and drinks, to Al

Schlappy who provided us with pop corn to enjoy while watching the movie and then half way through the movie we enjoyed ice cream sundaes.

Our last big event for August was our Night at the Races, a yearly event so many of us enjoy. We had about forty members and friends attend our Night at the Races at the Los Alamitos Race Track. We enjoyed a fabulous buffet dinner prior to the races. I can't tell you who won and who lost, no one is talking. Many thanks to Pat Dito who arranged this event. The third race was named for our lodge and some of us got to take a picture with the winning horse and jockey.



President Andy Pampuro standing behind the five new members we initiated into our lodge. From l/r Ernest Follis, Carmen Moraga-Eid, Elsa Girgis, Frank Saporita and Danielle Alfieri.

President Andy Pampuro and Queen Baylin Herington in front of a beautiful collage of pictures of Baylin's experience at the convention. This was made by her mother Kerry Herington.



The members who made the chill for the chili cook off contest. From l/r Michelle Lowinger, Pete Dito, Louise Pampuro, Pat Dito, Andy Ginocchio, Al Schlappy, Kerry Herington and our Queen Baylin Herington.



The winners of the chill cook off contest. First place went to Michelle Lowinger, Second place went to our Queen Baylin Herington and third place went to our First Lady Louise Pampuro.



Burt Bonaldi Celebrates a Milestone Birthday

by Pamela Ricci, President, Cristoforo Colombo Lodge #1534

It was a great occasion to celebrate my father's 90th birthday on July 9, 2016. Burt or in his true Italian name Bonaldo Americo Bonaldi was born in Detroit Michigan on July 6, 1926. He is a long time member of the Cristoforo Colombo Lodge #1534 and has given back to the Lodge through his smiles, jokes and song. Many of you know him as one of The Gaylord's as he has entertained all over California, at many festivals, on TV and of course at our conventions here in Reno. A special time you may recall is when Burt sang Amore Mio to his granddaughter, Angela

Ricci when she was Queen of our lodge and a Duchess of the Grand Lodge in 2003.

The birthday celebration was a great day; my brother Dr. Louis Bonaldi and his wife Tierra opened their home so we could celebrate in 1920's style. Maria Nelson and her family took some great pictures, and everyone helped with the fantastic food and drink. Of course we had a little concert with Don Rea at the piano, my Papa and my sister Lydia signing some old Gaylord songs. The day could not have been better with friends and family all around. Buon Compleanno Bonaldo!!



The Birthday Boy with his cakes.



What a fun group!!



Daughter's Lydia & Maria & Missy Fredianelli, Ron Gaylord's daughter.



Don Rea accompanies while Burt sings From the Vine Came the Grape.

Joanne Coccia Lodge # 2553

by Anthony N. Finazzo



RONALD "RON" ROVERE

Ronald "Ron" Rovere, a 60-year resident of Fontana, passed away on Sunday, July 10 at Kaiser Hospital in Fontana with his loving family at his bedside. Ron was 82 years of age.

A native of Astoria, Queens, New York, Ron was born on March 8, 1934 to Philip and Angelina Rovere. After attending local schools in Astoria, Ron studied at the Manhattan High School of Aviation Trades. He was drafted into the Army, and served in the Korean War. Upon being stationed at Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino, he met Roseann Basile, whom he married in 1956. Ron and Roseann would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 21.

After starting work with Pacific Telephone in 1957,

Ron received his Associate of Arts degree in business management. He retired from the phone company as a consultant engineer in 1985. Soon after, he worked for Office Communication Systems as an engineer. He was admired and respected by his colleagues as much for his kind nature and his vast knowledge.

Always willing to lend a helping hand, Ron was a maintenance man for the Oldtimers Foundation, and also active in bingo at St. Joseph Catholic Church, where he was also a long-time parishioner. He was a 22-year volunteer for Fontana Police Department, as well as a 60-year member of the Knights of Columbus. Ron's familiar smile and friendly greeting will always be missed by the Joanne Coccia Lodge No. 2553 Order of the Sons of Italy, where he was always in the kitchen cooking on Thursday pasta nights. He received well-deserved recognition as their "Honoree of the Year" in 2007. He also received the "Man of the Year" award. He was loved by all who knew him. He and his wife joined our order in January 2003. Ron wasted no time in getting involved with our order. He started out by volunteering in the kitchen cooking pasta for the general public. He loved making Thursday lunches for the pasta night workers. He

has been on the Board of Directors for many years serving as a trustee, Vice-President, Delegate to the Grand Lodge and a delegate to the United Lodges of Southern California. He served on the scholarship committee as the chairman. It was evident that Ron truly loved the Order Sons of Italy In America.

His hobbies included gardening and woodworking. Ron was known as "The Rocking Horse Man" for his especially finely crafted rocking horses. Above all, Ron was a family man, a devoted husband, loving father, wonderful grandfather (as well as a great-grandfather), and a true friend. Ron was a wonderful role model, and will always be missed by those fortunate enough to have known him.

He leaves his beloved wife Roseann; four loving children, Rene, Cathi, Lisa (Sal), and son Bob (Kerri); and 12 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren; as well as sisters Maria Randazza and Anita Rovere. Ron was a true champion for his loving family and the Order Sons of Italy.

Ron's memory will always be treasured by his many, many friends. May he rest in God's loving embrace and let the perpetual light shine upon him.

Napa Lodge # 2043

Napa, CA

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Maria Teresa Simone 1920 - 2016
Pictured with her brother Frank Calise



Our Dear Sister Maria has gone home to be with our Lord. Maria was a faithful and supportive member of our lodge for the past 18 years. We were very fortunate to have known Maria, it was always a joy to have her presence at our dinner dances and other events. Maria was indeed a very special lady with a very kind and gentle spirit. We will miss you Maria... Rest in Peace Dear Sister, until we meet again.

Autumn



SAVE THE DATE

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Hanford Lodge # 1543

by Jackie Giacomazzi
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Hanford Lodge #1543 goes dark July and August. Instead of an August meeting, a hotdog roast and swim party is held, hosted by the Giacomazzi Family. Bocce is always on the agenda, as well as swimming and enjoying "fratellanza". Our next meeting will be on September 14, when members will hear about the Italian heritage of the Ambrosini family.(One of the "founding fathers" of our Lodge).

Shasta Lodge # 2453

Redding, CA
by Carole Dellaragione

We began June by hosting a fundraiser for the Redding Grange. This fundraiser goes directly to their scholarship program. While they sold just over 100 tickets, people enjoyed the spaghetti and meatball dinner and the great raffle.

Shasta Lodge held a steak night event on June 18th with about 100 people enjoying either steak or chicken, with ravioli, salad, bread and spumoni ice cream for dessert. Once again a nice event chaired by Jim Giacomelli. Jim Nobili stepped away from behind the bar for this event and cooked a very tasty sauce for the ravioli.

Our guest for Steak Night was Preston Sharp and some of his family. Preston is 10 years old and in November 2015 he entered a cemetery to honor a veteran, his grandfather. He wondered why there weren't any flags to honor the fallen veterans. He was upset and decided to do something about it so he started collecting money. Since that time Preston has put 2500 flags and 800 flowers on veterans' gravesites. He visits the cemetery every Sunday, rain

or shine.

We passed the basket around and between what we collected and a donation from Shasta Lodge, Preston ended up with about \$680. Preston and his family were very appreciative. A couple of volunteers from our lodge, Rita Mandina and Anita Branch were out there the next day to help Preston.

One of our long time members will be celebrated his 100th birthday on July 14th. His family honored him with a dinner at the lodge on July 10th and we celebrated with cake and ice cream at our July general meeting. Wishing a very happy 100th birthday to Al Massa.

At the end of June we were saddened to lose our member Julia Bortoletto who had been a member of Sons of Italy for 63 years. Julia's son Luciano held a Celebration of Life at the lodge following services at St. Joseph's church.

We are very sad to say that we lost a charter member and friend last month. Rich Mignano "Little Richie" passed away just a month or so after losing his wife Stella. We will have a Celebration of Life

at the lodge on September 16th following a funeral at Northern California Veteran's Cemetery in Igo.

Earlier this month five of our members spent an evening preparing a dinner at Camp for Life. Camp for Life, held at Whiskeytown's N.E.E.D Camp is funded through Walmart Heart, a program from Walmart truck drivers and the Missing in America Project.

The camp is for children who have been diagnosed with serious illnesses. For the children and their families, the camp is a distraction from health concerns. The family members make arts and crafts, swim or if they want, simply rest. Thanks to our members Jim Giacomelli, Alan Wolochuk, John DiMatteo, Steve Delben and Bob Gullixson.

We are in the process of building four bocce courts at South City Park in Redding. We had our groundbreaking on Saturday, August 20th and hope to have the courts completed in about three to four weeks, in time for our 30th Paesano Days to be held on September 30th and October 1st. We will make South

City Park our new venue for future bocce tournaments and Paesano Days.

This year Paesano Days will have an even larger bocce tournament with four courts instead of the three we had in the past. We will have our spaghetti dinner on Friday night with dancing to the Pat Karch Quartet. We will also be serving Beer, Wine, soft drinks, and for dessert we will have cannoli, spumoni ice cream and zeppoles. On Saturday we will have our traditional Italian sausage sandwiches and meatball sand-

wiches. We will have crafts, games and laser tag for the kids, vendor and craft booths, and a cooking demonstration by local Italian Chef Pam Buono cooking minestrone soup. And of course our great raffle of beautiful baskets and a great grand prize. We hope some of you will make the trip to Redding and join us. The move to October should bring cooler weather.

Hope you enjoy the rest of your summer. Your friends from Shasta Lodge



Our deepest apologies go out to Rosemarie Vanderhaar for us screwing up the names of her grandsons in her article last month. The captions under the first two pictures both said Cameron Tuck. It should have read Cameron Tuck and then Ryan Tuck. We are sure we have it right this time.

A Sons of Italy Family Celebrates Three Graduations

by Rosemarie Biagetti Vanderhaar

The family is celebrating three graduations this year. Three grandsons, two graduated from college and one from high school. All three are junior members of the Pugliese Lodge No. 1375 and will be continuing their education.

Kellen Brower graduated from the University of the Pacific in Stockton with a degree in Business Administration. He finished four years in three but is continuing his education there. He is son of Eric and Kim (Vanderhaar) Brower of Oceanside.

Cameron Tuck, completing three years, graduated from Pasadena City College. In September, Cameron will be attending the University of California, Los Angeles, where he plans to continue his education in Economics and Business Administration. He is the son of Scott and Kris (Vanderhaar) Tuck of Temple City.

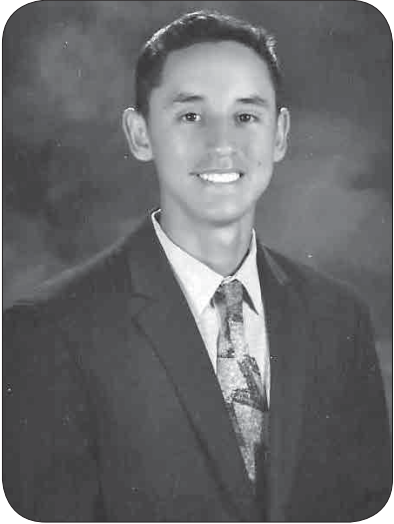
Ryan Tuck graduated from Arcadia High School and will be attending Pasadena City College. He is an Athlete Scholar and Arcadia Rotary Athlete and an MVP for baseball. He hopes to be able to play baseball while at PCC. Hasn't quite decided on what major study to pursue. He is the youngest son of Scott and Kris Tuck.

Finishing her first year studying for her Master's Degree in Criminal Justice at Michigan State University is past Pugliese Lodge Queen Kelsey Brower.

Congratulations to them and their parents.



Cameron Tuck



Ryan Tuck



Kellen Brower

William Paca Lodge # 1960

Moutain View, CA
by Carolyn Franklin

The winner of the Virginia Linda Scholarship this year is an extraordinary young man, graduate of Christopher High School in Gilroy with a 4.4 GPA. Gianfranco Filice who attended the dinner with his parents, Franco of northern Italy and Nadina of El Salvador, plans to attend Stanford and will focus on a career in medical research. When asked what is his future goal he replied: I intend on majoring in Biomedical Computation in hopes of developing a biotechnology start-up dedicated to creating medical devices and information more accessible and affordable to people

around the world. My main area of interest is in immunotherapy cancer treatment as well as developing convenient approaches to peritoneal dialysis and hemodialysis. Not only is his intelligence impressive, his personality and social skills are indicative of a man who brings confidence and a sense of well-being to a group. Gianfranco took the time and effort to greet each Lodge member and thank them for the Scholarship. Patron of the Scholarship, John Linda, was present at the Award dinner and commented what good hands the future is with students like Gianfranco. As an

added bonus, Gianfranco has applied for membership in the William Paca Lodge. It is with great pleasure that we initiated Irina Cusimano into our lodge with Carlo Marenco and Maria Pignati conducting the rite of initiation. Our Lodge continues to grow and prosper under the guidance of the never-tiring energy and dedication of President Rosalia Margarit. We owe her our gratitude and admiration. Rosalia and Albano attended the Convention and shared the latest developments that enhance our Italian experience. "L'occhio del padrone, ingrassa il cavallo."



Irina Cusimano was initiated into our lodge and Carlo and Maria Pignati did the rite of initiation.



The scholarship winner is Gianfranco Felice of Gilroy. He attended Christopher High School in Gilroy, had a 4.4 GPA and will be going to Stanford. He was there with his father and mother, Franco and Nadina Felice.

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Thank you,
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Eureka Lodge #1274

Eureka, CA
by Heidi Benzonelli, State Deputy Eureka Lodge

In May the Eureka Lodge awarded four \$1000 scholarships to local high school youth of Italian Heritage. Twice a year our lodge gets together and prepares and serves Chicken and Polenta to about 300 folks. These Fundraisers are the main source of revenue for our Scholarships.



Eureka Order Sons of Italy Scholarship Recipients: Hadassah Cesaretti Abbey Gans, Megan Guy and Natalie Pedecino “Chi dorme non piglia pesci”

Not only did the Executive Officers of the Eureka Order attend the Convention in June, many of us have been up to a lot more too! The President of our Lodge Eddie Fornari Morgan is an active member of the Armed forces, Richard Luzzi, the Trustee of the North left the convention and headed straight to Italy, and Heidi Benzonelli the State Deputy and Darrell Burden, Lodge Trustee got Married.



Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Robert F. Paoletti (right), Redding Sons of Italy active member & Major Eddie Fornari Morgan, Eureka Sons of Italy active member, proudly serving their country.



Richard Luzzi, enjoying the scenery on a terrace overlooking the sea in the ancient town of Castro Italy. “Una cena senza vino e come un giorno senza sole”



“L’amore vince sempre”, Heidi Benzonelli - Burden and Darrell Burden

Rosemary Fitzpatrick, Richard Luzzi, Ellen Bryant and Bonnie DuMond “Noi non potemo avere perfetta vita senza amici”



Gus Cricchio and Rosa Massagli “Mangia bene, ridi spesso, ama molto”.



But the fun has only begun! This Month, August 14th is the Mezzo Agosto Picnic at Redwood Fields in Eureka. On September 18th starting at 11 am the World Renowned Italian Festival and Bocce Tournament is also at Redwood Fields in Eureka, and then on October 30th our “Delizioso” Community Chicken and Polenta Dinner begins at 4:40 pm on 222 Dollison Street at the St. Bernards Catholic High School Gymnasium.
If you are interested in attending any of our Lodge’s Events or you would like to reach us directly, “like” us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Order.Sons.of.Italy.Eureka



Ray ‘Boom Boom’ Mancini

by Tony Ricevuto, President

On July 30, 2016 Ray Mancini was inducted into the Nevada boxing Hall of Fame at Caesar’s Palace. His legacy in the boxing world is renowned, he was a world champion who valued his Italian heritage and culture. I was honored to represent the California Grand Lodge of the Sons of Italy and presented Ray Mancini a plaque that our worthy State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy authored and wrote, “The Grand Lodge of California, Order Sons of Italy in America, congratulate Ray “Boom Boom” Mancini on being inducted into the Nevada state boxing Hall of Fame. Your outstanding achievement as a boxer and you devotion to our Italian heritage makes all Italian Americans proud of you we thank you for showing the rest of the world the diversity and riches of our Italian American culture.”



Ray Mancini was born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio and followed his father Lenny Mancini, who also was a noted Italian-American boxer and of course a great supporter to his son. Ray worshiped his father and authored a book called “The Good Son”. “Not because my father wanted me to be that, because he tried to talk me out of it in the worst way. He told me, it was the Depression, he had to eat. He had to fight. For me, I had other opportunities. But I wanted to be a professional fighter for (my father). I wanted to win the world title for him. So he couldn’t say a whole lot to that. We’re known through our history in boxing. It’s been a very strong tradition.” Ray revealed that his mother was Irish and to appease her heritage he had sewn an Irish shamrock inside his boxing shorts.

Many of the Italian immigrants coming to America were faced with the Great Depression and took jobs as construction laborers, artists, and professional sportsmen to feed their families. Ray Mancini followed his father and his heart. Ray revealed that his true family name is Mancino but was changed when his father turned as a professional fighter. Mancino in Italian means left handed which Ray was a left-hand fighter during his career.

In the 1970s and 80s when he fought professional, the surrounding states were devastated by the closure of steel and coal mills resulted in tens of thousands of people losing their jobs. He provided a spark of hope showing that his determination and abilities were able to help them forget about their tragedies while they cheered him on the way to the title. He talked about his Italian heritage and culture and how our youth has lost their identities by not being able to understand and embrace what Italian Americans contributed to our great nation. He advised them to dream big have passion and take action. Ray Mancini is truly a sports hero and benefactor to all. He has set up his Foundation which the main objective and goals of the Foundation are to sponsor events that benefit either other charities or individuals and families in need.

Also honoring Ray Mancini was the Italian-American Social Club of Las Vegas Nevada, Italian-American Federation of Los Angeles, the Italian-American social Club of Phoenix Arizona and the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club.

Roma Lodge #1573

Tulare, CA
by Larry Dutto

Roma Lodge August meetings are special as the lodge recognizes its junior members as the future of the lodge. Nearly 70 members of the lodge are junior members who are under 18 years of age or may be older and attending college. Roma Lodge puts a special emphasis on recruiting junior members to join the lodge and giving them

responsibilities in organizing lodge activities so they remain engage in lodge activities. The August meeting focuses on featuring a summer barbecue with hamburgers and hotdogs, French fries, chicken strips and other special treats for the kids. Aaron Dutto serves as the official chef for the evening while Maryann Luis makes her famous potato

salad everyone enjoys. President David DePaoli encourages all the juniors to become active in serving as officers and trustees for the meeting and a special raffle, coordinated by Megan Dutto is held featuring back-to-school items just for the junior members.



Roma Lodge President David DePaoli assists junior member Gabrielle Benedetti serve as president for the junior member night at the August meeting.

Megan Dutto and Dominic Pitigliano assist in giving out raffle prizes to junior members at the junior member night at the August meeting of Roma Lodge.



Roma Lodge junior members conduct lodge business at the August meeting.



Gold Country Lodge #2566

El Dorado Hills, CA
by Tami Welch



Gold Country Lodge No. 2705 in El Dorado Hills participated in St. John’s Catholic Church’s International Faire. They gave out homemade meatballs and shared information about our lodge. L-R pictured is Genny Arietta and Nadine Chianese.

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Northern Solano Lodge #2534

Fairfield, CA
by Pam Boes and Rick Tracy

On August 8th, The Contra Costa/Solano Food Bank welcomed Northern Solano Lodge members Sue Bell, Joy Bruno, Rich Bialoblocki, Don Craddock, Shirley and Jerry Firpo, Kay and George Locatelli, and Rick Tracy. Together this team sorted and packed 2044 lbs of canned and packaged food. Our Lodge has received repeated compliments from the Food Bank administration for our ongoing commitment to this community service.

A special “Thank You” plaque was presented to Captain Andy Cranston, Battalion Chief John Sturdee, firefighters: Ashley Burruss, Jessica Fleshman, and Bryan Miheulich. The above fine members of the Fairfield Fire Station # 37 were recognized for their efforts above and beyond the call of duty when they completed cooking the main course of our Chicken Dinner Fundraiser in the firehouse ovens.

David Rico and his kitchen crew have treated us each month to a fantastic meal at our Lodge meetings.

Alternating with David every other month will be Frank Rossi. Frank has presented many fine dinners in the past, returning to the kitchen he will continue to entice us with his delectable creations. We are privileged to have the skills of David and Frank.

Our bi-monthly book club continues to enjoy not only books about Italy or by Italian authors but a wide variety of topics. Our latest read, “The 14th Colony” by Steve Berry evoked an array of comments and stimulating discussion. The meeting was hosted by Sue Bell. Our newest selection “The Nightingale” promises a look at 1939 France and WWII.

The Geno Bruno annual picnic has become a celebration of Past President Geno Bruno and a celebration of the camaraderie of of our Lodge. It has become a tradition enjoyed by members and their families of all ages.

On July 18th we bid farewell to long time member “Gussie” Nadeau-Kolda who passed away on June 21st. Our Lodge participated in a beautiful ceremony at a Memorial Mass celebrated in Vacaville at Saint Mary’s Church. Our condolences to her son Steven and other members of Gussie’s family.



Thank you to our members of Lodge 2705 and all the family members for attending our 20th Anniversary celebration dinner. We had a great turn out at Dominick’s New York Pizza in Folsom. Ryan Gee the owner allowed us to take over all of the inside seating. We had 47 members including some from the Sacramento lodge to celebrate with us. A good time was had by everyone that attended. The same night our Lodge President John Staiti presented to Jeanette Arietta and Genny Arietta their 25 year pins. We want to thank Jeanette and Genny for all the years of service to the Sons of Italy.

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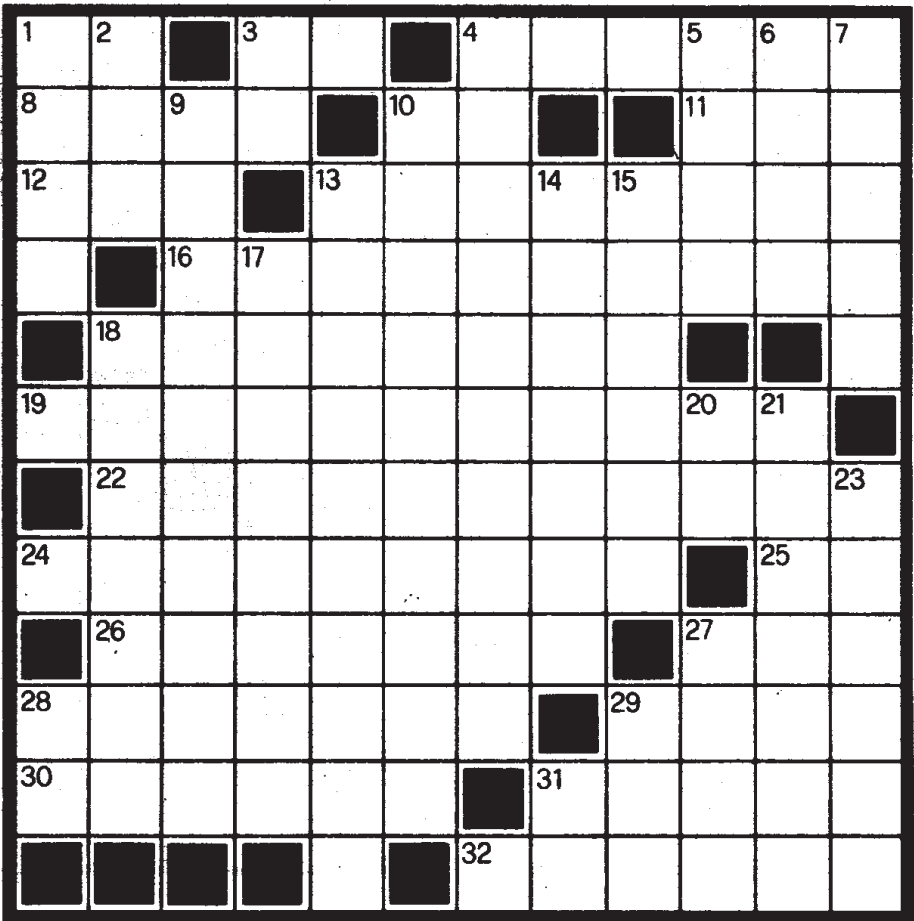
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Centinela Valley Lodge # 1991

Torrace, CA
by Annette Porter

Our July Red, White and Blue Dinner Dance was an enjoyable evening. The dinner was enjoyed by may in attendance, thank you to Chef Mark Vaona for a delicious pork chop dinner. Our entertainment for the evening was Shakey Pete, when they are in the house we have many up dancing. The following day we went on a bus trip to the Reagan Library to visit the Vatican display. We had 40 people on the bus, including the American Lodge, Saddleback Lodge and many of our own Centinela Valley Lodge with friends and family. The time we had at the library was not enough time to really take time to see everything. After the library we went to eat at Viva La Pasta for a Sunday Brunch. Wow, was the food unbelievable. We did not order the hot weather but we all hung in there. Now we are planning our next bus trip, keep an eye out for future bulletins.



Amedeo Rocca with our Miss America Elizabeth Lavezzari.



A few of our new members Tony and Pat Giamberdino enjoying an evening with Vince Manto, Rick and Lynn Lavezzari.

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Bocce Tournament Held At The Nugget Hotel

by Mary M. Lotito, Athletic Committee Chairperson



L/R Chair Mary Lotito and Co-Chair Manny Finazzo.

On Wednesday after the complimentary reception given by the Hotel it was time for the BOCCE TOURNAMENT to start. Prior to the entourage of bocce players to arrive our forever faithful, Bill Murphy, with the assistance of Lou Lodi had the courts layout and ready to be used. Four courts with the proper identification and assignments just waiting for the players to assume their designated position to commence the activity.

As the tournament progressed big surprises were looming at the outcome of vying for the championship. Many I considered underdogs became more prominent with a fight to the bitter end making many of the favorites fall by the wayside not knowing what hit them. HAIL TO THE CHAMPIONS!!!! Led by captain, David Cipponeri, Terri Cipponeri, Gianna Cipponeri and Yvonne Vanoni. Not only did they receive the 1st. place medallion but were handsomely rewarded with money. A good beginning before the convention started, especially at a casino. The following are the four places and money received:

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Terri Cipponeri
Gianna Cipponeri
Yvonne Vanoni

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John Nardi (capt)
Angelo Fanucchi
Angie Fanucchi
Joann Campbell

3rd. place \$140.00 each rec. \$35.00

John Menicucci (capt)
Don Basso
Bob Barker
John Stralla

4th. Place \$80.00 each rec. \$20.00

Gary Smith (capt)
George Scotella
Frank Scotella
Roy Vanoni

The tournament took a little bit longer than anticipated because my better half, Chris, was not there but Manny Finazzo did a fantastic job in his stead. Having a Bocce Tournament is a great way to get our Brothers and Sisters of the Order together to visit and rekindle time that has gone by. We relish the tournament as a bonding agent that makes us become closer together in an activity of skill.

We would not be as successful as we are, notably, for the dedicated help we receive every year when called upon. The referees are a wonderful bred that takes on the various players and their followers for they are the decision makers and we appreciate their loyalty of helping every year without any compensation. My deepest gratitude to Manny Finazzo who acted in Chris' place did a magnificent job in handling the various assignments, Bill Murphy and Lou Lodi who put the courts together and refereed, Joe La Banca, Al Girolami, Ted Seibel, Gabe Domenici, Muro Romangnali, John Costra and Ugo Pignati without them we would still be at the Nugget Hotel.

Many, many thanks to my daughter, Carla, who did all the running around to make sure all was in place for the tournament. But also, for her driving me to Sparks to be at the convention. Without her would have been a disaster.

Hopefully more lodges will enter next year in Fresno, also, individuals may enter as well, we will make up teams so don't despair whether you are one, two or three we will make it work.

I want to thank all the lodges and individuals that participated in our Bocce Tournament it is you that makes our tournament a huge success. YOU ARE THE ONES!!!!



First Place Team
L/R David Cipponeri, Captain, Yvonne Vanoni, Terri Cipponeri and Gianna Cipponeri.



Second Place Team
L/R Angelo Fanucchi, Angie Fanucchi, Joann McCampbell and John Nardi, Captain.



Third Place Team
L/R Don Besso, John Stralla, Bob Baker and John Venicucci, Captain.



Fourth Place Team
L/R Gary Smith, Captain, Roy Vanoni, Georgia Scotella and Frank Scotella.



Vallejo Lodges

by Sharon Silveira

Mangia! Food is such an integral part of Italian family life. The Sunday dinners at the Vallejo Lodge offer a delicious helping of both food and family. Conversation around our dinner table serves up glimpses into the history of Vallejo, the often fascinating background of our members and guests, in addition to news and happenings at neighboring lodges. Succulent sausage accompanied by pesto penne pasta was served on Sunday, August 14th. and preceded by a garden salad with Rick Branch's secret dressing and crusty French bread. Dinner Chairs were Bert Harris and Glen Rushing. Smiling faces at the Reception Table were Jessica Ray and Beatrice President Pamela Bini. Virgilio President Ray Bini and Rick Branch poured the libations. Selling the sometimes lucky red tickets were Melanie Rushing and Sharon Silveira. We so appreciate our servers! Thank you to Donna Lee Costa, Bert Harris, Shelby Clemons, and Rick Silveira. Kudos to The Kitchen Crew which included our own State 2nd VP John Costa, Virgilio Vice President Glen Rushing, Steve & Lucy Branch, Donna Branch & Rick Branch who sometimes

seems to be everywhere at once. And the biggest thank you goes to those who attended!

Spaghetti & Meatball are on the menu for Sunday, September 11th. **Only Adeline Nettleton will be taking reservations for both the Sunday Dinner and Tuesday Meeting Night---so please call 642-3486 pr 334-6480.**

Baseball with Italian seasoning...The Sacramento River Cats, Oakland A's and San Francisco Giants all celebrated with Italian Heritage Nights. Gratitude to State 2nd VP for handling all the reservations and tickets. This year's themed give away was a red/white/green cap from the A's and a knit cap from the Giants.

The Scholarship Fund needs your help....the FoodMaxx, Lucky and SaveMart program has changed and the plastic rewards card is no longer accepted. To keep a portion of your shopping dollars going to our Scholarship Fund, Vallejo Lodge Members and friends must now register on line! Go to Escript.com. to sign up and enter your Zip code. Type in Sons of Italy and complete the remainder of the form. YOU DO NOT NEED TO SELECT 3 chari-

ties! We hope you will select only Sons of Italy because in past years this program funded a \$500.00 scholarship. At the checkout counter, you will now enter the phone number you registered on line. If you have questions please contact your Lodge President.

Congratulations to our State Deputies, Mike & Karen Carroll, who won the August Ways & Means \$100.00 drawing and to Tim Coragliotti who won the September drawing. New tickets will be going on sale in October----you absolutely will never win unless you purchase a \$12.00 ticket.

The Second Tuesday of the Month is our business meeting and supper. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for a delicious meal cooked up by our Kitchen Queens, Marlene Parr and Bert Harris. The September menu is oven baked pork chops, mashed potatoes, vegetables and salad. Our meetings start at 7:30 p.m. Come see what's happening in your lodge and take a break from your kitchen----definitely a Win/Win situation.

Vi aguro buona salute e filicita.

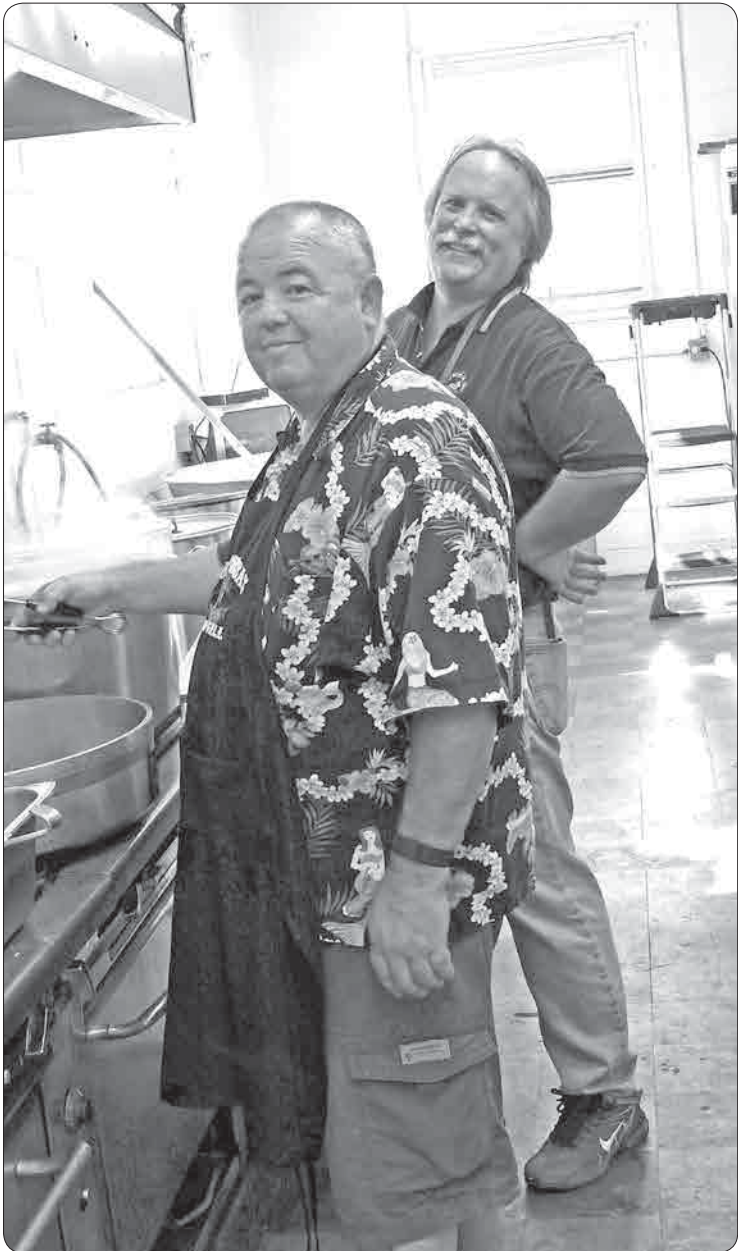
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Visalia, CA
by Nick Notarnicola

The pas couple of months have been a busy time for our lodge. We had four of our youth attend the Junior Convention. Christine Bianco, another junior member was crowned Miss Italy. On June 30 we had a party for the Donna, Lynn and Josh Grist family. They have moved to Chicago. They are being missed. On July 9th, we had our annual scholarship dinner. We honored nine graduating seniors this year from the different high schools in the area. Eight were for \$500 each and one was for \$750. There on July 16th and 17th, the youth held a yard sale and on July 17th they had a drive thru spaghetti dinner. On August 27th, we are having our 89th Anniversary Dinner honoring our 25, 40 and 50-year members. Ciao for this month



Smiling at the Reception Table: Jessica Ray & Pamela Bini.



Tending the frying pan of sausages: Glen Rushing & John Costa.

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Vincenzo Bellini Lodge # 2519

Chico, CA
by Jeanne Smith

We had four officers including our President Gary Smith in attendance at the Convention in June and by all accounts it was a very successful convention. The main theme of most discussions was how to generate membership in the lodges. Most lodges seem to be struggling with attracting new members. Gary Smith and our Membership Committee are hoping to remedy this by focusing on shortening the time business is discussed at our meetings and increasing time for culture and entertainment. Congratulations to our own Past President Michael "Colletti" Smith on being awarded the Janet Capella Award! This is very well deserved as Michael works tirelessly on behalf of our lodge and the Western Foundation! Our Convention Bocce Team, which included Roy Vanoni, Gary Smith and Frank and Georgia Scotella, came in second. They won \$80.00 which they graciously donated back!

Our next membership meeting on August 18th will be taking place officially for the first time at our new home at the Chico Grange Hall, 2775 Nord Ave, Chico. We are all very hopeful, that this new home will bring more opportunities for us. For starters there will be a kitchen avail-

able to us! This first meeting we will be celebrating with an Italian potluck feast!

On Sunday, August 14th was our Annual Summer Picnic at the Chico Elks Picnic Area! As is customary for our lodge, we had delicious Italian sausage sandwiches, an assortment of cool picnic salads, summer fruit and cookies! Everyone enjoys the raffle and some of us even played Bocce Ball. Let me just say Chico can get hot in August and it was hot at the picnic!

Here's a reminder, if you haven't yet signed up yet, Monday, October 17th, marks the Annual Western Foundation Sons of Italy Golf Classic, be sure to contact Michael Smith (530-682-5641) or Don Smith (530-898-8112) and let them know you want to sponsor a tee, donate a raffle item from your lodge or business, play golf or just attend dinner and the raffle! It's a great day of golfing and comaraderie. This is a big day for the Western Foundation as well as our lodge!

Thanks to Sal Coniglio, of Recology of Butte and Colusa County for his generous support of this event.

It is time to mark your December calendar for our Christmas Party, which will be held December 15th at Butte Creek Country Club!

America Lodge #1609 was well represented at the 80th Grand Lodge Convention by President Linda Enneman and Delegate Lucy Sacco. America Lodge made donations to the Lupus Foundation, Heart Association, Scholarship Fund and Youth Program. Delegate Lucy Sacco made a personal donation to the Barry Kirshner Wildlife Sanctuary. This being Lucy's first Convention she came away with information about the Order Sons of Italy in America that she passed on to the lodge members in a most informative report. Linda and Lucy had enjoyable times meeting with members of other lodges, the Queens Pageant, and the Black and White Ball. They were blessed to have spent time with Clementina "Babe" Peluso, especially not knowing that the Good Lord would be calling her a month later. May our Sister Babe "Rest in Peace". President Linda Enneman and Lucy Sacco attended the Funeral Mass for Babe on Sunday, August 6. America Lodge and it's Officers extend condolences to her family and to the Anaheim Lodge for their loss.

At the July 17th meeting our guests were America Lodge Past President Joseph George who served as President in 1969-1970 and 1999-2000, Scholarship Recipient Matthew Caballero and his mother Linda Caballero. The work schedule and all the other details needed to ensure the success of the La Habra Lions Club Corn Festival were finalized. State Deputy Mark Vaona presented the Lodge with a new Banner sign to be used at the Corn Festival and it will certainly be put to good use. Thanks Mark. At the conclusion of the business meeting Mistress of Ceremony Lucy Sacco escorted Scholarship Recipient Matthew Caballero to the front and introduced him to the members. President Linda Enneman and State Deputy Mark Vaona presented Matthew with his Scholarship Certificate. Matt thanked everyone and told us about himself and his future plans. He graduated from Park View School in Placentia with a 4.3 GPA. Math and Science were his main interest with such classes as Advance Placement Calculus and Advanced Placement Physics. Matt plays the saxophone in the Jazz band and Marching band. Matt will be attending CalPoly Pomona, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. A young man with a bright future.

President Enneman thanked Liz and Tony De Lorenzo for the beautifully decorated chocolate Cake.

On July 24th President Linda Enneman, Lucy Sacco, her sister Jennifer Ackley, Dee Tucker and Yolanda Campanelli went with the Centinela

America Lodge # 1609

La Habra, California
by Yolanda Campanelli, Historian

Lodge to the Reagan Library to see Vatican Splendors, A Journey Through Faith and Art. The Collection that brings together some of the Vatican's most precious artistic masterpieces, historical documents and sacred objects, from the world's cultural and religious heritage. These objects, many of which have never left the Vatican before, include the works of Michaelangelo, Parmigiano and Bernini, a reliquary containing venerated relics of St. Peter and St. Paul, historical objects from the current and ancient basilicas of St. Peter's in Rome and much more. What an experience. Thank you Annette Porter for organizing this event along with the bus and buffet lunch. What a treat!

August 5, 6 and 7th was the Corn Festival, lodge members and friends pitched in and made the event a success. Then it was "FUN" time at the August 21st meeting, the Lodge had a BBQ at Yolanda Campanelli's home and EV-

ERYONE that worked the Festival was invited along with members and others.

September 18th meeting will be a Pasta Lunch Fundraiser, the proceeds to be used to augment the scholarship fund. We certainly invite everyone, members and non members to join us. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children under 12. At this time we will be honoring long time member Mary Driftmeir as she celebrates her 100th birthday, what a milestone.

The year is slowly winding down, but we still have the Anniversary Lunch on Sunday November 6 at Westridge Golf Club. Also in November is the Pot Luck, Food and Toy Drive. In December our Christmas Party. We have had a great year, attending other Lodges functions and making friends with their members. "We are a family with lots to celebrate", to quote our State President, the Honorable Carolyn Lawrence Murphy. We love you! CIAO!



President Linda Enneman and Delegate Lucy Sacco attend Black & White Ball.



President Linda Enneman and Delegate Lucy Sacco attend Convention sessions.



Scholarship Recipient Matthew Caballero, President Linda Enneman and State Deputy Mark Vaona.



Our Annual Picnic grillers! Left to right are Dominic Sanfilippo, Sal Aiello, Michael Smith and Paul Nelson. Thanks guys, our meal was fabulous!



Here's Tony George in the foreground digging in with all the other picnickers!



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Anniv. Jan. 23, 2016
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