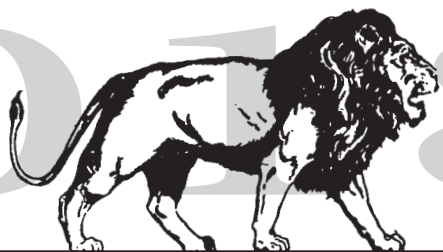


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A Message From The State President



State President
John Costa

We once again need to keep our thoughts and prayers with all of those affected by the wild fires in Shasta, Redding, and Weed. Again, when you see a firefighter or first responder take a moment and tell them thank you!

Grand Council was held on September 21st and 22nd. I would like to thank all of the Grand Council members for there complete cooperation during the meetings. We were able to get all business complete in a timely manner and a big thank you for all of the members in the audience. The Grand Lodge of California and the Western Foundation are doing well as of now. We are still getting info together from the tax lawyer regarding the building. I have had discussion with a realtor in San Francisco and another one has visited the building. We are actively addressing the issue the delegates requested at the convention.

After Grand Council on Saturday evening we held our Western Foundation 12th Humanitarian, Leadership Awards Gala on Saturday night. I have just three words: Phil, Robert and Vince. These three gentlemen are most deserving gentleman to be honored. Our humanitarian award went to our national recording secretary and president of the Privitera foundation. What a distinct honor to listen to Phil speak of his life, an amazing gentleman. Thank you Phil for everything you have done for the Order and for California.

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News from the Central

by Arlene Nunziati
State 1st Vice President



Just got home from a great Grand Council meeting and a beautiful GALA. Congratulations to Chair Sadie Tamburine for a superb event hosting the Twelfth Humanitarian Leadership Awards & Charity Gala.

Everyone had a great time listening to the honorees, dancing and listening to the music of Frank DiSalvo. Congratulations to our honorees: Robert Barbera, Leadership Award, Phil Privitera, Humanitarian Award, and Vince Ferragamo, Royal Court of the Golden Lion Charity Award. What a wonderful slate of honorees. The presenters were terrific as was our MC Gino Gaudio. A great evening honoring our heritage.

The meetings went very well and there was a lot of discussion. Concerns over the local lodges being able to recruit new officers seem to be a major problem throughout the state. I turned in my resignation as the Office Manager of the Grand Lodge of California. This will enable me to pursue my goal of running for State President. So, as of January 17 I will be a free agent!

National President Vera Girolami was present and invited us all to the next plenary at the end of February which will be in San Diego. She will host a reception for all attendees and Frankie DiSalvo will entertain us on March 2, 2019. Plan to join us.

Since my last article, I visited the Giuseppe Mazzini lodge and hopefully assisted with some issues they were facing. They had a great pot luck dinner.

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News from the South

by Sadie Tamburine
State 2nd Vice President



Thank you! Thank you! To all who attended and especially to the Gala Committee. Everyone worked so well as a team and it showed. It was a very successful evening but more importantly it was a FUN evening.

This will be a short message this month. Sid is back in the hospital and when he is stabilized he will go to Skilled Nursery again. Thank you all for your kind words and prayers.

Words for thought: "There is a reason the rearview mirror is so small and the windshield is so large. It's because where you're headed is more important than where you've been."



News from the North

by Barbara Wisniewski
State 3rd Vice President



We have had a busy month.

The Twelfth Annual Humanitarian Leadership Awards and Charity Gala was a huge success. So many of you Sisters and Brothers who bought tickets and adds made it so. Thank you all.

We had a wonderful time thanks to the efforts of Second Vice-President Sadie and her committee. The food was great and the entertainment from Brother Frankie DeSalvo, was perfect, as always! The best part is spending time with our Sisters and Brothers.

Our three honorees were so deserving of there awards. Brother Phil Privitera, National Recording Secretary, was given the Humanitarian Award for his contributions to the Grand Lodge of California, The Western Foundation, and the Il Leone. With the Grand Lodge award to Phil, he in turn awarded the Western Foundation an additional \$10,000.00! I am honored to call this wonderful man my friend.

Robert Barbera received the Leadership Award. The list of his accomplishments is long, but I was most impressed with his most recent endeavor, The Mentor's Project. This is a series of novels and biographies about the lives of great Italians and Italian-Americans who have changed history. The series will publish a total of 50 books. These books will inspire the readers to discover how they can make positive contributions to society.

Vince Ferragamo received the Royal Court of the Gold-

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Grand Lodge Gala

by Andy Pampuro

On Saturday, September 22, the Grand Lodge of California held it's Twelfth Humanitarian, Leadership and Charity Gala. This was held at the Double Tree Hotel in Santa Ana. The honorees this year was a very impressive group of fine gentlemen.

Phil Privitera was awarded the Humanitarian Award, Robert Barbera was awarded the Leadership Award and Vince Ferragamo was awarded the Royal Court of the Golden Lion Charity Award. The master of ceremonies for the evening was Gino Gaudio who is the Vice President of Chamber of Commerce West. He did a fine job introducing all the dignitaries who were in attendance. In fact he sang the National Anthem after Mariia Pignati sang the Italian National Anthem. Our State President John Costa led us in the pledge of allegiance while Immediate Past State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy did the invocation.

When we arrived we had one hour of free drinks and hors d'oeuvres but no place to sit to enjoy it all. None the less everyone enjoyed the hour before the dinning room doors opened. The table settings looked beautiful thanks to Melinda Della Penna who made the centerpieces.

Our chairlady Second State Vice President Sadie Tamburine welcomed everyone to the event and introduced our MC for the evening Gino Gaudio who did an excellent job. We were honored to have our new Grand Lodge Queen Brianna Simon who said a few words.

We must thank D'Aquino Wines for donating the wine we enjoyed with our delicious meal. We must also thank Rosemarie Vanderhaar for picking up the wine and bringing it to the Hotel. After dinner we started our program. Past State President Maria Pignati spoke about our honoree Phil Privitera and introduced him to accept the 2018 Humanitarian Award. Phil is no stranger to the Grand Lodge of California. He fell in love with us

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From the Editor's Desk

by Andy Pampuro
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By the time you receive this paper the Gala will be an event in the past. It was a wonderful night paying tribute to three deserving men. If you missed it you missed a wonderful evening thanks to the chairlady State Second Vice President Sadie Tamburine. I hope you read the story and view the pictures taken that night.

The next big event will be the Columbus Day celebrations up and down the coast. No one is going to stop us from celebrating Columbus Day. In the next issue you can read all



about the various celebrations around town. Some of you promised to become Il Leone sponsors but I am still waiting. Did you forget?

It is very expensive to produce the paper month after month. We need your help to keep going. Won't you please become a sponsor?



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and the IL Leone and has been coming to the convention and other events for many years. Phil is the National Recording Secretary and lives in Massachusetts with his wife and two children. Phil has a Privitera Foundation and is a very generous man especially when it comes to scholarships. He also has been very generous to the IL Leone newspaper. He gave a very dynamic acceptance speech and received a very warm congratulations. He also donated \$10,000 to our Western Foundation.

Our National President Vera Girolami spoke about our second honoree Robert Barbera and introduced him to accept the 2018 Leadership Award. Robert belongs to several Italian organizations in the Southern California area. When he heard the

L' Italo Americano was in trouble financially he established a very successful campaign to save the paper and was successful. Presently he is working on a project called Mentor's. This is a series of books about the lives of great Italians who have changed history through their contributions such as explorers, inventors etc.. His goal is to publish 50 books about these great people. Robert spoke about his aims in life and will never stop working to tell the stories of great Italians.

Our State President John Costa along with CAO of the Western Foundation Roy Vanoni introduced the third honoree Vince Ferragamo. Vince is best known for his role as a football player with the Los Angeles Rams. As their quarter back Vince took

the team to the Super Bowl. He also set many records as a player. After his retirement he went into the real estate business and opened his own office called Touch Down Real Estate in Orange County. He has a Foundation which does a lot of generous work with various organizations. He also grows grapes and produces the finest of wines. Vince was given a check for \$10,000 for his favorite charity from the Royal Court of the Golden Lion, a charity organization created by the late Past State President Chris Lotito.

Final remarks were made by National President Vera Girolami, State President John Costa and our chairlady and State Second Vice President Sadie Tamburine. Sadie thanked every one for coming to this magnificent event. She also thanked her committee which consisted of State President John Costa, Past President Roy Vanoni, Melinda Della Penna, Past President Lynn Lawrence Murphy, State Trustee Pauline Richmond, State Orator Mark Vaona, Rosemarie Vanderhaar, State Trustee Louise Silacci, Annette Porter and Past State Presidents Frank DeSantis, John Tedesco and Maria Pignati. The photographers were Karla Parisi and Andy Pampuro.

The evening ended being entertained by Frankie DiSalvo a member of the Dolly Sinatra Lodge.

Enjoy the pictures in the centerfold.

The evening ended with entertainment by Frankie DeSalvo from the Dolly Sinatra Lodge. He had the people dancing up a storm.



From l/r Robert Barbera, State President John Costa, Phil Privera and Vince Ferragamo.

State President
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Robert Barbera was our leadership award recipient. Robert has been involved in so many projects in the Italian community; he shows a passion to his Italian heritage. Finally Vince Ferragamo, former NFL quarterback, now an announcer, and a leader in the community. The Ferragamo foundation is a well-deserved charity for the Sons of Italy to support. Thank you once again gentleman. Also great big thank you and job well done to State 2nd Vice President and Gala Chair Sadie Tamburine. You and your committee did an outstanding job and I know everyone that attended enjoyed the evening.

As we enter into October, we start our Italian Heritage celebrations, let us embrace our culture. Even though

there has been attacks on Columbus, let us not forget about our other Italians who have made an impact on our country and our lives. An example is Leonardo Da Vinci who will be 500 years old next year.

I will be traveling quite a bit in October and into the first part of November. As we turn back the clock fall is upon us. Let us also remember our Veterans and Active Military members as we approach Veterans Day. Thank you for your Service.

Trying to finish this article for our editor Andy who gave me a few days after Grand Council to finish. I will have more to say about Grand Council next month. Thank you Andy for doing such a fine job putting our paper together!! Until next month...

State First Vice President
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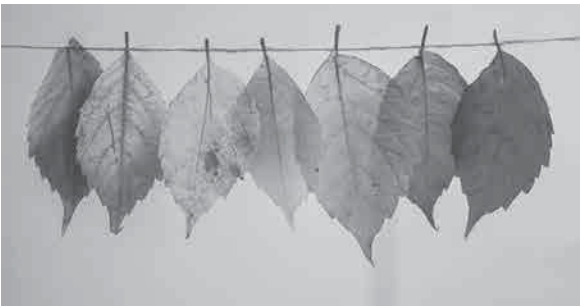
I attended the C Columbo Lodge polenta dinner; delicious, delicious. It was a great evening and I even won two raffle prizes! So nice to see Past State Queen Mary with her school friends. I am looking forward to October and attending Italian Heritage celebrations (used to be Columbus Day) and visiting more lodges.

Ciao until then.

State Third Vice President
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en Lion Award. Vince retired from football after 10 years. He is best known as the only quarterback to take the Los Angeles Rams to the Superbowl. Vince has raised monies for many charities; Special Olympics, Alzheimer's Association, The Boys and Girls Club and Ronald McDonald House to name a few. Our Golden Lion Award comes with a \$10,000.00 award to Vince's charity.

The Grand Council Meeting was very productive. I was happy to see many members in the audience. We need the support of our members as we continue to do what is best for the Order.



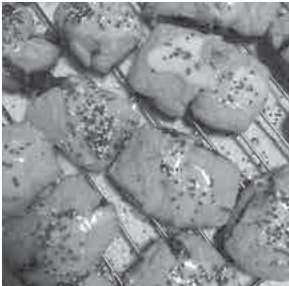
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Garibaldi – Meucci Museum

by Joy Bruno State Chair/National Overseer

Meucci acknowledged as telephone inventor, June 11, 2002, the United States Congress acknowledged Italian immigrant Antonio Meucci as the true inventor of the telephone.

The declaration approved by the House of Representatives, was made to little fanfare in the US. Meucci’s hometown of Florence, where he was recognized as the telephone inventor without such political support, is said to have celebrated the acknowledgement.

Meucci began developing the design of a “telegrafo parlante” or talking telegraph in 1849. He and his wife moved to Staten Island, NY in 1850, where he continued his work mostly from a home lab.

In 1871, he filed a caveat for his design. However, then facing financial hardship due to his wife’s health and lacking enough English to navigate the business community, Meucci could not renew his caveat when it expired.

As most engineers know, history recorded Alexander Graham Bell as the inventor of the telephone after Bell was awarded US Patent #174,465 on March 7, 1876.

Adding some scandal, Western Union affiliate laboratory Meucci had been working with lost the functioning models of his invention. Statements made to Congress in June 2002 pointed out that Bell conducted experiments in the same laboratory where Meucci’s materials had been stored.

In January 1887, Bell’s patent came into question in court and a move to annul the patent was issued on the grounds of fraud and misrepresentation. The case was discontinued as moot when Meucci died on October 1889 and the Bell patent was set to expire in January 1893.

Meucci died penniless and remains virtually unknown in the US today.

WHY CELEBRATE COLUMBUS DAY?



Columbus Day recognizes the achievements of a great explorer who founded the first permanent European settlement in the New World. The arrival of Columbus in 1492 marks the beginning of recorded history in the Americas and opened relations between the America and the rest of the world.

On September 18, 1937 Pres. Franklin D Roosevelt proclaimed Columbus Day a national holiday. President Roosevelt stated “The courage and the faith in the vision of the Genovese Navigator glorified and enrich the drama of the early movement of European people to America... The promises Columbus’s discovery gave the world, a new beginning in the larger human progress,”. Italians along with Spanish, Poles Portuguese and other countries joined the Irish and other cultures formed a new political block as immigrants. Columbus celebrates the beginning of cultural exchange between America and Europe. After Columbus, millions of European immigrants brought their art, music, science, medicine, philosophy and religious principles to America. These contributions have helped shape the United States and include Greek democracy, Roman law, Judeo-Christian ethics and the belief that all men are created equal. The only holiday that comes close to honoring immigrants is Columbus Day. Columbus is considered a great explorer, who had been admired by generations as a Renaissance man.

Several organizations using media, political and educational pressure have attempted to eliminate or replace Columbus Day as a holiday and attacked the legacy of Christopher Columbus. They have escalated their agendas attacking Columbus and have attempted to change opinions of our youth. They have labeled Columbus unfairly as a slave trader, racist, and a murderer of Native Americans. The truth is that Columbus’s voyage discovered the Western Hemisphere of the Americas. In the 14th and 15th century it was common for some of the atrocities that happened were committed not only by Columbus but by the majority of explorers from various countries. History has shown us that the explorers and conquistadors conquered, murdered, and forced more Indians into slavery than Columbus.

This is why we must take a stand and speak out when states, cities, or towns attempt to change this Federal Holiday. The claim that Columbus “set in motion the subjugation, enslavement, and genocide” of Native Americans is an egregious overreach. Besides, Native Americans are not immune from such brutality either. Slavery, the slave trade, torture, and invasion, coursed throughout this hemisphere among Native Americans well before Columbus ever landed here. That is not to say Columbus was a saint or prince either, but the horrors attributed to him are highly exaggerated by many accounts.

We must not apply 21st century insensibilities to 15th century behavior and ideology. Whatever such unfortunate and depressing circumstances occurred was 500 years ago. We must understand that we’ve always lived in an imperfect world, and the best we can do is understand the history in its own context and never to repeat the inequities ever again. Keeping Columbus Day is important to not only Italian American but all immigrants who followed this great icon.

Native Americans like other groups deserve their own day to celebrate, but not on Columbus Day. Columbus Day as shown is truly an American holiday, celebrating the recognition of a man who launched us on the road to diversity. During the presidency of George Bush legislation was passed to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day on the Friday after Thanksgiving, a perfect day to give thanks to our aboriginal population which made it possible for early American colonists to settle and survive.

Consequently, when the resolution to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day comes before you, vote to defeat it, and then devise new legislation to name the Friday after Thanksgiving Indigenous Peoples Day. As Columbus bridged two worlds 500 years ago, you can do the same in August 2018.

Tony Ricevuto is the Vice President of the Italian American Club and the CA Chairperson for the Commission of Social Justice with the Order of the Sons and Daughters of Italy.

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www.sonsofitalymountainview.org
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www.sonsofitalywestend.org
- If your lodge has an e-mail address or website and you would like to include it with the above list, please send it to me at apampuro@comline.com.

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.

Youth Committe

by Brian E. Watson

Greetings Brothers and Sisters

As we all are getting ready for the onset of the fall season I am working hard preparing a fantastic list of events for the youth convention in June. I am exciting to be returning to Nevada as there are so many wonderful and exciting things for the youth to do there. If you are from the area and have ideas for events and activities for the youth please contact me, my contact information is at the end of the article.

Again, I am still planning on providing a free convention package for the youth members who would like to attend but we will need your help again. I am calling on all parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles to support the Little Lion Program again.

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.

If you have a youth member who would like to attend convention this year ask them what kind of things would be exciting for them to do and to learn about and call, email, text, or write me and let me know what's on their minds.

Fraternally,
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Sons of Italy Western Foundation Scholarship Applications

Scholarship application forms for 2019 are now available on the Grand Lodge website. They are in a pdf fillable format. The scholarships offered are Academic and Athletic and the Student to Italy grants. The scholarships are for graduating high school seniors only. The applicant must attend a school within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California, Southern Oregon and Nevada. They must be all Italian or part Italian. For further information, please contact the Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Rosemarie Biagetti Vanderhaar by email or phone. Cellphone/text: 626/222-7768, email: rgeorev@aol.com.



Birth Defects Check Presentation at Stanford

by Maria Fassio Pignati, Past State President

On Wednesday, September 12, Sons of and Daughters of Italy members met in Palo Alto to present a check in the amount of \$1417.50 to Stanford's Lucile Packard Children's Foundation on behalf of the Western Foundation Birth Defects Program. In 2011 our donations crossed the \$100,000 mark to the world-class Children's Genetics Program at Stanford, a true place of healing and love for sick children.

Our group included our Birth Defects Chairperson HazelAnn Christin who came up from the Hanford Lodge with our Central State Trustee Louise Silacci. Members present from the William Paca donor lodge were President and past Birth Defects Chairperson Rosalia Margarit, and lodge Financial Secretary Paula Chidichimo, Trustee Gloria Ravetto, Recording Secretary Peggy Ludwico, and Vice President Michael Ravizza. Also present from the Columbia donor lodge were Vice President Angelo Fanucchi and Recording Secretary Angie Fanucchi. The Diablo Valley and Ukiah lodges, which also donated, were unable to attend.

We were greeted at the brand new Lucille Packard Children's Hospital, right next door to the original hospital, by Brittney Dawes, Assistant Director of Donor Relations and Caitlyn Burns, Community Relations Associate; Susan Schelley, MPH, LCGC: Licensed Genetic Counselor and Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatric

Genetics (Susan was hired in 1983 by Dr. Luigi Luzzatti, the first geneticist at Stanford); Dr. Jon Bernstein, Associate Professor of Pediatrics (Genetics) and Dr. Louanne Hudgins, former Chief of the Division of Medical Genetics in the Department of Pediatrics and now President of the American College of Medical Genetics. These are incredibly wonderful and caring people who do so much good in helping those in so much need!

After the check presentation, we were most fortunate to receive a private tour of the new hospital which is a fantastic and incredibly thought-out state-of-the art facility and the most technologically advanced, family-friendly and environmentally sustainable children's hospital in the nation. The hospital and grounds have been specifically planned to be most welcoming, and have lovely gardens and rest/meditation areas inside and out that are scattered with figures of animals, as well as interactive walls with pictures of animals and trees that magically change when you walk by or touch them. There is also fifth floor being fitted for children's oncology and stem-cell research. The private patient rooms have room for parents to stay with their children, who can play video games with other children in the hospital while in their rooms. It was the late Lucille Packard's wish to have her hospital provide loving, comfortable and calming care for her young

patients during often frightening and stressful times.

Our hosts graciously and gratefully thanked the Sons and Daughters of Italy for our years of faithful contributions. We are so fortunate to have such an outstanding school of research and learning in our own state, and all of our donors in the Grand Lodge are to be thanked for their continued generosity in helping make a difference in the lives of challenged children and their families. After our tour we all went to lunch at the Harvest Café, and some of us even stopped by the gift shop.....

Celebrating its 27th anniversary in 2018, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital is annually ranked as one of the nation's best pediatric hospitals by U.S. News & World Report, and has programs that have been ranked in the U.S. News Top Ten. With the addition of 149 new beds and 521,000 sq. feet for a total of 361 beds on 3.5 acres, is devoted to the care of children and expectant mothers, and provides pediatric and obstetric medical and surgical services in association with the Stanford University School of Medicine. Packard Children's offers patients locally, regionally and nationally a full range of health care programs and services, from preventive and routine care to the diagnosis and treatment of serious illness and injury. For more information, please visit www.stanfordchildrens.org. You'll be amazed by what you see!



L to R:
Angelo Fanucchi, Angie Fanucchi, Gloria Ravetto, Peggy Ludwico, Maria Fassio Pignati, Susan Schelley, MPH, LCGC, HazelAnn Christin, Dr. Louanne Hudgins, Dr. Jon Bernstein, Paula Chidichimo, Michael Ravizza, Louise Silacci and Rosalia Margarit.



Bess Ferraro-Affinito

September 13, 1921-September 6, 2081



Bess Ferraro-Affinito passed away quietly in her sleep on September 6, 2018 just 7 days shy of her 97th birthday. Bess will always be remembered as the woman in red with a beautiful smile, twinkling bright eyes and known as a force to be reckoned with. Bess grew up in Pittsburg, California, married Alfred Affinito and with him had three children, Alfred Jr., Michael and Mary. She later resided in Alamo, California for over 30 years. She had a vibrant career as a photographer that lasted 55 years and tirelessly championed many charities including the Girls Town of Italy.

Bess was preceded in death by her son Alfred, Jr., she is survived by her two children, Michael Affinito and Mary Affinito, her three grandchildren, Carina, Cassandra and Vincent Affinito and her two great grandchildren, Brooklyn and Giovanni. Her loving and generous spirit will be missed by all who knew her.

365 Fund Raiser - Winners

Aug. 16-31

16	\$25.00	Dick Haggerty
17	\$25.00	Nancy Porcelli
18	\$25.00	Giuseppe Mazzini
19	\$25.00	Edithe DiGiuro
20	\$25.00	Nella Varni
21	\$25.00	Hacienda Lodge
22	\$25.00	Marco Buldo
23	\$25.00	Tiothy Coraghiotti
24	\$25.00	Marinne Principe-O'Neil
25	\$25.00	Nick Simon
26	\$25.00	Sal Denaro
27	\$25.00	Arlene Nunziati
28	\$25.00	Anthony McGowan
29	\$25.00	Doloras Meyer
30	\$25.00	Kim Greene
31	\$50.00	Diana Hill

Sept. 1-15

1	\$25.00	Arlene Nunziati
2	\$25.00	Julian Danzo
3	\$25.00	Joseph Ferraiuolo
4	\$25.00	Marco Buldo
5	\$25.00	Chantal Fazio
6	\$25.00	Christine Handy
7	\$25.00	Nick Cervone
8	\$25.00	Linda Abronzio
9	\$25.00	Debbie Rossi
10	\$25.00	Donna Branch
11	\$25.00	Dick Hagerty
12	\$25.00	Bobby Pignati
13	\$25.00	Mary Lotito (For Chris)
14	\$25.00	Martha Cardinale-Hill
15	\$25.00	Mark Rossi

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Don Monteleone	Pugliese Lodge	#1375
Vincenza Lomonado	Enrico Caruso Lodge	#1463
Nina Eager	Enrico Caruso Lodge	#1463
Diego Scalia	Enrico Caruso Lodge	#1463
Eldon Blumer	Enrico Caruso Lodge	#1463
Faye Taylor	Roma Lodge	#1573
Gene Beckel	Virgilio Lodge	#1586
Manon Crow	America Lodge	#1609
Irene Heenan	Beatrice Portinari Lodge	#1626
Sandra Cimino-Cruz	Beatrice Portinari Lodge	#1626
Phyllis Clark	Beatrice Portinari Lodge	#1626
Rose Leonardi	Columbia lodge	#1940
Lena Giudici	Columbia lodge	#1940
Carolyn Caminada	Giuseppe Mazzini Lodge	#2011
Antonio Pin	Watsonville Lodge	#2016
Severa Monarcky	Anaheim Lodge	#2076
Lionello Schiavoni	Anaheim Lodge	#2076
Oren Thompson	Ukiah Lodge	#2104
Pat Voce	West End Lodge	#2127
Flora Magnon	West End Lodge	#2127
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Charles Passaro	Palm Springs Lodge	#2400
Rinaldo Ricci	Vincenzo Bellini Lodge	#2519
Joseph Ragusa	Northern Solano Lodge	#2534
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Lodge Anniversaries

October
La Costa dei Fiori

Congratulations!!!

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE OFFICE

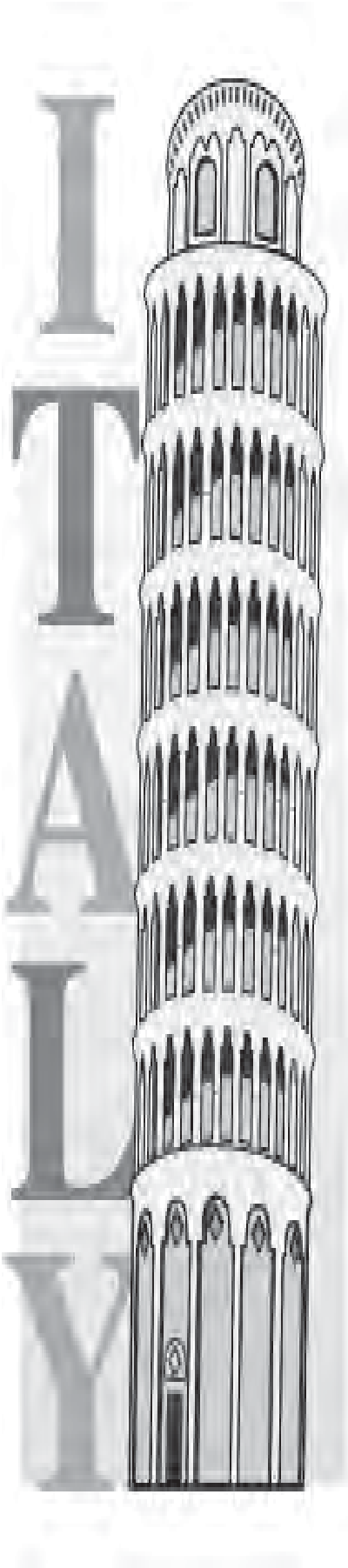
The new system is working very nicely but I find that we still need a lot of phone numbers and emails. Please forward this information to the Grand Lodge office so that our records can be updated and complete.

Financial Secretaries: Please make sure that the beneficiaries are up to date on regular members! Make sure that applications are completely filled out.

Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE

Columbia Lodge #1940 75th Anniversary
&
Honoring National President Vera Ferrara Girolami
Saturday evening, April 6, 2019
Peninsula Italian American Social Club
100 North B Street
San Mateo
No Host cocktails 6 pm
Dinner 7 pm



Hanford Lodge #1543

Hanford, CA
by Jackie Giacomazzi
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Mycaela Leoni, chairperson of the upcoming spaghetti/meatball dinner/ sauce sale on November 11 invites all to purchase tickets to the drive-thru only event to be held at the Hanford Fraternal Hall in Hanford. Mycaela was also chair of the refreshment committee at the September meeting. One may also enjoy checking out the Italian-Heritage-Month display created by HazelAnn Christin & Janis Hansen at the Kings County Supervisors Building in Hanford during the month of October. Officers will be elected for the 2019-20 term in November. Anyone wishing to be considered for an office should contact President Charles Sant' Agata. **SAVE THE DATE. SEPTEMBER 21, 2019. -- 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** to be held at the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia.



Roma Lodge #1573

Tulare, CA
by Larry Dutto

Roma Lodge will be soliciting members to serve as Roma Lodge officers for the 2019-2020 term at their October meeting. The lodge members would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our outgoing president *David DePaoli* and First Lady *Giovanna DePaoli*. Giovanna also serves as the recording secretary for the lodge. David first served the lodge as president in 1983 serving two terms from 1983-1986 and again in 2015-2018 for a total of 8 years as president. Roma Lodge has grown in membership during his leadership and now is the largest lodge in the state with over 300 members. David is a 45-year member of the lodge and Giovanna will be celebrating her 50th year membership anniversary in 2020.

The DePaoli's have a long legacy in Roma Lodge where their three children *Melissa, Michael and Maci* who are all members along with their spouses Matt, Leslie and Daniel and their seven granddaughters. Maci served as the Grand Lodge Queen in 2005. Michael serves as the Vice-President for the lodge, Melissa the Historian and Matt chairs the lodge board of trustees. Michael, Melissa, Maci and Matt also chair the World Ag Expo food booth for the lodge.



1983-1986



2015-2018

David DePaoli-Roma Lodge President



Roma Lodge First Lady and Recording Secretary Giovanna DePaoli along with her seven granddaughters (l-r) Kate, Adelyn, Harper, Gianna, Hayden, Isabel and Giulia

Cesare

Battisti

Lodge #1518

Petaluma, CA
By Louise Vicino

Greetings from Petaluma!

How lucky we are to live in one of the most beautiful areas in the State of California. We are so close to the beaches, mountains, and beautiful cities surrounding our area. The weather is great, warm during the day and cool breezes in the evenings. I love Petaluma and all the wonderful people that I have met since moving here twenty-five years ago.

We held our meeting with about 45 members and friends in attendance. We had a delicious dinner prepared by Ed Santero and our wonderful group of cooks. We thank them for all their hard work in preparing our meal and we thank all who helped in any way. Come to our next dinner meeting on Thursday, October 11th. Enjoy a dinner with other members with a meeting following. I don't think you will be disappointed.

Election time is soon approaching, so if you would like to run for office let one of the officers know you are interested.

Don't forget to support our Cruise raffle to North Alaska. Ernie and Ron need your support in this effort to make this a success. Call Ernie 707-585-2829 for further information and to get your tickets.

Everyone was happy to hear that Bruno Fomasi is doing better. Get well wishes to Bette Finkbonner, Thinking of you Elsie Gambonini and Janet Leone, hope you are both feeling better. Get well wishes to anyone else who is ill.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all celebrating this month. Also Happy Halloween to all. Beware of the ghosts and goblins and have plenty of candy on hand for the trick or treaters.

Pray for our homeless, disaster victims, service people and our Country.

Remember to be nice to someone, you will always get it back in return.



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Valley of the Moon Lodge #1959

Sonoma, CA
by Susan Antonini -member at large
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REGULAR AND UNREGULAR

There are many folks that visit us on a regular basis....month after month...enjoying the meals and camaraderie....There are also those that have conflicting engagements on Tuesday evening and visit when they can...
It is a happy feeling to see folks that have not been with us in a while...like a visiting family member! Among those were Ed & Julie Cebula, Jim & Janice Arendt... Noreen, Sal Troia , who I'm told makes good Red and White Wine....hailing from Isola delle Femmine...Sicily....and the list goes on....Welcome ALL...

WHO KNEW?

Barbara Maffia Westlake, grandparents both came from the same village in Italy.
Garzano near Gravedonna (on the lake)
(right up the hill where they killed Mussolini)

VISITING GUESTS...

There were many in August ...one in particular, a guest from Napa, Theresa Long
Her grandparents came from Biava Italy.
Dominic and Clara Veafre.
Theresa likes old cars...perhaps next time she visits you can chat about cars!
Theresa wants to become a member...see what a little camaraderie does, when Italians get together, we want to be part of the family!

MEATLOAF AND SCALLOPED POTATOES..October....John Burger our cook is back from Hawaii....and we are in a new location for September, October & November while the kitchen at the Veterans Building is being renovated.
191 West Verano Avenue...FAHA...the Finnish American Home Association..
Make your reservations with Karen!
707-938-1295 (when you go in the drive way the hall is to the left)

Linda Shockey gave a wonderful 80th surprise Birthday party at the Swiss Hotel for Richard Facciola....he was surprised beyond measure! His grown children visited from Florida and Las Vegas were part of the surprise!Richard, recently recovering from knee surgery and a brief hospital stay...this was just the 'ticket' to send him on the speedy road to recovery!

NEW MEMBER...

Karen Leslie Fuller Wilson... ..
More information next month....stay tuned!
Welcome Karen!

FYL...FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO PRESERVE BRAIN CELLS....

Duolingo.com is a free language program...
There is still time no matter how old you are...because remember, "age is just a number"I'm working on the Italian program.....someone please join me.....

ART....

There was an article in the Il Leone ...Regarding the importance of Art.
Do remember that ART is another way to keep your mind active....and sometimes frustrated....
There are some really nice galleries in Sonoma....check them out!

Just a note about FAHA...change is always a little challenging(to say the least) but FAHA is in a lovely location...Remember , call Karen early...to make your reservations! Bring a friend!



Do you think there is enough Polenta?



John Berger....at his best!



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NORTH TO ALASKA

This Raffle offered by: SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY
Ceare Battisti Lodge #1518 Petaluma,CA.

10 Day Round Trip Cruise for 2
San Francisco to Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, **Sitka**,
Victoria, San Francisco.
(Sitka is a very old Russian Colony)

CRUISE DATE: September 03, 2019
SHIP: Grand Princess, You get a very large
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VALUE of \$5,955 also ~~~>
Includes Premier Beverage
Package for 2, worth \$1,380

Cost per ticket \$20 – only 500 tickets will be sold

**Winning ticket to be drawn on Feb. 9, 2019 at our
annual Crab Feed.**

For tickets or information, contact:
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making any final arrangements.*

*The reason I didn’t do this
when I had the chance was...*

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Gold Country Lodge # 2705

El Dorado Hills, CA
by Tami Welch



We had our installation of 10 new members on September 18th. Pictured r-l, Charlie & Annette Passalacqua, Jonalin Mc Collum, Amy Bohren, Alan Gianini, and our youngest new members (5 mo.) twins Darren & Carson Hower. Their Parents are members Jim & Jenny Rose Hower. Not pictured: Danielle Glasgow, Joe Mazzoni, and Wendy Mazzoni. Thank You to the Arietta’s for another great meal!! We had a large crowd with 5 guest becoming new members!! Gradito!!



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Lucky Numbers

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Do you have a lucky number? How have you applied it? Take some time to think about numbers. Since the dawn of history, numbers have been used to symbolize the key concepts of arcane sciences and esoteric knowledge.

Numbers have been considered magical. They seem to possess a mysterious relationship in our lives and destinies. Fortunetellers use numbers to understand people and predict what will happen to them. Many people use lucky numbers to win at games and lotteries.

Numbers represent order. The ancient Greek philosophers known as Pythagoreans saw the universe being structured in numbers. Odd numbers acquired a bad reputation, while even numbers were believed to be good.

We become acquainted with numbers in childhood. By the time children enter school they usually can count

to five or ten. Tic-tac-toe, the children's game, is derived from the ancient magic square.

The magic square was a favorite type of talisman, protecting people from misfortune and illnesses. It was thought to conceal mystical revelations. The numbers arranged in the magic square add up to the same sum across every row, down every column, and through both diagonals.

The occult science of numbers and their influence on people is today called numerology. Numerologists have devised various ways of finding a person's "personal number" or "birth number" to reveal someone's personality and help the person find compatible associates and favorable conditions in life.

Modern numerologists have analyzed personal names and famous people from Napoleon Bonaparte to Marilyn Monroe.

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MYSTERIA.

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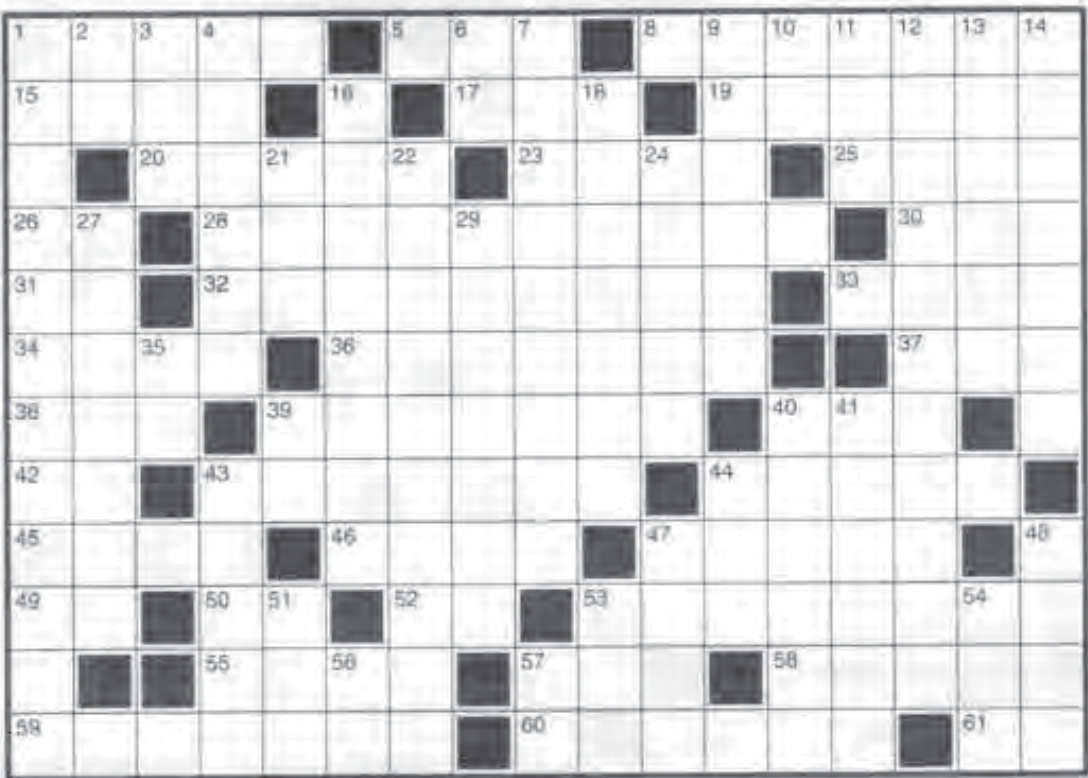
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A copy of "Numerorum mysteria" (1591), a very influential treatise on numerology in Europe by the Italian medieval writer Pietro Bongo.

CRUCIVERBA DEI MAMMIFERI



ORIZZONTALI

- 1. Grossa valigia.
- 5. Bovini preistorici.
- 8. La lettera "y".
- 15. Il mammifero... detto "bipede implume".
- 17. Incisore (abbrev.).
- 19. Proscimmie del Madagascar.
- 20. Si tributano agli eroi.
- 23. Pinnipede giocoliere.
- 25. Un uccello di palude.
- 26. Iniz. di Columbo.
- 28. Difeso col filo spinato.
- 30. Obbediva al negus.
- 31. Vi nacque Abramo.
- 32. Accrescere la dose.
- 33. Chiude il film.

- 34. Altopiano calabrese.
- 36. Somiglia alla puzza.
- 37. Tifoso.
- 38. Sono analoghi al BOT (sigla).
- 39. Mammifero del Mustelidi.
- 40. Il verso del grillo.
- 42. Simbolo dell'elio.
- 43. Mammifero... costruttore.
- 44. Asino.
- 45. Procedura burocratica.
- 46. Mammiferi polari.
- 47. Un peso del pugilato.
- 49. Vocali per tanti.
- 50. In viso.
- 52. Iniz. di Einstein.
- 53. Consolazione.

- 55. Settentrione.
- 57. Dopo tic.
- 58. Si pigia per rallentare.
- 59. La Muti.
- 60. Leoni marini.
- 61. Limiti di team.

VERTICALI

- 1. Mammifero della tundra artica (due parole).
- 2. Sigla di Aosta.
- 3. Terreno fertile.
- 4. Mammifero abile nuotatore.
- 6. Prefisso iterativo.
- 7. Sottostanti o meno importanti.

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In support of all the men and women who have been called into military action.
You're in our hearts, in our thoughts, and in our prayers.



Shasta Lodge # 2453

Redding, CA
by Carole Dellaragione

Hello from Redding;

It has been a different summer in Redding, the peak of our heat was 113 degrees and that was the day the Carr Fire came to Redding destroying about 1100 homes. We were among the unfortunate with five of our members losing their homes. Many of us had to evacuate our homes for safety. Our community rallied together as did our lodge and several other lodges near us and were able to give our five fire victims a large donation to help with expenses not covered by their insurance. It was a very emotional meeting when we gave them the checks. The rest of us just feel blessed it did not happen to us, and that our lodge building did not have any damage.

Many of our lodge members stepped in to help cook at the shelter at Shasta College which also provided food to other shelters. Then about eight of the guys helped cook hamburgers at the fundraiser held by our friends the Asphalt Cowboys. We also helped by preparing food for the memorial service for one of our Redding firefighters who perished in the fire tornado. One member, Rose Nobili, was helping at the Shelter at Shasta High School when the shelter had to evacuate and move to Shasta College. In the meantime, her own home was under evacuation notice and her husband Jim and daughter Brandi Anderson had to get what they could and go to Brandi's home. Rose has spent many days volunteering with the Red Cross at shelters all around the North state. Our lodge is very proud of the efforts made by our members to help those in need.

We were very proud of our member Frank Rose as he was honored at the 26th Annual Veterans Advocate of the Year Awards Banquet hosted by the Shasta County Veterans Affiliated Council. Frank was presented with the "Presidents Award" by Vint Stevenson, President of SCVAC. If there is something involving the Veterans in the area Frank is there. Congratulations, Frank.

We just had word today, September 19, that we lost a very long time member, Faye Contreras. Faye had left the lodge a few years ago at age 95 as she was just unable to attend any more. She lived a very full life at 98 years of age. She had served many terms on our council. We will certainly miss her.

Because of the fire, our scheduled fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association had to be changed to September 8th. While we did not have the attendance we had hoped for, they still raised some money, and they look forward to trying again next year.

One of our two big events of the year is this Friday and Saturday and will be over by the time you read this. Paesano Days will be honoring our First Responders. The bocce tournament has 32 teams, the sauce is ready and the cannoli are filled. The raffle baskets are beautiful and this year we will have a Silent Auction, too. We are hoping for a great event.

Columbus Day, for some of us, will be celebrated in Reno at the El Dorado's Columbus Day Festival. Hope to see some of you there. We have a class reunion to be catered in October followed by our annual fundraiser for Wings of Angels. The last Saturday of the month was set aside for our sauce contest to see which lodge has the best sauce, at least for that day, but so far only three lodges have committed to cook sauce. If any of your lodges wish to participate, please give John Jepsen of the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge in Chico a call and he will give you the details.

In November we will hold our annual Thanksgiving/Memorial dinner to raise money for our scholarship fund. And of course December is busy with the children's Christmas party and many catered parties.

We are all finally enjoying some days without smoke, the cooler weather and hoping for some rainy weather soon.
Ciao from Shasta Lodge.



Cowboy fundraiser shows - Alan Wolochuk, Jim Nobili, Leonard Duz, Paul Monette, John DiMatteo, Bob Gullixson and Jim Giacomelli with Jim Lamanna seated in front, working for the Asphalt Cowboys at their Carr Fire fundraiser.



Frank getting award - Frank Rose receiving President's Award from the Shasta County Veterans Affiliated Council at their Annual Veterans Advocate of the Year banquet.



Fire shelter workers - Bryce Giacomelli, Mike Giacomelli, Jim Lamanna, Jim Giacomelli, John DiMatteo, Taryn Giacomelli and Chris Giacomelli were among others who helped cook at the fire evacuation shelter at Shasta College.



Rodolfo Valentino

Lodge #1449

Clovis, CA
by Carole Watson, Pres.,
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Last Month: The United Lodges meeting last month covered a lot of areas, including the selection of candidates for next year's officers. The vote will be at the next meeting, which includes a visit and intro by the Italian representative from San Francisco. Be there to meet him; I understand he has many friends in the Clovis area.

The bottom is a good place to bounce back up from.

Again, sadly, we report on the passing of a long-time member, Alfred Daddino, a member since 1963, and my brother-in-law, having been married to my sister, Lena (Catallo) Daddino, who also recently passed away. Al was an active and contributing member, not only to our lodge, but also to our Clovis chapter of the Italian Catholic Federation. His entire working career was with the Bank America as a manager of three separate branches (Clovis, Chowchilla, Tulare, and again in Clovis, and was instrumental in the four re-locations for the Clovis branch. He served with the US Army Air Corps (later as US Air Force) in Kansas as a movie projectionist. His step-daughter, Caroline (Farino) Semchuck, is a yearly participant with us at our Pasta Fests.

This Month: This October 08 Pasta Fest will be dedicated to the memory of our own Carmela Liberte; the 8th is her birthdate, so we will feature a cake in her honor.

Have you gotten your flu shot yet? Your medical care provider should be notifying you, as well as newspapers, radio, and TV; please do not

ignore them.

An exit is just an entrance into somewhere else.

While the Mediterranean diet is recognized as very healthy to us, it is still dependent on wealth, i.e., the richer you are the more varied your diet will be, and the longer you will live.

Next Months will be busy: Our normal meeting day, October 15, is cancelled due to the Pasta Fest the prior week. Our Pasta Fest will be October 08 (remind your friends, family, and acquaintances, and arrange for your tickets. The ticket prices remain the same: \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for children ... make your checks payable to Rodolfo Valentino Lodge; contact Carol Watson at (559) 299-1941; November 19 will be our Thanksgiving Dinner; and, December 17 will most likely be our Christmas Dinner.

Pasta was eaten with a honey and sugar sauce until about the 1600s, since the tomato, which came from Peru, hadn't arrived in Europe yet. For Europeans, the tomato arrived in Spain first. And, Italians were enjoying pasta even before Marco Polo returned from Asia.

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/>.

Joanne Coccia Lodge #2553

Fontana, CA
by Anthony N. Finazzo

On September 16, 2017, Angela Turner is seen taking her oath as the newest member of the Joanne Coccia Lodge #2553 of Fontana. Angela was sworn in by State Deputy Louise Seibel and other officers of the lodge. Angela's Italian background comes from her grandfather's family, the Piazza's of Montana.

Angela is originally from Fontana and has four daughters, four son-in-laws and eight grandchildren. Angela was sponsored by her good friend Michaelynn Minicucci. Angela will be an amazing addition to our lodge.



Thirteen members of The Joanne Coccia Lodge #2553 of Fontana attended the 12th Humanitarian & Leadership Awards Charity Gala hosted by the Sons and Daughters of Italy Western Foundation and the Grand Lodge of California on September 22nd at the Doubletree Hotel in Santa Ana.

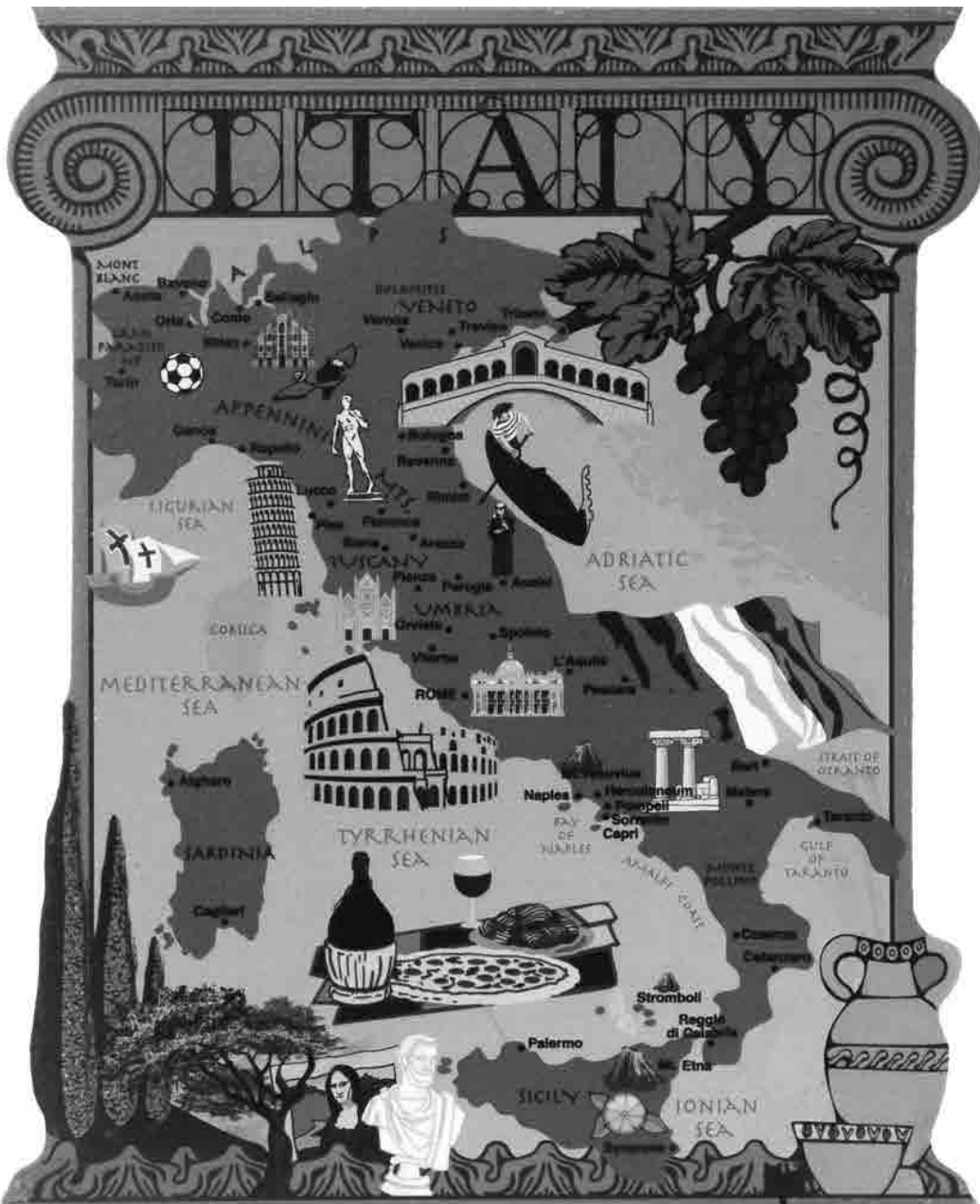
Former Los Angeles Rams Quarterback and Humanitarian honoree of the Royal Court of the Golden Lion Award was Vince Ferragamo. He is pictured with Michaelynn Minicucci, (Recording Secretary for our lodge). She is lifelong fan of Vince Ferragamo.

Michaelynn said, "He was very personable and gracious. I was so excited when he re-signed a 40 year old autographed photo of him as a Ram. This was absolutely the most exciting night and a dream come true for me making me feel like a very lucky girl".

Ms Minicucci attended the Gala with her club members and officers: Manny Finazzo; State Trustee of the South, Lodge President Paul Finazzo, Marlene Clark, Pauline Massotto, Tony Selvaggi, Anna Watts, Joe and Clara Sacco, Mauro and Judy Romagnoli, Esther and Elvira Calamore. It was a wonderful event and a very fun evening for everyone.

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Lodge # 2566**

Mission Viejo, CA

by Andy Pampuro, Immediate Past President

On September 24th we held our lodge monthly meeting which was catered by members Gianfranco and Giuliana Fanton, Elsa Girgis and Gianfranco and Maria Marin. It was the first time for all of them to do this and they were very successful. The food was delicious and plentiful. Many thanks go out to them plus thank you to other members who brought the delicious desserts.

The hi-light of the meeting was when our recording secretary, Bernadine Neil, told us about her very Italian family. She gave a magnificent presentation complete with photographs of her family going back many, many years. It was very interesting.

Two of Al and Lillian Rossi's grandsons were at this

meeting hoping to sell the Boy Scout popcorn. The girl scouts have their cookies and the boy scouts have their popcorn. They did very well.

We are looking forward to the Columbus Day celebration at the Case Italiana on October 7th. Our Mr. Convention City Joseph Perez will be portraying Columbus.

We are also looking forward to our anniversary event on November 1st where we will be honoring our First Lady Michelle Lowinger. She is more than worthy of this honor as she is one of the hardest working members we have.

At our October general meeting we will be having Movie Night. We will also be serving pizza, salad and dessert.



Our recording secretary Bernie Neil making her presentation about her Italian family.



Our hosts for our September meeting. L/R Gianfranco and Maria Marin, Elsa Girgis and Juliana and Gianfranco Fanton.



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