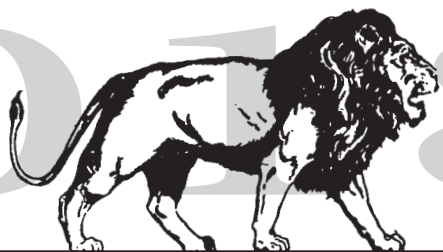


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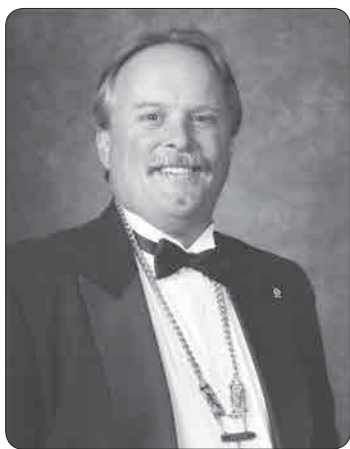
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A Message From The State President



State President
John Costa

This past month has been a busy one to say the least, Vincenzo Bellini anniversary dinner, Anaheim anniversary dinner, Vallejo Wine Tasting, Mother's Day, Centinela Valley anniversary dinner, then onto to NELA in Washington DC. On a personal note, right after NELA, I will be traveling to Williamsburg VA, to see my grandkids, my granddaughter Julieann and I will finally be able to see my grandson Harrison for the first time, oh yah I will be able to see my daughter and son-in law also. A very busy month to say the least.

Memorial Day, follows NELA, THANK YOU to all the Veterans for your service!! Also a big thank you to all those currently serving in our armed forces for keeping us safe in this beautiful country.

As we enter into June, summer is around the corner and the first year of my term comes to an end. I want to thank all the lodges and members for an amazing year.

First Lady Donna Lee and I want to thank you for all the kind words and support throughout the year. I would also like to thank all of the officers on the Grand Council for working with me. I hope I have not been too hard on any of you.

Convention is right around the corner and our co-coordinators Lynn and Lori are working very hard to have a successful convention, please thank them for all the hard work. During convention we will have a lot of topics to discuss; I will ask that every delegate be respectful and courteous to each other's opinion.

Our State Convention serves as a meeting place for our lodges from California, Oregon and Nevada to come together annually to meet the challenges ahead of us and share ideas to help our Grand Lodge continue to grow. There will be many topics and decisions to make regarding our Order. Please come with questions; please take notes so the facts can be relayed to your membership.

We will hopefully have a completed ADA evaluation of the Grand Lodge building. We have hired a company in San Francisco to complete this. We have also hired a tax lawyer to evaluate the ramification we could face if we were to sell the building.

I would like to welcome to our new Grand Lodge Queen Briana Simon and her Court, including our first gentleman on the court Joseph Perez, thank all the lodges and members that supported the Royal Contest. Congratulations!

I also would like to thank our current State Queen, Mary Lucido and her court for the outstanding job they have done these past two years and I know they will gladly offer assistance and support to our new court. I have had the opportunity to travel with Mary the past few months and all I can say is what an amazing young woman she is, Kathy and Phil you should be proud of your daughter, she is going to do amazing things with her life. I hope to be around when I can say "Worthy State President Mary"! Thank you for representing the Grand Lodge of CA.

We are honored to have our National President (from California) Vera Girolami, National Chaplain Father Adam Forno and National Recording Secretary Phil Privitera from the State of Massachusetts returning once again to our Convention. We welcome you all with open arms.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at convention, remember if you are not a delegate you can still attend as a guest. So please come and show your support!!

Ciao, until next month

News from the Central

by Arlene Nunziati
State 1st Vice President



I was honored to attend the delicious "stuffed shells" Anniversary Dinner of the William Paca Lodge. We were supposed to also initiate two new members but they were unable to attend. It was a beautiful evening and a delicious dinner thanks to Paula Chidichimo and her hard working committee. I will be making another trip to see them to initiate the two new members.

Columbia Lodge will also be having an initiation ceremony at their next meeting which will honor all the Mothers and Fathers.

It is great to be asked to assist at an initiation of new members. I see too many "green" forms coming across my desk in the Grand Lodge office and too many cancellations. There have also been quite a few deaths the last few months.

We need to start retaining our members, not just delete them. Remember that the Lodge Trustees are our Retention Committee so please have them contact these members before they are dropped. A personal contact can mean so much.

Sincere sympathy to MaryAnn Silvera on the loss of Elmer and to Rosa on the loss of Emilio Rossi who was one of our State Trustees.

My congratulations to Jim Lamanna who was honored by the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge for being their State Deputy for years and years and years. I have known Jim a long time and he is so deserving of all the honors he received. He is and has always been such a hard working gentleman

News from the South

by Sadie Tamburine
State 2nd Vice President



June has arrived and Convention is right around the corner. I would like to congratulate all the entrants into the Queen's Pageant and wish them "Good Luck". Congratulations to all the scholarship recipients.

The Gala is progressing well and you will receive details and forms in your convention packets. I trust that everyone saved the date and NO One planned a function on Saturday September 22, 2018. Thank you all for that.

More Italian trivia:

History of Southern Italian Music: Tarantella as reported by Anthony Barbutto. "During a recent visit to southern Puglia (Salento), I experienced traditional Tarantella music. Sure, I've heard it before in movies, but actually being in Italy to observe the musicians and dancers made my heart experience sensations it has never known. It was inspirational, and gave me a deeper appreciation for not only southern Italy, but also music therapy. Even more than that, it got me hooked, like Ulysses and the Sirens".

"The history of Tarantella is fascinating. Dating back centuries, likely with Greek influences from prior to the Roman empire, the music was originally used to heal sick people suffering hysteric behaviors, transforming over time. Tarantella music today has become a fashion, and a part of southern Italy's pop-culture".

"I recently interviewed Italian music expert, Salvatore Gervasi, of Centro di Cultura Popolare in Melpig-

News from the North

by Barbara Wisniewski
State 3rd Vice President



Since my last article I have spent time visiting with our Garibaldi-Meucci Museum Chair, Joy Bruno. Together we attended the Valley of the Moon's 71st anniversary dinner with State Deputy, Gloria Garibaldi. The food was delicious and the entertainment wonderful. Thank you to President Paul Grant and the officers and members for allowing me to attend this fun event.

Joy and I also attended the Northern Salano Lodge meeting with State Deputy, Louie Lodi and our State Queen Mary Lucido. The food was prepared by the Rossi family, Frank, Lori, and Mark (Lori of the Recording Secretary kind!). I've never left there hungry. Thank you for a great meal. President, Don Craddock, was a wonderful host and I thank him, the officers, and members of the Lodge for having me.

Sisters and Brothers, as I prepare for our annual Grand Lodge Convention, I am reminded of all the Conventions that I have attended from State to National. It is always wonderful to see how our members, delegates, and officers always remember that even if we do not agree, we respect each other's right to an opinion and the right to express said opinion.

I have seen some of us get upset when the will of the majority is not what we feel is correct. This is what a democracy is all about, the will of the majority. I would ask that each officer and delegate abstain from voting until they feel comfortable with the information they have. A

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From the Editor's Desk

by Andy Pampuro
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Wishing all you
dads a wonderful
Father's
Day and may you
spend the day with
all your loved
ones.
Andy



Save the Date

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

Sadie Tamburine
State Second Vice President
Chairlady





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nano, Italy. According to Salvatore, the proper Tarantella instruments include tambourines, castanets, accordions, violins, guitars, harmonicas, and mandolins".

Further, in southern Puglia, the local version of Tarantella is called "Pizzica", and there are now three versions of Pizzica performed, in addition to the traditional Tarantella: Pizzica of Love, Pizzica Pizzica and Sword Pizzica".

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hasty decision usually causes fruitless time and money to be spent.

I hope to see many members from the Ontario area there at the Convention. If you have a little time come and observe us as we serve you in our elected positions.

Have a wonderful summer and we'll be back in August.

Fraternally
Barbara

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and is State Deputy to three lodges. I enjoyed being on the Grand Council with him when he was a State Trustee.

I attended the Purple Aster Charity Ball for the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and the Leonardo da Vinci Award of Excellence Gala Reception & Ceremony sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Illinois & Wisconsin. Both were beautiful events, so impressive and regal and the honorees were exceptional.

Honorees in New Jersey were Dr. Kathleen Greatrex who specializes in Breast and Body Imaging and educates women about breast cancer; Vincent Maione, Atlantic City Electric Region President and Michael Renna, President & Chief Executive Officer South Jersey Industries. Mr. Renna also tried out for my SF 49ers in the 90's.

I don't know how the Grand Lodges back East have these Gala's and serve all the hord'oeuvres, drinks and food that they do for such a minimal price. Outstanding.

Thank you to National 5th VP and his wife Chris for bringing us to a "supper club" in Wisconsin on Lake Michigan. It was terrific and what a view! And again there was so much food!

And I thought for sure we would have to pay for "extra weight" when we got on the plane!!!

There were eleven honorees honored in Racine, WI and the Community Leadership Award this year went to Tonette Tarentino Walker, the First Lady of the State of Wisconsin; Governor Scott Walker's wife. It was a distinct honor to meet the First Lady and the Governor; what a wonderful and warm couple.

The office is working hard on the convention and we are looking forward to a great time in Ontario.

Our new Office Assistant Kyarra Maneri is looking forward to meeting everyone.

My apologies to Editor Andy for always waiting for the deadline for my article but just spent two amazing days at the Giants game – priorities, priorities, ha-ha.

"Happy Father's Day to all the Dads out there and especially to my son, James, who is an amazing Dad to Lorenzo and Emilio.

Ciao.



PLEASE NOTE:

Due to a miscommunication with the Band the Columbia Lodge #1940 dinner honoring National President Vera F. Girolami, being held on June 16 had to be rescheduled.

Please mark your Calendar

FOR THE OF APRIL, 6, 2019

When we will honor National President Vera and also celebrate the 75th anniversary of Colombia Lodge #1940.

Thank you

Happy
Father's Day!

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MEMORANDUM

To: OSIA Supreme Council
OSIA State and Subordinate Lodge Presidents
CSJ Board of Directors, Voting Members,
and State Chairs

From: Kevin A. Caira, President, Commission for
Social Justice

Date: May 3, 2018

Subject: California State Bill to Replace Columbus Day
is Withdrawn!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am proud to report that CA SB1490—the bill that California State Senator Henry Stern was introducing to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous People’s Day—has been withdrawn!

Please see the message below from Bill Cerruti, Chair of the California Italian-American Task Force. This victory demonstrates how important it is for us to work together!

Kevin A. Caira

Dear Columbus Day Supporters,

On behalf of the California Italian-American Task Force, I would like to inform you that the State Senate Bill (SB1490) to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day has been withdrawn and Columbus Day remains a State holiday for now.

I would like to thank all of the Italian-American organizations and individuals who raised their voice and took a stand to oppose the Bill. You made a difference! We can also thank the Italian-American State Senators who stood up for us and represented our voice.

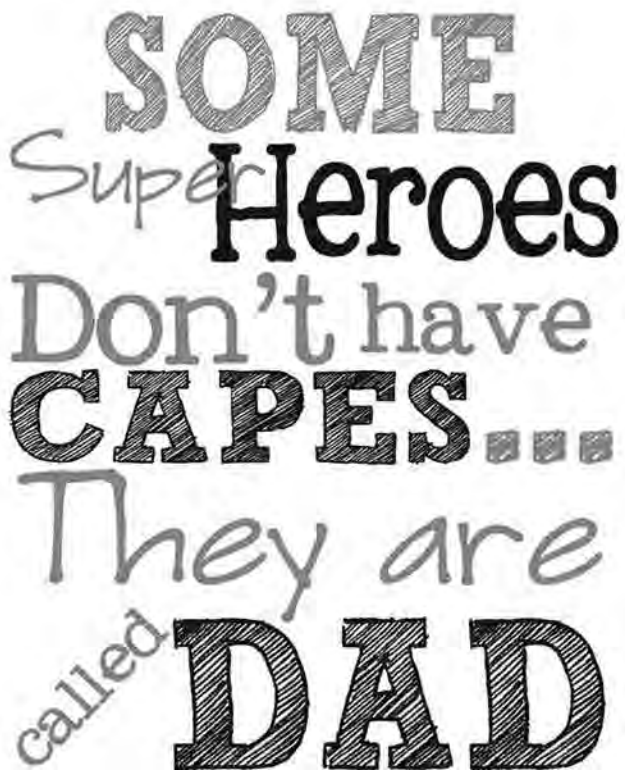
We will need to stay organized and alert to defend our desire to keep a State holiday for Italian-Americans. Having a state holiday is important because it is the day we celebrate our contributions, our heritage and our history. The day we get to tell our story.

Columbus day is a national symbol of Italian-American identity, unity and pride. It is also a national American Holiday celebrating the American spirit. Lets keep the Italian-American spirit alive by keeping our Italian-American holiday alive.

Again, thank you for your support.

William Cerruti,
Chair, California Italian-American Task Force

Visit <http://www.italiancenter.info/programs/columbus-day.html> for updates on the Save Columbus Day Initiative. To contact the Columbus Day Task Force, email: italy1@surewest.net



WANTED

A MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF
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The Sons of Italy Western Foundation is looking for an interested member from the Central or Southern District to become a Trustee.

The duties and responsibilities of this position include.

- Working with Trustees Roy Vanoni, and Mark Rossi to raise funds for the Western Foundation
- Attend Grand Council meetings (3rd weekend in March and September and the fourth Wednesday in June).

If you are interested in becoming a Trustee of Western Foundation please send a letter of intent with some information about your personal history to the Grand Lodge of California, 5051 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94112, Attention: State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi.

For more information in this regard please contact Western Foundation CAO Roy Vanoni at (916) 872-4999 or rtvanoni@surewest.net

Greetings Brothers
and Sisters

Convention time is just around the corner and I have an exciting youth program in the works for the kids. Here is a list of the activities I am planning on at convention. Remember that the list is subject to change. Thursday Afternoon & evening: Waterpark day w/ dinner at the youth room upon return Friday Afternoon & Evening: Knott’s Berry Farm with lunch and w/ dinner at the youth room upon return Saturday Afternoon: Bowling and lunch Saturday evening: Rancho Cucamonga Quakes vs. Inland Empire 66ers with dinner at the stadium.

I would love input from locals in the area on places that might make donations for the kids meals, pizza place, burger joint, sandwich shop ETC. With the past convention being in my hometown I was able to get a good amount of stuff donated for lunches and events. If anyone has local connections please call, email, text me at my info below. I would love to hear from you. I have found some fun and exciting things that the youth group will enjoy in the area.

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

I would like to thank the following lodges who have made Little Lion donations since my last article, the members of the Hanford Lodge and the members of the C Colombo lodge. Thank you all so much for supporting the Lodges youth program.

I am looking forward to the FUNtastic events we have set up for the youth and I hope they are we well!

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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.

Commission For Social Justice

by Tony Ricevuto

Please excuse me for not writing and providing additional information concerning the Social Justice program. I’ve had computer issues that have taken away the majority of my records that I saved in several folders.

What is going on with the Commission and what can we do to preserve our great nationality?

First, I applaud Grand Lodge Secretary Lori Rossi in providing and forwarding information concerning the Christopher Columbus issues in California to our lodges. The politicians in the California state Government attempted to eliminate Columbus Day entirely. It was partially defeated because of hard work by several organizations including the Sons of Italy. Maria Pignati and President John Costa have been very involved with the Italian-American organizations in the San Francisco area and provided several articles to our members and to the Commission. Your letters and support greatly assisted and contributed to the success.

The battle continues throughout the United States with cities attempting to either eliminate Columbus Day or eliminating Columbus’s heroic travels and discoveries out of our history. They have changed the name of schools, street names, and taken away statues that honor Christopher Columbus. This is an outrage especially to the younger generation of Italian-Americans and students who will not be able to learn about Columbus or other expeditions. We have acknowledged that Columbus had issues concerning atrocities involving the Native Americans or indigenous people. During that period of history, it was somewhat acceptable especially with explorers and missionaries from other nations in the world trying to discover new routes and countries. Conquerors have always committed atrocities and even in today’s world this is not changed. They just changed the terminology to dictators who control absolute power by force among their population.

The Commission for Social Justice continues to defend our Italian-American heritage. We have stopped the state of Colorado and several cities from totally eliminating Columbus Day. The strategy is to write and call politicians to show our displeasure and our voting power. We have aligned ourselves with the Knights of Columbus which has councils throughout the United States to provide additional political pressure on politicians and organizations who oppose Christopher Columbus. Our biggest threat unfortunately is the education system and teachers/professors who provide an archaic view of Columbus’s past. They believe he committed genocide of indigenous natives. The argument against the term genocide is that the deaths were not caused on purpose because Europeans knew that contacts with people from other continents could result in harm to their population.

Columbus Day is still considered a national holiday that has not been taken away but due to state sovereignty they can honor indigenous people’s day in place of Columbus. Another issue is the momentum that is taking place throughout the nation by organizations applying real political pressure. Can they legally propose eliminating Columbus Day as a national holiday? The truth is Congress is the only body who can eliminate a national holiday but it would then have to be signed off by the president. We still need to be cognizant that organizations will attempt to persuade Congress. We need to assure that we have organized opposition to support maintaining Columbus’s holiday. That is why it is important to assist CSJ by providing your support and donating to such a worthy cause.

Attention Lodges Attending Convention:

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

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



The Youth Committee needs *your* help!

Brothers and Sisters,

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

Please support the Little Lion Program either as an individual, as a lodge, or as both. I have again set up different levels of support for the program. Those who donate over \$100 will be part of the elite Platinum level, donations up to \$100 are in the Gold level, up to \$50 donations are silver level and the bronze level is up to \$25.

This is a great way to invest in our youth and the future of our organization. For those of you who were at convention and saw the looks on the faces of our youth members could see how excited they were about being a part of the order and how they want to do more with their lodges and other youth members.

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

Fraternally,
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Roseville Lodge # 1413

Roseville CA
by Yvonne Vanoni

49 members and guests attended the May lodge dinner. Theme was a salute to Mother’s. Rose centerpieces decorated the tables. Dinner consisted of roasted Cornish game hen with risotto, salad, antipasto and tiramisu for dessert. Attendees were asked to bring a baby picture and those were displayed. Then we guessed the identity, matching the baby with the adult.



Roseville lodge April dinner meeting.



President Marlene Cristanelli w/ George Manzoli.

The Rose

by Stephen Contrado, B.A., Th.M.
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The rose is one of the most famous flowers in the world. Craftsmen and manufactures use its likeness in their products. Architects use it in their designs. Artists, writers, and singers have praised its beauty and fragrance. Lovers give roses as a token of deep devotion. And religious mystics have thought of the rose as the image of the soul.

The rose has been cultivated since ancient times. Dried roses have been found in Egyptian tombs thousands of years old. Roses grace many cemeteries and churchyards. This flower’s name hasn’t changed much in thousands of years. The Romans called it “rosa,” and the Italians still do.

The rose is a much-loved flower. “Rose” is a lovely name for a baby girl. Both men and women sport the rose as a tattoo on their bodies. Roses are featured in bouquets and floral ornaments too. Exquisite perfumes are made from the oil extracted from the flowers.

Roses are prized in gardens, and flower shops sell them to people for many occasions, especially birthdays,

weddings, and anniversaries. There are three general types of roses: shrubs, climbing roses, and bending roses. There are many varieties and colors of roses. Roses range in size from miniature to large. They are best planted along fences and walls, and on trellises and archways. Roses are employed in ceremonial processions too.

The seeds of the rose are formed in little fruits called rose hips. But when a seed is planted, the new plant may produce roses different from the plant that the seed came from. Therefore roses are often raised from branches. Rose hips have a high vitamin C content. Rose hips are sometimes made into creams, jams, jellies, and marmalades. Rose hips are brewed as delicious tea.

The beautiful rose imparts some practical lessons. The sharp thorn of the rose is contrasted to its beauty and fragrance. Whereas the rose symbolizes love and happiness, the thorn symbolizes pain and sorrow. A wise proverb says, “Take time to smell the roses.”



Madonna del Roseto by Bernardino Luini (c. 1480 – 1532)

Lodge Anniversaries

- June
- Camelia-Colombo #12946/-/24
- Enrico Caruso #14636/11/27
- Cristoforo Colombo #1534/14/29
- West End #21276/10/62

Congratulations!!!

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17	\$25.00	Carolyn Reres
18	\$25.00	Sal Denaro
19	\$25.00	Marilyn Vecchio
20	\$25.00	Luigi Sauillante
21	\$25.00	Sacramento Lodge
22	\$25.00	Rick DelCarlo
23	\$25.00	Sid Tamburine
24	\$25.00	Chantal Fazio
25	\$200.00	Marianne Trigleth
26	\$25.00	Carla Lotito-Komar
27	\$25.00	Janell Smith
28	\$25.00	Edith DiGiuro
29	\$25.00	Brianna Simon
30	\$50.00	Patricia Dito

May 1-15

1	\$25.00	Jeanette Vinall
2	\$25.00	Colombia Lodge #1940
3	\$25.00	Ray Bini
4	\$25.00	Jan Trigleth
5	\$25.00	Bob Dianchi
6	\$25.00	Julian Danzo
7	\$25.00	Aldo Abronzino
8	\$25.00	Colombia Lodge #1940
9	\$25.00	Evelyn Fox
10	\$25.00	Richard Dellacroce
11	\$25.00	Al Trentini
12	\$25.00	Michael Polo
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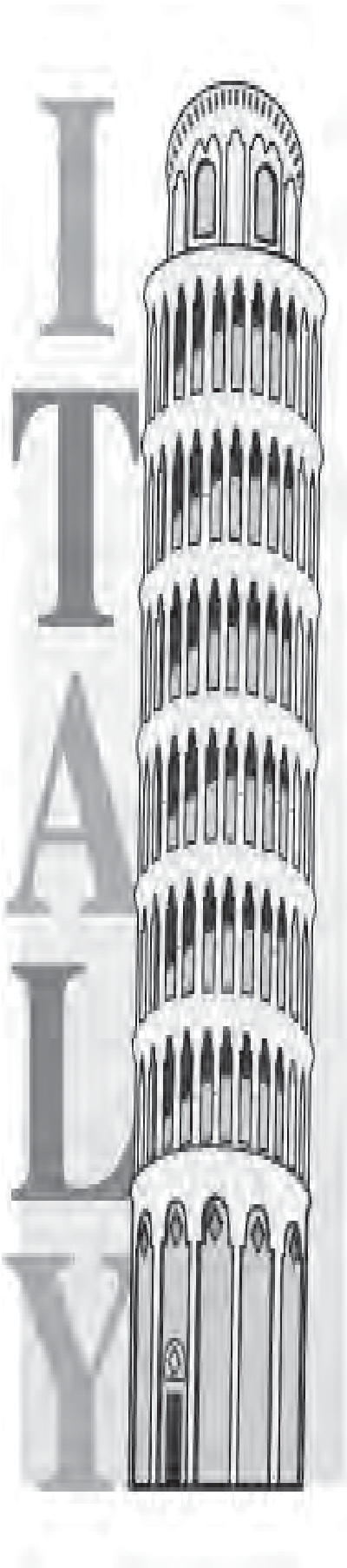
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Ray Iazzini

November 38,1928 – March 19, 2018



Ray was born and raised in Santa Rosa. He and his wife Kathy operated their family owned grocery store, Ray’s Food Center, for 50 years. Ray was a member of the Santa Rosa Lodge for 27 years. We are unable to count the many Italian dinners that Ray cooked for charitable organizations. For many years, Ray was the head cook for the Santa Rosa Lodge dinners, often cooking for a crowd of 500 hungry diners. At the regular Lodge meetings, he made sure that no one went away hungry. One thing about Ray, you never saw him when he wasn’t smiling. His smile will be greatly missed.

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Vallejo Lodges

by Shron Silveira

Happy, Happy, Happy 90th Birthday to Kitty and Ed Malone, Bob Gearhart and Bill Moore! The celebration was held at our Tuesday night meeting dinner on May 8th, which included cake, presents and a short biography of each birthday person. A large group attended to join in the festivities and included John and Celeste DeMello---definitely an amazing gentleman at age 98. Our Kitchen Queens, Marlene & Laverta, served up Kitty’s requested dinner of meatloaf, mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables. Continued wishes for good health and happiness.

Salute... Chin Chin... Let’s raise our glasses to another successful Wine Tasting and Appetizer Event benefit-

ting UC Davis Alzheimer’s Research. Saturday, May 12th, found a large crowd enjoying the venue of the USA Classic Car Museum courtesy of Buck Kamphausen. A special welcome to State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi, The Grand Lodge Queen Mary Lucido and a contingent from UC Davis which included Dr. DeCarli, Dr. Mungas and Jayne LaGrande. In addition to a sumptuous buffet and dozens of wines to sample, the extensive silent auction drew some spirited bidding. A tremendous amount of planning and work is required to continue to make this event a success. A big Thank You to all who purchased a ticket, attended the event, invited someone new and donated an appetizer, dessert, wine,

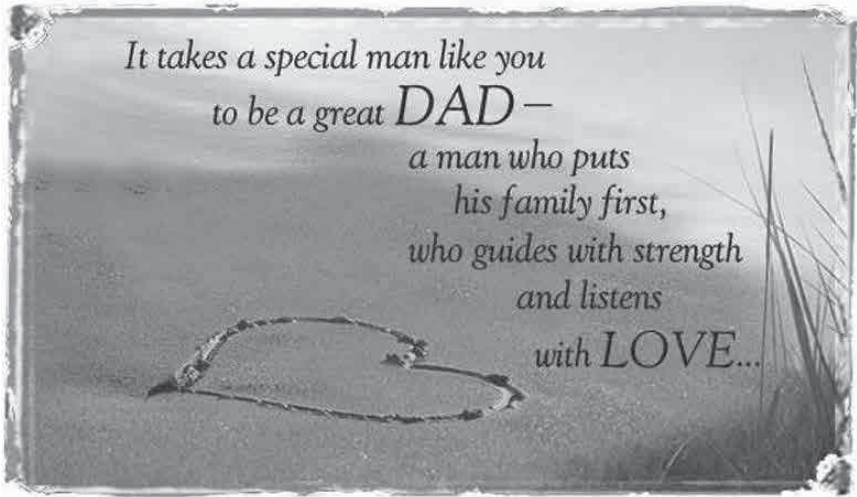
door prize, something for the silent auction or placed the high bid....this is definitely a “It Takes A Village” event. An entire page of the Il Leone might be insufficient to list all those involved.

Looking Ahead....Rick Branch, a many of talents, from cook to handyman to bartender to Treasurer of Virgilio Lodge, to Captain of the Bocce Team, will be honored at our Sunday, May 10th dinner. Call Pamela Bini at 707 567-2938 for a reservation. On the menu BBQ chicken & Pasta - \$20.00 with Social Time starting at 4 p.m. and dinner served at 5:30 p.m.

Essere Bene ed Eserre Felici!



L to R: Ed & Kitty Malone, Bob Gearhart, Bill Moore.



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3.

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5.

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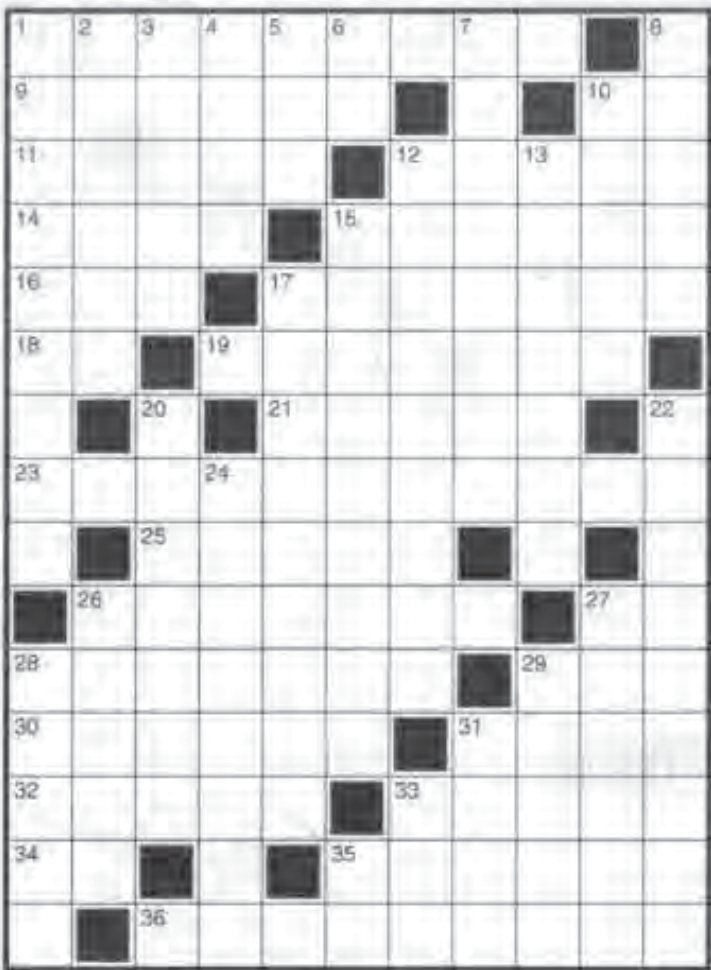
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11. Scoppia nel locale malfamato.
12. Martine del cinema.
14. Un carico a briscola.
15. Lo ha chi comanda.
16. Andato via.
17. Località lombarda di un giuramento.
18. Pari in gara.
19. Boccata di bibita.
21. Fiume anche di Lanzo.
23. L'invio della posta alle diverse destinazioni.
25. Un'opera in versi.
26. Marisa dello spettacolo.
27. Mezza cena.
28. Nero... come un pennuto.
29. Peter fiabesco.
30. Maschio del gregge.
31. Il nome di Lancaster.
32. Si "clicca" sul monitor.
33. La città di Toscanini.
34. Iniz. di Arbore.
35. Fascia di potenziali clienti.
36. Un tipo di pozzo.

VERTICALI

1. Mettersi... a letto.
2. Schiena di maiale cotta al forno.
3. Sfarzo.
4. Lo copre la maschera.
5. Il nome dell'attrice Di Benedetto.



6. Esercito Italiano.
7. Parlare di un argomento.
8. Antica nave.
10. La taglia chi fugge.
12. Adoperato o logorato.
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17. Discendenza.
20. Cala alla fine della commedia.
22. Uno Stato molto forte.
24. Ricordo del turista.
26. Federico Garcia poeta.
27. Il nome della Consoli.
28. "Montenotte" tra le località della Liguria.
29. Epurazione politica.
31. Imbrogliaano al tavolo verde.
33. Quello "de Calais" si trova in Francia.
35. Si offre insieme ai pasticcini.

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Garibaldi – Meucci Museum

by Joy Bruno State Chair/National Overseer

The Museum is planning a second annual "Field of Flags" on the front lawn of the Museum. It will be part of the celebration of Giuseppe Garibaldi's 211th birthday and the 175th anniversary of the Museum building. The display will run from July 7th thru August 31st. The field of flags will be a stunning display of 12" x 18" American and Italian Flags across a field of green.

The gala event will include a concert on July 7th. Join in the celebration by sponsoring an American flag or Italian flag or even one of each to honor a parent, grandparent, family member, or close friend. Each flag will have a personalized tag with the sponsor's name and wording of your choice.

I have some of the California sponsor's tags from last year's display. Please contact me if you would like to have it.

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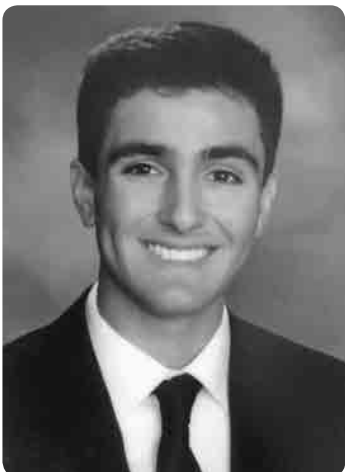
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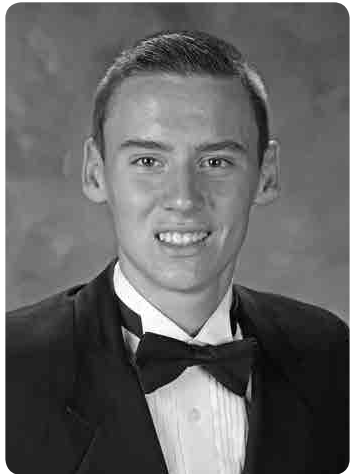
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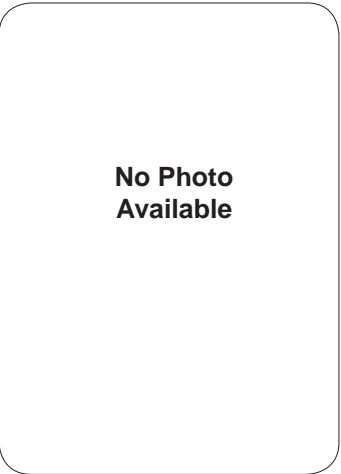
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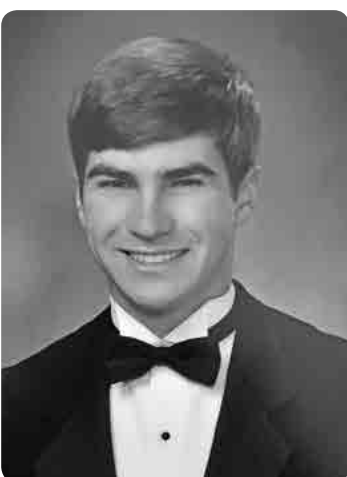
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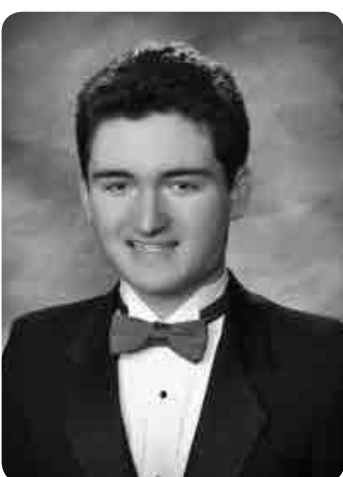
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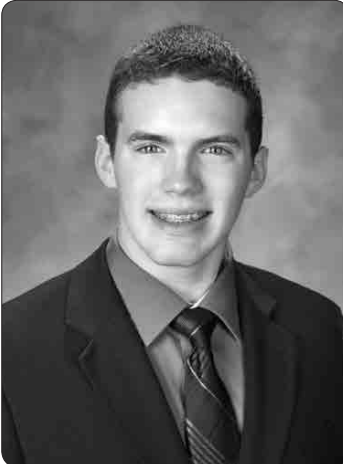
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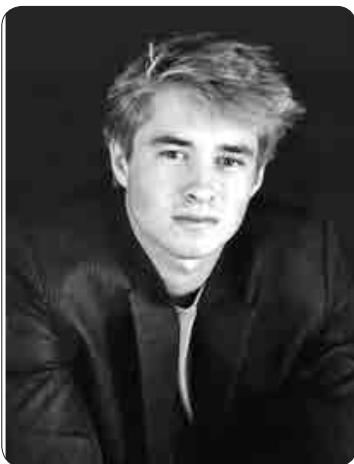
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Anaheim Lodge # 2076

Anaheim, CA

by Fran D’Errico , Recording Secretary

As we enter into June it doesn’t seem possible, but we are half way through 2018. Convention is just in a few short weeks. 2 years since we crowned out last Queen Elizabeth Lavezzari, of the Anaheim Lodge and now we have another new Queen Meagan Guthrie. We are proud that she will be representing the Anaheim Lodge at the Grand Lodge Convention. Summer vacations are starting soon so in your travels stay safe and healthy. Time seems to fly when you are constantly busy.

“WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING”

Sunday May 6th, The Anaheim Lodge celebrated their 60th Anniversary Luncheon. It was held at the Holiday Inn Buena Park. Over 80 member and guests were present to enjoy a Sunday afternoon dinner. We had the last 2 Charter members in attendance, Joe D’Ordine and Louise (Capparelli) Cavic. These 2 Charter members show their children grandchildren, nieces and nephews that the Italian heritage is very important to all of us by keeping the lodge family close. We want to pass it on to the youth; they are the future of the Anaheim Lodge.

We were pleased and proud to honor Comendatore Frank J. DeSantis, Sr. Many members of Frank’s family were there to help celebrate this honor. Frank joined the Sons of Italy in 1972, and from the very beginning he took off running to honor his Italian heritage. Frank has held many offices from Grand State President to National President. He has also received many other awards from the State and the National Sons of Italy. He is working tirelessly to preserve Columbus Day. Frank also has worked successfully to raise funds to save the Italian program at the University of Long Beach. During Frank’s spare time (which is hard to see since he is so active with the Sons of Italy) he has his hobby of organic gardening,

which he raised the Largest Italian squash (CUCUZZA), and this past year won a blue ribbon at the Orange County fair; giving him the label of “Cucuzza King”. The Anaheim Lodge thanks you Frank DeSantis for all your time and energy dedicated to the Sons & Daughters of Italy.

JR MEMBERS/YOUTH BRAG SECTION: The Anaheim Lodge is proud of one of our Jr. Members Elizabeth Lavezzari. She was Queen of the lodge from 2016-2018 and is the outgoing Grand Lodge Queen, Miss America. She will be graduating High School on June 15th, with a GPA of 4.4. Elizabeth will be attending Sacramento State College in August. She is also the recipient of the \$5,000.00 Trincherio Perpetual Scholarship, which will be awarded at the Grand Lodge Convention in Ontario, CA.

Members, remember to send me an e-mail if you have any thing that you would like to be put in the Il Leone about a Jr. member or youth from the Anaheim Lodge family.

“UPCOMING EVENT - Please watch for the La Stella and Fliers”

June: No activities due to the Convention.

Sunday July 22nd: Anaheim Lodge Annual picnic. Refer to the La Stella or the flyer sent to members.

August Friday Night: Annual Angels Baseball game. La Stella or flyer sent to members.

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

OTHER INFORMATION OF IMPORTANCE:

PLEASE NOTE: The General & Officers Meetings, Dates and Times have changed as of January 2018. Please refer to the La Stella or contact an officer for information need on meeting.

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

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| June: | Convention in Ontario |
| July: | Sunday 22nd - Lodge Picnic East Gate Park |
| August: | Friday TBD - Angel Baseball Night Out |
| September: | Saturday 8th - Casino Night |
| October: | Saturday 20th - Annual Halloween Party |
| November: | Saturday 17th - Annual Thanksgiving Family Dinner |
| December: | Saturday 15th - Annual Family Christmas Party and Dinner |

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



President Eva Lavezzari and Officers of the Anaheim Lodge.



Last two Charter Members of the Anaheim Lodge Louise Cavic and Joe D’Ordine.



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Gold Country Lodge #2705

El Dorado Hills, CA
by Beverly Scotch

Great day was had by all at the Gold Country Lodge’s 4th Annual Pasta Bowl Bocce Tournament on April 29th in El Dorado Hills. 14 teams completed in a single elimination tournament. The participants and spectators were treated to wonderful sausage and pepper sandwiches along with pasta salad from our own lodge’s cookbook. President Anthony Scotch awarded first and second place teams at the end of the day. First place team “The Insiders” included Joanna Kalra, Betty Fowler, Susan Drummond and Karen Strakle. Second place team “Chewbocce” included Bill Carpentier, Alice Carpentier, Al Gianini and Greg Robins. Many thanks to the teams that participated in the event, the donors of the wonderful raffle prizes and the many Gold Country Lodge volunteers. Proceeds from this event will go towards our annual scholarship fund that benefits seniors in the El Dorado Union High School District and the Oak Ridge high school Italian class.



Sacramento Lodge #1352

Sacramento, CA
by Pam Stewart

We celebrated May’s beautiful weather with a delicious dinner of enchiladas, rice, beans and sopapilla cheesecake for dessert prepared by our chefs Angie Smith and her granddaughter junior member Lilly Marinelli. Thank you to both Angie and Lilly for preparing this wonderful meal. David Carboni surprised all the “Mothers” and gave them cookies and roses, thank you David for your thoughtfulness.

We were grateful again to have our Grand Lodge Queen Mary Lucido attend our dinner and speak about how much she has enjoyed being Grand Lodge Queen these past two years! The winner of the Ways and Means drawing this month was Angie Smith During the meeting we welcomed six

guests, acknowledged LaRay Macchiaveli for 6 years of lodge membership and had a fun raffle with great prizes. Congratulations to our Raffle Winners: Verna Carboni, Genny Arieta, Shelia Marinelli, Angie Smith, Chris Campbell, Dan Marinelli, Louie Lodi, Abbie Baroni, Doreen Daneri, Tina Frey and David Rovegno.

We have two fun events in June, you will not want to miss either of them, so plan on attending our *Bocce and Barbeque on Sunday, June 10th* at the East Portal Park and *our monthly dinner and Meeting on Wednesday, June 13th at 6:30 p.m.*

Please plan to attend our biggest fundraiser, our *Annual Shrimp Feed on Saturday, October 20th in* Rancho Cordova.

William Paca Lodge #1960

Mountain View, CA
by Carolyn Franklin

One of the big joys of our Lodge is the monthly Newsletter put out by Rose Marengo. Besides her cheerful message we always have a colorful collection of photos of all the members at our functions. These photos keep us in touch with each other and it’s also a record of who was where and what we did. The photos almost come alive with the bright colors and smiling faces. After all our years together, we still look good, talk about everything and enjoy a great meal.

Our just-past great meal was Paula Chidichimo’s stuffed shells. This is one of the top waited-for dinners on our schedule. This is one we line up for and the salad, antipasto and dessert are always a big part of our diner time together - we share dinner, memories and she good laughs.

Remember the fun we had with our meetings at John Linda’s house, sitting in the back yard, outside in the calm summer evenings? And the accordion wasn’t far from the table when the dessert came out. John could play all the old favorites and everyone sang and danced. Who enjoys life better than we do?

Wouldn’t it be fun one meeting to share some family sayings...? My mother had quite a few and I was amused at some of them. She said, “Don’t throw your hair out the window, birds will make a nest and you’ll get a headache.” I had a lot of hair and was glad to share. Another of her sayings was, “If you don’t have a dime not even a dog will bark at you.” That made me sad because I liked dogs. I made sure to have a dime.

You must have a favorite old Italian saying. Let’s share and have a few good laughs.

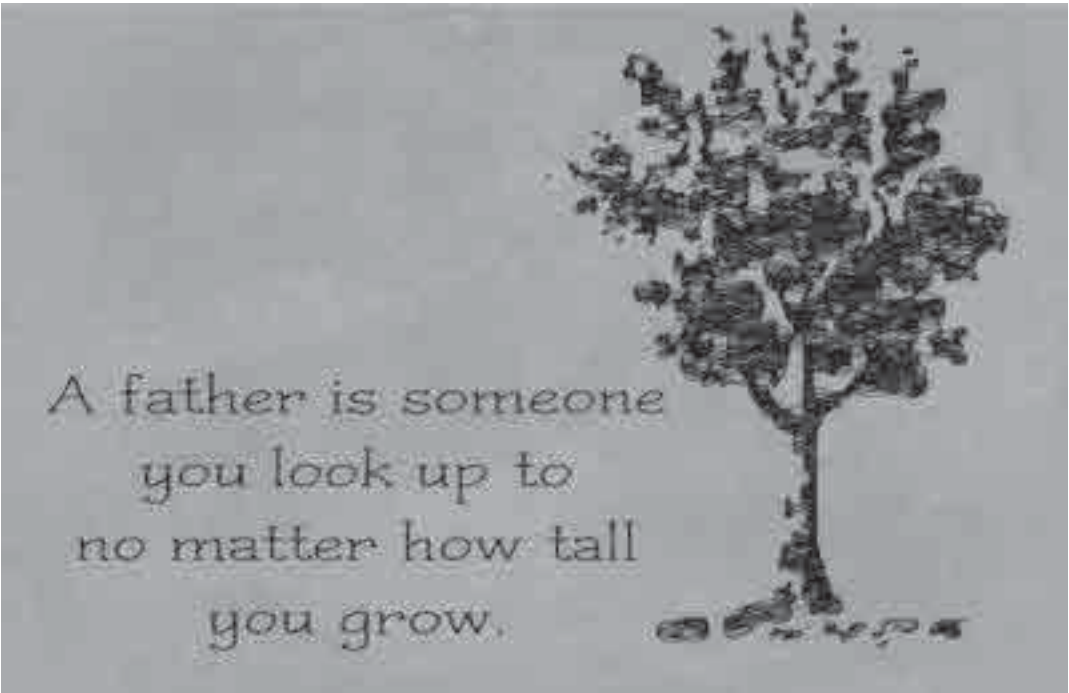
Now, if we just had some rain.



Grand Lodge Queen Mary Lucido with lodge president Dan Marinelli at our May meeting.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Valley of The Moon Lodge # 1959

Sonoma, CA

by Susan Antonini – member at large

AND THE MEMORY LINGERS ON...
As I perused the room... I saw fingers and toes tapping...bodies swaying to the music...a few getting up to dance. Yes, we had “Showcase the Band” playing a mix of Italian, German and even a Country tune or two...(they play at the Moose, Sonoma every Sunday 4-8)
Ending the evening with a standup toast by all to our Lodge 71st Anniversary and the Tarantella Dance... all joining in...Lively beyond words and a feel of belonging at its best! La Dolce Vita!

A LADIES NIGHT OUT!
Guests of Verna Lantz of Oakmont were Barbara Adam, Sandy Martindale and Fritz- ie Amantite. Toe tapping and appeared to be enjoying themselves!

AND TO OUR DELIGHT...
Joy Bruno of Fairfield, Chair of the Garibaldi Meucci Museum.
State Third Vice President, Barbara Fumosa Wisniewski of Reno NV.
Gloria Garibaldi, State Deputy...
So pleased they could join in on the festivities.

IN THE MIX...
Ann Schmitz and her son Chris of Napa.
John Addeo of San Francisco and Sonoma a friend of Joel Haggard.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER IN OUR MIDST
Ella Caughey to be studying Biological Sciences ...a bright young lady with a purpose and a future.
Valley of the Moon Lodge gave out 7 scholarships.

The Tee Shirt caught my eye: WINE COUNTRY CLASSICS AT CALISTOGA SPEEDWAY Sprint car race on Labor Day...
Louie Vermiel Classic since 1930...
as told by Paul Torzilli...an annual event!

RESERVATIONS:
Valley of the Moon Lodge Dinners
Call Karen 707-938-1295
Happy Hour 5pm Dinner at 6pm.
Bring a friend or two or join us for dinner and meet a new friend!

Ciao



Cesare Battisti

Lodge # 1518

Petaluma, CA

by Louise Vicino

Greetings from Petaluma!
[After a trip to the hospital I am home recuperating and enjoying the wonderful Petaluma weather. I looked at the calendar and saw it was time for my article to be sent in, so rushed to get it in. I missed last month due to a malfunction of my computer.
The Lodge had their Scholarship Awards Dinner with a group of 78 members and guests attending. The Lodge honored two students: Grace Elmorini and Vanessa Miller, who attended with their families and received a \$500 scholarship each.

The dinner was outstanding with chicken cacciatore, polenta and all the fixings. Our thanks to all the cooks and all who helped in any way to make this event a great success.

A meeting was held after the dinner, delegates were selected for the Convention which will be held in Ontario CA. Our delegates are Ann Albertoni, Ernie Giono and Ron Lake.

Our next meeting will be held July 12th. Menu is unknown. Plan to attend this meeting and give support to your President and the Branch. Enjoy the friendship of your fellow members and welcome all new members. By doing so they will come back to future meetings.

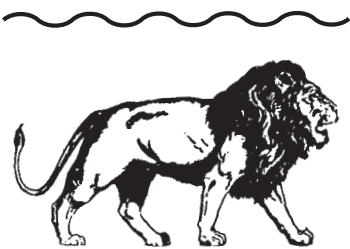
The June and July winners of the monthly raffle were Rose Lavezzo and Angelo and Janet Leone.

Get well wishes to Bruno Fomasi who is in the Kaiser Hospital in Vallejo. Get well wishes to anyone else who is ill.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those celebrating this month.

Have a Happy Fourth of July, celebrate the freedom we have, thank our Servicemen and women for keeping us safe, and pray that our Country will have peace and unity.

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



FATHER'S DAY

Hanford Lodge #1543

Hanford, CA
by Jackie Giacomazzi
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Jackie Giacomazzi, Scholarship chair, posed with Chelsea Lourenco, the Hanford Lodge scholarship winner for 2018. Chelsea has been a Junior Member since she was very young, and has helped with fundraising for many years. She received gifts from the Lodge as well as the Youth Group, and chair, Jackie. She aspires to be a teacher and will begin her education at the College of the Sequoias in the fall.



Kieran Apgar was the recipient of the Lilia Giacomazzi Scholarship presented by the Western Foundation. Kieran and his family were guests at the Hanford Lodge meeting in May. Kieran wants to work in the medical field and will attend the University of Santa Barbara. He was presented an Italian dictionary so that he will remember his Italian heritage and his benefactor in the Hanford Lodge.



President Chuck Sant'Agata presented our Queen, Annamarie Tesoriere, with a bouquet of flowers upon the announcement that she was named "Miss America" in the Grand Lodge "Royal" contest. We are very proud of Queen Annamarie and wish her much success. On May 23, the Hanford Lodge presented over \$4000.00 to the Valley Children's Healthcare Birth Defects Library, proceeds from our "Sweetheart Serenade" dinner in February. Buona Inverno!!!

Dolly Sinatra Lodge #2400

Palm Springs, CA
by Andy Casey

Sadly, quite sadly indeed, the Lodge doors are closing May 23, and won't reopen till October 3. It is time for our summer hiatus, the weather is becoming dreadfully hot, and half our members have luckily gone to cooler pastures for the summer. They're not deserting us, but getting away from the heat. Though there are other members that relish the hot weather and are looking forward to the summer.

And thus May becomes a month of saying good bye to so many friends that you look forward to seeing, basically every week. Their off to summer homes or sticking it out here, going away occasionally throughout the summer, hopefully for them. Within our Lodge amongst the members is a wonderful esprit de corps! No, you don't know every person, (with the exception of Joe LaPorta, our president. He seems to know everyone!), but you do have members who you look forward to seeing, sharing a hug and a few words, perhaps a lot of words. And it's that warmth, that sense of belonging that brings you back, fuels your desire to get to the lodge a little early to be sure you have time for all your hellos.

I, this writer, consider myself particularly lucky to belong. Frank DiSalvo invited me to come with him 5 or six years ago, take a look around, "see if you might like to join". I did and I did! My lady Caryl came too, and she particularly enjoyed the experience and still does. Thus over the next year or so I became friendly with Joe LaPorta, who mentioned one day that someone writing a newsletter, for the Lodge, had to leave the position. I im-

mediately said, you know, Joe, I had a career writing, particularly for television, and I'd be happy to give it a whirl. And I'm still happily writing the newsletter and articles for Il Leone. Over the years I've done articles on all our lead entertainers and all matters of interest. Next year I want to write articles on those I refer to as "they also entertain" too, like DeAnne Conti, who comes every week, and volunteers her considerable talents singing solo and duets. And she is just one amongst many wonderful entertainers who brighten the Lodge all season! So, yes, I will miss so many, some I'll see socially during the summer, but for those who I won't see, and of course everyone, I wish you

a wonderful summer, and so look forward to seeing you in all October!

While the doors are closed for the summer, our President Joe LaPorta, and those he recruits will be looking everything over to see how they can improve the operation and our happiness. That's why we all were thrilled that he became our Honoree of the Year, which he so richly deserved. And we're still all discussing what an amazing event the Annual dance and inaugural bash this year was. Thank you Joe, and the entertainers and all the volunteers that make our lodge such a magnificent place. It just wouldn't be so without all of you! Have a wonderful summer!



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Rodolfo Valentino

Lodge #1449

Clovis, CA

by Carole Watson, President;

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

Last Month: The Clovis Rodeo Assn Parade Committee notified us that our float took Second Place in our “Non-Profit” category. Thanks again to all that participated (over 30 folks on the float, including the Tarantella Dancers, Rick DelCarlo on accordion and Josh Bravo on vocals), our tow vehicle drivers (Don and Mari Sorrells), the set-up and take down crew (notably Niels Hansen and Alvera Schwarz) and the last-minute decorators on-site at the parade assembly area. If you have never rode on our float, mark your calendar for the next one on Saturday, April 27, 2019. If you can’t ride the float, cheer for us along the route through Clovis’ streets.

This Month: June 18 will be a Pot Luck event, along with our normal meeting activities. And, the United Lodges of the San Joaquin Valley (ULSJV) will have a Sunday luncheon on June 20, at 11:30 AM at Vejars, 1293 S. K Street, Tulare, CA. RSVP to Carol Watson, (559) 299-1941, or to David D Paoli at (559) 784-9697 / (559) 804-5443 / ddepauli@ocsnet.net as soon as possible and let them know of your menu choice.

Also, this month The Grand Lodge 2018 Convention begins June 28th at the Ontario Airport Double Tree Hotel. Bryan Watson, our Membership Secretary, is in charge of the Grand Lodge Youth Committee and is limited to “cash-on-hand” when it comes to their tours and entertainment. Help Bryan in this effort. Make this convention a fun-filled trip for “our” kids. Write your check to the Western Foundation.

Next Months: July 16, August 20, and Sept 17, 2018, are normal Pot Luck meetings. For September we will surely be discussing our October Fest Dinner, so, help us out with your suggestions.

If you, as an Italian, look similar to everyone else in the world, it is because you are descended from “every-one else”. By the year 2,000 B.C., Italic tribes (Oscan, Umbrian, and Latin) had es-

tablished themselves in Italy. They were followed by the Etruscans (from Anatolia?) in 800 B.C. and the Greeks, who established colonies known as Magna Graeca in southern Italy (present-day Apulia). Rome was founded in 753 B.C., and soon thereafter the Romans began conquering the peninsula and charging a “tribute” for protection. Other tribes “going to Italy” include Ligurians, Phoenicians, Medes, Celts, Goths, Lombards, Byzantines, Franks, Normans, Swabians, Arabs, Berbers, Albanians, Austrians, Huns, North Africans, Vandals, Venetians, Goths, and Visigoths, among others. Neolithic farmers and herders arrived in Italy from the Near East 8,000 years ago (if your DNA profile includes this coding). At least two skeletons found buried at Stonehenge (British Isles) were of Italian origins (by dental chemical testing). Evidence of Neanderthal and Cro-Magnon exist in northern Italy. The Bronze Age was brought to Europe by the Proto-Indo-Europeans, who migrated from the North Caucasus and the Pontic Steppe to the Balkans (from circa 6,000 years ago), then went up the Danube and invaded Central and Western Europe (from 4,500 years ago). Italic-speakers, an Indo-European branch, are thought to have crossed the Alps and invaded the Italian peninsula around 3,200 years ago, establishing the Villanova culture. At its height, Rome extended from the British Isles to Iraq; the Road to Damascus was built by Roman engineers.

• Build strong bridges behind you to offer a path for those that follow.

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/>.

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Roma Lodge # 1573

Tulare, CA
by Larry Dutto

Roma Lodge presented their annual scholarship winners for 2018 at the May meeting. *Frances Della*, scholarship chair, presented recipients with their certificates with over 60 members and guests present. Each winner will also be presented certificates at their high school scholarship ceremonies at their respective high schools.



Roma Lodge members *Joann Beecher, Kathy Briano, Frances Della* and *Maryann Luis* prepare salads for over 900 takeout ravioli dinners.

Gold Country Sons & Daughters of Italy Scholarships Awarded

The Gold Country Lodge #2705 Sons & Daughters of Italy in America awarded two scholarships at the annual dinner meeting on May 15, 2018 in El Dorado Hills, California. For 18 years we have recognized graduating high school seniors attending El Dorado Union High School District campuses. \$1,000 is awarded to a student of Italian decent. Luigi Fusano from El Dorado High School received this scholarship. He will attend Rhodes College and be majoring in Biology and Neuroscience. The second, \$500, was awarded to Lauren Keane, a student who had exemplary performance in the Italian language four year course of study at Oakridge High School. She will be attending San Francisco State University with a major in Fashion Design and a minor in Italian.

Along with Scholarship recipients Luigi Fusano and Lauren Keane is Joanne Hyman (Scholarship Chair), Oakridge Teacher, Ivana Arostegui and Anthony Scotch (President)



Roma Lodge held its 83rd annual ravioli dinner at the Tulare TDES Hall on May 12th. Serving nearly 875 people, a delicious meal of ravioli, spaghetti, chicken, green beans, salad and dessert. The drive-through dinner was a big success with numerous positive comments about the great tasting food and fast and friendly service.

Over 50 members assisted co-chairs *Cathy Mederos, Kathy Briano and Ken Curti* along with *Charlie Pitigliano* who supervised the making of 65 gallons of delicious sauce, *Vince Sola* prepared the green beans, *Michael DePaoli, Mike Saltzman, Joseph Goni and Matt Watkins* cooked the chicken, *Dominic, Josh and Michael Pitigliano* headed up the group that cooked the ravioli and spaghetti. *Dennis Mederos* handled traffic flow and Ken Bertorelli checked customers in along with queen *Gabrielle Benedetti* assisting in taking dinner bags to customers. *Nancy Pitigliano, Joann Beecher and Maryann Luis* helped organize the serving lines with a lot of help from members.



(l-r) *Vince Sola* and *Nick Serafin* discuss the ingredients to be used for the green beans.



Northern Solano Lodge # 2532

Fairfield, CA
by Pam Boes and Rick Tracy

Notes from April:
Thanks to Mark Rossi for sharing with us the life and accomplishments of Janet Capello. Congressman Mike Thompson spearheaded the efforts to memorialize this outstanding member of the Sons and Daughters of Italy and resident of the City of Vallejo by officially renaming their Post Office in her memory. She was a member of the Beatrice Portinari Lodge for 63 years.

Our State Deputy Louie Lodi was awarded the official title of "Cannoli King" at our regular monthly meeting. President, Don Cradduck presented Louie with a certificate in recognition of this great honor due to his contribution of delicious home-made cannoli which were auctioned off at our Crab Feed this year. A title richly deserved for a great asset to our Lodge.

Our most recent Soup Night was hosted by Sue Cahan and family. A record number of 24 members attended. Appetizers, 4 soups, bread, and desserts rounded off a very satisfying evening of food and friendship.

Notes from May:
In our monthly newsletter we present a feature called "Who Am I?" Interesting facts about the heritage and life of a lodge member are included and their brothers and sisters get to guess who it is. Several hints are included throughout the newsletter to help identify our secret member for May as George Locatelli. Just another way of honoring and getting to know our dedicated members.

Our 5th Annual "Day at the Races" was held on May 4th with 89 members and guests attending. Joining us were Lodges from Antioch, Sacramento, Santa Rosa and Vallejo. Richard Barker does a tremendous job of organizing this yearly event which gets more popular every year. No matter the outcome

of the race, we all come out winners on this special day.

With the coordination and scheduling by Carla Garbani-Gamez we were able to participate in the Dixon May Fair on May 13th,14th and 15th. Forty representatives of our lodge manned the Beer and Margareta concession. Fourteen of those volunteers were friends of our Lodge members. The proceeds from this event will go a long way toward funding our charities.

Laurie Hartmann, executive director of Meals on Wheels of Solano County, made a presentation at our previous meeting. Our President, Don Craddick and Lodge representatives visited the organization and were very impressed. Recognizing that assistance was needed, the members voted to financially assist the Meals on Wheels program quarterly.

At our May Lodge meeting we were honored with an official visit from the State Vice President of the Northern District of the Grand Lodge California, Barbara Wizniewski. It is always a pleasure to have Barbara visit our Lodge. Another special guest at our last meeting was Mary Lucido the Grand Lodge Queen. Mary outlined her duties as Queen and the many Lodges and places she has visited during her reign. Mary is a fine example of today's youth and is proud to honor her Italian-American heritage.

Welcome to our newest member Rod Newbert.

Congratulations to Edna and Fred Barnes, celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary. The Lodge honored this amazing couple with a special cake.

Finally, a special THANK YOU to Sharon Rico. Sharon is our one person "Sunshine Committee". April and May have been busy months with so many members ill. That special greeting card helps us all toward a speedy recovery.

Shasta Lodge # 2453

Redding, CA
by Carole Dellaragione

Once again Shasta Lodge was saddened by the passing of our Past State Deputy Elmer Silvera. Elmer was our deputy for about six years and we always enjoyed his visits to our lodge with his lovely wife Mary Anne. He will certainly be missed.

About twenty plus of our lodge members enjoyed a lovely anniversary party at Chico's Vincenzo Bellini lodge. They honored their State Deputy of 25 plus years, Jim Lamanna. Jim has been a member of our lodge for 38 years and was president for twelve years. Congratulations to Chico on a great anniversary party and to Jim for his many years of service to their lodge.

We will be finished with our bocce league by the time you read this. Congratulations to all the Shasta Lodge teams who participated. We will announce the winners soon.

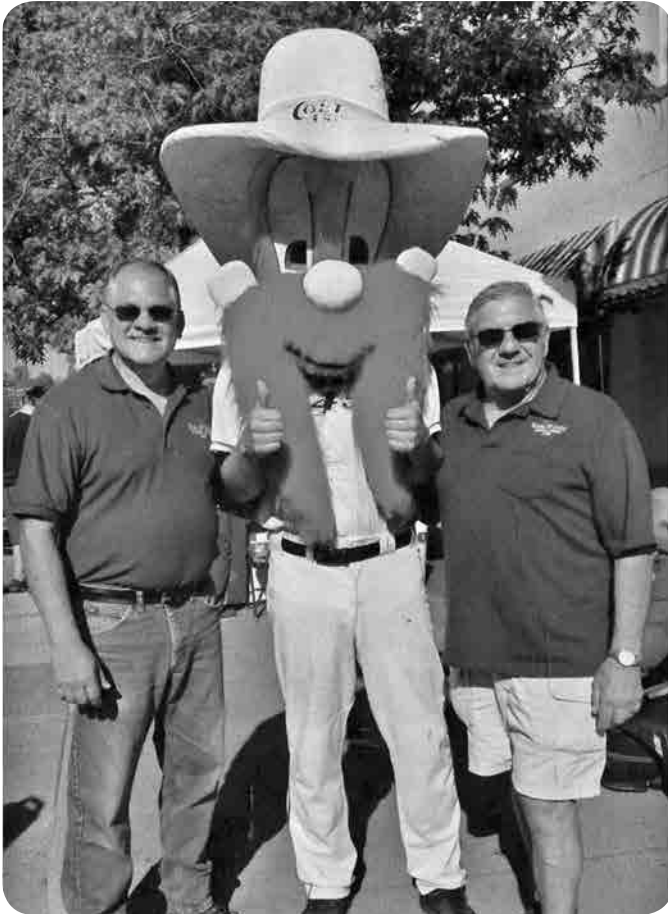
On May 18th some of our members showed up at "Roaring Gulch" in downtown Redding at 4AM to help the Asphalt Cowboys serve a pancake breakfast to about 10,000 people. Thanks to those that participated.

Nicole Gullixson, a Shasta Lodge Junior Member and past scholarship recipient, was recently awarded the Outstanding Senior in Digital Cinema Award from the Communication Program at Southern Oregon University. She was chosen for this award based on nominations from all of her professors and recognized for her academic excellence, classroom leadership, hard work and superb attitude. Congratulations Nicole.

Happy Father's Day,
Ciao from your friends at Shasta Lodge.



Junior Member Nicole Gullixson won award at Southern Oregon Univ.



Paul Monette and Jim Nobili with Redding Colt 45's mascot Homer at Asphalt Cowboys pancake breakfast during rodeo week.



Bob Gullixson flipping pancakes at the Asphalt Cowboy Pancake Breakfast during Redding Rodeo Week.



The Story of my Travels

by Mary Lucido

I am still going strong in fulfilling my queen duties and I am truly have the time of my life serving as the Grand Lodge Queen. In this article, are several of the recent events that I have attended.

On April 21st, 2018, I attended the Modesto Black Tie Benefit, it was an exquisite event benefitting Valley Children's Medical Group Specialty Care Center. This cause is dear to my heart because when I graduate from college, I plan to pursue Social Work in a hospital setting and work with children.

On April 28th, 2018, I attended the Santa Rosa Lodge's Fish Fry which was a scholarship fundraiser. It was great to meet the president, Joan Acqistapace and other wonderful members from the lodge.

A few weeks later I attended the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge's 36th Anniversary dinner and dance on May 3rd, 2018 in Chico. At the event, I met Chico Lodge member, Kathy Lucido who is actually my relative. We descend from the same town in Sicily, Isola delle Femmine and through genealogy we confirmed that we are distant cousins. It was a beautiful event with delicious food and amazing music.

The next day, I went to Reno to attend their Festa Primavera event. We sat with Louie Lodi and Barbara Wisniewski and it was nice to see Hugh and Pam Ricci and actually Hugh descends from the same area I do which is Molise, Italy. We had a won-

derful Italian dinner and everyone was so kind and welcoming.

May 9th, 2018, I attended the Sacramento Lodge meeting and dinner, Louie Lodi has given me an open invitation to attend their functions and I have now become part of their family.

Then, on May 12th, 2018, I attended the two Vallejo Lodges' Wine Tasting and Appetizer Fundraiser which benefitted the UC Davis Alzheimer's Research Center. This charity is also dear to my heart because Alzheimer's is the main philanthropy for the sorority I belong to which is Sigma Kappa at Sacramento State.

I also attended the Northern Solano Lodge's meeting and dinner in Fairfield on May 16th, 2018. Louie Lodi was so kind to drive me there. They were so friendly and welcomed me with open arms.

On May 19th, 2018, I attended the Centinela Valley Lodge's 69th Anniversary celebration in Torrance and Mark Vaona was so kind to pick us up from the airport and bring us to the event. There were many people that I knew there and through this opportunity as Queen they have all become family to me now. Finally, I was also able to reconnect with Miss America, Elizabeth Lavezzari and her sister Marissa who is the incoming Miss Italy.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as the Grand Lodge Queen! I have made amazing memories that I will cherish forever.



Centinela Valley Lodge 69th Anniversary Celebration. Queen Mary with Miss America, Elizabeth Lavezzari and incoming Miss Italy Marissa Lavezzari.



Queen Mary with Centinela Valley Lodge President Annette Porter.



Queen Mary with Barbara Wisniewski at the Northern Solano Lodge meeting in Fairfield.



Beatrice Portinari Lodge and Virgilio Lodges in Vallejo annual Wine Tasting Event. Queen Mary with Mark and Lori Rossi.



Vallejo Wine Tasting Event. Queen Mary with lodge member Melanie Rushing.



Queen Mary with her Nana Mary Lucido at the Vallejo Wine Tasting Event.



Vallejo Wine Tasting event. Queen Mary with Pam and Ray Bini.



Sacramento Lodge Meeting. Queen Mary with David Carboni.

The lens of war

by Jim Distasio

TONY VACCARO

Too young to join the Signal Corps, he defied his superiors and spirited a \$47 camera into the teeth of battle, taking some of the most gripping photos of World War II while charting the course of his professional life.

Huddled alongside his fellow infantrymen in a transport speeding across the English Channel, Private First Class Tony Vaccaro didn't know he was headed to Omaha Beach on June 18, 1944, a little more than a week after the D-Day invasion had commenced.

Before boarding the ship, Vaccaro's superiors sternly warned the American soldiers that anyone caught taking pictures would have their cameras confiscated and destroyed.

Armed with an M1 rifle, an Argus C3 camera he purchased for \$47.50 a few years earlier and a burgeoning passion for photography, the 21-year-old Vaccaro stealthily maneuvered his camera beneath his raincoat to see if he could snap a photo through the buttonhole. The Argus was a light, consumer-grade camera with a durable plastic lens, but Vaccaro was unable to take a satisfying picture, so he used his hands to widen the raincoat's buttonhole to capture the sight of nearly a dozen Allied ships in the waters outside of France.

"The first day that I arrived at Normandy, I felt that anything I would experience should be recorded with a camera," said Vaccaro, whose life and wartime exploits are the focus of the award-winning documentary "Underfire: The Untold Story of Pfc. Tony Vaccaro," which debuted in 2016 and is now available on all of HBO's on-demand and streaming platforms as well as iTunes.

Vaccaro dubbed that rain-drenched image "my first view of libéré France," and it was the first of a flood of shots the Italian-American G.I. took in the crucible of World War II. Over the next 272 days of combat, Vaccaro snapped approximately 8,000 photographs of the war as the 83rd Infantry Division fought its way across France toward Germany and ultimately right

into Berlin.

The photos remained locked away by Vaccaro for nearly 50 years before he had enough emotional distance from the war to share them with the public. Now one of the world's preeminent commercial, fashion and magazine photographers — an artist who captured intimate portraits of John F. Kennedy, Sophia Loren, Pablo Picasso and Georgia O'Keefe in the intervening years — Vaccaro began telling his unique story and exhibiting the photos he risked his life to capture.

"I was fortunate that I didn't get killed somewhere at some point," Vaccaro, now 95 years old, says. "I survived Normandy. I survived the Elbe River. I was very lucky, and luck has played a tremendous part in my life."

Born Michelantonio Celestino Onofrio Vaccaro in Greensburg, Penn., Vaccaro spent much of the first few years of his life between America and Bonefro, Italy. Orphaned at age 5, Vaccaro was sent to live with a physically abusive uncle and work on a farm in Italy while his sisters were sent to an orphanage. "When you're an orphan, this world is ugly," Vaccaro says.

By 1939, with fascism on the rise throughout the country, Vaccaro left Italy and returned to America to finish his schooling in New Rochelle, N.Y. Following his high school graduation, Vaccaro was drafted into the Army. Already a talented amateur photographer, he unsuccessfully lobbied an Army Signal Corps captain to allow him to become an official combat photographer. While the commanding officer was impressed with Vaccaro's portfolio, he deemed him too young for the post. Undaunted, Vaccaro vowed to take his camera with him overseas and made a bold proclamation: "I am going to show you that I can do better than all the Signal Corps photographers put together," he said.

A common refrain throughout "Underfire," which features interviews with modern-era conflict photographers who hail Vaccaro as an unsung hero, is how much closer Vaccaro got to the action than any authorized Army photographer. In fact, no

photographer on record from that era got as close to combat as he did.

"Tony thought he could be a photographer and he in fact became one by learning how to deal with the horrors of war," says the film's director, Max Lewkowicz.

Vaccaro quickly proved to his fellow soldiers that he was going to fight alongside them first and photograph second, earning their trust and admiration. "He was always a soldier," Lewkowicz says. "It was always a very fine line."

Unencumbered by the larger cameras carried by official military photographers, Vaccaro embraced his surroundings and worked around an environment with scant resources. Using his raincoat as a tarp, he would develop his negatives right in the foxholes, filling helmets with photographic chemicals he scavenged from abandoned stores along his march.

Despite the technical limitations, Vaccaro's wartime photo collection paints a fully realized portrait of the fighting through the eyes of a man who defied death by sniper fire, tanks, machine gun nests and a harrowing shelling in Germany's Hürtgen Forest. There are photos of the aftermath of brutal fighting, and Vaccaro somehow even captured the tragic death of Pvt. Jack Rose, whose body appears to have gone lifeless the moment the shutter opened. But there are also portraits of his fellow soldiers and pictures of other less harrowing moments, including a close-up look at a speech given by Gen. George S. Patton to the troops; and celebratory images as the war finally drew to a close.

"The fact that I survived I felt as if someone was behind me," Vaccaro says. "I'm fortunate that I was one of the few photographers that survived the war."

Much of "Underfire" plays as a travelogue as Lewkowicz takes Vaccaro back to Europe where the photographer, who still carries a camera around his neck whenever he's out and about, recounts his experiences and explores the places he fought at and photographed seven decades ago.

"I wanted to tell a story about someone from the Greatest Generation who was remarkable and an amazing photographer," Lewkowicz says of his subject. "Tony has the capability of using that medium and being able to express himself so beautifully."

Looking at it decades later, it seems inevitable that the war would transform Tony Vaccaro and set him on a career path that eventually took him to some of Earth's most beautiful places to photograph some of its most fascinating people. What he witnessed and what he recorded through the lens of a \$47 camera in the

worst of World War II not only stands as a testimony to his heroism under fire, but to the power of art to take us away from the darkness and into the light.

"I experienced war and that gave me that idea that war is horrible and it moved me toward beauty for the rest of my life," Vaccaro says.

Examples of Vaccaro's incredible wartime and commercial photography are available to browse at www.tonyvaccaro.studio and www.tonyvaccaro-film.com.

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