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Message From the State President



State President
Barbara Wisniewski

The summer has come and gone with the blink of an eye! My Aces are doing great, and I hope at this printing they will be the PCL Champions!

Some good things have occurred since my last article. The Grand Council agreed to sign a contract with a highly reputable and recommended Real Estate Broker in San Francisco, Bruno Baldini. The official date for the listing will be August 27th. We are excited to begin this new era in our Grand Lodge history.

I attended the Supreme Summer Plenary session in Chicago. This was our first in person meeting since the pandemic and we were all happy to be together again. There was talk about Members at Large and where we, as Grand Lodges stand with this program. We have formed a committee to review incorporating the Grand Lodges into the program. At this time, we get

credit for these members in our total membership for representation but do not get any financial credit.

I have heard a few of our members saying that we have not done anything to help with the Columbus issue, the way people are slandering the founder of our Nation. I guess they have not been following the Commission for Social Justice (CSJ) and all they are doing. We are working hard to fight the allegations made by Howard Zinn that have now been put into the history books in our schools. For those that don't know, Howard Zinn wrote a history of the United States that started with its discovery, stating that Columbus was responsible for the slavery and genocide of the Natives where he landed in the Caribbean. To rewrite history books because of one man is an affront to us all.

I receive many emails from our CSJ Committee Chair, Tony Ricevuto about the actions that the National CSJ are taking. Pauline Richmond, our First Vice-President, passes them on to our Lodge Presidents. I expect that they are forwarding them to our members. If you have not been, please do so in the future in order to keep our members informed.

The plaque to be set in New Orleans to commemorate the thirteen Italian immigrants that were lynched

there, is ready and plans are being made to put it on display in the area where the lynching took place.

I hope you have had the opportunity to look at the resource page on our National website, osia.org or osdia.org will get you there. There are so many interesting posts and links. Please take a moment to look.

It was announced that two of our Grand Lodges are reaching one hundred years in 2023, Virginia and Delaware. We are excited to help them celebrate.

I have some beautiful bookmarks with information on Italian American women that was passed out by the Women's Action Committee (WAC). This committee was formed by our National President, Bob Bianchi to bring to the forefront information on our Italian and Italian American women's contributions to our nation and the world. Please reach out to me and let me know how many you would like. There is not charge.

Thank you all for your confidence in me and our Council. We will continue to do what we feel is best for our Grand Lodge and the Order.

Till next month
Fraternally
Barbara

News from the Central

Pauline Richmond
State First Vice President



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you have been enjoying your summer and having fun in the sun!

Being an officer on the Grand Council for the Grand Lodge of California has its share of new challenges and duties as the First Vice President. This experience has blessed me with new knowledge, understanding, and love for our Order!

The Grand Council has so many different logistics to balance as we work to move forward in the future of the Grand Lodge of California.

I Thank the Lord, for all the blessings that I have received in forty-five plus years as a member of OS-DIA and being connected to my Roots!

One of my duties as First Vice President is writing a Leadership article each month for the IL Leone. This article has helped me in so many ways, and to remember, a leader, listener, respect members, cheerful outlook, open mind. I enjoy sharing my ideas and research on leadership. I have to say my first thought when given this duty was what am I going to write each month!! I would like to think that my article is reaching out to members.

At our Grand Council meeting in June 2022, I asked, to have the October Columbus Day Calendar Raffle once again with a

winner every day! By now you all have received the tickets sent to you. As per the letter enclosed with the tickets from our State President, Barbara Fumosa Wisniewski, the proceeds from the purchase of the tickets will be deposited into the Grand Lodge of California General Fund. Please make every effort to sell or purchase your tickets. Remember, there's a winner every day. Winning tickets get put back into the mix for the next day drawing!

Thank you for your continued support of the Grand Lodge of California.

Saturday, August 20, 2022, I attended the 95th Anniversary of the Enrico Caruso Lodge #1463. There were guests from the various lodges and members in attendance with State Officers. State Second Vice President Mark Vaona was there to represent our State President. Honoree for the evening was long time member, Carmaline Giotta, and Membership Honorees; fifty year and forty-year members. Each member received a certificate of appreciation from the lodge and then was asked to speak! It was a special evening hearing comments from the honorees on way they joined the lodge and what being a member of SOI meant to them!

Remember this Date; September 17, 2022, 100th Anniversary of our Mother Lodge, Columbo-Stella Lodge #1149. Hope to see all of you there!!







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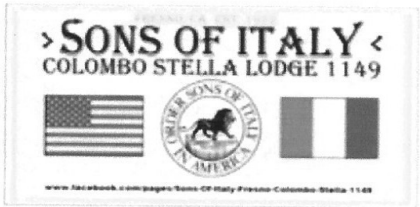
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Have a great summer!!



Barbara Wisniewski State President and Husband Ken



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**OUR 100TH
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CELEBRATION**

Join us for dinner entertainment
and a silent auction

September 17th
6 p.m - 10 p.m.
Fresno Fairgrounds
More details to come.

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Attention Presidents and Officers...



Lodge Events Calendar:

Please Do Not schedule any
events for the 3rd weekend of
March and September. This time
frame is always left open to our
Grand Council Meetings.

LEADERSHIP
by Pauline Terrusa Richmond
State First Vice President

Preserving the Life and Longevity of OSDIA.....

The Leaders and members of OSDIA have continued to serve under our motto: Liberty, Equality, Fraternity. As leaders and members, let us take a moment to focus on several ways to help manage and support the life and longevity of our great organization.

Yes, we are experiencing challenging moments within our local Lodges and even our State Grand Lodge. However, we can strengthen the life and longevity of OSDIA through being committed to sharing one’s time and talents: Leading by example, volunteering, spreading news, encouraging one another, promoting togetherness, promoting positivity, showing respect, sharing ideas and suggestions, sharing our OSDIA history, passing on Lodge information, following protocol, studying, and knowing the by-laws, setting goals, training and diversity.

“Ability is what you are capable of doing.
Motivation determines what you do.
Attitude determines how well you do it.” - Winston Porter



United Lodges of Southern
California
by Rosemarie Biagetti Vanderhaar
Recording Secretary

The United Lodges of Southern California met on Sunday, August 21st at the Centinela Valley Lodge hall. The member lodges attending Centinela Valley, Hacienda, Joanne Coccia, Pugliese and Renaissance. Unable to attend were the Anaheim and Dolly Sinatra Lodges.

The United Lodges welcomed the Renaissance Lodge who rejoined the group.

A lunch of various pizzas, salads and cake served prior to the meeting was enjoyed by those attending. After not meeting for some time, the turnout was good.

Michael DiGiuro, President, opened the meeting. The agenda of proposed changes to several by-laws were approved. Much was accomplished quickly.

There were other changes approved as well. It was a productive afternoon.

The next meeting will be October 9th, 2022 at Centinela Valley Lodge Hall.



L to r: Paul Finazzo, Joanne Coccia Lodge, Steve Guthrie, Centinela Valley Lodge, Michael DiGiuro, Pugliese Lodge, Mary Jane Cambria, Renaissance Lodge and Bill Viverto, Hacienda Lodge.

Not pictured is Marianne Aita, Anaheim Lodge and Joe LaPorte, Dolly Sinatra Lodge.

Facts About
Italy –
Tourism

The tourism Industry in Italy is responsible for 5 percent of its total economy. That’s a large chunk! With good reason too. Tourists flock to Italy every single year, from all over the world. Why? Because it’s amazing, that’s why!

Italy is the 5th most visited country in the world

Italy sees almost 100 million tourists a year, and sits in 5th spot for the most international tourists per annum.

The majority of visitors head to the big name cities and attractions, such as Venice, Rome, Milan and Florence. These places alone can be crowded with tourists at most times of the year. Winter tourism is also very popular in Italy, with visitors crowding into the ski resorts of the Dolomites every season.

Italy TourismTourism is a big source of income in Italy

So what draws this many tourists to Italy? The answer is simple.

The Culture, Food, Architecture and History. The Fashion and the Art. The list goes on. There is not one city or town in Italy that is not overflowing with all of these, and you don’t HAVE to be in the big cities to experience it.

If you want to visit Italy, and get away from the crowds, consider seeking out some smaller towns or Hidden Gems. There are plenty to find!





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Dolly Sinatra Lodge

Golf Tournament

Monday November 14, 2022
Indian Canyons Golf Resort
1100 E. Murray Canyons Dr. Palm Springs, CA 92264

LUNCH BUFFET \$43

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LAST CHANCE TO GET
YOUR CONTESTANT INTO
THE 2023 CONTEST!!

Yes, 2023 is the year we want to have a Royal Pageant, so it is time to get all your Lodges thinking about selecting one of your youth members to represent your Lodge as a King or Queen. The age range is between 15-26, this is a way to highlight our youth and the great news is that our committee this year consists of mostly young people, so they know what to do. Your contestant must raise at least \$2,000 to be considered part of the contest. Remember this is not only a fund raiser for the Grand Lodge but for your local lodge as well. We must have a minimum of 5 contestants to make the Pageant a reality.

Anyone who wants to have a contestant may contact me for the full rules, but we must know what lodges will have a contestant by the end of September 2022. We will be in Reno for the Convention next year and there will be planned things to do for the contestants through that week. We want the youth to be able to be key members at convention and highlight them to our delegates. We also want to them to get to know each other and have some fun together. Our young members are thinking of events and things to do as a group at convention...it will be a special time.

Please contact me, Pamela Ricci at pam@riccihomes.com with the information about your candidate. What I will need to know is Lodge name and number, Name of contestant, parents if a minor, and contact information, phone#, mailing address and email address. My daughter and niece were queens of our Lodge and enjoyed the experience, but we want to really make this a memorable experience for all. Our current Queen Brianna Simon is on board with us, so you know there are great young people out there willing to share their experience and make it a fun time.

Thank you for your interest in the Royal Pageant and I hope to hear from many of you soon.

Fraternally,
Ciao...
Pamela Ricci
Royal Pageant Chairperson



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8:00 am - Shotgun start 4 Man Scramble

\$150 Members \$175 Non-Members \$43 Lunch Only

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2.		#		
3.		#		
4.		#		

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Chickens

by Stephen Contrado, B.A., Th.M
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Chickens are a domesticated animal classified under the headings “fowl” and “poultry.” They are raised primarily for their meat and eggs, but their feathers have also been used in industries and crafts. They are the chief kind of poultry, consumed more than geese, ducks, and turkeys. Chickens are raised in barnyards and large chicken farms. They have been raised for thousands of years. Several decades ago millions of families kept a few chickens in their backyards, but the practice has died out because large scale chicken farming has become so efficient, and people can buy poultry and eggs at supermarkets. Small farms often keep a flock of chickens.

Breeds of fowl have been developed to produce the tenderest meat or the largest eggs. Chickens are fed specialized feeds of grains usually mixed with antibiotics to prevent disease. There are different mixtures of feed for the young fowl, “chicks,” and for older fowl. Traditionally, chicken, “hens,” were kept in “chicken houses” to lay eggs. Today, eggs are hatched in incubators. There are also special hatcheries to supply farmers with chickens. Older Americans may recall local slaughter houses where they could go to buy live chickens and have them killed and their feathers removed. /Users/macowner/Library/Containers/com.apple.mail/Data/Library/Mail Downloads/283174D0-1376-43A2-8250-7FC039631133/CHICKENS - Stephen Contrado.txt

Chickens are graded to their age and weight. A broiler is six to eight weeks old and weights up to two and a half pounds. A frier is nine to ten weeks old and weighs two and a half to four pounds. A spring chicken is about four months old and weighs up to four pounds. Heavier and older chickens are called roasters or simply fowl.

Chicken eggs are an important industry and food. Refrigerated eggs can be kept for a long time without going bad. Many people eat eggs with toast and bacon or ham for breakfast. Eggs are also prepared as an omelet -- called “frittata” in Italian. Eggs are an ingredient for baking. Hard-boiled eggs are much loved and have symbolic significance while playing a role in various religious and social customs.

Chickens are amazing animals. Various breeds are different colors and sizes. The male is especially significant. Cocks were important in many ancient rituals. White cocks were sacred to the goddess Demeter. The Romans sacrificed cocks to the Lares and kept them in the temple of Hercules. Using cocks to fight one another has been a sport for thousands of years (illegal today in most countries). The Celts sacrificed the cock to the goddess Brigit.

The cock or rooster crows at the break of dawn. It is associated with vigilance. According to folklore, when the cock crows evil spirits return to the underworld and ghosts depart. People believed cocks could forecast weather. The cock has been used to represent war and aggression. Roosters are a theme in folk art. Weather vanes sometimes feature a wooden or metal cock. If you dream of a cock crowing, beware of false friends. The Chinese assign a year to the rooster in the zodiac. Our expression “cocky” derives from the strutting behavior of the rooster. To call someone “chicken” means he is afraid. How about cooking a nice chicken cacciatore?



The Gallo di Ramperto made of gilded copper foil in 820 or 830 is the oldest surviving weather vane in the shape of a rooster in the world (Museo di Santa Giulia in Brescia, Italy).

Joanne Coccia Lodge # 2553

Fontana, CA
by Anthony N. Finazzo

The Joanne Coccia Lodge #2553 initiated three new members at our July 24th meeting, Patri-cia Hicks, Linda E. Wooten and Raul Morales.



At this meeting, Foundation Scholarship Chairman Emanuel Finazzo announced the names of recipients of the 2022 scholarships.

The Joanne Coccia Lodge Foundation is proud to announce the 2022 scholarship awards. Our Lodge is issuing two high school and five continuation scholarships of \$2,000 each to de-serving students.

The **Veta M. Finazzo Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to **Leyla Strong**. Leyla, a graduate of Jay M. Robinson High School in Concord, North Carolina with a 4.2 grade point average, will attend **Guilford University in North Carolina** and plans to be an athletic trainer. Her major is in exercise and sports science with a minor in Spanish. Leyla is interested in playing soccer on the university team and to be involved with the Student Athletic Advisory Commit-tee. She also wants to be involved with Reaching Out for Animal Rights (ROAR) school board. Leyla is the great granddaughter of Lois Mitchel, a lodge member.

The **John Cola Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to **Ethan Walden**. Ethan graduated from Arrowhead Christian in Redlands. He will be attending **Cal Baptist University** with studies in Computer Science. He was highly recommended by two of his teachers who said he was a brilliant student. Ethan has been involved with many nonprofits: Ronald McDonald House, Red Shoe Project and Helping Hands. He will continue with these organizations while in col-lege. Ethan’s parents are Brian and Gina Walden, Grandfather Frank Foglio, family mem-bers of our lodge, relatives are Connie and David Ryan, Anna Chase, great aunt Yolanda Sarracino, cousins James and Janet Sarracino, and Leah and Kevin Flaherty. They are proud this memorial scholarship is awarded to a family member.

The following are awarded continuation scholarships to the schools they are presently attend-ing:

Bailey Hopkins. Recently a sophomore, studying Communications Science and Disorders Speech Language Pathology at Northern Arizona State. Lodge member, grandmother Tricia Hicks is her sponsor.

Athena Thomas Doring. Studying Kinesiology/ Occupational Therapy at Biola University is in her last year of school. Athena aspires to work as a Pediatric Occupational Therapist. She is the friend of Anthony and Marie Finazzo, charter lodge members.

Devin Walden. Devin, one of our recipients in 2020, is attending Cal Baptist University stud-ying business and music. Devin is a junior lodge member.

Jessica Ragsac. Jessica received a scholarship last year. She is attending University of San Diego studying biology and premed. She is our lodge queen and a junior member. Her parents are Susie and Andre Ragsac along with grandmother Lois Mitchel, lodge members.

Gianna Rotellini. Gianna was granted a scholarship in 2020. She attends Orange Coast Col-lege studying astronomy. She is a junior member and the granddaughter of Joanne Sclafani and the niece of Anthony and Rosemarie Sclafani, all lodge members.

Haley Garcia, will be receiving her scholarship from last year. She attended Riverside City College and didn’t use it. She chose to defer it to this year as she attends Cal State San Ber-nardino. Niece of Joanne Sclafani and Anthony and Rosemarie Sclafani.

We have one outstanding scholarship for Santiago Romagnoli, who has not applied for it as of June 1, 2022.

All checks will be made out in August and given to each student so that they can apply it to their accounts. All checks are made out to the school of their choice with their student IDs, so they will receive the proper credit.



Welcome Autumn!!

Eureka Lodge #1274

Eureka, CA
by Joe Bonino


The Humboldt Crabs Italian Heritage night baseball game proved to be a big success. The Crabs won, our Lodge sold some merchandise and all of the homemade biscotti, and we handed out two dozen application forms. In addition to the positive publicity the non-profit Crabs Baseball Club profited by increased attendance and the sale of sausage sandwiches donated to the Crabs by the Eureka Lodge.

Our scholarship recipients and their families attended our May meeting pasta dinner. Gabriela Giraud, Jude Ortega, and Cicely Jones received their hard earned recognition for winning the Irene and Paul Pinochi and Frank Stagnoli college scholarships. All three graduated from McKinleyville High School.

Many thanks to Dianne Luzzi, our scholarship screening committee chair, for her many years of service. She is retiring from the committee this year. Gene Perricelli was nominated and elected as the new chair by voice vote of the Lodge.

Our next meeting will be on September 27th with a potluck beginning at 5PM.

The Northcoast Veterans Standdown will quickly follow on the weekend of Oct 1st and 2nd. Please volunteer to help provide these deserving veterans with a fine Italian dinner prepared by the Eureka Lodge by calling Dave Olivieri at 707-444-3407.



Jude Ortega, Gabriela Giraud, and Cicely Jones celebrate receiving their scholarships at the Eureka Lodge #1274 dinner/meeting in May 2022.

Europe’s only 3 active volcanoes are in Italy

Italy “enjoys” the fact that it is home to the only 3 active volcanoes in Europe. The reason for this is its location in relation to the plates in the Earth’s crust. This is just above the boundary of the Eurasian Plate and the African Plate. The meeting of these plates, and the effect of them overlapping causes volcanic activity.

So what are the volcanoes in question?

In no particular order they are –

Mount Vesuvius near Naples which last erupted in 1944. It was famously responsible for the destruction of Pompeii, and to this day is still the only active volcano found in mainland Europe.

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Shasta Lodge # 2453

Redding, CA
by Carole Dellaragione

Greetings from Redding:
We were very happy to initiate five new members at our general meeting in August, all with Italian backgrounds. We welcome Dean Clark, Mary Clark, Lynette Porter, Lois Morgan and Carolyn Gomes. I am sure they will all enjoy Shasta Lodge as members of our family. We have five more applications we hope to initiate soon.

Congratulations to our former Junior member Andrew Zufall and his wife Lindsey Zufall, the two new Drs. Zufall in Redding. They both graduated in June, Andrew with his dental degree and Lindsey with her veterinary degree. Welcome back to Redding.

In 2009, our Vice President John DiMatteo started a recycling program for our lodge. As of July this year he has recycled cans and bottles and has made a whopping \$10,888 for our lodge. Thank you John for all you do.

Thank you to Jim Giacomelli and John Tasello and their lodge crew for all the work on preparing our bocce courts for the upcoming Paesano Days Tournament, adding a speaker system, more lights, and improvements to the surface of the courts.

We lost another friend and lodge member a couple of days ago. Angie Massa was ninety-nine years old. Rest in Peace our friend.

We are very busy getting ready for our second big event of the year, Paesano Days. This is around the 35th time this has been held. On Friday night we have our Spaghetti Dinner and usually feed upwards of 800 meals. We also start our 32 team, double elimination Bocce Tournament. On Saturday the Bocce continues and we have our food court busy serving Italian sausage and pepper sandwiches, meatball sandwiches, pasta bowls with meatballs, and hot dogs for the kids and kids at heart. Of course our beer and wine booth will be busy too. We will also have a corn hole tournament going on the tennis courts, vendor/crafters, Italian Music, and of course our heritage booth and our huge raffle. AND...both days we will have cannoli. If you need more information, please call Chair John Tasello at 530-365-5978. We hope a few of you will be able to join us.

It has cooled down to 109 today, August 20th, from 112 yesterday We hope all of you are keeping cool.

Ciao from your friends at Shasta Lodge.



Initiation of Dean Clark, Mary Clark, Lynette Porter, Lois Morgan and Carolyn Gomes.



John DiMatteo with the recycles received from Members at our August meeting.

C. Colombo Lodge # 1315

by Zelda LeFrak-Belleci
Antioch, CA



C. Colombo Lodge is committed to serving the communities from which it draws its membership. To kick off the 2022-23 school year, lodge members contributed classroom supplies. Three huge bags were delivered to three schools representing Oakley, Antioch and Pittsburg. Acting as delivery girl is Zelda LeFrak-Belleci handing off the gift of school supplies to Jeff Varner, principal of Parkside School in Pittsburg.



This month the C. Colombo Lodge members were delighted to sit down to a dinner that honored the memory of School District Chef Mae Giambona. Taking on the reins of producing Mae's famous "Pittsburgers" was her son, Michael Giambona. He was assisted by Edina Esposito, Rosemary DiMaggio and Joe Coniglio. Michael's dinner raised over \$300 to help replenish the pandemic ravished treasury of C. Colombo Lodge.



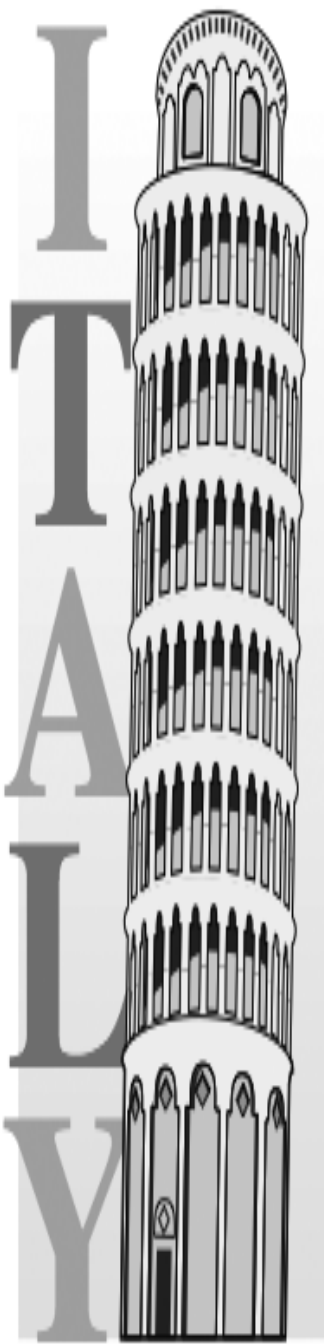
Joe Simone, Past 2nd Grand Vice President of California, has taken on a new role of service to the Grand Lodge. He accepted a role as Grand Deputy. Joe and his accordion travel the 70 miles from his home in San Mateo to the meetings and fund raising events of C. Colombo Lodge located in Antioch. Pictured above are the "Two Joes", Joe Coniglio and Joe Simone leading the lodge members in all the old Italian ditties. Capping the evening's entertainment was the 50/50 prize drawing. It was won by Mark and Nancy Broder who generously donated it back to the Lodge. Then C. Colombo members, urged by the voice of Mark Broder, turned around and voted the money to purchase Grand Lodge Raffle Tickets!

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By Diana Stanton Minsky

Hello all,
#OctoberSurprise is HERE! Our American Branches are going back to our Italian Roots!

National President, Bob Bianchi, is organizing a historic delegation trip to Rome, Italy this October! Please read his attached letter!

**Let us know your interest in joining, as space is limited! If interested, please add your name by [CLICKING HERE!](#) If you have any questions about filling out the form, please reach out to Joana Bala at jbala@osia.org.



Historical facts about Italy

1. Benito Mussolini may have been a Fascist, but he was responsible for promoting Italian soccer to the international stage. He tried to ban the English-sounding “goal” and have the locals call “meta”, but the attempted ban didn’t last long.
2. We all know that Galileo Galilei was arrested nearly 400 years ago by the Roman Catholic Church for having proved the earth moves around the sun and not the other way round. The Church issued a formal apology in 1992.
3. Old houses of the Alberobello region in Bari, Italy have “trulli” or conical roofs with grey stones and unique shaped chimney stacks at the top of the pinnacle to identify houses at a time when house numbers were not common.
4. Venice is prone to acqua alta (or high water) in winters, due to high tides and sirocco in the lagoon. In 1974 a system of walkways were built along the city’s main pedestrian areas about 120 cm above sea level.
5. Florence was Europe’s first city to have paved streets in 1339. In other places in the failing Roman Empire projects to pave roads were abandoned for fear it would help enemies attack faster.
6. The Ponte Vecchio Bridge over the River Arno in Florence was the only bridge left standing after the bombings of WWII. It is rumored that Hitler spared the bridge because he thought it was too beautiful to destroy!
7. The city of Turin had a heavily subsidized auto industry so that it could provide vehicles to the military, which led to its bombing and destruction in the Second World War. Today, it is known as the home of Fiat.
8. The Italian flag is based on the French flag, from the time that Napoleon brought troops and his flag into Italy in 1797.
9. Italian sculptor Michelangelo created David with his right hand larger than his left – because David was said to be “strong of hand” or “manu fortis”.

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Anniv. Sept. 5, 1925
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LODGE No. 2259
Anniv. Mar. 4, 1972
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Anniv. Apr. 4, 1927
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LODGE No. 1573
Anniv. May 25, 1930
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LODGE No. 1413
Anniv. Apr. 4, 1926
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LODGE No. 1352
Anniv. Feb. 8, 1925
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LODGE No. 2566
Anniv. Nov. 17, 1984
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LODGE No. 1898
Anniv. July 5, 1940
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SHASTA
LODGE No. 2453
Anniv. Feb. 23, 1980
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LODGE No. 2077
Anniv. May 28, 1958
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LODGE No. 2104
Anniv. Apr. 24, 1960
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LODGE No. 1959
Anniv. May 17, 1947
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Anniv. May 29, 1982
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LODGE No. 1586
Anniv. Jan. 4, 1931
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LODGE No. 2016
Anniv. Nov. 18, 1951
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LODGE No. 1269
Anniv. Jan. 6, 1924
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I'm an Italian American

I am an Italian-American. My roots are deep in an ancient soil, drenched by the Mediterranean sun, and watered by pure streams from snow capped mountains.

I am enriched by thousands of years of culture.

My hands are those of the mason, the artist, the man of the soil.

My thoughts have been recorded in the annals of Rome, the poetry of Virgil, the creations of Dante, and the philosophy of Benedetto Croce. I am an Italian-American, and from my

ancient world, I first spanned the seas of the new world. I am Cristoforo Colombo.

I am Giovanni Caboto known in American history as John Cabot, discoverer of the mainland of North America.

I am Amerigo Vespucci, who gave my name to the new world, America.

First to sail on the Great Lakes in 1679, founder of the territory that became the State of Illinois, colonizer of Louisiana and Arkansas, I am Enrico Tonti.

I am Filippo Mazzei, friend of Thomas Jefferson and my thesis on the equality of man was written into the Bill of Rights.

I am William Paca, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

I am an Italian-American. I financed the Northwest Expedition of George Rogers Clark and accompanied him through the lands that would become Ohio, Indiana, Illinois,

Wisconsin, and Michigan. I am Colonel Francesco Vigo.

I mapped the Pacific from Mexico to Alaska and to the Philippines.

I am Alessandro Malaspina.

I am Giacomo Beltrami, discoverer of the source of the Mississippi River in 1823.

I created the Dome of the United States Capitol. They called me the Michelangelo of America. I am Constantino Brumidi.

In 1904, I founded in San Francisco, the Bank of Italy now known as the Bank of America, the largest financial institution in the world. I am A. P. Giannini.

I am Enrico Fermi, father of nuclear science in America.

First enlisted man to win the medal of Honor in World War II,

I am John Basilone of New Jersey.

I am an Italian-American. I am the million strong who served in America's armies and the tens of thousands whose names are enshrined in military cemeteries

from Guadalcanal to the Rhine.

I am the steel maker in Pittsburgh, the grower in the Imperial Valley of California, the textile designer in Manhattan, the movie maker in Hollywood, the home maker and the breadwinner in 10,000 communities.

I am an American without stint or reservation, loving this land as only one who understands history, its agonies and its triumphs can love it and serve it.

I will not be told that my contribution is any less nor my role not as worthy as that of any other American.

I will stand in support of this nation's freedom and promise against all foes. My heritage has dedicated me to this nation. I am proud of my full heritage, and I shall remain worthy of it.

I Am An Italian-American.

by Angelo Bianchi, Esq.