



**DATED MATERIAL  
DO NOT DELAY  
(USPS 257-300)**

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE  
GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA WHOSE  
JURISDICTION COVERS CALIFORNIA,  
DA AND KLAMATH COUNTY IN OREGON

**IL Leone Editor:  
Anna Galbo-Graeber**

**To All Members**  
If the address, name or title is not correct on the  
mailing label, please send changes to: [illeone.ca@gmail.com](mailto:illeone.ca@gmail.com)  
or [OSDIA Grand Lodge of California](mailto:OSDIA@illeone.ca),  
9300 Madison Avenue Orangevale CA. 95662  
Be sure to notify your lodge Recording Secretary

# Message From Your State President



**Arlene Marcucci Nunziati  
"INSIEME"**

I am writing this on Valentine's Day so even though you will read this in March; I hope you are having a lovely day and remembered your favorite Valentine! I cannot believe where the time has gone. Only nine months until Christmas!

Our lodges are set for the new IMEMBERDB program. If you haven't been trained yet and want to be, be sure

to contact Anna Graeber and she will make it happen. Most lodges send out newsletters and this system makes it so easy to do so! Don't be left out. Call now to be trained.

Our new home is coming along great and we are getting ready for our Grand Council meeting to be held there on March 15 and 16. The council has approved some renovations to the building so we will soon have a small kitchen and shelving in the offices. Everything takes time. I try to go to the office every two weeks but I really have to thank Lori for driving up there 2-3 times a week. It is not close! She has met all the workers, delivery men, etc. The temporary office has been closed and moved to our new location. Next will be our storage facility which I hope will be closed within the month. Then we will start the job of sorting all the boxes.

While at the storage unit, I did notice all the folding chairs that we have and will sell. If any lodge or any clubs that you belong to needs chairs have them contact us.

When I travel to the office, I also have been able to visit various lodges that have meetings when I am there. The St. Helena Lodge had a great soup and salad night at their meeting and then had a terrific speaker who spoke on the internment of Italians in Pacifica. She is willing to travel if other lodges are interested. Contact Past State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy for her contact info. St. Helena is doing great on membership, bringing new members in at every meeting.

I know that other lodges are also doing great bringing in new members. Please let us know!

Remember to bring in that new member for 2024!

I know that there are several 100 year anniversaries being planned and we need information on them so we can attend and support you. Please let our State Recording Secretary know and she will notify us.

I am planning on having a zoom meeting in March for all the lodge Presidents. Sorry I haven't been able to have monthly meetings but until you are a President, you cannot believe how busy we can be. The date will be Monday, March 25 and we can discuss the Grand Council meeting, the National meeting and any other concerns or questions you may have. If you as a President are unable to attend, please ask someone else to represent you. This date might not work for everyone but in checking meeting nights, I discovered that all nights have one or more meetings. Information

will be emailed.

Please note that our conventions are always held the 4th Thursday of June – but just in case here is the date of our June convention. June 26-29, 2024 in Concord, CA. Mark your calendars.

Please remember to invite your State Officers and especially me to your meetings and events. We want to attend if our schedule allows.

If you have changed your meeting date, time, and or place, please sends the info to State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi and to the Il Leone so that the information in the paper will always be updated. Thank you.

When submitting an article to the Il Leone, please send it to [illeone.ca@gmail.com](mailto:illeone.ca@gmail.com).

Ciao for now until next month.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



**News From The North  
Louis Lodi  
State Second Vice  
President**

Brothers and Sisters,

Since March is the beginning of Spring, I'd like to notify you that The Grand Lodge needs to be made aware when a lodge is having a special event, so that we can schedule a visit to that Lodge by a State officer. Members have remarked to me about how I'm the first state officer to visit that lodge in quite a while. In talking to many past and current State Officers about this, the response is that "we cannot come to an event if we do not know about it." I know personally that last year, I traveled to fourteen lodge events in Northern California and out of those fourteen, about half of them, I came without an invitation. I must admit there were times I had to

turn down an invitation because of other lodge activities. Please give the Grand Lodge Officers ample notice so we can plan to attend your events.

I'm particularly looking forward to attending events at the four Lodges in Northern California this year that are celebrating their 100 th Year Anniversary. Check the Il Leone for the dates of these anniversaries.

These Lodges all would appreciate your visit. Just be sure to give them enough notice that you would like to attend. I know all the Grand Lodge Officers would love to attend your function so please either contact the Grand Lodge or me personally so we can ensure that we will not miss out.

Back on February 9th, Lodi and I made the trip up to Redding for their Annual Crab Feed. Once again, they outdid themselves! Jim Nobli and the team did a fantastic job. Their hard work and dedication to their Lodge helped to make this event a success! A total of eight hundred people ate crab till it was coming out of their ears. There were four hundred people in attendance on Friday night and another four hundred people on Saturday night. We had a spectacular time!

On a sadder note, Charles "Buddy" Laporte, one of the longest members of the Roseville Lodge passed away on January 16 th of this year. He was in the Roseville Fire Department for 30 years and retired there as Deputy Fire Marshal. He had a passion for serving his community and will be greatly missed.

It is such a hopeful time of year and I wish you and your family many good things at Easter.

Buona Pasqua and ciao for now,

Louie Lodi



**News From The Central  
Alan Spano  
State Third Vice President**

Lots of local lodges are having their annual crab feeds, Sausage and Polenta dinners, or like the Roma lodge #1573, has for the past 56 years, serving their delicious Sausage sandwiches, pasta plates,

antipasto salads, meatball sandwiches and a variety of other food items to the 100,000 plus visitors to the World Ag Expo, held February 13th-15th, in Tulare Ca.

The Enrico Caruso lodge #1473 will serve a free bowl of Lentil soup with some Sweet bread, free to all who would like some.

They are hosting their annual St. Joseph table celebration, March 11th, after the 10 am mass, at the St. Charles Borromeo church social hall, only asking for donations to the Bethlehem center. This is my favorite event this lodge does.

I'm looking forward to the march grand council meeting, held at our newly purchased building in Orangevale, March 15 & 16.







IL Leone Sponsorship \$25

For only \$25.00 a year, you can support your Il Leone and see your name in print! Send your payment to the Grand Lodge and let Lori know it is for the IL Leone.

Article Submission

To have your article included in the next edition of the IL Leone, email your article content and pictures to Anna Galbo Graeber, editor at [illeone.ca@gmail.com](mailto:illeone.ca@gmail.com).

Your article must be submitted **no later than** the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to be included in the next edition!

Adele Della Santina

*"The Right Realtor makes all the difference."*



650.400.4747

[Adele.DellaSantina@compass.com](mailto:Adele.DellaSantina@compass.com)

[www.AdeleDS.com](http://www.AdeleDS.com)

DRE# 00911740

Expert in preparation,  
promotion, and negotiation!

COMPASS



(USPS 257-300)

A monthly publication, except August, for the Grand Lodge of California Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, a fraternal, non-profit organization.

Deadline Date for all material - the 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month

- Phone: (415) 586-1316
- Advertising Rates on request
- Subscription \$20.00 per year. Publication paid by the members
- Periodicals Postage Paid At San Francisco, CA 94119 and at Additional Mailing Offices

Send Lodge Information Changes to: [illeone.ca@gmail.com](mailto:illeone.ca@gmail.com) or  
OSDIA Grand Lodge of California, 9300 Madison Avenue Orangevale CA. 95662  
Be sure to notify your lodge Recording Secretary

2023 - 2024 IL LEONE SPONSORS

Alice Bankhead  
Anette Porter  
Arlene Nunziati  
Genny Arietta  
Gloria Garibaldi  
Hugh & Pam Ricci  
Jan Trigletti  
Janey Leonardich  
John and Donne Lee Costa  
Julie Querin  
Linda De Palma  
Linda Enneman  
Lucy Sacco  
Marco Zonni  
Maria Pignati  
Nina & Keith Perez  
Pam & Ray Bini  
Pauline Richmond  
Phil Privitera  
Renee Adair  
Rick & Donna Branch  
Roy & Yvonne Vanoni  
Ugo Pignati

Anaheim Lodge #2076  
Columbia Lodge #1940  
Cornelia-Vita Nuova Lodge #1198  
Cristoforo Columbo Lodge #1534  
Diablo Valley Lodge #2167  
Dolly Sinatra Lodge #2400  
Giuseppe Verdi Lodge #1441  
Gold Country Lodge #2705  
Joanne Coccia Lodge #2553  
Northern Solono Lodge #2534  
Renaissance Lodge #2259  
Sacramento Lodge # 1352  
Saddleback Valley Lodge #2566  
Shasta Lodge #2453  
Ukiah Lodge #2104  
Vincenzo Bellini Lodge #2519  
Watsonville Lodge #2016



Lodge Websites & E-mail Directory

Anaheim Lodge  
[www.anaheim2076.org](http://www.anaheim2076.org)

C. Colombo Lodge  
[www.soiccololmbo1315.com](http://www.soiccololmbo1315.com)

Colombo-Stella Lodge  
[www.sonsofitalyfresno.org](http://www.sonsofitalyfresno.org)  
[sonsofitalyfresno@gmail.com](mailto:sonsofitalyfresno@gmail.com)  
[www.facebook.com/pages/Sons-Of-Italy-Fresno-Colombo-Stella-1149](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sons-Of-Italy-Fresno-Colombo-Stella-1149)

Columbia Lodge  
[columbia\\_1940@yahoo.com](mailto:columbia_1940@yahoo.com)  
[www.sonsofitalysanmateo.com](http://www.sonsofitalysanmateo.com)

Cristoforo Colombo Lodge  
[www.renosonsofitaly.org](http://www.renosonsofitaly.org)

Dolly Sinatra Lodge  
[www.dollysinatralodgeosia.org](http://www.dollysinatralodgeosia.org)  
[info@dollysinatralodgeosia.org](mailto:info@dollysinatralodgeosia.org)

Enrico Caruso Lodge  
[visaliasonsofitaly.club.officelive.com](http://visaliasonsofitaly.club.officelive.com)

Eureka Lodge  
[sonsofitalyeureka@gmail.com](mailto:sonsofitalyeureka@gmail.com)  
[Facebook.com/Order.Sons.of.Italy.Eureka](https://Facebook.com/Order.Sons.of.Italy.Eureka)

Fratellanza Garibaldina  
[www.osia1627.org](http://www.osia1627.org)

Giuseppe Verdi Lodge #1441  
[www.sonsofitaly1441.weebly.com](http://www.sonsofitaly1441.weebly.com)

Grand Lodge of California  
[www.sonsofitalyca.org](http://www.sonsofitalyca.org)

Hacienda Lodge #2168  
[www.osiahaciendalodge.com](http://www.osiahaciendalodge.com)

Hanford Lodge  
[csantagata916@gmail.com](mailto:csantagata916@gmail.com)

Joanne Coccia Lodge

La Costa dei Fiori Lodge  
[www.sonsofitalysandiego.org](http://www.sonsofitalysandiego.org)

Napa Lodge  
[napasonsanddaughtersofitaly.com](http://napasonsanddaughtersofitaly.com)  
[napasonsdaughtersofitaly@gmail.com](mailto:napasonsdaughtersofitaly@gmail.com)

Northern Solano Lodge  
[www.SOI2534.org](http://www.SOI2534.org)

Pugliese Lodge  
[www.soipugliese1375.com](http://www.soipugliese1375.com)

Renaissance Lodge  
[www.sonsofitalyca.org/renaissance](http://www.sonsofitalyca.org/renaissance)  
[Renaissancelodge2259@yahoo.com](mailto:Renaissancelodge2259@yahoo.com)

Rodolfo Valentino Lodge  
[www.rodolfovalentinolodge.com](http://www.rodolfovalentinolodge.com)

Roma Lodge #1574  
[romalodge1573.org](http://romalodge1573.org)  
[romalodge@yahoo.com](mailto:romalodge@yahoo.com)

Roseville Lodge  
[sonsofitalyroseville@gmail.com](mailto:sonsofitalyroseville@gmail.com)

Saddleback Valley Lodge  
[saddlebackValley2566@aol.com](mailto:saddlebackValley2566@aol.com)

Shasta Lodge  
[www.reddingsonsoffitaly.com](http://www.reddingsonsoffitaly.com)  
[soishastalodge@charter.net](mailto:soishastalodge@charter.net)

Vallejo Lodge  
[www.vallejasonsoffitaly.org](http://www.vallejasonsoffitaly.org)

Vincenzo Bellini Lodge #2519  
[www.sonsofitalychico.com](http://www.sonsofitalychico.com)

Watsonville Lodge #2016  
[www.sonsofitalywatsonville.org](http://www.sonsofitalywatsonville.org)  
[sonsofitalywatsonville@yahoo.com](mailto:sonsofitalywatsonville@yahoo.com)

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 the editor at [illeone.ca@gmail.com](mailto:illeone.ca@gmail.com)





From the Editor

Anna Galbo-Graeber

All lodges ...

Please send your event flyers to the IL Leone email address we want to include them in the following months issue. It's a great way to let your brothers and sisters at neighboring lodges know about your events so they can attend and support your Lodge. The deadline is the 15th of each month, illeone.ca@gmail.com

Our goal is to ensure that your IL Leone is in your mailbox on or before the 1st of every month.



St. Helena Lodge #2077

By Kevin Coleman

Over 50 people attended the St. Helena Lodge's February 7, 2024, meeting which featured a presentation by Christina Olivolo, who spoke about the experiences of Italian-Americans during WWII. Christina has extensively researched this topic, including reviewing countless FBI files and newspaper articles from that period, conferring with other experts on this topic, and interviewing those who remember this dark chapter in the story of Italians in America.

Few of us know today that unnaturalized Italian immigrants – many of whom had resided in the United States for decades and considered themselves American – were subject to curfew rules, prohibitions on where they could live, and restrictions on what they could own simply because of their Italian heritage. Even fewer know that violations of these wartime rules often resulted in arrest and confinement in internment and detention camps, one of which was located in Pacifica, California. All who attended the meeting greatly appreciated Christina's willingness to share this disturbing but important piece of history with our Lodge.

Of course, the St. Helena Lodge could not let our presenter and the attendees go hungry, so we served dinner starting with antipasto, followed by two hearty soups, garlic bread, salad and dessert.

Grazie mille to all who helped decorate the room, prepare the dinner, and who stayed to clean up afterwards!



View of room and exhibits

Last but not least, our Lodge was greatly honored to have our State President Arlene Marucci Nunziati attend this meeting! Arlene has many long-time friends who are members of the St. Helena Lodge, and we all enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with her. As a small token of our appreciation and thank her for her presence, our Lodge presented Arlene with a gift basket.

Christina Olivolo would like to offer her presentation to other Lodges, so if you are interested in having her speak at one of your meetings, you can contact her at colivolo@ledonneditalia.com



Antipasto and Wine  
Before the presentation



Guests Enjoying the Soups

Rodolfo Valentino Lodge #1449

Brian Watson - Presidenti -- Clovis

Lou Catallo - Historian

**The solution to your problems will cause entirely new problems. Get your shots; the prevention is easier than the disease.**

**Reminder:** Our meeting date is now back to our old schedule of third Monday of the month at 6:00 PM at Luna's Restaurant. We have been getting good attendance lately, so keep coming on in. Future agenda items will include: fundraising; new meeting locations; membership drive; and convention delegate.

**With the Grand Lodge Convention scheduled for the end of June** at the Concord Hilton, Brian again is in charge of the Young Lions; he will need our support; make your checks out to the Western Foundation and note on the check "Young Lions" so they get the credit.

Brian reminds us that membership dues are due. \$65 for uninsured, and \$80 for those that are insured. Mail your check to Brian Watson, 4308 N DeWitt, Fresno, CA, 93727, or bring it with you to our meeting on the third Monday of this month.

**Education is the passport to the future;** get your traveling papers now: check this issue of IL Leone for Grand Lodge and National information regarding available scholarships.

**Say it in Italian:** Chi Troppo Vuole Nulla Stringe – "Grasp All, Lose All".

Virgilio Lodge #1586

Ray Bini President

Article for February Newsletter

Saluti tutti,

Greetings from Vallejo. Happy Valentines Day! This picture is from our most recent installation of officers ceremony. Missing from the photo is Mike Brigandi, Trustee & Master of Ceremonies; Donna Branch, Trustee; Rick Branch, Treasurer; Rick Silveira, Financial Secretary; Glen Rushing, Immediate Past President; John Costa, Sentinel.

We are planning on having a dinner in March. Will send out details.

Tanti Auguri,

Ray Bini President



Lynn Lawrence-Murphy  
Arlene Marucci Nunziati &  
Our Presentor  
Christina Olivolo



Lynn Lawrence-Murphy  
Presenting  
Arlene Marucci Nunziati  
with a Gift Basket



**GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**P.O. BOX 2467 FAIRFIELD, CA 94533**  
**PHONE: (415)586-1316**

**State President**

ARLENE NUNZIATI  
C 415-608-3313  
H 650-342-3313  
rlene49@pacbell.net  
125 Humboldt Rd  
Burlingame, CA 94010

**State First Vice-President**

MARK VAONA  
C 310-347-5648  
mvaona@gmail.com  
2802 Knode St  
Torrance, CA 90591  
Torrance, CA 90501

**State Second Vice-President**

LOUIE LODI  
C 916-996-5634  
Louis.ciao4now@gmail.com  
1860 Urbano Way  
Sacramento, CA 95833

**State Third Vice-President**

ALAN SPANO  
C 559-368-8231  
57modelalan@att.net  
1745 E Paradise Ave  
Visalia, CA 93292

**Immediate Past State President**

BARBARA WISNIEWSKI  
C 201-874-5946  
Barbreno1949@aol.com  
20987 Gunnison Ct.  
Reno, Nevada 89508

**State Orator**

MARY JANE CAMBRIA  
C 714-749-7777  
MaryJane@mjcambria.com  
2539 Back Bay Loop  
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

**State Recording Secretary**

LORI ROSSI  
C 209-404-1883  
loriatthegrandlodge@gmail.com  
4540 St. Andrews Ct.  
Fairfield, CA 94534

**State Financial Secretary**

DAVID LAVEZZARI  
C 714-403-9203  
David@dpicpa.com  
6797 Reefton Ave.  
Cypress, CA 90630

**State Treasurer**

GENNY ARIETTA  
C 916-834-1798  
cruiseg@aol.com  
1220 Manchester Dr.  
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

**State Trustee North**

RENEE ADAIR  
C 707-972-1859  
naynoeddie@yahoo.com  
203 Gobbi St.  
Ukiah, CA 95482

**State Trustee North**

PAMELA BINI  
C 707-567-2938  
porterbini@gmail.com  
128 Nalisty Dr.  
Vallejo, CA 94590

**State Trustee Central**

TINA SPARLIN  
C 559-741-3642  
tina.sparlin@gmail.com  
10024 Avenue 196  
Tulare, CA 93274

www.osiaca.org

**State Trustee Central**

CAROL ESPOSITO  
C 925-779-1969  
c\_espo@att.net  
223 West 5th Street  
Antioch, CA 94509

**Head State Trustee South**

PAMELA BULDO  
C 559-799-8697  
pjbuldo@aol.com  
5820 West Harter Ct.  
Visalia, CA 93277

**State Trustee South**

PAUL FINAZZO  
C 909-822-8740  
pfffin@aol.com  
8888 Tamarind Ave.  
Fontana, CA 92335

**PAST  
STATE PRESIDENTS**

JOHN TEDESCO  
(1999-2001)  
H 916-419-6606  
C 916-207-1603  
tedescojt@aol.com  
18 Carvel Place  
Sacramento, CA 95835

ROY T VANONI  
(2003-2005)  
H 916-872-4999  
C 916-540-6073  
rtvanoni@surewest.net  
2160 Land End Loop  
Roseville, CA 95747

VERA FERRARA  
GIROLAMI  
(2005-2007)  
C 209-604-3149  
algvera@sbcglobal.net  
3115 Lake Albano Circle  
San Jose, CA 95135

COMM. MARIA  
FASSIO PIGNATI  
(2009-2013)  
H 650-574-5786  
C 415-370-3956  
abondnza@aol.com  
268 Delmar Way  
San Mateo, CA 94403

LYNN LAWRENCE-MURPHY  
(2013-2017)  
C 707-694-8621  
clawrencemurphy@gmail.com  
1475 Sulphur Springs Ave.  
St. Helena, CA 94574

JOHN COSTA  
(2017-2021)  
C 707-483-9604  
jc19632002@yahoo.com  
1601 Wise Drive  
Napa, CA 94558

**EMERITUS ROLL**

**Grand Lodge Queen Emeritus**  
DONNA ROMANAZZI GRIST  
H 559-625-3115  
C 559-786-8124  
13725 S Tamarak Dr.  
Plainfield, IL 60544

**WESTERN FOUNDATION**

**CAO Western Foundation**

MARK ROSSI  
C 209-404-0692  
mercatorman1@gmail.com  
4540 St. Andrews Ct.  
Fairfield, CA 94534

**Western Foundation Trustee**

PAULINE RICHMOND  
C 559-731-4035  
rteelee@aol.com  
26248 Road 188  
Exeter, CA 93221

**Western Foundation Trustee**

ANNA GALBO GRAEBER  
C 707-287-5225  
am.graeber@gmail.com  
4206 Chardonnay Ct.  
Napa, CA 94558

**Western Foundation Trustee**

JOSEPH LAPORTA  
C 760-219-9171  
joeydoor@dc.it.com  
PO Box 2183

**CHAIRPERSONS OF  
COMMITTEES**

**Media**

ANNA GALBO GRAEBER  
EDITOR  
4206 Chardonnay Ct. Napa,  
CA 94558  
707-287-5225  
illeone.ca@gmail.com

**Scholarship**

**Students to Italy Program**  
ROSEMARIE VANDERHAAR  
C 626-222-7768  
rgeorev@aol.com  
801 W Duarte Rd. #1  
Monrovia, CA 91016

**Italian Language & Culture**

COMM. MARIA FASSIO  
PIGNATI  
H 605-574-5786  
C 414-370-3956  
abondnza@aol.com  
268 Delmar Way  
San Mateo, CA 94403

**Youth**

BRIAN WATSON  
C 559-285-6934  
Pumbaa673@yahoo.com  
4308 North Dewitt  
Fresno, CA 93727

**Social Justice**

TONY RICEVUTO  
C 702-896-1515  
Tony\_Ricevuto@hotmail.com  
5356 Polizze Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV 89141

**Ritual and Protocol**

DONNA LEE COSTA  
C 707-312-0795  
1601 Wise Drive  
Napa, CA 94558

**Webmaster**

ANNA GALBO GRAEBER  
C 707-287-5225  
osia.ca.webmaster@gmail.com  
4206 Chardonnay Ct.  
Napa, CA 94558

**Royal Court Of**

**The Golden Lion**  
PAMELA RICCI  
C 775-851-2169  
pam@riccihomes.com  
12540 Creek Crest Dr.  
Reno, NV 89511

**Fundraising**

PAULINE RICHMOND  
C 559-731-4035  
rteelee@aol.com  
26248 Road 188  
Exeter, CA 93221

**Garibaldi Meucci Museum**

JOY BRUNO  
H 707-422-3391  
C 707-332-5623  
joy.b@comcast.net  
1778 Nephi Dr.  
Fairfield, CA 94534

BARBARA FUMOSA  
WISNIEWSKI  
C 201-874-5946  
Barbreno1949@aol.com  
20987 Gunnison Ct. Reno,  
Nevada 89508

**Judiciary Chair**

JOHN BIANCO  
C 559-635-7443  
Johnbianco815@gmail.com  
1707 Manor Dr  
Visalia, CA 93291

**Birth Defects/Medical  
Charities**

MARY LUCIDO  
C 925-783-6329  
marylucido.1@gmail.com  
164 Copper Knoll Way,  
Oakley, CA 94561

**Membership**

DEE DEE DRENE  
C 916-704-6745  
deeededrene@outlook.com  
1451 Rocky Ridge Dr.  
Roseville, CA 95661

**Building Investment**

DAVID LAVEZZARI  
JOHN TEDESCO  
MARK ROSSI

**New Home Committee**

LOUIE LODI  
LORI ROSSI  
ARLENE NUNZIATI

**Co Convention and Grand  
Council Meetings Coordinators**

LYNN LAWRENCE-MURPHY  
LORI ROSSI

**NATIONAL OFFICERS FROM  
CALIFORNIA**

**Past National President**

VERA GIROLAMI

**Sons of Italy Foundation  
Trustee**

**Chair of Douhet Mitchell  
Committee**  
MARIA FASSIO PIGNATI

**Co-Chair National Presidents  
Cabinet**

**National Trustee**  
ARLENE M NUNZIATI

**National Trustee  
Honor and Awards Committee**

BARBARA FUMOSA  
WISNIEWSKI

**CALIFORNIA NATIONAL  
DELEGATES**

VERA FERRARA  
GIROLAMI  
ARLENE NUNZIATI  
MARIA FASSIO PIGNATI  
BARBARA FUMOSA  
WISNIEWSKI  
HON. AL GIROLAMI  
MARK VAONA  
MARY JANE CAMBRIA  
PAULINE RICHMOND  
LYNN LAWRENCEMURPHY

**STATE ARBITERS**

MARK ROSSI  
PAM RICCI  
JOHN TEDESCO  
RAY BINI  
STEVE GUTHRIE

**ALTERNATES**

ANNETTE PORTER  
JOHN RUSSO, JR.  
DAN MARINELLI  
DAWN ROMERO  
JENNIFER CHANDLER





# PASTA FOR PEOPLE

Sunday March 10, 2024

Celebrating STAR 50th Anniversary



**SONS OF ITALY**  
1744 W Carson Street  
Torrance, CA 90501  
310-320-1287

Pasta Dinner Served  
1 - 5 p.m.

Donation: \$12.00 per person

To Benefit  
**STAR House**

In Memory of Carl Serra



For More Information  
Annette Porter (310) 245-4502

**CENTINELA VALLEY LODGE #1991**



Pasta meatballs,  
rolls and dessert

## CENTINELA VALLEY #1991

### MARCH DINNER DANCE

Saturday March 16, 2024



**Sons of Italy**  
1744 W Carson Street  
Torrance, Ca 90501  
310-320-1287

Doors Open at 5P.M. Dinner at 6P.M.

**Menu**  
Corn Beef, cabbage  
Carrots, potatoes  
Salad, Rolls and Dessert



Entertainment By "David Preston Grim"

Cost: \$18.00 Adults, \$9.00 for 12 and under

For More Information  
Annette Porter 310-245-4502

Reservations by Wednesday March 13, 2024



Happy Easter ~ Buona Pasqua  
United Lodges of Southern California


Michael Di Giuro, President

Anaheim Lodge No.2076  
Centinela Valley Lodge No. 1991  
Dolly Sinatra Lodge No. 2400  
Hacienda Lodge No. 2168  
Joanne Coccia Lodge No. 2553  
Pugliese Lodge No. 1375  
Renaissance Lodge No. 2259



## PEPPERMINT

by  
Stephen Contrado,  
B.A., Th.M.



Peppermint is one of the most versatile herbs. It grows wild in many parts of the world. The plant is a perennial, which means it grows from the same root every year. It has a distinct aroma. Its flowers are purple.

Peppermint is often used as an ingredient in cooking, candies and chewing gum, tea, ice cream, cosmetics, and medicinal products. It contains valuable oils for aromatherapy. It was used in ancient Egypt, where dried peppermint leaves have been found in pyramids dating back over a thousand years. In ancient Greece, it was associated with hospitality at banquets and feasts.

Peppermint is popularly grown in home gardens and pots. It can be propagated from cuttings or by dividing existing plants. Regular pruning can help manage its growth. Its oil is a natural insect repellent. Its strong scent is known to deter ants, mosquitoes, and spiders. It not only repels pests like aphids, but it also attracts beneficial insects like bees and butterflies.

Peppermint can increase energy and alertness. Peppermint tea a good substitute for coffee, which contains caffeine and can be addictive. Peppermint is also a natural digestive aid. The menthol in peppermint creates a cooling sensation when applied to the skin. It is often used in toothpaste. It eliminates bad breath.

Peppermint contains antioxidants and compounds like rosmarinic acid that have potential health benefits, including anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial properties. Peppermint oil is used topically as a muscle relaxant that alleviates sore muscles.

Peppermint is a hardy and attractive plant that can be fun to grow. We associate it with holidays, such as Christmas and New Year, because it is an ingredient in holiday treats and its scent can trigger pleasant memories.

In folklore, peppermint symbolizes tradition, protection, and healing. If you dream of peppermint, it suggests an opportunity will arise to make money. Dreams of peppermint imply an abundance of energy and an auspicious time to clean house and do odd jobs. There will be time for games and for playing with the children. The Italian name for peppermint is "menta piperita."



PHOTO: Peppermint (Wikipedia)



Shasta Lodge #2453

By Carole Dellaragione

Greetings from Redding

Shasta Lodge just held our annual two night Crab Feed. We sold out quickly for both nights and served 470 plus meals. Our Chairs Paul Monette and Jim Nobili did their usual outstanding job putting together this large event. And thanks to all our members and friends who stepped up to help. We welcomed State Vice President Louie Lodi, our State Deputy John Jefsen and his lovely wife Lorna, and President of the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge of Chico, Tony George, and many more members of the Chico Lodge. The Redding Grange ran multiple Super Bowl pools and put a nice sum into our mutual "Raise the Roof Fund" so we will be able to complete the re-roofing of our building this summer. Next up?? A few weeks to recuperate after four events in just over three weeks. Then on April 7th the Redding Grange will have their annual fundraiser to raise money for their scholarship fund. Most of the Grange members are also Sons and Daughters of Italy members so we will be back to work again.

Then on May 4th we will hold our late 44th Anniversary Party. It will be Kentucky Derby day, so we will have a fun "Derby themed party." We are hoping to have Foothill High Schools Club Cougar Jazz Ensemble perform for us. There will be more information in the April IL Leone. We hope some of you will plan to join us.

We are getting a lot of much needed rain in Redding, but it is not dampening the spirit of Shasta Lodge's members. There is always a large crowd at our general meetings, and many people helping with our events. We are grateful for our Lodge Family.

We wish you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day!  
Your friends at Shasta Lodge.

Eureka Lodge #1274

By Joe Bonino

Eureka Lodge's 100th anniversary dinner celebration is scheduled for **March 23rd** at the City of Eureka's Wharfinger Building overlooking Humboldt Bay. The festivities will begin at **5PM and the catered dinner at 5:30PM.**

The celebration will continue throughout this year with historical displays, lectures and interviews at various museums and on public access television recalling the Italian-American experience in Humboldt County.

Lodge member Ron Dawson is working on a project to pinpoint all of the towns of origin of our Eureka Lodge members on a large map of Italia. Please email Ron with the name of your ancestors' home town at [rdd7up@gmail.com](mailto:rdd7up@gmail.com)

Please remind your grandchildren or friends with children of Italian descent that applications for the Irene and Paul Pinochi and Frank Stagnoli Scholarships are available now from their high school counselors or by calling Gene Perricelli at 707-443-0493 to have an application mailed directly to them.

Our next general meeting will be on March 26th at 6PM. Bring a friend who you think might want to join our lodge.

Buona Pasqua



Past State President Maria Fassio Pignati and husband Ugo



First Crab delivery on Friday. The guys sort it into pans to go in the cold trailer to be served Friday night. Crab is delivered fresh each day from R&R Meat and Seafood.



First Lady Rose Nobili, right, with Daughter Andrea, Granddaughter Sierra, and Daughter Brandi at the Crab Feed.



Order Sons and Daughters of Italy  
Modesto Lodge #2021

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Tea

Saturday May 11, 2024  
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
(Doors Open at 12:30)

Grace Lutheran Church  
617 W. Orangeburg, Modesto

Tickets: \$25.00  
Kathy Paioni (209) 541-8395  
Marie Fontana (209) 605-8702

RAFFLE PRIZES!  
Spring Hats Optional







The following article was provided to the IL Leone free of charge with permission to print in this month's version.

We would like to thank Paul Basile and the Fra Noi magazine for allowing us to bring it to you.

Anna Galbo Graeber  
IL Leone Editor

VOICES First Person



# A BLAST *from our* PAST

by Paul Basile

After more than 30 years of editing Fra Noi, I thought I knew a thing or two about the challenges our ancestors faced in America at the turn of the 20th century. I've learned from countless articles about the crowded tenements and abject poverty, the dangerous jobs at scant pay, and I can enumerate the Sicilian-born laborers lynched by a New Orleans mob in 1891. But to know is one thing and to understand quite another. My eyes were truly opened to the gross indecencies our forebears endured when I attended a preview screening of "Cabrini" on Oct. 24 at the Des Plaines Theatre. Set for theatrical release on March 8, the biopic follows St. Frances Xavier Cabrini as she launches her missionary campaign among the desperately downtrodden Italians of New York City. (For more, turn to Page 21.)

The movie's messages of perseverance and hope will no doubt inspire audiences of every background on every continent. But I dare say that "Cabrini" will strike many Italian Americans with the force of a midnight thunderclap that wakes you out of a dead sleep. I know it did for me.

The film begins academically enough, with words in muted brown letters appearing on jet-black backgrounds. "Between 1889 and 1910, over 2 million Italians immigrated to the United States to escape poverty and to satisfy America's demand for cheap labor," the opening screens report. "They were desperately poor, often illiterate and almost never spoke English. Many Americans

considered these Italians to be of inferior intelligence, only fit for menial labor, and a threat to the very fabric of America."

The panoramic calm is shattered by a shabbily clad boy hurtling through a tony New York neighborhood, screaming for help in Italian to no avail as his mother dies of typhus in the wheelbarrow he frantically pushes.



Meanwhile, the diminutive mother superior of a convent in Italy coughs and convulses in her darkened room as she weakly reassures a nun on the other side of the door that she's fine.

The paths of these two characters soon cross in Five Points, a notorious Italian ghetto in Lower Manhattan, where families live in rickety shacks, orphans run wild in streets of mud, the homeless live in a rat-infested subterranean world and mind-bending abuses await any denizen who dares venture into the rest of the city.

Into this hellscape steps Mother Cabrini and her five sisters. Armed only with kindness, grit and faith, they dramatically improve the lives of their



chosen charges in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

Though taking place mainly in America, this film is Italian to its core, from the language spoken in Italy and among the immigrants, to the arias that elevate the score, to a painterly interior lighting that evokes Caravaggio.

And it shines most brightly through Cabrini's indomitable spirit, a trait that for centuries had sustained odds-defying Italian women the likes of St. Catherine of Siena, artist Artemisia Gentileschi and composer Barbara Strozzi.

Thwarted at every turn, Cabrini fearlessly confronts and eventually bests all her antagonists. When she insists upon speaking to the mayor after police have broken up a benefit concert, stealing its proceeds and throwing her in jail, the mayor's assistant demands: "Who the hell do you think you are?"

"I am a WOMAN and I am ITALIAN!" the usually mild-mannered nun roars back. "And I am DONE with little men, with hearts the size of a peanut, too blind to understand the truth, to know that we are all human beings, that we are all the same, children of God, and you dismiss us at your own peril!"

That wasn't the only time I wept openly during a movie whose 2 hours and 20 minutes flew by. They were tears of rage early on and ultimately of joy, and they flowed from a far deeper understanding of our forebears' plight than I had ever possessed. That's the great gift this film has given to our community.

FRA NOI

March 2024

13





The following article was provided to the IL Leone free of charge with permission to print in this month's version.

We would like to thank Paul Basile and the Fra Noi magazine for allowing us to bring it to you.

Anna Galbo Graeber  
IL Leone Editor

PEOPLE Spotlight

# Miracle in THE MAKING

by Ron Polaniecki

The seed for “Cabrini,” the soon-to-be-released biopic of America’s first saint, was planted nearly seven decades ago by a young man in a small church in Philadelphia.

The year was 1955 and J. Eustace Wolfington was just starting out in business. Born and raised in the City of Brotherly Love, he was 23 years old at the time.

A devout Catholic, Wolfington was hoping to fit in an early-morning Mass before the start of a long workday. By chance, he chose St. Donato Church, where he encountered a statue of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, who founded the parish’s school in 1912.

Wolfington had never heard of Cabrini but was so intrigued by her remarkable story that he accepted the pastor’s invitation to attend a nine-day novena in her honor. Transformed by the experience, he embraced Mother Cabrini as his personal patroness.

“She was a great entrepreneur, and I was going into business, so I chose her as my role model,” recalls Wolfington, noting that he was inspired not just by her business acumen, but also her drive to build an empire with the singular goal of helping others.

“We all need role models,” Wolfington explains. “We need someone to set the standard to shoot for and Cabrini set the ultimate standard. No one could stop her because she had a much bigger vision of where she was trying to get. Her story is my story. Wherever she’s trying to go, I’m trying to go.”

Sickly since her birth in a small Italian town on July 15, 1850, Francesca Saverio Cabrini rose above her infirmities to form the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus 30 years later. From

there, she bucked hierarchies on both sides of the Atlantic to establish the largest transnational humanitarian organization at the time, encompassing 67 hospitals, orphanages, schools and other institutions in 17 countries.



“She was an amazing, amazing woman,” Wolfington says, crediting her with being a true agent of change for the poor and uneducated, the sick and abandoned, women and immigrants alike.

With Cabrini as his guiding light, Wolfington created Half-A-Car Inc. in 1960, building his startup into a global network encompassing more than 4,000 dealerships. As he traveled the world, he was surprised to discover how few people, including Italians, knew anything about his patroness.

Following the sale of Half-A-Car in 2000, Wolfington has continued his entrepreneurial activities while making a significant commitment in support of



## ▲ J. EUSTACE WOLFINGTON

A successful businessman and devout Catholic, he has transformed his devotion to St. Frances Cabrini into a biopic that he hopes will similarly transform audiences around the world.

Catholic institutions and charities in the Philadelphia area. To that end, he formed a family foundation, naming it Cabrini Asset Management.

Wolfington cut his filmmaking teeth in 2006 as a producer of “Bella,” a “tender tale of grace, faith, redemption and the sanctity of life,” according to one reviewer, that earned the People’s Choice Award at the Toronto Film Festival along with several other accolades.

When the then-president of Cabrini College, Sister Mary Louise Sullivan, approached Wolfington in 2011 with a request to produce a film about Cabrini, he initially turned her down, believing at the time that it would be “too much work.”

Taking a page from Mother Cabrini’s playbook, Sullivan persisted. Wolfington finally relented in 2018, but under two conditions: first, that he be allowed to make a movie about an extraordinary woman who just happened to be a nun, and second, that the film be a charity.

To the latter end, Wolfington formed Lodigiano Film Development Inc. — a 501(c)3 corporation named after Cabrini’s hometown — as a conduit for funds to produce the film. After the costs

Continues on page 22 ...





The following article was provided to the IL Leone free of charge with permission to print in this month's version.

We would like to thank Paul Basile and the Fra Noi magazine for allowing us to bring it to you.

Anna Galbo Graeber  
IL Leone Editor

... continued from page 21 ...

of production are covered, all proceeds will be donated to charitable causes, he says.

Early on, Wolfington approached Martin Scorsese for permission to use the script for a Cabrini biopic the legendary director once planned on making that would have starred Loretta Young. Scorsese told him he no longer had the script but advised him to find an Italian actress to play the lead role.

Wolfington set about the task of producing the film with the same rigor and passion he poured into the creation of his commercial empire.

“It took seven or eight interviews before I found just the right person” to write the script, according to Wolfington, who eventually teamed up with Rod Barr, writer of the award-winning drama “Is That You?” He and Barr then immersed themselves in Cabrini’s life, reading more than 20 books about the saint and traveling to Italy to spend time at her convent in Milan, the Vatican archives and other enlightening locales.

Wolfington then reunited with “Bella” director Alejandro Gomez Monteverde and began assembling his production team.

In a radical departure from the standard Hollywood production hierarchy, Mother Cabrini was designated the film’s executive producer. This wasn’t a publicity stunt or an honorary gesture, according to Wolfington, but a pivotal choice that shaped the film’s ethos and energized cast and crew alike.

“Everyone on the set had the script and books on her life and they were on fire every day,” he explains. “It comes across in the film.”

In pursuit of Scorsese’s recommendation, the casting director discovered Cristiana Dell’Anna, an actress whose previous credits included parts in several Italian films and TV shows. Italians were also recruited to play many of the film’s supporting roles.

Lending star power to the project are veteran American actors John Lithgow as New York City Mayor Jacob Gould and David Morse as New York Archbishop Michael Corrigan and Italian screen legend Giancarlo Giannini as Pope Leo XIII.

With such a sweeping story to tell,

the creative team decided to focus on Cabrini’s early years in America, when most of her efforts were aimed at improving the lives of the teeming and desperately downtrodden community of Italian immigrants in New York City.

Shooting for the film began in 2021 on Cabrini’s birthday, with a robust budget of \$50 million.

“That’s big for an independent film, and we did a \$100 million movie on a \$50 million budget,” Wolfington shares. “We have stunning visuals, a fantastic score, flawless acting and great dialogue. We created the film to stand the test of time. It is a beautiful piece of work.”

The film’s artistry expresses itself in countless ways, from the often-poetic dialogue to the masterful composition of the scenes. On the voyage to America, Cabrini stands in a darkened lower deck, her silhouette illuminated by a brightly lighted portal that looks for all the world like a halo around the head of the future saint. The same effect is achieved when she stands in front of an oval portrait of George Washington addressing a room of potential financial backers for her proposed hospital, symbolically linking America’s first president and first saint.

The production company’s painstaking attention to detail can be seen in the costly re-creation of the Five Points neighborhood, an Italian ghetto in Lower Manhattan where much of the early action takes place. Relying on an extensive library of photos, the crew constructed a set for those scenes in Buffalo, New York, choosing the city because of its wealth of turn-of-the-century buildings, according to Wolfington.

That devotion to authenticity is expressed throughout the film. For instance, sharp-eyed viewers will spot several statues and pictures of the Sacred

Heart of Jesus, the patron of the order founded by Cabrini and the name she gave to some of her institutions. The rings and crucifixes worn by the actors were custom-made with the correct Latin inscriptions, and the flags flown in the background of the scene in the Italian Senate are accurate.

A particular challenge was the custom sewing of the distinctive veils worn by Cabrini and her sisters. The delicate checkered pattern was faithfully reproduced for the film.

The movie also captures Cabrini’s spirit in exacting detail. Her boundless devotion to the less fortunate and her relentless pursuit of quality education and health care on their behalf are brought vividly to life, as are her indomitable drive in the face of sometimes crippling infirmity and her refusal to take no for an answer from the most powerful men in Rome and New York City.

Wolfington and his team approached every major studio for backing before pivoting dramatically because they weren’t sure the Hollywood heavy hitters would market the film with sufficient vigor. Instead, they turned to Angel Studios, a company with Mormon roots that uses crowdfunding to finance high-quality, inspirational projects like the popular TV series “The Chosen.”

A minor miracle in the making, “Cabrini” is set for theatrical release on March 8. And if audience reactions at preview screenings across the country are any indication, the film will be a resounding success.

“It makes you want to be a better person,” said one audience member.

“I left feeling very empowered. That I had been called to question how I might go out and change the world,” said another.

“This movie is what we need today,” said a third.

“The story of Cabrini is powerful and universal, and we want to share it with the whole world,” Wolfington explains. “Our objective was to let her life be the message, let her life be the sermon.

“Her life is that light in our present darkness,” he adds. “Everyone should see this movie and be transformed by her life.”





# Mother Cabrini, the First American Saint of the Catholic Church

Officer Clancy of the Chicago Police Department could barely believe his eyes: It was five in the morning and two nuns were scuttling around the perimeter of the abandoned North Shore Hotel, a shuttered six-story building along Lakeview Avenue. The nuns were up to something. They pulled a clothesline taut, bent down, and made quick marks on the sidewalk and in a small notepad. Puzzled, the officer flagged down his sergeant, who solved the mystery: The women were from an Italian group of nuns who planned to buy the property.

The nuns had been sent by Mother Frances Cabrini of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Cabrini suspected that the property owners were taking advantage of the sisters by building houses on the lot originally slated for a hospital—and she was proven correct.

The early morning episode has been described in a few recollections of Cabrini, the first American saint, including the novelistic biography *Immigrant Saint: The Life of Mother Cabrini* by Pietro Di Donato. Di Donato is best known for his 1939 novel, *Christ in Concrete*, a powerful depiction of the Italian immigrant laborer experience, based on a story that he'd published in *Esquire* while he was himself a twenty-five-year-old bricklayer. Di Donato's visceral, funereal prose dramatized the death of his own father, a bricklayer from Vasto, Italy, who died in New York City on Good Friday, 1923, in a construction accident.

Losing his father soured Di Donato on the American dream and punctured his cradle Catholicism. Yet Cabrini's exemplary life helped Di Donato make peace "with the essence of Christianity." He was originally tasked with researching her life for a potential film, but when that project stalled, he developed his notes into a book. Di Donato's religious skepticism was tempered by his recognition that Cabrini was a consequential figure: a woman fully Italian and fully American, a pragmatic and empathetic leader, and a remarkable humanitarian whose faith charged her tireless work for impoverished and marginalized immigrants.

The Catholic Church declares saints through an exhaustive process that begins at the local diocesan level. One must either live a virtuous life or be martyred. The diocesan bishop conducts interviews with those who witnessed the candidate's life or martyrdom. Compelling cases are sent to Rome, where the candidate's life is examined by the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Theologians forward candidates to bishops, cardinals, and, ultimately, the pope. Finally, the Church must typically attribute two miracles to the intercession of the candidate—often in the form of healing that resists explanation by a rigorous evaluation of medical experts.

Traditionally, the process begins no less than 50 years after the candidate's death. Pope Pius XII waived this requirement for Mother Cabrini because of her especially virtuous life: "She gathered endangered youth in safe houses, and taught the holy and rightful principles. She consoled the spirit of the imprisoned, giving them the comfort of life eternal," he said. "She consoled the sick and the infirm gathered in hospitals, and cared for them assiduously. Especially towards immigrants, who had left their own homes . . . did she extend a friendly hand, a sheltering refuge, relief and help."

Cabrini was credited with miracles as well, including healing two Italian men whose chronic illness and burn injuries stymied physicians. Her posthumous miracles included the spontaneous healing of a nun and a child, through prayers requesting her intercession.

On July 7, 1946, as the scorching summer heat in Rome caused the candles in St. Peter's to melt, Frances Xavier Cabrini was canonized a saint.

Mother Cabrini crossed the Atlantic Ocean 24 times. Her travels brought her to Colón, Panama; Puntarenas, Costa Rica; Mendoza, Argentina; Callao, Peru; Coquimbo, Chile; Barcelona, Spain; Liverpool, England; São Paulo, Brazil; Le Havre, France. She journeyed across the United States from New York City to Chicago, New Orleans, Denver, Butte, and Burbank.

Yet her life began humbly. She was born Maria Francesca Cabrini on July 15, 1850, in Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, Lombardy, Italy. She was baptized immediately, on the day she was born; most of her siblings would die before they reached their teenage years. She was confirmed several weeks later and made her first Holy Communion when she was nine. (At the time, Confirmation predated Communion in the Church). When interviewed in 1909, Fr. Melchisedecco Abrami, her childhood priest, recalled that the frail Cabrini "was so small in size that I used to call her 'my tiny one.'"

Her slight stature complicated her desire to lead a religious life. She was not granted membership in the Daughters of the Sacred Heart because of her poor health. Years later, after she contracted smallpox while helping the sick, she was rejected by the Canossian Sisters of Crema due to the influence of a priest, who valued her abilities as a teacher and found her too difficult to replace.

Ultimately, Cabrini was recruited to save the House of Providence, a mismanaged diocesan orphanage for girls in Codogno in Lombardy. She made her profession of vows in 1877, taking on the name Saverio—Italian for St. Francis Xavier, one of the founding Jesuits. The religious community in Codogno remained tenuous, and the bishop asked Cabrini to start a new order. The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was established on November 14, 1880, and its international mission would become her life's work.

Cabrini originally wished to travel to China, but Pope Leo XIII responded: "Not to the East, but to the West." He had recently penned *Quam Aerumnosa* (also known as "On Italian Immigrants"), an encyclical released on December 10, 1888, directed to American archbishops and bishops and pledging to send those of the Italian religious order to the United States to provide spiritual and material support. In it he struck an elegiac tone:

*How sad and fraught with trouble is the state of those who yearly emigrate in bodies to America for the means of living is so well known to you that there is no need of us to speak of it at length. . . . It is, indeed, piteous that so many unhappy sons of Italy, driven by want to seek another land, should encounter ills greater than those from which they would fly. And it often happens that to the toils of every kind by which their physical life is wasted, is added the far more wretched ruin of their souls.*

Cabrini and several fellow sisters left Italy on March 23, 1889, and arrived in New York City on March 31. The sisters were surprised to learn that there was nowhere for them to sleep—there was no convent in the area. Instead, they spent their first night in a filthy rooming house, and, due to bedbugs, took turns sitting on a chair rather than sleeping on the bug-infested mattresses.

According to biographer Theodore Maynard, Fr. Morelli warned Cabrini and her fellow sisters that even American clergy "share the general prejudice against us," and noted that Italians had to "hear Mass in a basement apart from everybody else." Few Italian priests were available to celebrate Mass in the city, let alone hear confession. As Pope Leo XIII described, the absence of regular worship and a parish community had immediate consequences—"very few are consoled by a priest in death, and many are deprived of baptism at birth"—and created a lineage of Italian Americans whose children would lead the same spiritually unmoored lives.

Cabrini embraced the spiritual and practical challenges of her mission. "Our mode of work is to go right down into the Italian quarters and go from house to house, from apartment to apartment," she told a reporter. The sisters, another news report observed, ventured into "certain forbidding places where not even the police dare to enter."

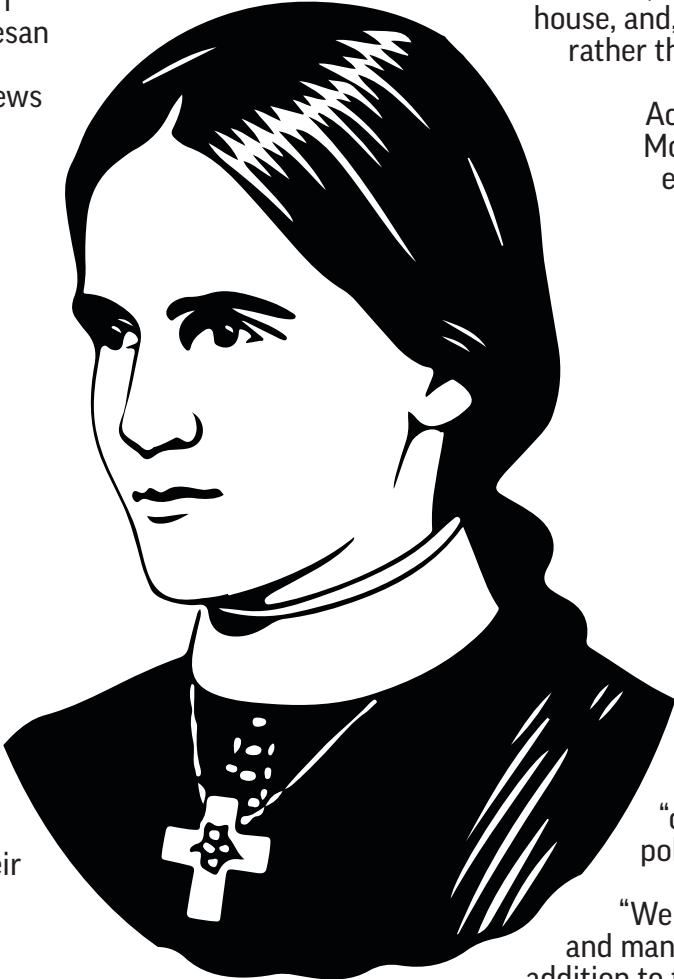
"We are recognized," Cabrini noted, "by all Italians and many of them are glad to see us." Many, but not all. In addition to the anti-Italian sentiment among other Catholics in America, Cabrini recognized that southern Italians carried their suspicion of religious institutions across the Atlantic—not to mention that she, like some of her other sisters, was blonde and blue-eyed: clearly of northern Italian stock.

Yet she was deeply devoted to even these skeptical immigrants and knew much of their hesitancy arose from reasonable worries. Cabrini, though, was no ordinary missionary: She had a preternatural drive to work wonders. It began with her ambition to help immigrant children, to ensure "they have proper homes and schooling. Our object is to rescue the Italian orphans of the city from the misery and dangers that threaten them and to make good men and women of them."

Those lofty goals were anchored in the pious structure of her days, which typically began with her waking at 4 a.m. for an additional hour of prayer before the Order of the Day, which started at 5 a.m. She was known for entering into a trancelike state during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the solemn, extended prayer and adoration in front of the Holy Eucharist. Then she ate a small breakfast and read newspapers before going through mail, including letters from fellow sisters. Other than the communal examination of conscience halfway through the day, she spent most of her hours focused on missionary work. Around 6 p.m., she had supper, followed by evening recreation and spiritual reading.

She practiced small rites of asceticism; Mother Saverio DeMaria, a Missionary Sister who acted as Cabrini's "secretary and as a novice," noticed that Cabrini "always took the same number of grapes from a cluster." Cabrini encouraged others to lead as she did, to inspire through shared sacrifice, and to deliver honest criticism, grounded in love. "Tell them the facts first to convince them of their faults, and then encourage them," she said. "Don't ever leave them without a kind word to make them understand that you love them and that you desire only to help them."

illeone.ca@gmail.com





Cabrini encountered a number of doubters who didn't believe her mission was necessary or even that a woman could so lead. Early into her initial visit to America, an archbishop told her she would be wise to return to Italy. Her biographer Mary Louise Sullivan noted that a Roman prelate, or high-ranking member of the clergy, once told Cabrini that missionaries were typically men. Cabrini responded, "If the mission of announcing the Lord's resurrection to his apostles had been entrusted to Mary Magdalene, it would seem a very good thing to confide to other women an evangelizing mission." Sullivan, who served as president of Cabrini University in Pennsylvania from 1972 to 1982, succinctly described Mother Cabrini's mission: "to preserve the Roman Catholic Christianity of Italian immigrants, to strengthen their cultural identity and to facilitate their assimilation into American society."

In Sullivan's view, Cabrini "would be at home with some contemporary historical, sociological and religious approaches which emphasize a more gradual assimilation of immigrants than did the rapid Americanization theories of her day." Cabrini's prescient view of immigrants was not mere intellectual theory; she accompanied her fellow sisters on the streets and into homes. She held hands in prayer and comforted sore shoulders.

Her time in Denver steeled her resolve and solidified her approach. Cabrini arrived in 1902 and was informed by Bishop Nicholas Chrysostom Matz that many immigrant Catholics "have not received the sacraments for many years. They are exhausted from their labors and live far from a Church, where Holy Mass is rarely celebrated." The sisters met the poor where they were, influencing Catholic leaders to follow their example: "Other times," Cabrini wrote, "the bishop himself, in this immense temple formed by nature, with a tree trunk for his episcopal stool and the damp mountain moss for a carpet, or in the green meadow still wet with dew, administers Confirmation to his children on whom God smiles from heaven."

Cabrini opened a school in the city, enrolling 200 children on the first day. A structured education was a godsend for the immigrant children, but Cabrini was savvy enough to recognize that the ceremonial and spiritual overtones of the school's opening served another, equally important, function. "It was a new sight for the Italians of this city," she recalled in a letter to her Missionary Sisters. "We saw genuine joy shine in them all. . . . The modest smiles of the parents concealed their pride in seeing their children enter in good order to take their places as a march was played."

These were sons and daughters of laborers, and their bone- and soul-crushing work moved Cabrini. Some of the most poetic moments of her correspondence—13 volumes of which are housed at Cabrini University—are when she writes of their travail, with a sympathy for workers that likely inspired writers like Di Donato and others who saw their own parents and families suffer. "In these very deep caves far from the light of the sun," she says, "so many thousands of miners spend their lives absorbed in intense labor, sometimes standing in boiling water coming from the mineral springs that are plentiful here. While the companies amass millions, most of the workers labor under severe hardships, furiously chipping away with pickaxes, searching for the vein that will mean their fortune and that of their children. Most often, after years and years of hard labor, their only recompense is a slim gain."

Cabrini would return to these sentiments in other letters, observing that these economic disparities transcended any one region. While traveling by train, she observed "these poor dear countrymen laboring on construction of railroads in the most perilous, narrow passes through the mountains, miles away from any habitation, for years separated from their families and their Church." These "poor immigrants" were deceived by "protectors" who hid "their actions under the guise of charity and patriotism." Italian laborers were often given "the most difficult jobs," and were regarded by their employers as merely "a clever machine assigned to complete a set task."

Exhausted from work, the Denver miners had little time or energy for religious observation and spiritual sustenance. They entered the mines at six in the morning, remaining in that darkness until noon. After a half-hour lunch, they returned to the mines, staying until five in the afternoon. They then washed up, ate supper, and collapsed into sleep. The harsh structure of their days was the inverse of the regimented but generative, daily schedule of Cabrini's religious order.

Once again, the sisters went to the workers, this time underground: "They have descended to a depth of 900 feet, lowered into the mine in a bucket barely big enough to hold them, through an opening no larger than one square meter cut obliquely in the rock. Compressed air introduced in the cave made breathing possible. Other times, they walked at the same depth for several kilometers through narrow tunnels to bring a good word to those poor men and remind them of the eternal truths."

These men, Cabrini sadly noted, already knew of hell from their time spent in those "dark pits, where breathing is laborious and the only light is from a few tallow candles, giving a limited idea, yet very expressive one, of the reality of eternal darkness." The sisters were able to awaken the latent Catholicism in these men—likely owing much to their shared heritage. As Cabrini noted, these Catholics had fallen away from the Church for a variety of reasons: physical and spiritual exhaustion, poverty, and geographic isolation. Yet their return to faith seemed to illuminate their spirits. "How moving it is to see mature men cry tenderly

at finding themselves again in an Italian church, where the word of God reaches them in their mother tongue, and where all reminds them of the fatherland abandoned so long ago," Cabrini wrote. "They recall the dear memories of childhood, the bell tower of their native town, the church square, the feasts of their patron saints and the solemn processions."

Although deeply Italian in her language, affect, and culture, Cabrini was enamored with the United States—as a concept, and as an expansive, beautiful space. Her correspondence is rife with inspired descriptions of the land: "I can say that there is neither hill nor valley that I have not visited, with an ever-growing admiration for the goodness of the Lord so amply demonstrated in this blessed country."

She writes of Colorado Springs: "Scattered about are myriads of brightly colored rocks, sculptured by nature into the most unusual shapes. Some are imposing, some grotesque, others austere. Some others are nonsensical and challenge the imagination." Traveling elsewhere through the state, she marveled how the name Colorado "indicates its multicolored mountains, cobalt sky, birds and flowers of unlimited varieties and brilliant colors." She added that "there is much to admire and for which to thank God, who has let fall on earth rays of His infinite beauty and power."

Awed by the sight from her glass-bottomed boat on a trip near Santa Catalina Island in California, Cabrini describes the underwater "mountains with plains and valleys, green with marine algae that in some places reached a height of one hundred feet, swaying with the movement of the water. In their midst I saw an almost infinite variety of aquatic plants, some of which had flowers of beautiful violet plumes, and diverse fruits of delicate, fresh colors, like shoots just budding in the spring. All were swaying with the water, as though a cool breeze was moving them." In Cabrini's words, we find an affirmation of America—truly a beautiful land that compelled immigrants.

At the same time Cabrini was traveling throughout the United States, building relationships, and sharing experiences with immigrants, she remained in contact with her fellow Missionary Sisters in Italy and elsewhere. "The distance between us does not matter," she wrote in one letter, "we are always near each other, always enclosed within the small space of this very small world, which sometimes seems so huge to us, to our small and limited minds. . . . So another four thousand miles more is really very little after all." Cabrini recognized the social limitations that she and her fellow missionaries experienced as immigrant women themselves—yet never failed to find an inspiring path forward. "What we as women cannot do on a large scale to help solve grave social ills is being done in our small sphere of influence in every state and city where we have opened houses," she wrote. "In them we shelter and care for orphans, the sick and the poor."

Change that sometimes appeared humble in scope and scale to younger sisters was, in Cabrini's view, foundational and essential. Once she made the difficult decision of turning away a self-congratulatory candidate for holy orders. The decision troubled Cabrini, but she concluded, "I need many subjects but I wish to have only those who are humble, detached from themselves and from their talents, for I am positive that a humble subject can work for fifty or more. Without humility, peace is lacking and grace departs."

In 1905, a New Orleans newspaper included a prophetic paragraph: "Mother Cabrini is one of the remarkable women of this century. One hardly knows how to begin to describe her, but there is an intangible something about her which suggests the Catholic saint. It is the lives of just such women that are immortalized by canonization."

Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini was a pragmatic leader who knew that spiritual and material worlds are intertwined.

As Cabrini reflected in a letter, "There was no lack of persons coming to tell me, 'Mother, we won't succeed. There is too much to be done and the difficulties are too numerous.'" Cabrini was doubted; she was maligned. She had faith, though, and drive. The Columbus Hospital opened in 1905. At the opening ceremony, the featured speaker pointed to Mother Cabrini in the crowd, saying, "And to whom do we owe this great work? To a little woman!"

**About the author**

Nick Ripatrazone is the culture editor at Image journal, a staff writer at the Millions, and the author of several books, most recently *The Habit of Poetry: The Literary Lives of Nuns in Mid-century America* (Fortress Press, 2023). His writing has appeared in the Atlantic, the Paris Review, America, and Commonweal, among other publications.

*The text of this article is available for unedited republication, free of charge, using the following credit: "Originally published as "Italian American Saint" in the Spring 2023 issue of Humanities magazine, a publication of the National Endowment for the Humanities." Please notify us at publications@neh.gov if you are republishing it or have any questions.*



Cristoforo Colombo Lodge #1534

by Historian, Maria Nelson

Cristoforo Columbo Lodge #1534 in Reno, Nevada, would like to share some information about what has happened at our Lodge these past few months.

The Great Italian Festival at the El Dorado Hotel and Casino in October was another great day for us. The Sons and Daughters of Italy had their booth manned mainly by Barbara and Ken Wisniewski. She had help from other Lodge members throughout the day. The Bonaldi/Ricci booth was manned by most of the family members. It was a beautiful day and oh so many people attended this two-day event many great sauces to taste! At our usual October dinner meeting, we played Bingo instead of having a meeting. Our President, Dawn Romero, submitted a consent agenda instead of having a formal meeting. Bingo was a great success, and everyone seemed to have a great time. More Bingo nights are planned.

November was our community giving month. We gave to three charities: \$1,000 to the Savitt Medical Library at the University of Nevada, \$500 to Step 2, and \$500 to Horsemanship 4 Heros. Representatives of these charities were present, enjoyed a great meal and checks were presented to them.

December, as always, was our Christmas Party. Santa came and gave presents to the

little and big children in attendance. Our Santa is from the St. Baldrick's Foundation which is a charity for children's cancer. A check for \$500 was presented to Santa for this charity before he left. We had a very fun raffle as everyone brings a gift and raffle tickets are purchased, many winners were happy to get their prize.

Our January dinner meeting was the initiation of 7 of our new members: Alfred Antonini, Louisa Craviotto, Cathy Fawcett, Jeff Heyer, Laura Pinto, James Madero, and Tamera Obenaur. Five were in attendance for their initiation. Our Past State President was the initiating officer along with State Deputy Monica Domini acting as Herold. We are so lucky to have such a great team and thankful for their assistance.

February is another Bingo night. We are looking forward to more fun and excited winners.

Our member, Margaret Spano, started a Lunch Social each month on the second Friday of each month. Several members get together for lunch just to socialize at different restaurants. It has been a success, and we thank Margaret for organizing this event and having our members be able to get to know each other outside of the meeting.

We gained 21 new members last year. Three of them were transfers from other OSDIA Lodges so we are happy to say we are growing and making a mark on the Reno community.

We are preparing for our big Festa Primavera on May 4, 2024. It's our big fundraiser for the year. Over 300 people attend this dinner, raffle, and silent auction. We make a lot of money, and our members work very, very hard to make this night a big success so we can continue our charity giving and scholarship presentations. We would love to see members from the Grand Lodge attend. If you are interested in coming please contact Pam Ricci, Pam@riccihomes.com for ticket information and check out our Face Book page for the details.

Antonio Ricci and his helpers continue to provide us with wonderful meals for our dinner meetings. We are blessed to have him and his team cook for us.

Thank you for reading about our Lodge. We all love fare una spaghetтата (to eat spaghetti).

Please visit our Face book page at Reno Sons of Italy and our website for more information: [www.renosonsofitaly.org](http://www.renosonsofitaly.org). Learn more about our Lodge, your Italian heritage and upcoming events.



Non fare domani quello che puoi fare oggi.  
(Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today)  
and my Papa always added:  
If you enjoyed it today, you can do it again tomorrow!

*Maria Nelson*

Hanford Lodge #1543

By Jackie Giacomazzi



Tony & Louise Tesoriere celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently & brought a cake to let their Sons of Italy brothers & sisters continue the celebration at the meeting held on Valentine's Day (Ash Wednesday). Members enjoyed the cake plus a wonderful potluck dinner provided by the Officers.

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!  
BUONA PASQUA!!



Happy Easter ~ Buona Pasqua

Pugliese Lodge No. 1375

President Michael DiGiuro  
Vice President Carla Lotito Komar  
Orator Michael Jenny  
Recording Secretary Rosemarie Biagetti Vanderhaar  
Financial Secretary Edithe DiGiuro  
Treasurer Roberta Overton  
Trustees Mary Lotito ~ Paul Bodnar  
Master/Mistress of Ceremony Mary Ann Spatola ~ John Donato  
Guard Ed Spatola  
Chaplain Roberta Overton  
Italian Heritage & Cultural Chairperson Francesca Taylor  
Lodge Queen Sarah Taylor  
Sons of Italy Western Fdn. Scholarship Chairperson Rosemarie Biagetti Vanderhaar



News from Roma Lodge # 1573

Tulare, California

By Larry Dutto-President

The World Ag Expo-2024



Pictured above is a partial group of Roma Lodge members who organized, conducted our Italian food booth at the World Ag Expo in Tulare, February 13-15th. Yes, we know the organization has been changed to the Sons and Daughters of Italy, however, until the sign we placed on our building at the show over 20 years ago is still good and we are not going to change it until it needs to be redone. The World Ag Expo was started at the Tulare Fair Grounds in 1968 and moved to the International Agri-Center in 1982 and has grown to 2.6 million square feet of exhibit space. Roma Lodge is one of the only organizations that has been at the show from the very beginning.



For the past 11 years **Michael DePaoli, Maci DePaoli-Daramy and Melissa DePaoli-Watkins** have served as co-chairs for the booth. This effort takes countless hours in preparation, organizing and conducting the booth each year. This year was our best year, and the food booth has become our major fundraiser for the year.

More importantly it promotes the Italian Culture to the more than 100,000 visitors from all over the world. Our booth proudly displays

our Italian culture in memory of those Italian immigrants who started the lodge back in 1930.



(l-r) **Kate Watkins, Wessel Pitigliano and Giulia Watkins** paint signage for the booth. Roma Lodge has 60 junior members, which will be our foundation for the future. These young members were actively involved in the operation of the booth, waiting on customers, preparing food, and taking an active part in the farm show. They are the future and will remember these activities that will keep them engaged for the future of the lodge.



**Joyce Hofstee, Karen DeGroot and Joann Beecher** prepare lunch for our members the Sunday before the show when the lodge makes the sauce for pasta lunches, cuts onions for sausage sandwiches and holds a brief meeting and enjoys a great meal.



State Second Vice President Louis Lodi and Londi Medrano

FraVoilà®  
Chicago's Italian American Voice

MARCH 2024 \$3.00

EMBRACE YOUR INNER ITALIAN!®

"CABRINI"  
Miracle in the making

Pages 13 & 21

Area Sacra di Largo di Torre Argentina 31

A Day for Le Donne 44

Universal Saint St. Joseph 82/83

Testimone del Tempo Red Cantzian 87

■ WHEN HOLIDAYS COLLIDE 55

■ 2024 ST. JOSEPH CELEBRATIONS 71

"CABRINI"

Miracle in the making

March 8<sup>th</sup> Coming to a theatre near you

- Anaheim**  
Cinemark Century Orange and XC  
1701 W Katella Ave, Orange, CA 92867

**Antioch**  
Maya Pittsburg 16 & MPX  
4085 Century Blvd., Pittsburg, CA 94565

**Chico**  
Cinemark Tinsetown Chico 14 & XC  
801 East Ave, Suite 200, Chico, CA 95926

**Clovis**  
Sierra Vista Cinemas 16  
1300 Shaw Avenue, Clovis, CA 93612

**El Dorado Hills**  
Regal El Dorado Hills & IMAX  
2101 Vine Street, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

**Encinitas**  
Cinepolis Luxury Cinema La Costa Town Square  
3434 Via Mercato, Carlsbad, CA 92009

**Fairfield**  
Regal Edwards Fairfield & IMAX  
1549 Gateway Blvd., Fairfield, CA 94533

**Fontana**  
Regency Fontana 8  
16741 Valley Blvd., Fontana, CA 92335

**Fresno**  
Regal Manchester  
2055 E. Shields Ave., Fresno, CA 93726

**Los Angeles**  
Regal LA Live & 4DX  
1000 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90015

Maya Fresno 16 & MPX  
3090 E. Campus Pointe Dr., Fresno, CA 93710

**Mission Viejo**  
Regal Edwards Kaleidoscope  
27741 Crown Valley Pkwy, Mission Viejo, CA 92691

**Napa**  
Cinemark Century Napa Valley & XD  
195 Gasser Dr., Napa, CA 94559

Cinemark Century Vallejo 14  
109 Plaza Drive, Vallejo, CA 94591

**Orange**  
Cinemark Century Orange and XD  
1701 W Katella Ave, Orange, CA 92867

**Petaluma**  
Boulevard 14 Cinema  
200 C Street, Petaluma, CA 94952

**Pleasant Hill**  
Cinemark Century Downtown Pleasant Hill 16 & XD  
125 Crescent Dr, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
- Redding**  
Cinemark Redding 14 & XD  
980 Old Alturas Rd., Redding, CA 96003

**Reno**  
Cinemark Century Riverside 12  
11 N Sierra St, Reno, NV 89501

Cinemark Century Park Lane 16  
2040 Century Way, Reno, NV 89502

**Roseville**  
Regal UA Olympus Pointe  
520 N. Sunrise Ave., Roseville, CA 95661

**Sacramento**  
Regal Natomas Marketplace & RPX  
3561 Truxel Road, Sacramento, CA 95834

**San Diego**  
THE LOT Liberty Station  
2620 Truxtun Rd, San Diego, CA 92106

**San Francisco**  
AMC Metreon 16  
135 4th Street Suite #3000, San Francisco, CA 94103

**San Mateo**  
Cinemark Century San Mateo 12  
320 East 2nd Ave., San Mateo, CA 94401

Cinepolis Luxury Cinemas  
8 Hillsdale Mall, San Mateo, CA 94403

**Sparks**  
Galaxy Theatres Victorian  
1250 Victorian Ave, Sparks, NV 89431

Galaxy Luxury + IMAX  
1170 SCHEELS DR., Sparks, NV 89434

**Torrance**  
AMC Del Amo 18  
3525 Carson St., Torrance, CA 90503

**Tulare**  
Galaxy Tulare 10  
1575 Retherford St., Tulare, CA 93274

**Vallejo**  
Cinemark Century Vallejo 14  
109 Plaza Drive, Vallejo, CA 94591

**Visalia**  
Regal Visalia  
120 S. Bridge St., Visalia, CA 93291

Watsonville  
Green Valley Cinema 8  
1125 S Green Valley Road, Watsonville, CA 95076

**Whittier**  
Starlight Whittier Village Cinemas  
7038 Greenleaf Ave., Whittier, CA 90602







Northern Solano Lodge # 2534

By: Shirley Firpo

Recording Secretary

We are hoping everyone had a very happy holiday season – a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. December was a busy month for Northern Solano Lodge members. On December 7th, our kitchen crew and members cooked and served 140 guests at the Adult Recreation Center Holiday Luncheon. Later in the month, our Lodge members enjoyed a potluck Christmas party in place of our monthly meeting. We truly have many talented cooks! Entertainment was provided by Northern Solano Lodge Member, Riccardo Marracino and a local vocalist Hayley Green.

We kicked off January with intense planning for our annual Crab Feed fundraiser held on January 27th. About 180 diners enjoyed a delicious meal of salad, pasta and, of course, crab. Our head chef, Lori Rossi, and her crew outdid themselves with additional appetizer plates before we started dinner. A basket raffle, silent auction and dessert auction chaired by Lauretta Graham rounded out the evening. Musical selections were provided by our own Riccardo Marracino and his friend Sheri Mignano Crawford, a talented accordionist. Our servers this year were seniors from the Fairfield Public Safety Academy. They were fantastic and were very attentive. This event was very labor intensive, but it truly was a “work of heart”. Many hands were needed, and many stepped up.

Northern Solano Lodge also celebrated its 41st Anniversary on January 16th. Our President, Mark Rossi, supplied pictures of the original charter members in a power point presentation. Some of those original members are still part of our organization.

March has our members planning many fun activities as well. We recently had a bimonthly Lunch Bunch outing at Pietros # 2 restaurant in Vacaville planned by Pam Boes. Delicious! Also, our monthly card night is returning after a 2-month hiatus at Caroline Abughazaleh's home. This fun evening includes food as well as a variety of card games including Briscola, Burraco, 3 – 13, and Kings in the Corner.

Quest’anno la Pasqua arriva prima. Desideriamo augurare a tutti una Bouna Pasqua.



Entertainers for our Lodge Christmas Party, Lodge Member Riccardo Marracino and Hayley Green.



Our fabulous Cooks – Lori Rossi and Joe Niccoli.

## Italian Days & Months

F	M	F	M	R	F	E	R	E	B	M	E	T	P	E	S	Z	P	R	E	U	X	G	M
V	V	V	T	S	U	G	U	A	N	Z	K	Y	H	M	H	U	L	E	X	E	P	U	P
H	E	P	M	X	V	Y	X	Y	X	J	D	M	J	G	S	K	Q	B	R	X	B	K	S
Z	N	D	S	F	E	P	A	A	J	V	D	Z	Y	N	G	P	O	O	J	P	Z	E	Q
M	E	B	B	R	H	N	P	D	V	U	Z	A	F	U	I	D	Q	T	M	U	O	F	V
U	R	S	Q	I	P	B	Z	S	S	N	B	E	R	I	O	E	Y	C	E	R	V	J	M
P	D	G	S	D	N	N	O	R	S	N	D	T	G	O	V	C	T	O	S	L	E	F	A
E	I	I	D	A	O	G	I	U	E	O	D	A	G	K	E	E	F	F	D	N	D	K	R
I	K	O	Y	Y	V	A	A	H	O	Y	W	E	C	G	D	M	G	X	C	A	G	H	T
X	C	I	R	M	E	O	R	T	H	V	S	J	W	N	I	B	B	B	I	G	H	C	E
L	D	A	A	G	M	E	B	C	K	O	T	T	O	B	R	E	C	D	X	O	E	A	D
W	O	N	U	O	B	D	B	O	S	Y	J	P	U	L	Y	R	N	U	E	S	B	A	I
T	M	N	N	U	E	I	E	X	A	X	A	U	X	A	B	O	E	Y	W	T	T	J	Q
D	E	E	A	T	R	C	F	E	B	B	O	D	M	A	R	C	H	L	T	O	F	Y	Q
O	N	G	J	J	O	E	U	R	A	P	I	A	N	E	M	R	N	C	I	C	B	K	O
I	I	V	R	E	N	M	Y	B	T	O	G	T	X	U	A	F	L	D	U	R	Z	E	P
L	C	B	M	Y	G	B	D	M	O	O	G	U	X	C	S	P	U	O	E	W	P	H	P
G	A	Q	A	F	U	R	E	E	L	S	A	E	H	F	H	Q	Q	H	V	X	M	A	V
U	Y	N	R	H	I	E	S	T	L	H	M	S	C	T	S	Y	A	D	R	U	T	A	S
L	G	S	Z	F	G	Q	T	T	I	P	Y	D	R	G	Z	E	T	N	C	L	L	H	E
F	E	U	O	M	L	J	P	E	R	N	O	A	E	I	D	I	L	O	C	R	E	M	O
A	S	N	J	S	U	F	P	S	P	U	W	Y	W	A	X	E	R	B	M	E	V	O	N
C	F	C	U	L	N	P	H	W	A	Z	I	F	E	B	R	U	A	R	Y	P	C	S	P
R	N	J	Y	J	E	T	H	V	Y	S	C	Z	I	H	S	Y	O	H	N	X	I	T	Y

Friday	September	Saturday	October	November	Wednesday
March	Tuesday	May	July	June	Thursday
January	February	Sunday	December	April	August
Agosto	Aprile	Dicembre	Domenica	Febbraio	Gennaio
Giovedi	Giugno	Luglio	Maggio	Martedi	Marzo
Mercolidi	Novembre	Ottobre	Sabato	Settembre	Venerdi

Answer Key on Page 20



State Second Vice President Louis Lodi and Londi Medrano

Buona Pasqua

Grand Lodge Immediate Past President, National Trustee, Honors and Awards Committee Barbara Fumosa Wisniewski and husband Ken



Lodge Anniversaries

March

- CENTINELA VALLEY LODGE No. 1991.....March 20
- EUREKA LODGE No. 1274.....March 16
- NAPA LODGE No. 2043.....March 28
- RENAISSANCE LODGE No. 2259.....March 4

List of United Lodges

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY**  
PAULINE RICHMOND  
26248 Road 188  
Exeter, CA 93221  
559-592-5499  
rteelee@aol.com

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**  
MICHAEL DIGIURO  
1957 Mt. Shasta Drive  
San Pedro, CA 90732  
310-292-8910  
mgdigiuro@yahoo.com



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO  
THE SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY'S  
CORNELIA-VITA NUOVA LODGE "FUN" DRAISING  
**POLENTA & SAUSAGE DINNER**  
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

At the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club  
1630 Stockton Street, San Francisco

NO-HOST COCKTAILS at 6:00 P.M. with DINNER at 7:00 P.M.

The menu consists of Antipasto, Salad, Polenta and Sausages,  
Wine, Coffee, and Dessert.

Price for this fundraiser is \$48 per person and Club space is limited to 200.  
No payments will be accepted at the door –  
payment must be received with reservation.

Deadline for Reservations is Friday, February 23, 2024.  
Please call Maria at 415-370-3956, or Linda at 415-235-5974  
for information and reservations.

We hope to see you there, and thank you for supporting our Lodge!



Happy Saint Patrick's Day



Mary Lucido  
Chair Medical Charities and Birth Defects,  
Future Of The Order, Past Grand Lodge Queen



Sons and Daughters of Italy  
C. Colombo Lodge 1315



Saturday  
March 9,  
2024

Crab  
Feed

VFW Hall - 815 Fulton Shipyard Rd, Antioch  
Doors Open at 5:00pm Dinner at 6:00pm

MEAL INCLUDES:

Cold Fresh Cracked &  
Cleaned Crab  
Pasta, Salad, Bread,  
Dessert

BEVERAGES SERVED

Water, Soda, Coffee

NO HOST BAR

No outside alcohol permitted

Cost \$75 Per Ticket

Tickets  
Call Carol (925) 978-3956

All sales must be prepaid -  
Cash, Check, Venmo, Zelle

Only 200 tickets available

Raffle & 50/50 tickets will be sold

We are a non-profit organization. Proceeds go to fund different charities  
throughout our community.

Policies of the IL Leone  
Anna Galbo Graeber, Editor

Each lodge is entitled to a 16" column (2"x16"). For every inch over that you  
will be charged \$3.00 per inch.

Photographs are extra at a cost of \$8.00 per photograph. Lodges are billed  
on their per capita billing from the Grand Lodge. Many lodges run articles  
which take up a full page. They are billed \$300 for that page.

Photographs should be high resolution and in color. Avoid dark and fuzzy  
photos as that is how they will appear in the printed paper. Group shots, are  
great as they will save your lodge money in the long run.

State Vice Presidents, your articles each month will also be a 16" free space  
but will include your photograph. If you go over the 16" limit you will be billed  
for the overset at \$3 per inch.

There will be No Charge for the following:

- State President Article
- Filial Lodge Fundraiser Event Flyer
- Filial Member Obituary
- Filial Lodge Thank You
- Letters to the Editor
- Articles from Committee Chairs

Our deadline is the 15th of the month. Please keep this in mind as you get  
your final approval from your Lodge President. All articles received after the  
deadline will be held over for the next month.

Articles and Ads\* per issue

- Full Page \$300.00
- 1/2 page \$150.00
- 1/4 page \$ 75.00
- 1/8 page \$ 37.50\*
- State Officer/Committee Chairs \$ 36.00



**Napa Lodge #2043**  
**by Otto DeLeon, Recording Secretary**  
**Photos by Frank Russo**

**Back on Track with Fundraising: A Celebratory Success for OSDIA Napa Lodge #2043**

In an inspiring display of community spirit and resilience, Napa Lodge #2043, hosted its first major fundraiser since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The event, held on Saturday, February 17, 2024, was not just a return to tradition but a bold statement of revival and unity within the community. Dubbed “BOOT TO FORK: Festa Italiana a Napa,” the evening was a testament to the collective efforts of the lodge’s members, leadership, business partners, and the broader Napa Valley community.

The journey to this momentous occasion began amidst the hustle and bustle of the 2023 holiday season. With an ambitious goal of attracting 200ish attendees, the organizing team faced the daunting task of piecing together a major event during one of the busiest times of the year. Despite initial slow ticket sales and the looming distractions of Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s and Super Bowl festivities, the lodge’s spirit remained unshaken.

At one point, doubts crept in, and the possibility of postponing the event to spring was considered. However, the unwavering determination of a few visionary leaders within the lodge kept the flame of hope alive. Their relentless optimism and leadership spurred the committee into action, ensuring the event stayed on course.

The result was nothing short of spectacular. The fundraiser exceeded expectations, drawing near 200 participants (attendees, volunteers, event staff, etc.) including state leaders who lent their support to the cause. The evening was further energized by the enthusiastic participation of Justin-Siena high schoolers, who brought youthful vigor and enthusiasm.

Financially, the event was a triumph, with robust donations and revenues generated from silent and live auctions, beverage sales, and miscellaneous contributions. However, the true success of the evening lay in its ability to bring people together in a spirit of family, unity, and celebration. The atmosphere was charged with joy and camaraderie, highlighting the strong bonds within the community and the lodge.

This fundraiser marked a significant milestone for Napa Lodge #2043, showcasing the resilience and dedication of its members and the community at large. It was a clear demonstration of what can be achieved when individuals come together for a common purpose, fueled by passion and a commitment to their shared heritage and values.

As the Napa Lodge looks to the future, the success of this event serves as a foundation upon which to build even more ambitious and impactful initiatives. With the continued support of its members, partners, and the community, Napa Lodge #2043 is poised to continue its legacy of service, unity, and cultural celebration for years to come.



State President Arlene M Nunziati and Family





Garibaldi-Meucci Museum

GARIBALDI-MEUCCI MUSEUM

OWNED BY THE SONS OF ITALY FOUNDATION  
ADMINISTERED BY THE NYS GRAND LODGE ORDER SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA  
*Preserving the Past for the Future*  
420 Tompkins Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10305  
Phone: (718) 442-1608 Fax: (718) 442-8635  
Email: info@garibaldimeuccimuseum.org www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.com

*"The mission of the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum, Staten Island is: to collect, hold, own, maintain, preserve and exhibit historical objects and artifacts relating to the lives of General Giuseppe Garibaldi and Antonio Meucci; promote an understanding of Italian-American heritage and a positive image of Italian-Americans in the United States; and conduct educational, cultural and artistic programming designed to eliminate ethnic and racial prejudice for a diverse and growing audience."*

I am pleased to become a member/renew my membership to the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum at the following level:

- ☐ \$25 Individual Donor
- ☐ \$75 Family Donor (4 or more family members residing at the same household address)
- ☐ \$100 Patron Donor
- ☐ \$250 Benefactor Donor - Includes GMM Journal B&W Full Page
- ☐ \$500 Silver Donor - Includes GMM Journal Silver Page
- ☐ \$750 Gold Donor - Includes 2 tickets to GMM Luncheon & GMM Journal Gold Page
- ☐ \$1000 Platinum Donor - Includes 2 tickets to GMM Luncheon, GMM Journal Gold Page, Ad in GMM Website and a Memorial Walkway brick
- ☐ Make a Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please Make Checks Payable to:  
GARIBALDI-MEUCCI MUSEUM

All gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law

- ☐ My company will match this gift.

PLEASE BILL MY:

- ☐ American Express
- ☐ MasterCard
- ☐ Visa

CREDIT CARD#:

EXPIRES:

\*CVC:

\*This is the number on the back of your MasterCard/ Visa or the four-digit number on the front of your AMEX card.

YOUR INFORMATION:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(necessary for email member mailings)

Membership Benefits

- Being a part of a historic National Landmark
- Free general admission to the museum during visiting hours: Wednesday - Saturday from 1pm-5pm (subject to change)
- Special invitations to exclusive member only events
- Half-price admissions to Giorno Di Cultura Heritage Series of cultural events
- A 10% discount on our Italian language classes
- A 10% discount on museum gift shop merchandise

Thank you for supporting the museum and helping to  
"Preserve the Past for the Future."

Please return this membership application form to:

Joy Bruno, State Chair/National Overseer  
17789 Nephi Drive  
Fairfield, CA 94534  
707-422-3391

Last month we ended with Meucci and his wife Ester leaving Cuba and arriving on Staten Island where he met and befriended Giuseppe Garibaldi, the famous War Hero, Meucci invited him to stay in his home, He patented a type of smokeless candle from which they created an income.

Meucci continued to prefect the telephone, by 1857 he had developed a working model which he used in his own home to communicate with his ailing wife.

Meucci was injured and hospitalized for several months. On the brink of poverty Ester sold his telephone models to a second hand dealer for \$6.00. When Meucci found out he rebuilt his model, receiving provisional patent in 1871. He was unable to finance the development of his invention and renew the costly patent. He submitted his plans to the New York Telegraph Company, they saw no value in the plans but did not return them saying they were lost. In 1876 Alexander Graham Bell, an employee of the company received a patent for nearly the identical invention. A hearing was held, Meucci's inability to speak and understand English the Bell Company brought suit against him for copyright infringement . In spite of overwhelming proof on his behalf the judge ruled in favor of Bell.

Antonio Meucci died penniless on Staten Island in 1889,however in June 2002, the US Congress passed a House Resolution 269 recognizing Meucci's achievements and his work in the invention of the Telephone.

Joy Bruno  
CA State Chair/National Overseer  
Barbara Famosa, Wisniewski State Co-Chair

Giuseppe Garibaldi was born July 4, 1807 in Niece. He spent his early years as a merchant seaman. In 1833, he learned of Mazzini and the Risorgimento that was growing in Italy. He joined a secret society and was involved in an unsuccessful revolt in Piedmont. He left for Rio de Janeiro in December of 1835 There he met Anita Ribeiro da Silva who became his wife and bore him 4 children. As head of a band of Italian and South American liberals. Garibaldi spent 13 years fighting for freedom in Brazil and Uruguay.

While in South America , Garibaldi founded the "Red Shirts" an Italian legion that specialized in Guerrilla warfare. The red shirts became the symbol of Garibaldi's followers and one of the colors of the Italian flag.

In 1848 Garibaldi returned to Italy to join the battle for freedom. He was eventually defeated while defending the young republic of Rome. Anita died in the retreat.

Garibaldi again set sail and arrived in New York on July 30, 1850. He befriended Meucci and his wife and stayed with them on Staten Island, hunting, fishing and making candles in Meucci's factory.

In 1854 He returned to Europe, bought a farm in Caprera, Sardinia and began raising an army of men to free southern Italy. In 1860 with a force of 1,089 volunteers (called 'I Mille, "The Thousand") he sailed from Genoa to Marsala, Sicily. He joined the Sicilian revolution, and was named, "Dictator of Sicily," and then moved north and captured Palermo and Naples. Finally on November 7, 1860, Italy was united from the Alps to Sicily for the first time since the fall of Ancient Rome. It was proclaimed a Nation March 17, 1861.

Garibaldi retired to Capera,Sardinia where he died peacefully on June 2, 1882 at the age of 75.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joy Bruno  
CA State Chair/Nation Overseer  
Garibaldi-Meucci Museum

Barbara Fumosa, Wisniewski  
State Co-Chair

Meeting at the San Francisco Consulate  
By Maria Fassio Pignati

On January 25, our State President Arlene Nunziati and I attended the annual meeting of Italian and Italian-American organizations of the San Francisco Bay Area at the Italian Consulate in San Francisco. Our genial host, Consul General Sergio Strozzi, started the meeting with his welcome and opening remarks, introduced his hard-working consular staff , and then asked a representative from each organization to introduce themselves and to talk about their group, what it does, and any upcoming events planned. In all, there were about 21 associations present, including OSDIA, Business Association Italy America (BAIA), La Scuola International School, the SF Italian Athletic Club, Italian Community Services, Le Donne d'Italia, SF Italian Heritage Celebration, The Colombo Club, CIAO Bay Area, the Leonardo da Vinci Society, Italian American Bar Association of Northern California, COMITES, il Museo Italo Americano, Little Italy San Jose, la Madonna del Lume, California Law Enforcement: Columbia Association, Italian American Club of So. San Francisco, the Tuscany Club of Sacramento, and others.

This discussion was followed by a much-appreciated time for networking while enjoying a delicious Italian-style buffet. This event goes a long way in fostering unity and the sharing of ideas and goals among Italian American organizations in the Bay Area and is anticipated every year.





LODGE DIRECTORY

**ANAHEIM LODGE**  
**Lo. 2076**  
Anniv. May 3, 1958  
**ANAHEIM**  
**PRES. MARIANN AITA**  
212 S. Kraemer Blvd Unit 207  
Placentia , CA 92870  
(201) 562-4786  
mareprincipessa@gmail.com  
*Rec. Secty. Frances D'Errico*  
7424 E. Calle Durango  
Anaheim Hills, CA 92808  
(714) 469-1020  
derricofa@sbcglobal.net  
Meeting 1st. Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
NOT EVERY MONTH  
Contact  
President Mariann Aita or  
Rec. Sec. Fran D'Errico  
for more details of date  
and place.

**CAMELIA-COLOMBO**  
**LODGE No. 1294**  
Anniv. June, 1924  
**KLAMATH FALLS, OR**  
**PRES. OLIVER SPIRES**  
224 Mountain View Blvd.  
Klamath Falls, OR 97601  
(541) 891-8617  
ospires@charter.net  
*Bonnie Sims*  
4717 Sumac Ave .  
Klamath Falls, OR 97603  
541-884-9684  
basims49@charter.net  
Meets 3rd Mon. 6:30 p.m.  
815 High Street  
Klamath Falls, OR 97603

**C. COLOMBO**  
**LODGE No. 1315**  
Anniv. Aug. 31, 1924  
**ANTIOCH**  
**PRES. CAROL ESPOSITO**  
223 West 5th St.  
Antioch, CA 94509  
(925) 779-1969  
c\_espo@att.net  
*Rec. Edna Esposito*  
223 West 5th St.  
Antioch, CA 94509  
(925) 978-3961  
Esposnca@sbcglobal.net  
Meets 2nd Thurs. 7:00 p.m.  
Antioch Senior Center  
415 W. 2nd Street  
Antioch, CA 94509

**CENTINELA VALLEY**  
**LODGE No. 1991**  
Anniv. Mar. 20, 1949  
**TORRANCE**  
**PRES. STEVE GUTHRIE**  
337 GladysAve #6  
Long Beach, CA 908144  
(310) 483-4383  
stvegut@yahoo.com  
*Rec. Secty. Lisa Hayes*  
1731 235th St.  
Torrance, CA 90501  
(310) 381-9071  
Meets 2nd Wed. 7 p.m.  
Order Sons of Italy Hall  
1744 W. Carson St.  
Torrance, CA 90501

**CESARE BATTISTI**  
**LODGE No. 1518**  
Anniv. Jan. 28, 1929  
**PETALUMA**  
**PRES: JOHN ALBINI**  
MAILING ADDRESS  
P.O.BOX 2511  
ROHNERT PARK, CA  
*Rec.Secty. Anna Biggio*  
125 Rogue Moraes  
Mill Valley, CA 94941  
(415) 388-1998  
sonoioann@gmail.com  
1st Thursday 4:30 p.m.  
Herman Sons Hall  
860 Western Ave,  
Petaluma, CA

**COLUMBIA**  
**LODGE No. 1940**  
Anniv. July 30, 1944  
**SAN MATEO**  
**PRES. ANGELO FANUCCHI**  
3721 Wilshire Ave.  
San Mateo, CA 94403  
(650) 678-1993  
angsm42@gmail.com  
*Rec. Secty. Angie Fanucchi*  
3721 Wilshire Ave.  
San Mateo, CA 94403  
(650) 228-6013  
angsm42@gmail.com  
Meets 4th Tues, 11:00 a.m.  
Peninsula Italian American  
Social Club  
100 North B Street  
San Mateo, CA 94401

**COLOMBO-STELLA**  
**LODGE No. 1149**  
Anniv. Sept. 22, 1922  
**FRESNO**  
**PRES. Olivia DeLiddo**  
2341 Santa Cruz Dr  
Atwater, Ca. 95301  
(559) 312-5151  
*Rec Secty Steven Barra*  
850 W. Jensen  
Fresno, CA 93706  
(559) 974-2345  
Meets 3rd Tues. 6:30 p.m.  
Contact Olivia DeLiddo  
For Details

**CORNELIA-VITA NUOVA**  
**LODGE No. 1198**  
Anniv. April 21, 1923  
**SAN FRANCISCO**  
**PRES. JENNIFER DE**  
**PALMA - CHANDLER**  
3825 Webster St  
San Francisco, CA 94123  
(415) 637-7080  
ladonnadepalma@gmail.com  
*Rec. Secty.*  
*Maria Fassio Pignati*  
268 Delmar Way  
San Mateo, CA 94403  
(415) 370-3956  
abondnza@aol.com  
For lodge meeting date  
and location please contact  
lodge Rec. Secty.

**CRISTOFORO COLOMBO**  
**LODGE No. 1534**  
Anniv. June 14, 1929  
**PRES. DAWN ROMERO**  
**RENO, NV**  
12410 Westridge Drive  
Reno, NV 89511  
775 350 2442  
romerowestrdrge@gmail.com  
*Rec. Secty. Nick Simone*  
445 Circle Drive  
Reno, NV 89511  
775 544 3463  
nicksimone@dicksonrealty.com  
Meets 4th Wed. 6:00 p.m.  
The Reno Elks Lodge  
597 Kumle Lane  
Reno, NV 89509

**DIABLO VALLEY**  
**LODGE No. 2167**  
Anniv. Feb. 13, 1966  
**PLEASANT HILL**  
**PRES. LINDA PARENT TASCA**  
4014 Lynwood Ct.  
Concord, CA 94519  
(925) 825-2560  
lptcatlady@yahoo.com  
*Rec. Secty. Francine Loyd*  
225 Rainbow Dr.  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523  
(925) 933-1578  
Meets 2nd Thurs. 12:00 noon  
VARIOUS LOCATIONS

**DOLLY SINATRA**  
**LODGE No. 2400**  
Anniv. May 29, 1977  
**PALM SPRINGS**  
**PRES. FRANK DI SALVO**  
17 Park Mirage  
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270  
(760) 668-2901  
fdisalvo777@gmail.com  
*Rec. Sec. Julia D'Elia*  
2060 Rochelle Road  
Palm Springs, CA 92262  
760 333-5794  
Meets 2nd Tues. 6:00 p.m.  
Dolly Sinatra Lodge Hall  
1700 Sahara  
Palm Springs, CA 92262

**ENRICO CARUSO**  
**LODGE No. 1463**  
Anniv. June 27, 1927  
**VISALIA**  
**PRES. LARRY ROMANAZZI**  
1150 N.Rossmoor Ct.  
Visalia, CA 93291  
(559) 733-1461  
larry@msrcpa.com  
*Rec. Secty.Pam Buldo*  
(559) 799-8697  
pjbuldo@aol.com  
Meets 2nd Thurs. 7:00 p.m.  
Visalia Sons of Italy Hall  
4211 W. Goshen Ave.  
Visalia, CA 93291

**EUREKA**  
**LODGE No. 1274**  
Anniv. Mar. 16, 1924  
**EUREKA**  
**PRES. JEREMY SORCI**  
725 6th Street  
Eureka, CA  
(707) 499-6674  
jeremy.sorci@yahoo.com  
*Rec. Secty. Laura Lazzarotto*  
2911 C Street  
Eureka, CA 95501  
(707) 499-6674  
Meets 4th Tues. 6:00 p.m.  
St. Bernard's Parish Hall  
7th & "I" Street  
Eureka, CA 95501  
sonsofitalyeureka@gmail.com

**FRATELLANZA GARIBALDINA**  
**LODGE No. 1627**  
Anniv. Apr. 17, 1932  
**SAN DIEGO**  
**PRES, VALERI ORSINI**  
*5095 Murphy Canyon Road # 200*  
*San Diego, Ca. 92123*  
*(619) 871-6000*  
*Email: valeri@foagency. com*  
*Rec. Secty. Melanie Dellas*  
*4405 Pescadero Ave.*  
*San Diego, Ca. 92107*  
*(858)442-7916*  
*Email: mdellas@musecuratorial.com*  
*Meets 3rd Tues every month at*  
*5:30pm P.M. 5717 Pacific Center*  
*Blvd#100 San Diego, Ca. 92121*

**GIUSEPPE VERDI**  
**LODGE No. 1441**  
Anniv. Sept. 6, 1927  
**SPARKS, NV**  
**PRES. MARIANNE CAMPBELL**  
Address: 1660 Medolla Dr.  
Sparks, NV 89434  
Phone: (775) 560-8199  
mnc0107@sbcglobal.net  
*Rec. Secty. Monica Domini*  
4790 Caughlin Parkway #502  
Reno, NV 89519  
(775) 843-3733  
monica.domini@gmail.com  
Meets 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m.  
Immaculate Conception  
Church - Social Hall  
2900 N. McCarran Blvd.  
Sparks, NV 89431

**GOLD COUNTRY**  
**LODGE No. 2705**  
Anniv. July 20, 1996  
**EL DORADO HILLS**  
**PRES. JIM SILVEIRA**  
1150 St. Andrews  
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762  
(916) 939-6445  
inspectorjim@yahoo.com  
*Rec. Secty. Bev Scotch*  
3225 Stonehurst Dr.  
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762  
bevscotch@gmail.com  
Meets 3rd Tues. 6:30 p.m.  
5011 Golden Foothill #7  
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

**HACIENDA**  
**LODGE No. 2168**  
Anniv. Apr. 17, 1966  
**WHITTIER**  
**PRES. BILL VIVERTO**  
1021 Clintwood Ave  
La Puente, CA 91744  
(626) 261-2879  
bverdo@aol.com  
*Rec. Secty. Carrie Harrison*  
2520 Summershade Dr.  
La Habra 90631  
(562) 400-9663  
OPCarrie@cs.com  
Meets 2nd Mon. 8 p.m.  
Masonic Hall  
7604 Greenleaf Avenue  
Whittier, CA 90602

**HANFORD**  
**LODGE No. 1543**  
Anniv. July 27, 1929  
**HANFORD**  
**PRES. MICHAEL LEONI**  
315 W. Earl Way  
Hanford, CA 93230  
Phone: 559-212-8773  
mleoni1080@gmail.com  
*Rec. Secty Annette Nicely*  
170 E. Birch  
Hanford, CA 93230  
Phone: 559-410-0798  
annette\_nicely@yahoo.com  
Meets 2nd Wed. 6:00 p.m.  
Hanford Fraternal Hall  
1015 N. 10th Avenue  
Hanford, CA 93230  
www.sonsofitaly1543.org

**JOANNE COCCIA**  
**LODGE No. 2553**  
Anniv. Feb. 19, 1984  
**FONTANA**  
**PRES. PAUL FINAZZO**  
8888 Tamarind Ave  
Fontana, CA 92335  
(909) 822-8740  
pffin@aol.com  
*Rec. Secty. Michaelynn Minicucci*  
140 W Pioneer Ave, 101  
Redlands CA 92374  
(909) 855-5437  
michaelynn66@live.com  
Meets 3rd Sun. 1:00 p.m.  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
16432 Merrill Ave.  
Fontana, CA 92335

**LA COSTA DEI FIORI**  
**LODGE No. 2424**  
Anniv. Oct. 22, 1978  
**ENCINITAS**  
**PRES. DAN GIZZO**  
5120 Bareback Square  
San Diego, CA 92130  
203-570-8937  
dangizzo@hotmail.com  
*Rec Secty. Toni McMahon*  
3015 Cadencia St.  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
tonimcmahon64@gmail.com  
Phone: 760-822-2338  
Meets 1st Wed. 6:00 p.m.  
Sky Loft Community  
Center  
Sky Loft Community  
Center Lane  
Encinitas, CA

**NAPA**  
**LODGE No. 2043**  
Anniv. Mar. 28, 1955  
**NAPA**  
**PRES. MARISA SILVA MILLER**  
101 Hillside Ave.  
Napa, CA 94558  
707-477-5538  
napasonsdaughtersofitaly@gmail.com  
*Rec Secty Otto DeLeon*  
220 Ashlar Dr.  
Napa, CA 94558  
916-996-3580  
napasonsdaughtersofitaly@gmail.com  
Meets 4th Monday  
Chef David Thater  
Dinner 6:00pm.  
RSVP  
Marisa Miller (707)477-5538  
Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Native Sons Hall  
937 Coombs St. Napa CA

**NORTHERN SOLANO**  
**LODGE No. 2534**  
Anniv. Jan. 16, 1983  
**FAIRFIELD**  
**PRES. MARK ROSSI**  
4540 St. Andrews Ct.  
Fairfield, CA 94533  
209-404-0692  
mercatoman1@gmail.com  
*Rec. Secty. Shirley Firpo*  
8057 N. Meridian Rd.  
Dixon, CA 95620  
(707) 678-2455  
slfirpo@jps.net  
Meets 3rd Thurs. 6:00 p.m.  
Fairfield Senior Center  
1200 Harry Price Drive  
Fairfield, CA 94533

**PUGLIESE**  
**LODGE No. 1375**  
Anniv. Sept. 5, 1925  
**LOS ANGELES**  
**PRES.MICHAEL DIGIURO**  
1957 Mt. Shasta Drive  
San Pedro, CA 90732  
310-292-8802  
mgdigiuro@yahoo.com  
*Rec. Secty. Rosemarie Vanderhaar*  
801 West Duarte Road #1  
Monrovia, CA 91016  
(626) 222-7768  
rgeorev@aol.com  
Meets 1st Thurs. 6:00 p.m.  
1744 West Carson Street,  
Torrance, CA

**RENAISSANCE**  
**LODGE No. 2259**  
Anniv. Mar. 4, 1972  
**ORANGE**  
**PRES: FRED FASENELLI**  
10901 Vida Dr.  
Villa Park, CA 92861  
714-417-0196  
fasenelli@gmail.com  
*Rec. Secty.Jennifer Sale*  
2120 S. State College Blvd.  
Santa Ana, CA 92704  
909-524-9393  
Jsale@yahoo.com  
Meets 3rd Wed. 7pm  
Renaissance Lodge  
1526 Brookhollow Dr #76

**RODOLFO VALENTINO**  
**LODGE No. 1449**  
Anniv. Apr. 4, 1927  
**CLOVIS**  
**PRES. BRIAN WATSON**  
4308 N. Dewitt Ave  
Fresno, CA 93727  
(559) 906-3721  
watson1565@aol.com  
*Rec. Secty. Meri Sorrells*  
3341 N. Emperor  
Fresno, CA 93737  
(559) 292-3469  
Meets 3rd Mon. 6:00 p.m.  
Luna's Restaurant  
Clovis, CA 93612

Please check your lodge information to make sure it is all is correct. Any changes please email Anna at: illeone.ca@gmail.com



LODGE DIRECTORY

**ROMA LODGE No. 1573**  
Anniv. May 25, 1930  
TULARE  
PRES. LARRY DUTTO  
1804 South Tamarack  
Visalia,CA 93277  
(559) 901-4683  
larrydutto@yahoo.com  
Rec.Secty. Renee Marinelli  
6528 West Mary Street  
Visalia, California 93277  
559-732-8258  
r.marine@sbcglobal.net  
Meets 1st Mon. 6:30 p.m.  
International Agri-  
Centre-Social Hall  
4450 S. Laspina  
Tulare, CA 93274

**ROSEVILLE LODGE No. 1413**  
Anniv. Apr. 4, 1926  
ROSEVILLE  
PRES. TOM TOMMASI  
6827 Almond Ave.  
Orangevale, CA 95662  
(916) 990-1150  
tomtommasi@comcast.net  
Rec. Secty. Bart Aiello  
341 Cope Ridge Ct.  
Roseville, CA 95747  
(408) 209-3647  
baiello556@sbcglobal.net  
Meets 3rd Thurs. 6:30 p.m.  
106 Sutter Ave.  
Roseville, CA 95678

**SACRAMENTO LODGE No. 1352**  
Anniv. Jan. 7, 1925  
SACRAMENTO  
PRES. DAN MARINELLI  
340 Cabot Court  
Granite Bay, CA 95746  
(916) 698-2928  
dan.r.marinelli@gmail.com  
Rec Secty DeeDee Drene  
(916) 704-6745  
Drenegirl@gmail.com  
Meets 2nd Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
5961 Newman Court  
Sacramento, CA 95819

**SADDLEBACK VALLEY LODGE No. 2566**  
Anniv. Nov. 17, 1984  
MISSION VIEJO  
PRES. HANK LOWINGER  
6545 Valley Drive  
Riverside, CA 92505  
909-557-4585  
hanklowinger@yahoo.com  
Rec. Secty. Bernadine Neil  
2899 Baker St.  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626  
(714) 979-2996  
bernie1339@sbcglobal.net  
Meets 2nd Friday 6:00 p.m.  
Norman P. Murray Senior Center  
24932 Veterans Way  
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

**SHASTA LODGE No. 2453**  
Anniv. Feb. 23, 1980  
REDDING  
PRES. JIM NOBILI  
2391 Cumberland Dr.  
Redding, CA 96001  
(530)356-6078  
rjnobili@sbcglobal.net  
Rec Secty. Sharon Roberts  
1767 Capistrano Walk  
Redding, CA 96003  
(530) 221-0720  
jimandsharon@charter.net  
Meets 3rd Mon. 7:00 p.m.  
Sons of Italy Hall  
4850 Cedars Road  
Redding, CA 96001

**ST. HELENA LODGE No. 2077**  
Anniv. May 28, 1958  
ST HELENA  
PRES. KEVIN COLEMAN  
1245 Trucker Rd  
Calistoga, CA 94515  
(415)533-2920  
kcoleman@nutihart.com  
Rec. Secty. Janeen di Rienzo  
10 Redondo Ct  
St Helena, CA 94574  
Email: keelejo@hotmail.com  
Meets 1st Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
Native Sons Hall  
1313 Spring Street  
St. Helena, CA 94574

**UKIAH LODGE No. 2104**  
Anniv. Apr. 24, 1960  
REDWOOD VALLEY  
PRES: DONNA MOSCHETTI  
134 Court StUkiah, CA 95482  
(707) 462-2402  
sdogali@outlook.com  
Rec. Secty. Mary Lynn Hunt  
2581 Mill Creek Rd.  
Ukiah, CA 95482  
(707) 462-7935  
ml\_laviletta@msn.com  
Meets 4th Wed. 6:00 p.m.  
8650 East Road  
Redwood Valley, CA 95470

**VALLEY OF THE MOON LODGE No. 1959**  
Anniv. May 17, 1947  
SONOMA  
PRES. LINDA SHOCKEY  
416 Linda Dr.  
Sonoma, CA 95476  
(707) 529-9469  
linda\_shockey@yahoo.com  
Rec. Secty. Marilyn Sylvestri  
10 St. Matthews Ct,  
Sonoma 95476  
(707) 933-0239  
marilynsylvestri@comcast.net  
Meets 3rd Tues. 7:30 p.m.  
Veterans Memorial Bldg.  
126 First Street, West  
Sonoma, CA 95476

**VINCENZO BELLINI LODGE No. 2519**  
Anniv. May 29, 1982  
CHICO  
PRES. TONY GEORGE  
1925 Nord Ave  
Chico CA 95926  
toeknee05@sbcglobal.net  
530-519-8595  
Rec. Secty. Janell Smith  
1385 Banning Park Dr  
Chico, CA 95928  
(530) 898-8677  
janellsmith2@icloud.com  
Meets 3rd Thurs. 6:00 p.m.  
ARC Pavilion  
2040 Park Ave,  
Chico, CA 95928

**VIRGILIO LODGE NO. 1586**  
Anniv. Jan. 4, 1931  
VALLEJO  
PRES. RAY BINI  
128 Nalisty Drive,  
Vallejo CA 94590  
(707) 688-3751  
Raymond.Bini@gmail.com  
Rec. Secty. Pam Bini  
128 Nalisty Drive,Vallejo CA 94590  
(707) 567-2938  
porterbini@gmail.com  
Meets 2nd Tues. 8:00 p.m.  
O.S.I. Hall, 621 Carolina

**WATSONVILLE LODGE No. 2016**  
Anniv. Nov. 18, 1951  
WATSONVILLE  
PRES. JANEY LEONARDICH  
940 Green Valley Rd.  
Watsonville, CA 95076  
Phone: (831) 722-7958  
sweeete940@gmail.com  
Rec. Secty. Casey Clark  
30 9th St.  
Watsonville, CA 95076  
(831) 210-9577  
kcpres@yahoo.com  
Meets 3rd Thurs. 7:00 p.m.  
Watsonville Women's Club  
12 Brennan St.  
Watsonville, CA 95076

**WEED LODGE No. 1269**  
Anniv. Jan. 6, 1924  
WEED  
PRES. RICHARD NEGRO  
Address: 17417 Jackrabbit  
Road Weed, CA 96094  
530-938-3079  
richardenegro@gmail.com  
Rec. Secty. Peggy Soletti  
P. O. Box 130  
Weed, CA 96094  
(530) 938-2881  
sole@cot.net  
Meets 1st Wed. 6:00 p.m.  
Sons of Italy Memorial Hall  
155 Clay Street  
Weed, CA 96094

Italian Days & Months Answer Key

F M F M R F E R E B M E T P E S Z P R E U X G M  
V V V T S U G U A N Z K Y H M H U L E X E P U P  
H E P M X V Y X Y X J D M J G S K Q B R X B K S  
Z N D S F E P A A J V D Z Y N G P O O J P Z E Q  
M E B B R H N P D V U Z A F U I D Q T M U O F V  
U R S Q I P B Z S S N B E R I O E Y C E R V J M  
P D G S D N N O R S N D T G O V C T O S L E F A  
E I I D A O G I U E O D A G K E E F F D N D K R  
I K O Y Y V A A H O Y W E C G D M G X C A G H T  
X C I R M E O R T H V S J W N I B B B I G H C E  
L D A A G M E B C K O T T O B R E C D X O E A D  
W O N U O B D B O S Y J P U L Y R N U E S B A I  
T M N N U E I E X A X A U X A B O E Y W T T J Q  
D E E A T R C F E B B O D M A R C H L T O F Y Q  
O N G J J O E U R A P I A N E M R N C I C B K O  
I I V R E N M Y B T O G T X U A F L D U R Z E P  
L C B M Y G B D M O O G U X C S P U O E W P H P  
G A Q A F U R E E L S A E H F H Q Q H V X M A V  
U Y N R H I E S T L H M S C T S Y A D R U T A S  
I G S Z F G Q T T I P Y D R G Z E T N C L L H E  
F E U O M L J P E R N O A E I D I L O C R E M O  
A S N J S U F P S P U W Y W A X E R B M E V O N  
C F C U L N P H W A Z I F E B R U A R Y P C S P  
R N J Y J E T H V Y S C Z I H S Y O H N X I T Y

Friday	September	Saturday	October	November	Wednesday
March	Tuesday	May	July	June	Thursday
January	February	Sunday	December	April	August
Agosto	Aprile	Dicembre	Domenica	Febbraio	Gennaio
Giovedi	Giugno	Luglio	Maggio	Martedi	Marzo
Mercolidi	Novembre	Ottobre	Sabato	Settembre	Venerdi

