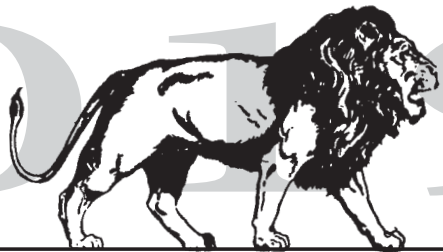


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A Message From The State President



*State President
John Costa*

The month's keep flying by, the last three months have been a blur. Good thing I do not have a front lawn or it would be three feet high.

It was nice to see all the Italian heritage/Columbus day celebrations throughout the states. 1st Lady Donna Lee and myself along with Queen "B" had the pleasure of representing the Grand Lodge in the 151st consecutive Italian Heritage Parade in San Francisco. What a great day to see all the people who come out to see this event. Thank you John and Tom for driving the cars for us. The weather was great and the company even better.

September Grand Council is complete and a big thank you to all of the officers and chairs for your input and attention during the meeting, it takes all of us to keep the ship right. That Saturday after the council meeting Hanford Lodge celebrated their 90th anniversary. President Louise and your committee did a excellent job, I am glad we were able to do this on the same weekend as Grand Council to allow all of the officers to attend.

Speaking of Hanford Lodge we are sadden to hear of the passing of long-time member of Hazel Ann Christian. Our thoughts and prayers go out to George and his family for this loss. We

also extend our thoughts and prayers to our 1st Vice President Barbara, for the loss of her father Sam. He will be missed by many.

The Holidays are fast approaching soon it will be Thanksgiving, soon after Christmas and then the New Year 2020. That will be hard to grasp.

The Grand Lodge will once again have the "365" raffle for 2020, The ticket price will remain \$25.00 and will be the same payouts as last year. Think about buying one for your lodges, your hairdresser, gardener and even co-workers, they make a great stocking stuffer. The new tickets will be available after Thanksgiving.

Please continue to send me your newsletters and invitations to your upcoming events. I will try to attend as many as possible.

The Western Foundation Golf tournament is complete and we look forward to the Southern California golf tournament in Palm Springs on November 18th.

I am always talking about new members to keep us going but it is also important to have that "retention of current members". Think about this, Is it more important to get a new member or retain that current member? The correct answer is retaining the current member. This info is available in a Retention Manual that was prepared by National which I will have available to our filial lodges shortly. I am not saying we do not want to pursue new members we just need to keep our existing members.

Happy Thanksgiving, to all of you and your families from 1st lady Donna Lee and myself. Also for Veterans Day, THANK YOU! Veterans, for your service in protecting our rights to live in this wonderful country.



*State 1st Vice President
Barbara Wisniewski*

My Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I'm afraid I spoke to soon last month when I said that Reno is still allowing us to celebrate Columbus Day. Unbeknownst to any of us in the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, the Reno City Council changed the name of Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day. I was so angry that I sent an email to everyone on the Council and to our Grand and Supreme Lodge. I must admit I am extremely frustrated with the process that allows only a few to know what will be decided in a town or city Council. Perhaps it is time to promote more members to such Councils. If we don't have representation we do not have any say in what happens. We can only vote every few years.

After writing this paragraph, I was called to New Jersey to say goodbye to my father. He left us quietly on October 7th. Hospice made it easier for him to stay at home and be comfortable.

Those of you who know me, know that he is the reason I am a part of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America. His love of the Order was passed on to me and I am so proud.

I'm afraid this will be a short article as I am needing time to morn.

Thank you for all you do to keep our Order strong.

Till next month
Fraternally
Barbara



*State 2nd Vice President
Pauline Richmond*

The following in brief are some of the highlights of the September 2019 Grand Council meeting. The State Officers shared some information about their various lodge visits: one lodge took the Protocol book and made a few changes to running their meeting which allowed them a shorter meeting and better member attendance. Another lodge participates in the community parades being held, in order to get their name out there in the community.

Leadership Chairperson, Mark Rossi held a short session giving advice for members or State Officers when visiting a lodge. When asked to speak be prepared. Learn a little history of the lodge they are visiting and offer remarks that make the discussion personal. He recommended that State Officers talk about the National and Grand Lodge and, what's offered to the members, etc.

The Western Foundation list of Charities was reviewed. Non-active Charities were removed.

A donation of \$5,000.00 was given by an Anonymous member to the Western Foundation Fund.

We had the pleasure to hear from two of the Youth members, Gianna and Gabrielle Benedetti from the Roma Lodge who attended the Student Summit 2019 in Washington, D.C. They each gave a wonderful report on the activities of the Summit meeting and how much they enjoyed their time in Washington, D.C and visiting the National Office and staff. Each student attending from California received \$300.00 from the Grand Lodge of



*State 3rd Vice President
Sadie Tamburine*

Thanksgiving is an important American holiday, always celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November, with a large meal centering on turkey as the main course, or secondo piatto. This major holiday does not really exist in Italy, except perhaps in the homes of American expats. American visitors in Italy hoping to find a traditional holiday meal might get lucky and locate a restaurant which serves a Thanksgiving meal.

Today, traditionally, this celebration involves a huge meal shared at home with family and friends. Turkey is the main course, along with stuffing, vegetables, potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, bread, and pies, almost always pumpkin. Many Italian-American families, however, celebrate this day with the traditional turkey dinner, while also adding some recipes from their Italian ancestors. My own family maintained the American traditions without any added pasta dishes or Italian touches. But I spoke with many who shared their families' Thanksgiving day traditions with a special Italian touch.

Italian-American traditions at Thanksgiving can vary. For some with Sicilian roots, a chestnut dressing and roasted chestnuts are often served. Antipasto with mixed nuts and fennel, roasted artichokes, with red pepper stuffing, and fresh cheeses, like ricotta, mozzarella, and parmesans are popular with many Italian-Americans on Thanksgiving.

For some, home-made pasta, either ravioli or spaghetti, with home-made

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California to help with their expenses. Gianna Benedetti holds the title of Miss California in the State Queen’s Court.

The Grand Lodge taxes will now be prepared by David Lavezzari, CPA free of charge! When done they will be given to the Grand Council to approve.

October 6, 2019, I attended the Columbus Day Celebration held at the Casa Italiana, in Los Angeles, CA. MC for the day was Paul Giuliano, he did a great job, speaking about his Italian Heritage and Culture and that he had learned all this from his beloved grandfather, Russ Rametta. Paul and family are member of OSDIA. The Deputy Consul General of Italy to Los Angeles, Hon. Andrea Perugini and family were in attendance. He gave a wonderful speech about our Italian heritage and the bond with OSDIA. Our 3rd State Vice President, Sadie Tamburine gave an interesting speech on facts about Christopher Columbus which was well accepted! It was a fantastic day with Joseph Perez as Christopher Columbus and Sarah Taylor as Queen Isabella. Joseph is Mr. Convention City and Sarah is Countess in the State Queen’s court 2018 – 2020.

Please support the Palm Springs Golf Tournament November 18, 2019. If you don’t golf attend the luncheon, give a donation, or be a sponsor. All net profits go to the Western Foundation Fund.

State Deputies reminder: please sent in your 3rd quarter report! Thank you!
Ciao – until next month



State Third Vice President
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sauce, or gravy, as some call it, is also an important part of the meal. Joe LaPanna says that “being a ‘food’ person, Thanksgiving is my all time favorite holiday.” He remembers that one grandmother would bring Italian cookies and/or cannoli from New York, and the “other grandmother would make homemade zepolli, and bow ties.” Joe honors his mother by maintaining some Italian traditions today. “I slip prosciutto into a dish here and there, make polenta instead of cornbread and always serve an Italian wine or two.”

Alfredo Vinci, An Italian-American originally from Siracusa, Sicily, recalls a “turkey stuffed with sausage and chestnuts.” The meal would also include “lasagna and torta di ricotta”. Alfredo considers Thanksgiving his favorite holiday, but always looks forward to the lasagna.

Expat Rick Zullo recalls one Thanksgiving in Rome when his uncle, a member of the Christian Brothers, visited at Thanksgiving time. “The house that his order owns is not far from the Vatican and the cook was putting on a special meal for the American brothers, so they invited us to join them. The cook was Italian, and I must say that he did a good job with the turkey. But he still couldn’t resist serving a typical Italian antipasto (sliced meats and cheeses), as well as two pasta dishes. He made a pumpkin pie, too, but something was “off” about it. I ended up having some biscotti with sweet wine for dessert.”

Dr. J.B. Zito’s Thanksgivings always involved serving a lot of food to a lot of people. His family served food to anyone; they volunteered at the Kiwanis and Elks clubs to serve food for free. At their home, from early morning till late at night, they were serving food. Big trays of lasagna and Italian wine were a must but Jack stresses, “there are two parts to Thanks giving. There is the Thanks and then there is the Giving.”

Scholarship
Applications

A reminder that the academic scholarship application form is available online and in pdf fillable format. Also available are the application forms for the “Student to Italy” grant study and for those students pursuing a career in a sport or a sports related field. Deadline to submit all applications is March 1, 2020 (postmarked). Log on to the Grand Lodge of California Website at www.osiaca.org and click on the link scholarship.

Scholarships are also available through the National Sons and Daughters of Italy Foundation.

For information go to www.osia.org and click on for scholarship information. The deadline for those applications is February 28, 2020 (postmarked).

Grand Lodge /Western Foundation Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors only from high schools within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California.

Please feel free to contact me for information or inquiries.

Rosemarie Biagetti Vanderhaar

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365 Fund Raiser - Winners

Sept. 16-30		
16	\$25.00	Jeff Trentini
17	\$25.00	Giuseppe Pignati
18	\$25.00	Jerry Firpo
19	\$25.00	Fran Derrico
20	\$25.00	Joan Acquistaspase
21	\$25.00	Franco Dilorenzo
22	\$25.00	Joy Bruno
23	\$25.00	Loretta Reis
24	\$25.00	Mary Sue Frediani
25	\$25.00	Albert and Pat Galli
26	\$25.00	Pauline Richmond
27	\$25.00	Lois Mitchell
28	\$25.00	Dorothy Lagomarsino
29	\$25.00	Nick and Maria D'egido
30	\$50.00	Paul Grant

Oct. 1-15		
1	\$2500	Manny Finazzo
2	\$25.00	Joanne Coccia Lodge
3	\$25.00	David Garibaldi
4	\$25.00	Al Giralami
5	\$25.00	Phil Privitera
6	\$25.00	Ellen Weaver
7	\$25.00	Linda Bowen
8	\$25.00	Pamela Buldo
9	\$25.00	Kris Peterson
10	\$25.00	Virgilio Lodge
11	\$25.00	Maria Pignati
12	\$25.00	Mike Coletti Smith
13	\$25.00	Rodolfo Vallentino
14	\$500.00	Raylene Lucchesi
15	\$25.00	Davie Lavezzari

365 Winners

In last month’s issue we made a terrible error saying that someone won \$200 on the 25th of the month. This was not true. the person only won \$25. The only time the prize is bigger is as follows:

- Last day of the month - \$50
- Mother’s Day - \$200
- Father’s Day - \$200
- Christmas Day - \$200
- New Year’s Day - \$200
- and Columbus Day - \$500

This is it, if you see something different once in a while it is wrong.

We try our best not to make mistakes but it does happen and we do apologize if it causes any misunderstandings.



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Youth Committee

by Brian Watson

Greetings Brothers and Sisters

I attended a wonderful 90th Lodge anniversary for the Hanford Lodge in September, while I was there I had a nice conversation with our webmaster Anna Graeber. She told me she would love to add a page for the youth on the Grand Lodge website. We would like to add a pictures section on the youth page, but I need some help. If anyone has pictures of the youth either at convention or at your local lodge I would love a copy of them to add to the site. If they are pictures from 20 yours ago or from your last lodge meeting we would love to see them all. If anyone has pictures of youth events please email them to me with a short description of the event, when it was and who is pictured. My email is Pumbaa673@yahoo.com you can also send them to osia.ca.webmaster@gmail.com and please put youth pictures in the subject line.

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

The last time we were in the Bay Area I used the Go San Francisco pass that allows entry to 25+ attractions for one price and we had a great time with it. Since Concord is close to San Francisco I have been looking into these passes again. Some of the attractions included in the pass are, California Academy of Sciences, Madame Trussauds wax museum, Bridge to Bridge cruise, Ripley’s Believe it or Not!, Alcatraz Island, Great America (probably a little too far away though), SF Museum of Modern Art, the Exploratorium, Aquarium of the Bay and many many more. Great thing about this is you can go to as many as you want while you have the pass. I am also looking into a Giants baseball game, if I have my dates right they finish a series with the Mets and start a series with the Dodgers while we are in town. Nothing is set in stone, I am just starting out my event planning at this point. If you are from the area I would love to hear from you with ideas for events also, no one knows better than those who are local to the convention city.

With a no cost convention youth package for the kids I am calling on everyone to please support the Little Lion Program either as an individual, as a lodge, or as both. I have again set up different levels of support for the program. Those who donate over \$100 will be part of the elite Platinum level, donations up to \$100 are in the Gold level, up to \$50 donations are silver level and the bronze level is up to \$25.

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

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

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HazelAnn Christin

September 4, 1941-October 1, 2019



HazelAnn Imbrogno Christin was called home to heaven on October 1, 2019, at the age of 78 surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Fresno, California on September 4, 1941, to Saverio J and Angelina (Bruno) Imbrogno. Saverio’s parents (Maria and Nicola Imbrogno) migrated from Potenza, Italy; and Angelina’s parents (Assunta and Vito Bruno) came from Potenza, Italy. She met the love of her life, George Christin while they were students at Washington Union High School in Easton. They were married on August 1, 1958, and recently celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. They were blessed with five children, eleven grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren with another on the way. She always loved having a baby to hold.

HazelAnn was raised in a very traditional Italian family near Fresno’s Westside, which was the Italian District in those days. Her father was employed at Roma Winery and also ran a small dairy and farm. Her mother made sure they practiced all the Italian family traditions and celebrations. She loved sharing memories of Sundays at their home. You could almost smell the spaghetti sauce cooking and hear Italian opera-mostly Enrico Caruso and Mario Lanza on the radio when HazelAnn described what it was like growing up in an Italian Family .

Using her wonderful cooking talents which she inherited from her mother, HazelAnn worked as a cook supervisor for 10 years at Hanford Convalescent and Rehab Center. She continued to utilize her culinary expertise every Thursday having her entire family over for dinner. Besides being a fantastic cook, HazelAnn drove a bus for the Kings Area Rural Transit (KART) for 26 years, retiring in May 2017. One of her favorite duties at this job was picking up senior citizens at their doors and taking them to doctor appointments and shopping. She was featured in the Hanford Sentinel as the “Smile Behind the Wheel”.

Family was very important to HazelAnn. She described them as the “apple of her eye”. “Nana” always loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed reading and gardening (she was a member of the LaCasa Garden Club) and traveling. Her travels included Hawaii, Canada, Mexico, New York and Italy. HazelAnn commented: “When we traveled to New York, it was a very emotional experience. It was very moving to watch the same glimpse of the Statue of Liberty that my grandparents say upon arriving in America, and even possibly sitting on the same benches her grandparents did in the Registration Hall at Ellis Island.”

The Sons and Daughters of Italy became a very important part of her life when she was initiated on April 13, 1993. She was always there for every event. Whether she was cutting up vegetables for the Spaghetti and Meatballs dinners or chairing a large event you knew the job would be done meticulously. HazelAnn held many committee chairs and offices in the Lodge including two terms as Lodge President. She was always proud of the fact that 28 of her family members are also members of the Hanford Sons of Italy Lodge. Three of her grandchildren have worn the crowns of Hanford Lodge Queens: Lisa Marie Webb attained Miss Convention City at the State level; Jessica Elaine Christin Aguirre was First Duchess; and Kelsi Christin Counter who received the honor of Grand Lodge Queen. Their family was recently recognized at the Hanford Lodge #1543- 90th Anniversary party as having 4 generations in the Lodge.

Her involvement in the Sons and Daughters of Italy did not stop at the local level. She held offices in the United Lodges of the San Joaquin Valley and was honored by the United Lodges for her dedication to the order on May 17, 2009. HazelAnn was also very active at the State Level. She served as President of the State Youth Com-

mittee, State Youth Committee Chairperson, and State Birth Defects Chairperson as well as Grand Lodge Trustee from the Central.

HazelAnn was an amazing woman who very much will be missed. Her smile was contagious and her work ethic unmatched. Her legacy will continue on in her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a mentor not only to her family but members of the Sons of Italy as well. She loved the youth in particular and used the motto when she was President of the State Youth Committee – “our youth are the future of our Order.” Farewell Sister HazelAnn. You will be forever in our hearts.

HazelAnn is survived by her loving husband George Christin. Her children: Ronald Christin, Deborah (Kyle) Popoy, Suzann (Jamie) Counter, Paul (Joanne) Christin and MaryAnn Christin and her nine grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren with one on the way. She is also survived by her brothers Nick and Saverio Jr (Ruby) Imbrogno and sisters Marie Massafra, Teresa (Raymond) Piccolo and Diane (Greg) Hansen as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was proceeded in death by her parents Saverio J. and Angelina (Bruno) Imbrogno, her in-laws Henry and Allie Christin and grandchildren Paul Aaron Webb and Amber Christin Pineda.

Services will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at St. Brigid Catholic Church, 1001 N Douty St, Hanford. The rosary will be held at 10:00 a.m. followed by mass at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers the family requests you donate to Hanford Sons and Daughters of Italy #1543 scholarship fund.



United Lodges of Southern California

The United Lodges of Southern California held a beautiful Columbus Day luncheon all planned by Recording Secretary Rosemarie Vanderhaar. The event took place at the Casa Italiana in Los Angeles on October 6th. Rosemarie greeted the attending guests and introduced our master of ceremonies Paul Giuliano who did a beautiful job. Andy Pampuro led us in the pledge of allegiance and Louise Pampuro

gave a beautiful invocation. Paul then introduced our dignitaries who were in attendance. There was State Second Vice President Pauline Richmond, State Third Vice President Sadie Tamburine, State Trustee South Manny Finazzao, State Trustee South Hank Lowinger who is also the president of the United Lodges, Andrew Pampuro, Il Leone Editor and Media Chairperson and Rosemarie Vanderhaar, Scholarship

Committee Chairperson. and the the Honorable Deputy Consul General Perugin of Italy to Los Angeles and we also had Christpher Columbus and Queen Isabella played by Joseph Perez and Sarah Taylor. Both Sadie and the Consul General spoke to us.

Music was furnished by Duo Domino who had the people dancing up a storm. Our luncheon was furnished by Nick D'Egido from Por-

tofino Trattoria. Opportunity tickets were sold by the First Lady of the Saddleback Valley Lodge, Michelle Lowinger, and Anna Altomari. Special thanks to the staff of St. Peter's Church as well as the staff at the Casa Italiana. Rosemarie wishes also to thank the members of other Italian organizations and church societies who attended and supported the event. They were Hank and Michelle Lowinger, Andy

and Louise Pampuro. Palmie Crispi, Francesca Taylor, Vita Zaccaria and Paul Giuliano. Special support was given by Robert Barbers, Chris Licata, Nina Perez and Francesca Taylor. Rosemarie already has the next Columbus Day event all mapped out.



151 Years and Counting

by Past State President Maria Fassio Pignati

San Francisco's 151st celebration of Columbus Day weekend began on Friday, October 11, with a reception at the Italian Consulate for Queen Isabella and her court, their parents, Christopher Columbus, Parade Grand Marshals, and Celebration Board members. The next night was our annual Italian Heritage Banquet and Ball, which was held on the 32nd floor of the celebrated St. Francis Hotel. Christopher Columbus, portrayed by Joseph Cervetto, Jr, was knighted by Queen Isabella Gina Marie Guglielmoni, whose court included her Princess, Duchesses, Contessas, Ladies, Maiden, Crown Bearer and Scroll Bearer, all in period costumes. Our Italian Consul General Lorenzo Ortona and his charming wife Sheila Pierce Ortona attended as well as our Parade Grand Marshals, newly retired San Francisco Fire Department Chief Joanne Hayes-White and former San Francisco Giants pitcher and motivational speaker Dave Dravecky, who both spoke very eloquently.

Sunday morning started with a solemn High Mass at Saints Peter and Paul, the Italian cathedral in North Beach. Queen Isabella and her Royal Court, Christopher Columbus, the Knights of Columbus, dignitaries, a large congregation, which included State President John Costa and First Lady Donna Lee, Past State President Maria Fassio Pignati, State Queen Brianna Simon with her mom and past State Queen Suzanne Simon, Brianna's grandmother Judie Buldo, and other lodge members. The Knights of Columbus, in their newly designed uniforms, formed an arch in church with their swords, under which the Queen and her Court and Columbus processed, accompanied by the voices of the operatic church choir which included Lola Lazzari Simi, our senior Queen Isabella of 1951.

Promptly at 12:30 pm, the Italian Heritage Parade, the oldest continuous celebration of its kind in the United States, began at Fisherman's Wharf under sunny skies. As the parade wound its way through North Beach, the Italian district, thousands of spectators stood or sat at

tables on the parade route enjoying food and wine on this gorgeous day. Our State President John and First Lady Donna Lee rode in a silver convertible, while our lovely State Queen Brianna Simon rode in a bright red one. I walked the parade with COMITES – the Committee for Italians Living Abroad, of which I am member representing OSDIA. A big thank you to Dick Ghilotti of Ghilotti Construction, which has generously and continually provided the cars and several antique trucks that were in the parade, which featured 101 entries from as far north as the Santa Rosa area, as far east as Modesto, and as far south as San Diego.

In conjunction with Fleet week, we were treated to a thrilling air show provided by the amazing and incredibly precise Blue Angels, who wrapped up the parade. Afterwards, the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club had over 250 people for a dinner to close the celebration. To make the weekend even more special, the Italian community was celebrating the fine work of SF Supervisor Catherine Stefani and Consul General Lorenzo Ortona, who successfully worked together to get the City and County of San Francisco to declare October "Italian Heritage Month". Evviva!!

And now my ongoing request.....If Columbus Day is under attack in your area, please write, email, or call your legislators and tell them to protect this holiday that honors not only the amazing achievement of an Italian navigator who opened up the world, but also the 26 million-plus Americans of Italian descent that helped create our great nation. Our indigenous brothers and sisters should be rightfully honored for their ancient heritage, but not at the expense of ours. Our National Lodge and our Commission for Social Justice are working hard to protect this holiday. Please contact them to obtain historically correct information about the great navigator. Please don't wait until it's too late... make your voice heard and preserve YOUR heritage for future generations.



2019 Queen Isabella Gina Guglielmoni and her Royal Court.

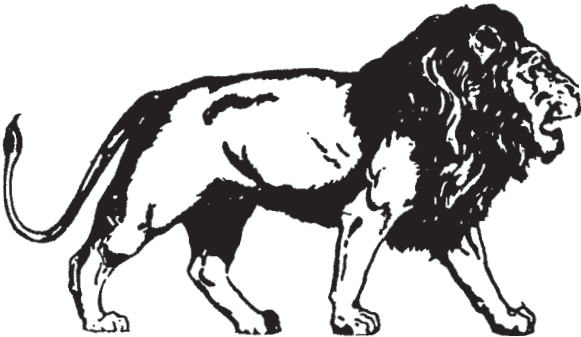


State President John Costa and First Lady and Ritual and Protocol Chair Donna Lee Costa. Driver is John Peretto who is with wife Natalie.

State Queen Brianna Simon.



PSP Maria Fassio Pignati and SF Giants legend and Parade Grand Marshal Dave Dravecky.



Hanford Lodge #1543

Hanford, CA
by Jackie Giacomazzi

90th Anniversary Celebration

The 90th Anniversary Celebration of the Hanford Lodge was held at the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia, California, on September 21, 2019. The event was a tremendous success. Committee chair, HazelAnn Christin, made sure all the details were taken care of, even though she was very ill and not able to attend the event. Committee members, Louise Silacci and Jackie Giacomazzi, did an amazing job. The room was very elegantly decorated. The original Lodge banner was on display, as well as many other pieces of memorabilia, including the original minutes from the Lodge handwritten in Italian. President Silacci did an outstanding job as M.C.

Prior to dinner, and while dinner was being served, entertainment was provided by the Rick Del Carlo musical ensemble. A slideshow was also presented derived from Jackie Giacomazzi's collection of photographs taken over the past five years. Thanks, Cara Giacomazzi Fernandez and family for completing the slideshow and "In Memoriam" video. (Many thanks, also, to Dino Giacomazzi, for his technical expertise making it possible to get the show to the big screen!!) It was a real treat for the eyes. Annette Nicely did a beautiful job singing the National Anthem; and Immediate Past President Lynn Lawrence Murphy gave a very inspiring invocation. The dinner was delicious as was the dessert.

Many honored Grand Lodge officers were in attendance including: State President, John Costa; State 1st Vice President, Barbara Wisniewski; State 2nd Vice President, Pauline Richmond; and State 3rd Vice President, Sadie Tamburine; Immediate Past State President, Carolyn Lawrence-Murphy; State Orator, Mark Vaona; State Recording Secretary, Lori Rossi; State Financial Secretary and Budget and Finance Chair, David Lavezzari; State Trustees-North, Ray Bini and Bill Murphy; State Trustees-Central, Pamela Buldo and Mary Jane Cambria; State Trustees-South, Manny Finazzo and Hank Lowinger; Past State President, Western Foundation Chair and Past President of the Hanford Lodge, Roy Vanoni; Grand Lodge Queen, Brianna Simon; and Miss America Annamarie Tesoriere; Youth Chair, Brian Watson; Webmaster Chair, Anna Graeber; and Garibaldi Meucci Museum Chair, Joy Bruno. We were also honored to have members attend from our United Lodges of the San Joaquin Valley including: Colombo-Stella Lodge #1149 (our Mother Lodge) – President, Olivia DeLiddo; Enrico Caruso Lodge# 1463 – President Larry Romanazzi; Rodolfo Valentino Lodge # 1449

– Brian Watson representing Carol Watson, President; and Roma Lodge #1573 – President Larry Dutto. Past Lodge Queens in attendance were Karli Draxler, Kelsi Counter (Past Grand Lodge Queen) and Jennifer Hansen Sheldon (Past Grand Lodge Queen).

The picture featured on the cover of the 90th Anniversary Cookbook and Program was created by Hanford Lodge Recording Secretary, Brittney Little. The original painting was presented to her grandmother – our Lodge Baby – Joan Little, who celebrated her 90th birthday at our dinner with her entire loving family. Joanie beamed as the "birthday song" was sung to her in Italian!

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the Hanford Lodge from the National by Lynn Lawrence-Murphy, as well as from the Grand Lodge of California by State President John Costa. Members honored for the evening were **50 years:** Lorraine Mattos; **35 years:** Mia Giacomazzi, Janis Hansen, Cheryl Lehn, Richard Mattos, Jennifer Sheldon, Bonnie Strutz and Ellen Weaver and **25 years:** George and HazelAnn Christin, Karolina Draxler, Lina-Italia Jones, Jacob Leoni, Stace Leoni, Rochelle Lourenco, Tony Lourenco, and Dolores Scopel. Pins and certificates were presented to the recipients by State President John Costa. A surprise donation of \$500.00 was made by Olivia DeLiddo from the Columbo Stella Lodge #1149 to be used as a scholarship in memory of Lilia Giacomazzi.

Current members recognized for generations in the Lodge were:

Four Generations:
The Giacomazzi Family

Jackie Giacomazzi, Gina, Hanna and Christina Hageboeck, Dino, Julie, Miro and Gio Giacomazzi, Cara, Gi-

anna and Giulia Fernandez, Mia Giacomazzi, Nagendra, Lilianna, and Bodhi Patta.

The Christin Family
George and HazelAnn Christin, Ronald Christin, Jaydin and Adysin Pineda, Trevin and Brielle Brewer, Jeremiah and Ava Capozzi, Deborah, Lisa and Caine Webb, Caitlyn Schales, Tyler, Tristin and Taylee Webb, Suzann, Jamie and Kelsi Counter, Paul Christin and JoAnne Savicki, Jessica Christin Aguirre, Anthony and Mason Christin and Mary Ann Christin.

The Tesoriere Family
Tony and Louise Tesoriere, Alec and Francis Tesoriere, Richard, Yvette, Annamarie, Marieana, John and Raymond Tesoriere, and Matthew, Nayeli and Levi Tesoriere

Five Generations:
The Ambrosini Family
Joannie Little, Brittney Little, Jayce DeRuiter, Madeleine and Wyatt Jackson, Jackson and Jensen Virgadamo, and Harper Little.

The Leoni Family:
Michael and Stace Leoni, Mycaela Leoni and Kixton Meeks, Megan Leoni, Alyssa and Daniel Leoni, Heather Wilson, Jacob Leoni and Erik and Bryttny Smith.

The Zandona Family
Janis Hansen, Bonnie, Jacob and Tyler Strutz, Danny, Jennifer, Kent and Kassidy Sheldon, Marshall and Colton Madruga, Ellen, Jarilyn and Ashlyn Weaver.

Six Generations
The Leoni/Nardini Family
Mark and Debbie Nardini, Matt, Chaya and Gianna Gomes.

Congratulations to all the members of the Hanford Lodge on celebrating 90 years of greatness. You are why we are here. Thank you for your service and dedication to the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy.



Sacramento Lodge # 1352

Sacramento, CA
by Pam Stewart

Fall is in the air and it looks like we are heading for some beautiful fall weather! I have lots of updates for the Sacramento Lodge, so I better get started. September's dinner meeting was a delicious pot luck prepared by all of our members! The Ways and Means winner was Genny Arietta and Bingo winners were: Susan Dixon, Dave Carboni, Pam Stewart, Angie Smith, and Ginny Arietta. Also, for lodge anniversaries we recognized Brian Ebbert with 8 years and our lodge Historian Barbara Alfidi set up a wonderful display as a tribute to 9-11. Thank you to everyone for making it such a delightful evening!

Our annual Bocce Tournament was a huge success! We had 42 players, beautiful weather, and an amazing lunch. Thank you to Dan Marinelli, Louie Lodi, and LaRay Macchiavelli for organizing this fun-filled day and Elayne Douglas, Chris Campbell, Dave Carboni, and Pam Marinelli for all their assistance with the lunch. The first place team was Sue, Lou, Doreen, and Tom; second place team was

Dennis, Val, Delynn, and Roy; and third place team was Louise, Jumie, Erica, and Terry. Congratulations again to everyone!

Our October dinner/meeting was decorated spooky for Halloween by Barbara Alfidi which added to the amazing dinner prepared by David Carboni. Dinner consisted of baked chicken, Italian sausage, polenta, pasta, green beans, salad, and dessert. A big thank you to David! During the meeting we welcomed five new lodge members Siena Mazda, Patrick Carboni, Verna Carboni, Glenda Law, and Justin Hoffman and recognized lodge anniversaries for Rina Raineiro (27 years) and Ed Smith (34 years). Congratulations also to our October "Ways and Means" winner Louie Lodi and raffle prizes winners Genny Arietta, Londi Medrano, Dan Marinelli, Shelia Marinelli, Joe Januszak, Terry Corcoran, Frank Kirlin, Louie Lodi, Pam Marinelli, and Pam Tedesco!

Mark your calendar for our next Dinner and Meeting on Wednesday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Roma Lodge # 1573

Tulare, CA
by Larry Dutto-President

Roma Lodge #1573 hosted one of the biggest Columbus Day celebration turnouts in years at the World Ag Expo park on October 13th. The weather was great with about 75 members and guests attending. Attendees were treated to a great BBQ, bocce tournament, raffle and dessert contests. Over 25 junior members attended and were treated to a bounce house, their own bocce court and junior activities.

Janis Curti conducted the dessert contest, Joanne Beecher organized the raffle, Ben Curti was the bocce tournament chair and Michael DePaoli and Matt Watkins cooked tri-tip beef, chicken and hotdogs for the luncheon.



Roma Lodge 2019 Columbus Day Bocce Champions (l-r) David Pinheiro, Michael Saltzman, Vince and Pam Sola.



(l-r) Leslie, Harlow, Michael, Haydyn DePaoli, Matt, Melissa and Kate Watkins took second place honors in the bocce tournament.



Columbus Day Dessert contests winners (l-r) Nicole Taylor, Adely Watkins, Harper DePaoli and Joann Beecher.



Roma Lodge Junior Members enjoy the bounce house at the Columbus Day Celebration.

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Thank You!

After the June convention, which I was unable to attend, I received two cards filled with good wishes. I lost count of how many. I want to belatedly thank everyone who signed the cards and let you know how "well" that made me feel. Again, thank you all for your kind thoughts.

Al Trentini.
State Treasurer



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All profits go to C. Colombo Lodge #1315's Scholarship Fund

Everyone is invited to enter the Cucidati Contest:



- ✓ Minimum of 100 cucidati cookies must be submitted, each at least 2" long.
- ✓ Each contestant will receive 2 free entry tickets.
- ✓ Judges will award money prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners.
- ✓ People's Choice winner receives a prize.
- ✓ Cucidati classes will be available for those novice bakers or anyone interested in entering the contest, more detail will be forthcoming.

Sunday, November 17, 2019

12:00 – 3:00 PM

Antioch Senior Center

415 W. 2nd Street, Antioch

(Entrance is on 2nd Street)

Pre-Sale: \$10.00 Per Person

At the Door (limited): \$15.00 Per Person

(Kids under 6 years old are free)



Bring your family and friends to enjoy an afternoon at the Antioch Senior Center with a Thanksgiving ambience. Sample and vote for your favorite cucidati for the People's Choice Award. Sing along to Italian songs. Purchase drinks at the bar. Homemade Italian baked goods, meatball sliders, and cannoli available for sale. **We also need bakers to bake fresh Italian cookies for the bake sale.**

Call Pam Bustos for pre-sale tickets at (925) 642-8658 or email pam.bustos2136@gmail.com or Zelda LeFrak-Belleci to enter the Cucidati Contest at 518-7110 or email zlefrak@aol.com

Thank you.



Dear Lodge Presidents,

It's that time again! We are looking for participants for the upcoming Royal Pageant for the 2020 Grand Lodge Convention in Concord. The contest officially begins on October 1,2019, and so far we know there are only a few participants. We are encouraging not only our young ladies, but also our young men to get involved.

Remember this is one of the few opportunities that we have to highlight our youth. So we are hoping that more of our lodges will join in and find someone to represent their lodge. It is important to let the Grand Lodge and myself know if you have a candidate.

Again, the contest officially starts on October 1. Tickets can be ordered from the Grand Lodge. The more tickets you sell, the higher percentage your lodge will receive back. All participants must have a minimum of \$2,000 to qualify. Any tickets sold beyond that will determine their placement of the top five in the Royal Pageant. All monies must be mailed to the Grand Lodge in the registered mail envelope provided by the Grand Lodge. The envelope must be postmarked by Monday, April 27, 2020. Placement of the Royal Pageant will be announced on Saturday, May 2, 2020 after 2:00 pm. More information will be sent from the Grand Lodge detailing all the rules at a laterdate.

Please let the Grand Lodge and myself know as soon as possible the name of your queen/king and the lodge they represent. Send a wallet size photo of the contestant to the Grand Lodge as soon as possible to be used in the newspaper and the pageant program.

It is a fun event and we hope that you encourage your youth members to get involved. We can't wait to see how many participants we have this year. Good luck to each of the lodges. Looking forward to a successful pageant.

Sincerely yours,
Eva Lavezzari
Royal Contest Chairperson

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



Gold Country Lodge # 2705

El Dorado Hills, CA
by Tami Welch

The Gold Country Lodge #2705 recently held its 3rd Annual Fall Bocce Bash on a recent beautiful warm Sunday, October 6th in El Dorado Hills. With a field of 18 teams, it was a full day of bocce in this double elimination for-

mat. Wonderful Italian Sausage sandwiches (made by our fellow lodge members), pasta salad, cookies & a drink were prepared by the Arietta family (Thank You!!). Participants and spectators enjoyed the lunch while cheering

the teams on. Many Thanks go out to our President and his wife Anthony & Beverly Scotch for an amazing event!! It was another successful year and all funds raised will go towards the Gold Country

Lodge Annual Scholarship Fund that benefits seniors in the El Dorado Union High School District, Folsom High School District and the Oak Ridge High School Italian Classes.



We Welcomed Our Newest Members of Gold Country Lodge #2705 at our Installation/General Meeting October 15th: l-r, Michael Mc Dowell, Dominic Giannelli, Barbara Mc Dowell, Gene and Maria Vaccaro, Mary Smart. Not pictured is Todd Bonanno, Barbara Febbo, and Lee Reis. Congratulazioni!!

Dolly Sinatra

Lodge # 2400

Palm Springs, CA
by Andy Casey

**GOLFERS!!! GOLFERS!!!
THE BIG TOURNEY IS
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OUR BIG TOURNAMENT IS DAYS AWAY, AND WE'RE HOPING YOU'LL BE THERE! THE PROFITS GO TO YOUR WESTERN FEDERATION! OUR TOURNAMENT IS YOUR TOURNAMENT, AS THE FIRST ANNUAL DOLLY SINATRA IS AN "OPEN TOURNAMENT MEANING, PLAYERS FROM ALL THE LODGES ARE WELCOMED!

So put a team together, come by yourself, but DO enjoy the fun, the competition and the fabulous luncheon buffet.

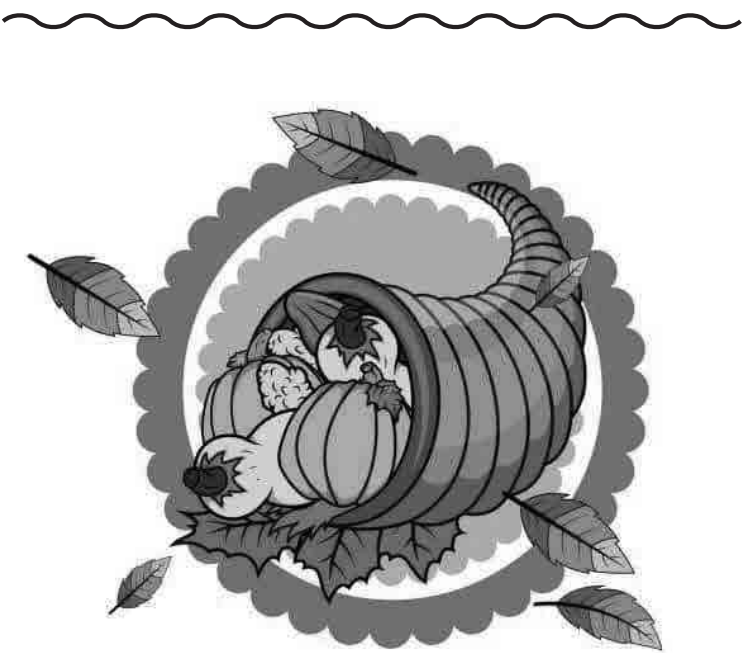
The tournament, which is played in the best ball, shotgun format and is open to all! The date is Monday, November 18th at Indian Canyon Golf Resort, Palm Springs. Registration starts at 7am, and Shotgun start is promptly at 8am. Fees are \$150.00 for members and \$175.00 for non-members!

It's as simple as calling our President Joe LaPorta at 760 219 9171, and he'll get you signed up and you're on the way to a magnificent time. The buffet is open to EVERYONE! Players buffet is part of your package, for buffet only the cost is \$42.00. And it will be a feast!! There will also be a silent auction of some wonderful restaurant gift cards, jewelry and other great merchandise!

We also have a few tee Sponsor signage spots/tees left, to advertise your business, your Lodge or even yourself in support of our Western Federation of Lodges. Call Annette Yandoli Bicer at 760 238 8925 for exciting details and ordering.

See our ad on page 14 in your IL Leone!

Be a part of this inaugural Tournament! We look forward to seeing you and a marvelous day!!



Saddleback Valley Lodge # 2566

Mission Viejo, CA
by Andy Pampuro

On Sunday, September 22, our lodge held a beautiful; musical concert put together by our in house soprano Nina Perez. The event took place at the Norman Murray Community Center in Mission Viejo. We attracted a very large audience who enjoyed the show tremendously. They were so thrilled they gave the entertainers a standing ovation at the end of the show. These entertainers are very professional and are already planning the third "Nina and Friends Benefit Concert". The

program we saw had music from famous operas and movies. Each of the entertainers was accompanied on the piano by Kieko Halop who is a wonder when it comes to the piano. Pictured below from left to right are the entertainers, Kieko Halop, Katherine Paladichuk, Nick Garabedian, our lodge king and son of Nina Perez, Joseph Perez, Nina Lomonico-Perez and her sister Joanna LoMonico-Fleming. If you missed this show you missed a great afternoon.



Saddleback Valley Lodge continued by Bernie Neil,
Recording Secretary.

All manner of strange-looking people attended our pre-Halloween dinner meeting. We were entertained by John Lennon (Andy Ginocchio), a Mafia Boss (Hank Lowinger), and an Hawaiian golfer (Al Rossi). The first place winner, however, was JoAnn Copp who appeared as an Italian pirate. Who knew there were Italian Pirates. Actually, there was a very famous one, Vincenzo Gambi, who was associated with Jean Lafitte. He was a genuine 19th Century Italian pirate. We had great fun checking out the costumes and enjoying an awesome dinner prepared by Theresa Vinciguerra and Andrea Carpenter. Prizes were given to the five top costumes—JoAnn Copp, Andy Ginocchio, Bernie Neil, Carmen Moraga-Eid and Elsa Girgis.



On Saturday, September 28th we had our annual lodge picnic in Dana Point. Our chairman was Al Trentini who along with Joe Collora did all the cooking of the various meats. Our wonderful members provided all the side dishes and desserts which everyone enjoyed. At first we thought we would have to cancel the day because of threats of rain but it turned out to be a wonderful bright and shinny day. Besides stuffing our faces with the wonderful food we had members playing bocce.

Some of our members brought their dogs but believe me there was no dog fights. We did have a wonderful showing of our members as you can see from the photo below. Thanks to our First Lady Michelle Lowinger for taking this picture.



Our master chef Joe Collora.

Caesar Battisti Lodge # 1815

Petaluma
by Louise Vicino

My apologies to the Lodge for missing the last Il Leone article. I hope that everyone is doing well and that you were able to attend the Steak Dinner Meeting. We will not be having our regular Thanksgiving Dinner that nite and in place of it will have been the Steak Dinner which was cancelled in September due to the power outage. I'll have a report on this dinner in the next month's Il Leone.

There are plans to have the Christmas Party in December. So keep the date open and make your reserva-

tions with Carol at 707-559-3119.

Also, there will be the annual All you can eat Crab Feed on Feb. 8th so mark your calendars for that. It is always a great dinner and the Lodge members work very hard to make it a success. They are in need of baskets and donations for the raffle.

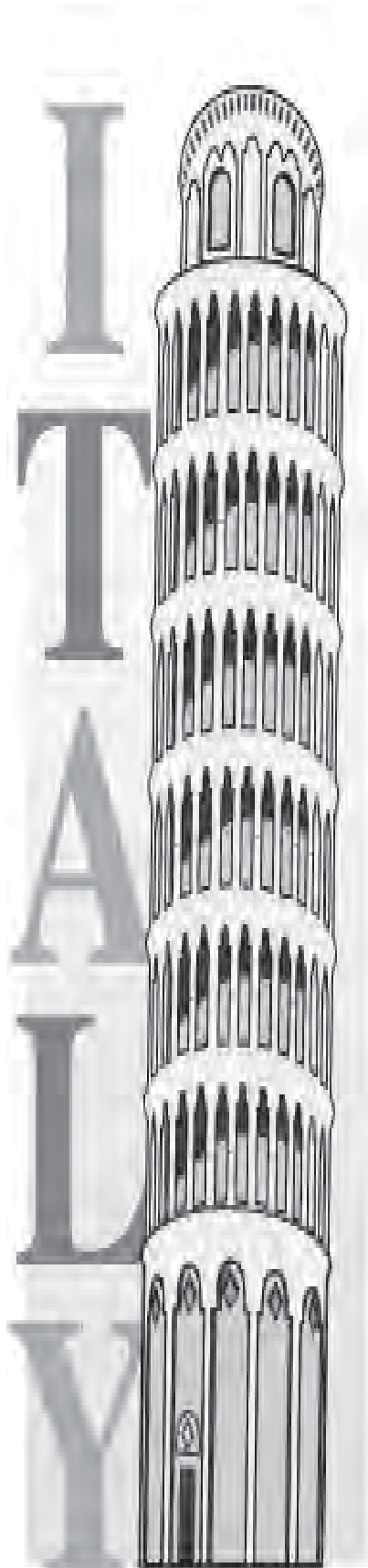
Jim Gambonini ran a good and fast meeting. He also won the monthly drawing in August. Nice to get out when it is daylight. Our President Ernie is back and we heard he was under the weather and is now feeling

better.

Get well wishes to anyone who is ill and Happy Anniversary to those celebrating this month and those who celebrated in the past months.

Please pray for the homeless, our servicemembers, victims of horrendous crimes and for the safety of our country.. Remember to be nice to someone, you will always get it back in return.

Ciao,
Louise Vicino



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Lodge #1449

Clovis, CA
by Carol Watson, President;
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Last Month: It's too soon to comment on the Pasta & Sausage Dinner, but I'm sure we did well; in any case, special thanks to those that helped throughout the entire process from set-up to clean-up.

The United Lodges of the Central San Joaquin Valley: The December meeting will be Sunday, December 08, 2019, location to be announced. Let Carol know if you will be there.

Fraud Alert: There are no shortages of people out there that want your money and are willing to cheat and lie to get it. New schemes keep coming up to keep us on our toes, but the oldies keep arising because they still work. From the grand-child-in-distress phone call to the rich Nigerian business man that needs you to transfer funds; from the "I'll send you a big check and you send me the change" to the "romantic email contact that swears they love you, but needs emergency funds now" scam. And, don't fall for the "free DNA test" scam; it is a ploy to cheat Medicare that you don't need to be part of. Always stay alert; you worked hard for your money.

You know where and how to get your flu shot, so, go get it already.

Italian Wedding Soup originated as a vegetable soup recipe from Toledo, Spain. Called "minestra (vegetable) matrimonio (marriage); the "marriage" part did not mean wedded, though, it meant "paired", as in "the vegetables go well together". Naples, Italy, was under control of the Borbon crown, of Spanish royalty. The Spaniards occupied the area to create a presence and exert control. In the 1880s, Italians from the area immigrated to the USA and took the recipe with them, but the "marriage" part of the name became confused with the idea of "wedding"; the ingredients evolved to use what was on hand. The meat component became meatballs, and because the soup was associated with the Italian population on the USA East Coast, it became known as Italian Wedding Soup.

This Month, Monday, November 2018, should be our Thanksgiving Dinner for our members; all guests are welcome to join in, but there may be a cover charge (for the guest). Check with Carol Watson so that she can advise you and clue you in on the details.

An old Italian proverb says: A good mother is worth a hundred teachers.

Please share your comments and historical photos about our lodge history. Let me know what you have at my email address (above) and we can publish it in this column.

The language of Italy is based on a Tuscan dialect; the area is centrally located and became influential during the heyday of Florence. The modern language spoken today, though, is the most Latin of all the Latin languages, but dialects abound; a northern Italian must listen closely in order to understand his southern neighbors, especially if they are fast talkers.

You won't move a mountain by whispering at it; move your kids toward a scholarship by contacting Isabel Ronzano; the time is now; national and state scholarships are also offered.

Join Us: If you have friends or family that are looking for good fellowship and a place to hang out on the third Monday of each month, invite them to join you at our meetings, 6:30 PM, at Notre Dame Hall, 333 8th Street, at DeWitt Avenue. We feature short meetings, great companionship, and superb food. Our web site is <http://rodolfovalentinolodge.com/>.

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A. Bartlett Giamatti

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Angelo Bartlett Giamatti was the seventh commissioner of Major League Baseball. He was born in Boston on September 4, 1938 and grew up in South Hadley, Massachusetts. His paternal grandparents Angelo and Maria were Italian immigrants who came to the United States around 1900. His maternal grandfather was Bartlett Walton, who graduated from Phillips Academy Andover and Harvard College.

Giamatti’s parents were well educated. His mother Mary Claybaugh Walton was a Smith College graduate of the class of 1935. His father Valentine John Giamatti was a professor, chairman of Department of Italian Language and Literature at Mount Holyoke College.

Giamatti attended South Hadley High School and spent his junior year at the American Overseas School at Rome. He graduated from Phillips Academy in 1956. He graduated with a B.A. in English from Yale magna cum laude in 1960 and a Ph.D. in comparative literature in 1964. In 1960 he married Toni Marilyn Smith. The couple had three children, actors Paul and Marcus and jewelry designer Elena.

Giamatti taught Italian and comparative literature at Princeton and Yale. Giamatti served as president of Yale University from 1978 to 1986, the youngest president of the university in its history. He was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1980.

Giamatti was president

of National League of professional baseball from 1986 to 1989. On April 1, 1989 he became the 7th Commissioner of Baseball. While on vacation on Martha’s Vineyard he died suddenly of a heart attack on September 1, 1989 at the age of 51. He had been a heavy smoker for many years.

Giamatti was inducted into the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame in 1992. He was one of baseball’s most articulate fans. He regarded community, self-improvement, passion, civility, cheerfulness, integrity, grace, and teamwork as the essential values of baseball and life. He believed the game of baseball ideally fit the traits of the American character and reflected nature’s cyclical motion.

Giamatti’s writings on baseball capture the spirit of the game. An invitation to address the Massachusetts Historical Society in 1985 resulted in the scholarly essay “Baseball and the American Character” published in Harper’s Magazine (October 1986). In the essay Giamatti says, “For the immigrant, the game was a club to belong to, another fraternal organization, a common language in a strange land. For so much of expanding and expansive America, the game was a free institution with something for everyone.”

Suggested Reading: A Great and Glorious Game: Baseball Writings of A. Bartlett Giamatti (ed. Kenneth S. Robson, 1998)



A. Bartlett Giamatti, Baseball Commissioner, 1990 Topps collectible sports card.

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1097 E. Murray Canyons Dr. Palm Springs, CA 92264

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8:00 am - Shotgun start

\$150 Members \$175 Non-Members \$42 Lunch Only

Includes green fees, cart, Italian Buffet

For info call or email
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Autumn is here with a vengeance, Ready or Not!

TRAVELOCITY
We can sit in our easy chairs and listen to all the great travels this summer and autumn. The latest was Patrick Favale...20 days around Eastern Europe by bus, visiting 7 countries...on an off the bus and away at 8AMtiring but totally awe inspiring! Can't wait to see photos!

DNA anyone...be careful, you may not be who you think you are!
Leslie Fuller had her DNA checked out, she is 11.7% Italian... her mother is ½ grandmother is full...Gt. Grandfather Giuseppe Ghiorzo...from Teviggio...you do the math.

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW!
Hearing is one of the losses as we “mature”, what a miracle it is to have modern aids in this area...ask any wife who had a husband

with a hearing loss. (yes, it can go both ways.)

JUST 2 YEARS....it's a beginning!
Thank you Sharon Cornelius who visits us on our dinner nights...she is neighbors to Dom & Donna Geramoni, and Jack and Marilyn Doss... Sharon's son lives in Temecula and she is looking forward to a visit soon...we know how we beam when our kids (of any age) are coming to visit! (this can apply to good friends as well, I spent 3 weeks preparing for a visit from my friend Ruth, from Iowa. It reminded me of when my mother-in-law used to visit)

ERRORS...please excuse my spelling errors. (even with spell check, pretty sad)

VOLUNTEERS...
Faithfully Doreen and John Amaral have been helping serve at all the meals...

you know, it takes a village! Thank you to the other Volunteers that help each month... Chris Hamzaeff, Patrick Favale, Marilyn Sylvestri, Those that help with clearing the tables, those that maintain the meetings in a civil manor.....a whole Village indeed! Lest I leave anyone out...there are so many tasks that are performed each month that behind the scenes folks take care of...Thank you everyone!

SCHOLARSHIPS...
Our dinners help support our scholarships and other non profit causes...so get your reservations in early... Karen 707-938-1295
Happy Hour 5PM (the best deal in town)
Dinner 6PM

HOUSE BOUND...
We miss you and pray for you.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Ciao till next time!

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Shasta Lodge # 2453

Redding, CA
by Carole Dellaragione

Hello from Redding,
September was a very busy month. We held one of our two biggest events of the year, Paesano Days. It was very warm that weekend, but we still drew many people for dinner Friday night. The bocce tournament was full with 32 teams. And a team from our lodge won 2nd place. It was a very successful event.

One of the highlights of the evening was the announcement of our Most Honored Member of 2018. Jim Giacomelli is not only a council member, but is very active in the lodge and community. Jim has worked with the City of Redding to put together the bocce league, and is always there playing, keeping track of the scores of the games, refereeing games, and doing maintenance on the courts. He is a very important member of the bar crew at the lodge, and when barrel roasted tri-tip is on the menu for an event you will find Jim in an apron, cooking. He also chairs our Steak Nites. Congratulations to a very deserving member.

Our City bocce league has ended. What a great time we had. We have great courts and bocce is becoming very popular in Redding.

This past weekend we hosted the annual spaghetti feed fundraiser for the Alys-a Araiza Wings of Angels that raises money year round to help families of children with cancer or other serious illnesses. This year we served over 400 dinners in about three hours. They also had a very successful raffle and a live auction. We are proud to support this organization.

Our Thanksgiving/Memorial dinner is coming up on November 9th. The council members prepare the dinner for our members and guests. We have a memorial service before dinner to honor our deceased members and veterans. All the money raised goes to our scholarship fund to help further the education of our young people.

We have many catering events scheduled the first two weeks of December, then a break until the end of January. By the end of the year, we all need a holiday.

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Ciao from your friends at Shasta Lodge.



Liz LaMarre and Barbara Sherman win the Senior Bocce League.



Jim Nobili, John DiMatteo and Jim Lamanna at Paesano Days.



John Tasello, John Ohler, Tony Thomasy and Bob Gullixson came in 2nd at Paesano Days Bocce Tournament.

The President of Italy visits San Francisco

by Past State President Maria Fassio Pignati

On Thursday, October 17, His Excellency Sergio Mattarella, the President of the Republic of Italy, came to visit San Francisco, Stanford University and Silicon Valley, as well as special sites in the Bay Area. He was accompanied by a retinue of 45 people, which included his daughter Laura Mattarella, who is considered the First Lady of Italy, and the Italian Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Armando Varricchio. San Francisco was the only city besides Washington D.C. to be so honored.

On Friday, the Consul General of Italy in San Francisco, the Hon. Lorenzo Ortona, hosted a reception for several hundred people in the Gold Room of the Fairmont Hotel, where the Italian Ambassador spoke, followed by President Mattarella, who was warmly received and was very gracious in his remarks to the Italian community of the Bay Area and Northern California. This was a very special night for all Italians! The last time San Francisco was honored by a visit of a President of Italy was in 1982 when Sandro Pertini came to the City. I was fortunate to have been there, too.



Past State President Maria Fassio Pignati and Italian President Sergio Mattarella.



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I'm an Italian American

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

I am enriched by thousands of years of culture.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wisconsin, and Michigan. I am Colonel Francesco Vigo.

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

I am Alessandro Malaspina.

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

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

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

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

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

I am John Basilone of New Jersey.

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

from Guadalcanal to the Rhine.

I am the steel maker in Pittsburgh, the grower in the Imperial Valley of California, the textile designer in Manhattan, the movie maker in Hollywood, the home maker

and the breadwinner in 10,000 communities.

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

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

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

I Am An Italian-American.

by Angelo Bianchi, Esq.