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Message From the State President

News from the Central

Pauline Richmond State First Vice President



State President Barbara Wisniewski

Where has our year gone? We have been so busy with the sale of our beloved building, which closed on November 4th, 2022, that there has been no time to think about anything else. We are having a professional packing and moving company coming in to take care of the move. None of us are young enough, nor healthy enough to take care of this move. The minds are willing, but the bodies are a little more fragile than we once were. We also don't want to take the chance of damaging our precious historical items during the move.

We are also selling our Liquor License and are currently working with a couple of potential buyers.

I have received several inquiries about where we are moving. I want everyone to know that the Council considered the entire state of California, Nevada, and a small area in Oregon. Every location had its own special appeal. The final decision was made to move to Sacramento as it is the Capitol of California. Most of our members live in California and the logical location of our new home was the Capital.

For those that were not at Convention 2022 or don't remember, here is the motion that was voted on at the Friday PM session, after a vote was taken to give the authority to the Grand Council to sell the building, a discussion ensued about what to do with the proceeds from the building after it has sold.

A motion was made by Michael Leoni, delegate from the Hanford Lodge #1563, that reads: To give the Grand Council the authority to reinvest the funds from the sale of the Grand Lodge building, however they see appropriate. The motion was 2nd by Past State President Vera Girolami

This motion passed with 1 (one) NO vote.

Thank you for affording us the ability to have a reasonably easy transition. Your Council is meeting often on Zoom to make decisions regarding this transition.

I would love to be able to come to all the wonderful Christmas parties you are having but, unfortunately, my First Gent, Ken, is still having back issues and I don't want to leave for long or go far from him.

Last month I attended the Celebration of Life in Fontana, for our recently deceased Orator, Manny Finazzo. Manny had so much love of the Order in his heart. I will miss his sound advice and his wonderful sense of humor. There is a piece of my heart he took with him when he left us. Now the difficult task of finding someone to fill those big shoes.

I would like to congratulate the Fratellanza Garibaldina Lodge #1627 and their President, Sadie Tamburine, on the beautiful celebration of their 90th Anniversary. Frank DiSalvo entertained and what a beautiful tribute he gave to them.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Wednesday, November 9, 2022, I attended the Hanford meeting. I was honored to initiate six new members into the Hanford lodge #1543. A delicious Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings before the meeting was serviced.

The Hanford Lodge is active with successful events, such as their Spaghetti Meatball Dinner Sauce Sale in October 2022. A profitable donation of beautiful pumpkins to sell at their October meeting were grown and donated by member Daniel Belezzuoli.

That night an Elections of officers – a committee made up of Past Presidents presented a slate of names as new officers for the 2023-2024 term. Nominations were accepted for each office at that time.

The Hanford Lodge also is supportive to their neighboring Lodges. Members attended the celebration of Columbus Day Picnic hosted by the Roma Lodge on October 9, 2022.

On Saturday, November 12, 2022, I attended the C. Colombo Lodge #1314, annual Cucidati Contest and Fall Festa. Their profits well go to their Lodge Scholarship Fund. I also, had the honor to function as one of the judges, with State Third Vice President, Louis Lodi, and Jim Silviera, President of the Gold Country Lodge #2706, Father Rein, Pastor of the Antioch Catholic

Church, and Dave Costanza a neighbor that attends the Cucidati Contest every year. We met at 12:30pm to go over the procedures before we began our task of tasting the entries. Each of us had an evaluation sheet. At the end of the tasting period, we tallied the scores to determine the top first, second, and third place winner. Each of the bakers received a certificate of appreciation, and the three winners received a money prize. At 2:00 pm the winners were announced by Zelda La-Frak-Belleci, Chairperson of the event. After the presentation of winners, we stayed on for the singing, cultural activities, and enjoyable time. Attending the event with me, from the Enrico Caruso Lodge #1463 were State Trustee- Central, Pamela Buldo, Mother Judie Buldo, and sister and mother of our State Queen Brianna Simon, Suzanne Simon. A fun full day for us!!!

Saturday, November 19, 2022, I will be attending the Enrico Caruso Lodge #1463, Annual Penny Social Potluck Luncheon, a fun day for our youth and adults!

On a sad mote on Thursday, November 18, 2022, I will render my last tribute to long time beloved friend and President of the Rodolfo Valentino Lodge #1449, Carol Watson. May she rest in peace!!

Ciao – until next month!



News from the North

Louis Lodi State Third Vice President



Christmas is now upon us; everybody's Christmas trees are decorated, and all the stockings hung over the fireplaces. I want to thank my brothers and sisters throughout California, Oregon, and Nevada for all their wonderful efforts this year in keeping their lodges moving from these last years of frustration. This Christmas season I see all the lodges gathering for Christmas dinners with mouthwatering foods, such as raviolis, ham, turkey, antipasto, spaghetti with pesto or marinara sauce. Oh, don't forget the cannolis!! I wish I could make it to all the dinners but unfortunately, I can only make a few. The Grand Council has been working extremely hard at selling the Grand Lodge in San Francisco and relocating in Sacramento. Our president Barbara Wisniewski has been putting in a lot of long hours making sure that our move is successful and finding a new Grand Lodge location that everybody can enjoy and be proud of. I'm sure Santa will bring Barbara a well-deserved Christmas gift for all her efforts. In November I was able to be a judge at the Cuccidati Cookies Contest in Pittsburg, California. Zelda Le Frak-Belleci and her fantastic group did an outstanding job putting on this event with over 200 in attendance.

Thank You

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all my brothers and sisters who called and sent cards and prayers after I broke my arm due to a recent fall.

Your kindness and thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. Wishing all of you holiday blessings!

Maria Fassio Pignati Past State President

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State President Cont. from page 1

Thank you, Sister Sadie, for putting me up in your beautiful home! There is nothing better than a cup of coffee with friends after a good night's sleep!

Next year we will have new Local Lodge Officers and, hopefully, new members to help support them. Please contact our office if you would like a Grand Lodge Officer to head up your installation of new officers. We would love to accommodate.

First Gent, Ken and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Till next year Fraternally Barbara

State 3rd Vice President Cont. from page 1

It's such a great feeling when you see all these Italians and those that "want to be Italians" in one room enjoying our culture. I would like to take this time to wish everyone Buon Natale and Felice Anno Nuovo. By the way, please call somebody you haven't talked to in a while and wish them the same. I'm sure it will put a smile on your face.

God Bless and Ciao for Now



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Best wishes to all for a joyous holiday season



Past State President Maria Fassio Pignati and husband, Ugo Pignati

Cornelia-Vita Nuova #1198

San Francisco, CA by Maria Fassio Pignati

On Saturday, November 12, the Cornelia-Vita Nuova Lodge of San Francisco held its first post-Covid Polenta and Sausage fundraising dinner since March, 2020. Close to 200 guests filled the beautiful San Francisco Italian Athletic Club in North Beach, the City's Italian district. People were thrilled to be together again after a long absence, and seeing friends they hadn't seen in quite a while. All enjoyed the wonderful polenta and sausage with all the fixings that were expertly prepared and served by the Club's chefs. After the delicious dinner, meringues that were lovingly made by Past Lodge President Linda De Palma and member Stella Riccio were presented, as well as an array of desserts.

Lodge President Angela Silva addressed the guests, and introduced State Trustee of the Central District Frank Locicero, who represented our State President Barbara Wisniewski and addressed the group. Lodge State Deputy Arlene Nunziati was also introduced, as well as Columbia Lodge President Angelo Fanucchi and Recording Secretary Angie Fanucchi, and other visiting members of that lodge. In addition, Jason Chietti from Siena Imports gave an informative description of the Italian wines served that evening.

We were fortunate to have two tables filled with donated baskets, gifts cards, and goodies for our raffle, which was expertly handled by Past State Financial Secretary Ugo Pignati and Lodge Financial Secretary Tony Pignati, with the help of 8-year-old Junior member Georgia Chandler, who did a great job calling the numbers, and entertained the crowd with her humorous remarks, treating the group with a closing song and receiving thunderous applause.

Chair Maria Fassio Pignati and husband Ugo, Cochair Linda De Palma, Tony and Anna Pignati, the Riccio and Silva families, Paul and Sandy Del Grosso, Josephine Longhitano, Jennifer Chandler, Diane Termini, Denise Ruggeri and Jeanine Catalano are to be acknowledged for their hard work in ensuring a successful and fun event.



A packed house!



l to r: Past State President Maria Fassio Pignati, Lodge President Angela Silva, and Ugo Pignati



Lauretta Winship, VP of Le Donne d'Italia, sharing her joy of winning a gift with friend Richard Moresco



October	Amount	Name			
1 SAT	\$75	Gloria Garibaldi			
2 SUN	\$50	Keely Dodd			
3	\$25	Susan Jacobs			
4	\$25	Lowery			
5	\$25	Norma Marchesia			
6	\$25	Michael Smith			
7	\$25	Hayden DePaoli			
8 SAT	\$75	Madeleine Zunino			
9 SUN	\$50	Julie Querin			
10 COLUMBUS	\$500	Chris Calhoun			
11	\$25	Patty Cafferata			
12	\$25	Kyle Karras			
13	\$25	Ann Burch			
14	\$25	Tom Tommasi			
15 SAT	\$75	Zela Belleci			
16 SUN	\$50	Andy Pampuro			
17	\$25	Eva Lavezzari			
18	\$25	Marlene Cristanelli			
19	\$25	Dian Keith			
20	\$25	Nives Guthrie			
21	\$25	Nico Buldo			
22 SAT	\$75	Frank Locicero			
23 SUN	\$50	Michael DiGiuro			
24	\$25	Michelle Cecchini			
25	\$25	Jeanne Doty			
26	\$25	Dawn Romero			
27	\$25	Colombo Stella Lodge			
28	\$25	Edgar Nuno			
29 SAT	\$75	Gianna Fernandez			
30 SUN	\$50	Dawn Romero			
31 HALLOWEEN	\$200	Marlene Romanazzi			

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Royal Pageant by Pamela Ricci

Buongiorno...I want to take this time to thank the dedication of the Royal Pageant Committee for 2021-2022. I had guidance from Past Chairperson, Eva Lavezzari and Pam Buldo, Annette Porter, and Sherry Monarcky, as well as Elizabeth, Marissa & Natalie Lavezzari and Queen Briana Simon. We had a great meeting at convention with some wonderful ideas to bring the Pageant forward and some good communications to try to get the word out to all the Filial Lodges so I want to acknowledge their help on this great traditional event.

It is unfortunate that we could not get enough lodges to sponsor a Queen and have a Pageant in 2023 as we only got 3 to respond. I recall when my daughter was Queen of our Lodge, we had over ten candidates and I am sure in past years there were even more. I realize times have changed so we must go forward and decide how we can still highlight our youth and raise some money for the local lodges as well as the Grand Lodge. If anyone has some ideas on going forward, please feel free to contact me at Pam@riccihomes.com or State President Barbara.

I would like to send Thanksgiving good wishes and Christmas Blessings out to all, and hopefully we can have another year blessed with good health and happy family times with all the new changes at the Grand Lodge we have some exciting times ahead.

Ciao, Pamela Ricci Royal Pageant Chairperson

The Secret of Christmas by Diana Minsky

Cooking baking, hot
Apple cider, a wreath
or tree of pine...
These are the scents of
Christmas Time
Traditions and memories
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Haste as the Christmas



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Christmas

by Stephen Contrado, B.A., Th.M 165 Nantasket Ave. # 9 Hull, MA 02045

Christmas for many people is regarded as the happiest personal, family, and public holiday. It is the internationally recognized day celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. The holiday has come to represents the hope of peace on earth and an everlasting life in a heavenly kingdom ruled by Jesus as the Lord and Savior of mankind.

All people long for the love, peace, prosperity, and happiness objectified by the Christmas holiday. There is an attempt shared by all Christians and many non-Christians to make these abstract values real for a season. Personal and political animosities melt away at awakened feelings of brotherhood and charity. The study of people's behavior and their traditional practices can teach us many things.

The story of the birth of the Savior is told in the New Testament. Wise men learned of the birth of Jesus by observing the sky, located him, and brought him gifts. As Christianity grew, people formed many associations and practices about the birth of Jesus, which became our Christmas traditions. Ancient celebrations of the winter solstice marked the triumph of the sun over darkness. The sun's power seemed a fit metaphor to describe the coming of the Savior so it fixed the Christ Child's birth in December.

Let's take a look at the Christmas holiday. We find people greeting one another in a loving and friendly manner. They demonstrate charity by giving one another presents and greeting cards. They dress fashionably for religious and social events to suggest the intrinsic value and fundamental rights of each individual. They consume food and desserts to express gratitude and symbolize divine providence and prosperity.

For Christmas people erect and light up Christmas trees in their homes to celebrate the beauty of nature and the glory of God's creation. The home and family are here and now the focal point of blessings and merriment. Stockings are hung to receive small gifts. Across America, a strange, bearded, fat man dressed in bright red from the North Pole named Santa Claus who rides a sleigh pulled by reindeer is welcomed into our hearts. Now that's an inclusive attitude for people to feel!

Everyone is now hurrying about, shopping and visiting. Roasting turkeys and baking pies fill our nostrils. Joyful carols echo, and laughter resounds as music fills the air. Mistletoe, holly, and miniature stables and mangers make quite a festive sight. Electric candles and stings of lights line rows of windows seen from the street. Christmas is also the time to anticipate a New Year. Maybe the New Year will hold the blessings people most passionately seek. It can and will if we remember our heritage and remain united.



VERTICALI CRUCIVERBA Un capo arabo. 2. Sono pregiati quelli di Carrara Attimo. Ufficio che riscuote le imposte. Imperituri. Sportivo attivo. Centrata. 8. Immobili, rigidi. 9. Giuliana attrice. Frutto al frantoio. Tagliare tavole in falegnameria. Soldato eccezionale. Si fa con una firma dietro l'assegno. 14. Belve striate. 18. Stare fermi... per riprendere fiato. Un quarto dell'anno. 28. Candido. 30. Relativi al fegato. ORIZZONTALI: 1. Li scrive il poeta - 4. Il nome di Polanski 8. Il sottoscritto - 9. Un popolare Gnocchi - 10. Figlie degli Scuro al massimo. zii - 12. Pordenone - 13. Veleno per le frecce - 14. Con din 33. Un seme delle e don - 15. Vocabolo - 16. Gruppo che canta - 17. È fatta di carte. minuti - 18. Associazione Nazionale Alpini - 20. Il nome di Molto malinconici. Gibson - 21. Si spendeva in Italia - 22. Antica moneta - 24. Il nome di una Donà. Andate - 25. Calamari - 26. Fine di vertenza - 27. Bollati in tabaccheria - 29. Segue l'ottava - 30. A te - 31. Agitazione -38. Robert attore. 32. È anche velina. 39. Pinne di pesci. 40. Slip molto sgambato. VERTICALI: 1. Arteria urbana · 2. Iniz. di Olmi · 3. Un 41. È solito arrossire. mantello equino - 4. Bagna Colonia - 5. Uno a Londra - 6. Sigla di Messina - 7. Gingillo - 9. Giocattolo mosso dal vento - 10. Sottoporre a terapia - 11. Spettacolo elegante - 12. Muri 43. In prov. di Cuneo. 44. Arresto in massa. di stanze - 13. Con la fede e la speranza - 14. Giorno futuro 47. Francesco regista 15. Si sottoscrive assicurandosi - 19. Un mezzo a motore cinematografico. 23. La Fracci - 25. Rifugio di lepre - 27. Tu e lei - 28. Porta 49. Spicciolo di dollaro. romana - 29. Le consonanti di Ines - 30. Iniz. di Terzani. 50. Si getta nel solco. 52. I non credenti. OGNI MESE IN EDICOLA 53. Ha semi oleosi. 55. Vesti per frati. CIVILTA' ENIGMISTICA 61. Sigla di Ragusa.

Roma Lodge #1573

Tulare, California by Larry Dutto-Roma Lodge President

With the onset of winter, Roma Lodge has made it a long standing tradition to cook polenta and stew at their November meeting. The DePaoli Family once again provided the cooking and serving of a great meal. Nearly 70 members enjoyed a great meal and were able to take home some polenta and stew to enjoy later in the week.

The lodge will hold their December meeting and Christmas celebration on December 4th. They will elect their slate of officers for the 2023-2024 term and give out candy stockings to their junior members.

2023-24 Roma Lodge Officers

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Michael DePaoli and sister Maci Daramy along with the rest of the DePaoli Family cooked a great dinner of polenta and stew for Roma Lodge members.

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Cesare Battisti Lodge #1518

Petaluma, CA by Ernie Giono

Good news from Cesare Battisti Lodge #1518. We are moving back to Petaluma where this lodge was formed in 1929, Our new president is John Albini. So far, we will be meeting at the Veterans Hall in Petaluma on the First Wednesday of each month at NOON for a meeting and lunch. This is subject to change in the future. This is a good move for us. I hope to see all our Sisters and Brothers there.

Ernie Giono

Merry Christmas to everyone! By now we have had our fill of turkey and are anticipating all the wonderful traditions of the Christmas season.

We are still getting wonderful calls and messages from our guests who attended our 100th anniversary celebration in September. It was such a happy event for all of us to share. We were very fortunate to be able to spend this time with Rodolfo Valentino Lodge President Carol Watson and State Orator Manny Finazzo, who both recently passed away unexpectedly. I was unable to attend Manny's funeral, but I did attend Carol's. The chapel was packed, and they had to use the overflow room. Both Manny and Carol were very much loved by our Order, may they rest in peace.

Colombo-Stella Lodge #1149

Fresno, CA

by Olivia DeLiddo, President

December 11th will be our turn to host the United Lodges of San Joaquin quarterly meeting. In the spirit of Christmas, we are asking for donations to help the urgent needs for the safe houses at Mariaree Mason Center. It will be at the Spaghetti Factory.

Our Christmas party is Dec 2 at the new DiCicco's. We usually have a good turnout.

This year has really flown by. We are so proud that we hung in there and made it to 100 years. I can't say it's been easy, because it hasn't been. It has been an honor to be a part of this organization that means so much to me, and to the Italian community, 100 years later.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Buon Natale



Mary Lucido Past Grand Lodge Queen



Columbia Lodge #1940 **Update**

San Mateo, CA by Arlene Nunziati, Publicity

It has been a while since we have reported in but Columbia Lodge has been very busy and having monthly meetings and lunches!

In February Carolyn Regalia was honored as the Sweetheart of the Month! She is a fairly new member but joined right in participating and hosting our events. Congratulations Carolyn. You are so deserving and thanks for all you do for the lodge.

We continue to recruit new members. Welcome to Rosemary Armanino, Lori Bates, Debbie Carnesecca, Steve Chiappari, Mario especially to Carolyn Re-Conti, Beverly McDonald, Madelaine Miranda, Joan Ravetto, Piera Sicco, and Jenna Stanovcak. Thank you to our hard working proponents.

We have had two very successful Bocce Tournaments. We held a very successful 60 person tournament the first week in October and everyone had a terrific time. This one was held at the PIASC and it was so nice because in between playing the games, we were able to converse with other members, play cards and watch the 49ers! Congratulations to our winners: 1st Place: Captain Ron Del Carlo, Tino Caccia, Renzo Sandrini and Diana Garibaldi; 2nd Place: Captain Mario Patane, Connie Clemente, Lori Bates and Carol Huey; 3rd Place: Captain Georgina Montelato, Michael Croaro, Mary Pardini and Al Girolami.

Breakfast and a delicious BBQ lunch were served to all participants and guests. Thanck you David Fanucchi for BBQing.

October 22, all the way from Palm Springs, we welcomed Frank DiSalvo to San Mateo. Of course many of us have heard and seen Frank but the other 155 attendees never had and again Frank didn't disappoint us. Our members are still talking about him and members who didn't attend are sorry they didn't. He was fabulous as always. The performance was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Thank you to the PIASC deliciously prepared meals as usual.

Lots of thank you's but galia, Frank Locicero and their committee for a terrific evening.

Next up we will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a delicious Turkey lunch with all the trimmings. The San Mateo firemen will join us as November is also our annual collection for Toys for Tots.

December we will celebrate Christmas with a delicious lasagna lunch. Join us if you are in the San Mateo

We learned some history at our last meeting. We were discussing our Grand Lodge Building and one of our members, Mirella Eiras (Paradela)told us some history of how how excited she was when she was Miss California for the Grand Lodge and got to cut the ribbon with then San Francisco Mayor Christopher at the dedication of the Grand Lodge Building! What a beautiful memory.

Buon Natale. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!



Frank DiSalvo





Guests in attendance.



1st place Bocce team - Tino Caccia, Diana Garibaldi, Renzo Sandrini and Ron DelCarlo

Valley of the Moon #1959

Sonoma, CA by Marilyn Sylvestri

"Cum amicis bonis" (with good friends)

Valley of the Moon Lodge had another successful dinner last month (Installations also) so be ready for another fantastic dinner in November AND December. Call Pesident Linda @707-996-7720 to reserve your spot. We welcome everyone!! I guarantee we will have a good time. Sonoma Valley at this time of the year is enchanting so enjoy the scenery and the people. Hope to see you! and remember: Lingua latina semper servabitus. (The latin language will always be preserved).

Ave (Hail)!!

Marilyn Sylvestri

Recording-secretary, temporalis (In transation).

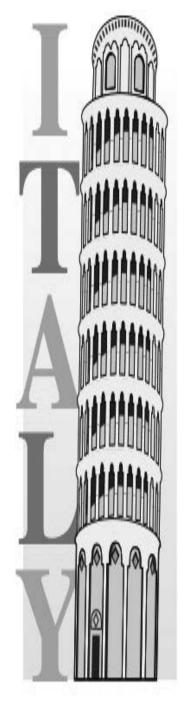


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Requirements for Scholarship or Student Grant are as follows:

- Applicant MUST BE wholly or partially of Italian de-
- Applicant MUST BE enrolled in an accredited College, University or Community College in the fall of 2023.

Application forms are available ONLINE at The Sons & Daughters of Italy, Grand Lodge of California website at www.osiaca.org, click on the link for SCHOLARSHIPS.

For additional information, please contact Scholarship Committee Chairperson

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DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS IS MARCH 1, 2023(Postmarked)

Merry Christmas



Barbara Wisniewski State President and Husband Ken



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Hanford Lodge #1543

Hanford, CA by Jackie Giacomazzi



Meatballs were made "with love" by these members of the Hanford Sons of Italy Lodge.



There were some new young men helping to make the sauce for the spaghetti dinner. They did a wonderful job.



The Hanford Lodge initiated seven new members at its yearly Thanksgiving dinner and meeting on November 9. Front row: Carlos and baby James Gallardo, Baby Audrey Hallaway, Madalyn Ogburn; Back row: Sandra Galletti, President Michael Leoni, Tom Loliva, Donna Galletti, and State 1st V.P, Pauline Richmond.

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Leadership

by Pauline Richmond State First vice President

Dear Brothers and Sisters, it is important to remember that a good leader is one who servs others, remains focused and appreciates being a leader. Just as a pie needs a variety of skills. Certain skills and a portion of love are always needed. We say, "do it with love, just in a slightly different way."

As a reminder, let us take a moment to recap a few of the important tools needed to perform in our everyday leadership role.

- Open Communication Encourage members to communicate openly and honestly.
- Understand those you serve Respect member's differences
- Offer constructive feedback Constructive feedback is guidance that will help members to achieve positive results.
- Refrain from being judgmental Never judge unless you have walked in the other person's shoes.
- Maintain active listening skills Hear the message clearly.
- Know and understand members Do not be afraid to reach out to members.
- Show compassion and discretion Be private when members confide in us.
- Be willing to learn from others Keep an open mind. No one knows everything.

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless." St. Mother Teresa

Buon Natale



Louie Lodi, Vice President of the North and Londi Medrano

Our very best wishes for a happy holiday season!



Andy & Louise Pampuro Chairman, Media Committee

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be running again, along

with some members who

have not held offices be-

fore. It will be nice to have

some new faces on our

We lost another long

term member in Octo-

ber. Dominic DiNino had

been a member for over 30

years. He was always there when he was needed to

help and will be especially

missed at Paesano Days,

the Crab Feed, and at the

bocce courts. Rest in peace

On November 12th we

held our annual Thanks-

giving Memorial dinner to

honor our deceased mem-

bers. Chaplain Charlotte

Bailey gave opening and

closing prayers and rang

the bell for each name read

by President Jim Nobili.

our dear friend.

council next year.

Rodolfo Valentino Lodge #1449

Clovis, CA

by Brian Watson, Presidenti -- Lou Catallo, Historian Words to live by: if anyone offers you a mint, take it. They are thinking of you.

So many illnesses to choose from: COVID, flu, RSV, pneumonia, etc.; protect yourself with the latest vaccine. We want you with us next year.

Last month (November) we bade a farewell to our good friend, compatriot, and past president, Carol Watson. We will most certainly miss her in our future.

We held our meeting at Luna's with good food and friends. A few topics were discussed, but nothing was voted on.

Next month's meeting will be at Luna's at 6:30 PM, on the first Wednesday of December, and the same for January in the new year of 2023. The December meet will be our Christmas dinner. Come and join the meal and conversation.

For the kids: A fake noodle is an impasta.

There are only 24 letters in the common Italian alphabet, and does not include the letters J, K, W, X, or Y; That is why our good friend, Meri, does not spell her name as "Mary", even though it sounds the same. Of all the "Latin" languages, Italian is the one that most closely resembles the Roman's Latin.

You do not need college to be smart, but to get smart faster, try the Sons & Daughters of America National Scholarships, which are again being offered; check this issue of Il Leone for details. Also, the University of California in Fresno offers students Italian-oriented scholarships ... call them for details.

Say it in Italian: Tutto Fumo e Niente Arrosto – "All Bark and No Bite.

Shasta Lodge #2450

Redding, CA by Carole Dellaragione

Hello from Redding: We also honored the Veterans that were in attendance. Shasta Lodge will be All the money made from having our second round tickets sales went to our of nominations for new scholarship fund, and this officers for the 2023-2025 year we made nearly \$1500. term at our general meet-The food was wonderful ing in November. Several and we all enjoyed seeing of our current officers will

December will bring several catered Christmas parties to our lodge followed by a busy January with a

members and friends.

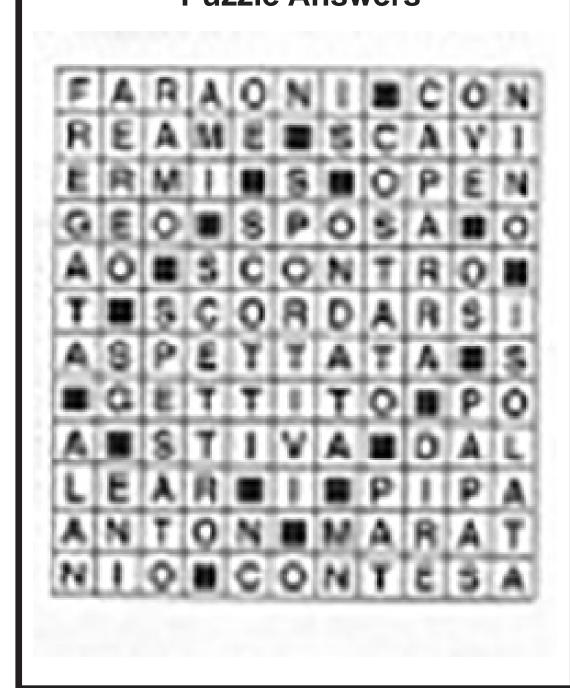
couple of dinners, and our Crab Feed in February. Our February Anniversary Dinner will be postponed until April to a less busy month. We will also have an initiation of new members in February with about twelve prospective members ready to come aboard.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Chaplain Charlotte Bailey ringing the bell each time President Jim Nobili reads the name of a deceased member.

Puzzle Answers





Pauline Richmond State First Vice President

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Debbie Ure Assistant to Andy Pampuro

Best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season



Arlene Nunziati, National Alzheimers Chair

C. Colombo Lodge #1315

Antioch, CA

11th Annual Cucidati Contest



This November, C. Colombo Lodge #1315 hosted their 11th Annual Cucidati Contest. All 13 entrants were awarded certificates and much applause from the over 300 guests at the gala event. The top three winners selected by the judges were given money awards. First place was awarded to Prudy Troia. Second place went to Anna Suri and her team. Michelle Kuslitz garnered 3rd place. The attendees had a chance to sample all the cucidati entered in the contest and vote for their favorite. Carol Carey then walked off with the People's Choice Award.



Deputy to C. Colombo Lodge Joe Simile came with his accordion. He entertained the overflow crowd with favorite Italian songs. Seen above, Joe is congratulating the event chair, Pam Bustos. Other Grand Lodge guests included Pam Buldo, State Trustee Central and Dee Dee Drene,



Guests at the Cucidati Contest had the opportunity to sample tasty Italian treats: arancini, sfingi, cannoli. One of the biggest hits was the meatball sliders covered with genuine Italian sauce, Supervising the Slider Table was Katy Castro and assisted by niece, Tara Castro. Not pictured, but still helping was niece Jennika Herebia.



Charles Paduano is accepting a gift basket from Rocco Biale, ready for the raffle table at the Cucidati Contest. Mr. Biale is the owner of Rocco's Restaurant and a generous benefactor to each and every fundraiser sponsored by C.



New Member and volunteer worker Melanie Bruno took a break from selling Italian sodas to pose with professional entertainer Nicky DePaolo. "Nicky D" donated his time and talent to bring music to the over 300 guests at the Cucidati Contest



Junior members of C. Colombo Lodge joined the ranks of volunteer workers at the 11th Annual Cucidati Contest. Pictured above is Francesca Lucido toting tray after tray of cookies to the sales table. The variety of homemade cookies filled the event center's four banquet tables!

THE TWO MARY'S "Nana Mary" Lucido worked behind the scenes calling every member and lining up the cooky donations. "Queen Mary" Lucido is seen carrying out one of the multitude of trays of homemade cookies ready for the sales table.





Secreted in a faraway room were the 5 judges assigned to taste the 13 cucidati entries. Each of the 13 entered cookies was assigned a code letter, the baker's name unknown to the judges. Each cucidati was evaluated on appearance, taste, texture and filling. Pictured above are the 2022 Judges: Louie Lodi, 3rd State Vice President; Father Robert Rien; Pauline Richmond, 1st State Vice President; Dave Castro and Jim Silviera, President of Gold Country Lodge #2705.

Christmas in Italy

Italians kick off the Christmas season (and start decorating) on the Day of the Immaculate Conception, December 8

In other countries, Thanks-giving (or even Halloween!) signals the start of the Christmas season. In Italy, though, Christmas officially kicks off with the Day of the Immaculate Conception of Mary on December 8. This is when decorations go up (both on the streets and inside Italian homes) and when some Christmas markets start.

Decorations and huge Christmas trees can be found in main piazzas, like in front of the Colosseum or in Milan's Piazza Duomo, and Babbo Natale (Father Christmas, the Italian version of Santa Claus) spreads holiday cheer.

One Christmas tradition in Italy: a Christmas market! This is the one in Piazza Navona in Rome

As a semi-geeky aside, this holiday, which is both religious and state-sanctioned (meaning lots of offices and businesses will be closed on December 8), doesn't have anything to do with the day of Mary's conception. Instead, it celebrates the day when the Church decided that Mary was born without having the stain of original sin. (So no, no one is saying Mary was pregnant for only three weeks!).

During the eight days before Christmas, go caroling – and keep an eye out for bagpipe players!

The eight days before Christmas, also known as the Novena, are filled with carolers singing traditional songs around the neighborhood. If you're in Rome, southern Italy or Sicily, keep an eye out for the zampognari, or bagpipe players—they travel from the nearby mountains to play their merry folklore carols.

Along with the fancy lights, wreaths and trees, presepi (nativity scenes) are displayed in many churches and piazzas. Crafting these ornate works of art by hand remains an artisanal tradition in many parts of the country. If you want to go to the source, head to Naples; the southern Italian city is world-famous for their hand-made presepi. It still has whole streets with one workshop after another devoted to the craft. (And Here are 9 other reasons you have to see Naples!).

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 know 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.

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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

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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 know as the Bank of America,

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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.







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Attention Presidents and Officers...



Lodge Events Calendar:

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



Barbara Wisniewski State President and Husband Ken

The Royal Pageant is coming up!!! Are you ready?

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

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

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

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

Fraternally, Ciao... Pamela Ricci Garibaldi with a presentation from Dr.Francis Curcio, of the faculty at Queen's College, University of New York City. Dr. Curcio has authored and co-authored numerous book and scholarly articals.

The Museum will hold a virtual conversation with New York's Bestselling Author "Adriana Trigiani" on September7th. More info on this to follow.

Joy Bruno CA State Chair/Nation Overseer



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Tickets for the game are \$10.

Our next meeting will be on July 26th at 7PM. And the meeting after that will be on August 23rd at 7PM.

On June 12th Sunday afternoon, Jimmy Maestretti did the most mouth watering Salmon dinner for us. He even went so far as to have tortellini with a light creamy pesto sauce, Caesar Salad and oven roasted veggies. We had 70 people that were overwhelmed with the quality of the dinner, me included.

It was great to see Fred Schram in attendance. He just got over a bout with Covid and pneumonia and a stay in the hospital. Welcome back Fred... He looked great by the way.!

Hope everyone is well and thriving. This pandemic is a problem but it seems like we are getting the upper hand now. Get your vaccines and boosters so you can join us.

Our July Burger dinner meeting was small but so much fun. Everyone had a good time and yes, we were loud!

We have no meeting in August.

Our September meeting will be a Pizza Party from Mountain Mike's, a local premium pizza parlor. Three or four varieties will be available along with a salad. Reservations start August 1st by calling 707-559-3119.

We have a surprise as far as meals are concerned for the rest of the year so sty alert and above all, stay healthy. We have been asked to invite fully vaccinated members only (2 and 2 boosters) and you must show a fully filled out vaccine card to enter or you will be sent home. Also have your mask on or ready in your pocket. Ernie Giono members and joy in the growth of our lodge.



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small rice "cakes" In Naples rice balls are called "pall' e riso." Rice is boiled and served as the chief ingredient in several dishes. A dish famous to Venice and now to international cooking is rice and peas (risi e bisi). Rice is added to soups. It is served with meats and fish. And it is also used for desserts, such as rice pudding.

Rice has been grown and consumed for centuries. Rice fields are kept flooded most of the growing season and drained when the rice is almost ready for harvest. The plant thrives in warmth and sunlight. It is the chief cereal crop of much of Asia. It was introduced in Sicily by the Arabs.

The white rice commonly consumed is polished, that is, the brown hull has been removed. Unpolished rice is more nutritional because the hull contains vitamins and minerals. Rice is a valuable commodity in the market. Some people make drinks from rice grain. The Japanese make a liquor called sake from rice. Even rice straw has value. It is woven into hats, shoes, and matting.

Rice is grown in the southern United States and in California. The United States is an exporter of rice. Olive oil, garlic, and black pepper are the spices commonly used by Italians to enhance the taste of rice. Rice customarily thrown at the bride and groom at a wedding is done to bring them fertility and good luck. The tradition dates back to the ancient Romans. To dream of eating rice signifies abundance and plenty. You may soon receive news of an elopement or a wedding.



PHOTO: Arancino (Wikipedia)

ed period of leisure and recreation, especially one spent away from home or in traveling!" Sounds like



I must chuckle when I hear members of the Order indicate, "attending the Grand Lodge Convention is like going on vacation." Yes, the convention is held away from home and yes, there are parts of it with the sole purpose of providing leisure and recreation along with fraternity, the main tenet of the organization. However, to call it a vacation is a stretch.

When I spoke at the convention on behalf of our Roma Lodge membership, I emphasized making the convention "positive versus punitive" to get more participation. In my archives I found the Grand Lodge convention book from 1999. There were 73 lodges, with a membership of 8,533 and 285 delegates, grand council members and commission members. Now, 22 years later we have 42 lodges with only 3698 members! Of the 40 lodges in attendance, only 22 had full representation and 8 were not even represented at all!

Other than the Mail Box presentation and soliciting a statewide membership chair, the last business item at the convention, why weren't we spending the bulk of our time on ideas how to get more members and lodges involved?

I think we can all agree we have to turn this trend around or there may not be a Grand Lodge in our future! Here is a start:

- 1. Complete the convention on Saturday at noon. This would require the Black and White Ball to be held on Friday night. This would allow delegates to travel home on Saturday. We had delegates this year who had to wait until Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m. to get a flight home. This would safe each delegate \$200 for hotel and parking and our lodge alone \$1,200 if we send 6 delegates.
- 2. Have breakout sessions for local lodge officers on one day to share ideas on how to improve their own lodges. This would allow local lodges to send these officers for one day, attend the evening event and return home the next day to save travel costs. These people may want to go to future conventions if we give them a learning experience.
- 3. Hold the Royal Pageant every year and not every other year. This would allow the contestants to serve only one year and increase participation. Make fundraising a part of the contest rather than all the contest.
- 4. Donations to various charities is a great thing. However, we wasted a lot of time listening to Lodge X giving \$25 to the Western Foundation Scholarship Fund. Have lodges turn in donation sheets on the first day of the convention allowing those in charge to inventory the donations and printout a list for each delegate by the last session. The list could be read, and local lodges could be recognized at that time if so needed. This year we would have finished well before noon.
- 5. Allow lodges to send as many participants as they would like. We had voting cards that were never used. They would not have to buy the entire convention packet and choose events they wanted to attend. I know it is a bigger headache for the planners of the convention but would increase participation.

I would encourage other delegates to submit their ideas on how we can increase participation at the Grand Lodge Convention. I know we book hotels two years in advance; however, we can change the way we do things and reduce costs to local lodges. We all need to work together to ensure we have a future. The convention is NOT a vacation as we have a lot of work to do to make it better.

Elyse Reilly – In Honor of Cristoforo Colombo Lodge Members Scholarship

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tion, and success in the United States of America. They also shared their career plans. Thanks to successful fundraisers (Bocce tournaments and local restaurants support), each student was awarded \$500. Abriana Stewart completed the four-year Italian language classes at Oakridge High School with exemplary performance to earn the Italian Language Scholarship. She will be attending the University of Southern California majoring in design and hopes to spend a semester of foreign exchange in Florence for fashion design leading to a career in the garment industry. Steven Nardinelli, Anna Cerdan and Camry Schoenahl received the Italian Heritage Scholarships. Steven attended Folsom High School and will major in Hospitality and Business at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. He plans to pursue a career with the airlines. Anna attended Folsom High School and will attend Boise State with a major in Kinesiology and plans to be a physical therapist. Camry attended El Dorado High School and will be heading north to the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She plans to study emergency management with a focus in public health and safety. Congratulations and best wishes to all our 2022 graduates. We know you will make your family and our community proud.



Pictured L-R: Joanne Hyman-Scholarship Chair, Camry Schoenahl, Anna Cerdan, Abriana Stewart, Steven Nardinelli, & Jim Silveira-President

us with stories of growing up in Sicily, in sight of Mt. Etna spewing away in the distance, as it is now. Her Dad's experience in the Italian army was very interesting. ...Reminder: Our meetings are now on the first Wednesday of the month.

With a sad heart, I report on the passing of Victor DeLuca; though he was not a recent active member, his dad, Ciriaco (Charles) DeLuca was one of the original applicants, along with Jim Sirimarco and Antonio Schiboni, to the National OIS to create the Clovis branch of the Sons of Italy in 1926 (we were accepted in February 1927). Victor's sister, Verona, is a current long-time member. He served 11 years with the National guard and was 94 at his passing.

United Lodges of the Central Valley held a meeting last month in Visalia to a great turnout; Clovis was represented by Isabel Ronzano, Mike Catallo, and Lou Catallo; Election of officers took place, notably, Pauline Richman remains as President, Lou Catallo as Trustee, and Isabel Ronzano as Sgt at Arms. Most of the discussion focused on the upcoming Grand Lodge Convention in Anaheim. The Hanford lodge has submitted three proposals regarding lodge convention participation and bi-annual conventions instead of annual conventions, and Hanford was requesting support for their positions. The Fresno lodge is now advertising their 100th year celebration, to be held at the Fresno County Fairgrounds in September.

Italian Slang: un coniglio (rabbit) is a coward; una civetta (owl) is a flirt; un pesce (fish) is a person that doesn't talk; un'oca (goose) is silly or flighty; and, un pollo da spennare is a chicken waiting to be plucked, or, a mark that can be taken advantage of.

National Scholarships are again being offered; check this issue of Il Leone for details.



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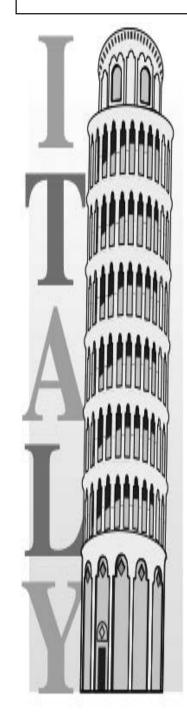
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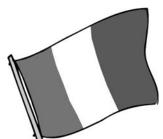
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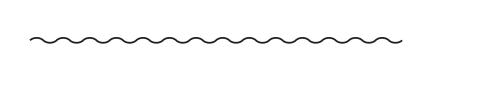
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"FATHER"
by Diana S. Minsky

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.

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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 know 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'm writing to let you know that Penny Bellotti is no longer our Recording Secretary for our Lodge which is Beatrice Portinari #1626 located in Vallejo California. I saw her listed in this current issue of The IL Leone. Please remove her for the next issue. Thank You. Pamela C. Bini President Beatrice Portinari Lodge #1626 Cell # 707 567 2938

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