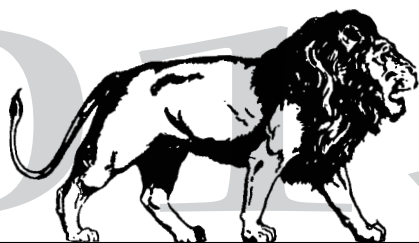


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A Message From The State President



by **Lynn Lawrence-Murphy**
State President

"Fratellanza"

By the time you read this article, we have welcomed another year. Wow, another year and all of us saying, "Where did the last year go?" Welcome 2016! For the Grand Lodge of California, it is the beginning of a bright and exciting new year as we welcome into our family a new lodge. Hopefully, many of you will join us as we install the new Diamond Valley Lodge on January 23rd, 2016 in Hemet, California. Membership in many lodges is slowly picking up – our goal and dream for this new year.

Bill & I spent the thanksgiving week with family and friends enjoying all the rich foods that go with the turkey dinner, and thanked the Lord for the multitude of blessings He has bestowed on our families.

Then it was the beginning of Christmas parties and cheer. December 2nd, we cooked for the St. Helena Lodge Members to thank them for their time, dedication and devotion to our lodge throughout the year (We are a small lodge with a Big Heart!). December 3rd, we attended the North Bay United Lodges' Christmas Party, and December 4th, we travelled to Ukiah to attend their Christmas Party. This lodge raised over \$5,000.00 for Charities by holding a Silent Auction with outstanding baskets, art work, meals, etc. (all donated by their members and purchased by their members in attendance), Wow! Next we travelled to Apple Valley where on Tuesday December 8th, we attended the Desert Valley Christmas Party Meeting. So good to visit with so many old members and friends as well as meet several new young

families. Our prayers are with Jennifer (President Carmine and Minnie Baffo's daughter) who had surgery that day. A speedy recovery! The next day we travelled to Palm Springs to attend the Dolly Sinatra's Christmas Party and 100th Birthday Celebration for Frank Sinatra. Frank DiSalvo did an outstanding show honoring Frank Sinatra. The highlight of the evening was having President Joe La Porta put in a brief appearance. Joe and his wife Lori put their heart and soul into this lodge. Joe is recovering from throat cancer and Lori a broken leg. Both of these troupers were there for their Dolly Sinatra family (putting pain and illness behind them). On December 10th, Bill and I had the pleasure of having lunch with the new Diamond Valley Lodge President Joe Scarsella and his wife Lorraine organizing, planning and setting up things for their lodge installation. On Saturday evening, December 12th, the Lawrence family, Bill and I travelled to Indian Wells to attended Frank DiSalvo's Show celebrating Frank Sinatra's 100th Birthday. The following night Bill and I returned and enjoyed another Frank Sinatra Birthday Celebration. This time with Frank and the Ted Herman Big Band performing Sinatra songs. What a memorable and fun weekend! Happy 100th "Blue Eyes".

So many of our members have had serious illness in their families and themselves this past year, but by the love of God and a true Sons of Italy Fraternal Spirit they continue to carry on and work for the good of the Order. Thank you is not enough to truly express my deep gratitude for all the work and devotion all of you have given to the Grand Lodge. You all exemplify the heart and soul of an Italian family and our Order. It is that positive fraternal spirit that will keep our lodges and the Grand Lodge alive and growing.

Bill & I will continue to visit lodges and attend meeting and events in 2016 – our commitment to you as your State President and 1st Gent.

In closing, may I once more wish you all a very Happy and Healthy 2016.

Italy has passed through every important historical phase of development. Each phase has left its imprint on the people and the landscape. Feudalism became the chief political system after the fall of the Roman Empire. Some of the Empire's traditions survived the barbarian invasions which ended classical civilization. For example, Christianity continued to flourish, and Latin remained the literary language of Europe.

After the barbarian tribes conquered Rome, law and order broke down. No single power was strong enough to unite large countries and rule as Rome had done. People were insecure because they never knew when tribes or foreign armies would overrun their farms, steal their property, crops and animals, and perhaps kill their families.

A system of land ownership arose. Landlords took the lands belonging to farmers in return for protection and made them a kind of slave called a "serf." Landlords hired bodyguards that served as small armies. They rewarded these bodyguards by giving them a part of the land with the serfs on it. The bodyguards became knights, or vassals of the lord, and a class of nobles arose. Landlords also hired mercenary soldiers. They taxed the people to support themselves and wage wars.

At this time the Roman Catholic Church was the only religious institution in western Europe. It kept the Latin language as a means of communication and a way of preserving general knowledge. Many of the lords gave the clergy a part of their land. Some of the clergy

became feudal lords themselves and fought as soldiers. The clergy built monasteries. Some individuals became monks and nuns. There was no printing press. Monks spent their time copying books and manuscripts. Priests helped make life easier for the people. They sought to prevent fighting on the Lord's Day and on holy days. Missionaries traveled about to win new converts to the faith.

On Sundays sometimes there were festivals and games in villages, but other days life was hard. Serfs worked all day in the fields. The lord got the largest share of crops grown, and the church would get a "tithe" (a tenth) of it. Only boys from noble families could become knights. Tournaments, or mock battles, such as jousting, were held on castle grounds. Nobles on horseback with packs of hounds hunted wild boars and deer. Nobles trained hawks and falcons to catch birds and small animals. Ladies worked on fine embroidery, and they sometimes played musical instruments.

Serfs lived in hovels with dirt floors. Pigs and other animals sometimes lived with the serfs in the same hovel. The poor had little more to eat than a simple meal or bread. Mostly pork or fish was consumed during better times. Serfs rarely saw more of the world than their own villages. In times of danger, they sought protection in the castles. They were forced to serve in the Lord's army during times of war. Peddlers visited the castles. They sold cloth, spices, perfumes and other rare commodities.

Justice under feudalism was often primitive. An argument could be settled by having two men fight. The winner was judged to be in the right. Every man had a definite place. If a man was a farmer, his son would become a farmer. A man often needed permission to marry from the lord. In the cellar of the castle there were dungeons where the lord could keep his enemies chained to walls.

An end to feudalism came about slowly. Cottage industries grew up, and trade between countries allowed people to earn money with which they bought their freedom from the lords. Towns arose and serfs escaped and sought employment in them. Some became shopkeepers. Kings conquered the feudal lords and set up central governments with armies and police forces.

Craftsmen who made the same commodities joined unions called guilds. If they were good at their work, they could become journeymen, eventually masters. The guilds made certain that goods were well-made and wages and prices were fair. Our English word "masterpiece" derives from the work of those craftsmen. The guild system helped create a middle class.

Feudalism lasted for about 1,000 years in Europe. It was a harsh political and economic system. Today, to say a political system is "feudal" is saying it is undeveloped and backward. Italy has some interesting castles and ruins dating back hundreds of years. Some of Italy's oldest customs stem from feudal institutions.



Castel Nuovo (often called Maschio Angioino) Naples, Italy.

From the
Editor's Desk

by Andy Pampuro
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Louise and I along with Debbie Ure want to wish you all a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

On December 4th I went to UCI and took a test that last 1 1/2 hours. They probed every muscle and nerve in my body. The end result is that I have excellent muscle mass and I don't have ALS as one doctor said I did, thank God. So now I am back to square one and in the hands of my rheumatologist who seems to be the only one with answers. I go for a swallowing test in January and hopefully I will be able to eat soft foods for a while. How I miss my pasta!!!!!!



SAVE THE DATE

HUMANIARIAN & LEADERSHIP GALA
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016
HILTON HOTEL, SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA
HONOREES TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE



Hope you are doing great selling and buying the Queen's raffle tickets. Remember that in the end your lodge can possibly get about 50% of what you sell back to your lodge. It's a win win situation. You can win one of the prizes and your lodge will get a nice return.

Happy New Year one and all.



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News from the Central

by Arlene Nunziati
State 1st Vice President



I attended the cucidati contest presented by the C Colombo Lodge in Antioch. Wow what a crowd they had this year! I had to buy my cookies right away as the line was clear around the museum and they were going fast! Delicious cookies and a beautiful venue this year. Another great group of members led by a great leader.

Attended a another Christmas party by another Italian organization and saw lots of Sons of Italy members even there. And there were some who weren't members so of course we asked!

December was also a month of birthday celebrations! My grandson turned 18 years old, the week later I had a birthday and again a week later, Vera had a birthday. So celebrations all around!

My Columbia Lodge also had a great Christmas party with us enjoying "Famous Dave's Ribs" with all the sides. Our lovely Queen Valerie Celentano was there for the members to again meet and greet.

We had a lovely Christmas and New Year's. The family was all here and we even had a "Family Day" at the 49ers game. And of course they lost! Oh well there is always next year.

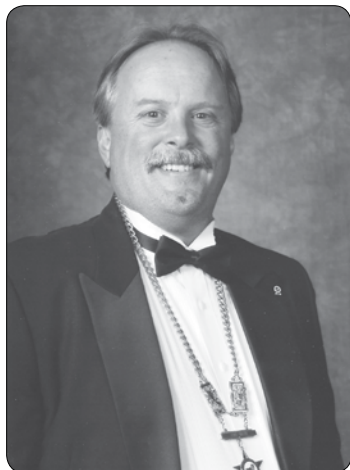
I think I really have to stick to a New Year's resolution this year and lose weight after this month of eating!

The year has gone by way too fast. Let's hope that in 2016 we can take some time and "smell the roses". A very Happy and Healthy New Years to all of you. I will be visiting some of you very soon.

Ciao until next month.

News from the North

by John Costa
State 2nd Vice President



Happy New Year! Wow where did 2015 go. The years seem to go by faster and faster. What will 2016 bring for us? What New Year's resolution will you make? Hopefully good health to everyone in your families including your Sons of Italy Family!

We will be starting off the New Year with a new lodge, in Hemet. I am looking forward to attending the lodge Installation ceremony on the 23rd of January. Hope to see many of the surrounding lodges there to show support to our newest family members.

New lodge and the next step are to gain new members for our existing lodges. Many people do not know that the Sons of Italy even exist. Ask your friends to join you at an event within the lodge and maybe they may want to join. Let's get motivate to add new members. Let's work together to grow together!

Have you purchased your "365" tickets yet for 2016. How about asking your lodge to buy 2 or 3 tickets, you might be surprised as to how many times you could win.

In closing I leave you with this to think about, "The trouble with quotes on the internet is that you can never know if they are genuine" by Abe Lincoln.

Until next month

News from the South

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Have you ever wondered about the purpose of a lodge officer's meeting? Have you ever wondered why have an officers meeting when all the business is handled at the lodge's membership meeting? These are important questions, because they determine the lodge's success for growth.

Let's first look at the structuring of a lodge. The lodge members are asked every two year period (one term) to elect their lodge officers, which is probably the most important action they accomplish. We elect these officers to not only perform specific duties, but to also represent us on administrative matters. These include, but not limited to, management of business, define and maintain direction, ensure efficiency of operations, create a schedule of events with necessary revisions, ensure communications among all members, make executive decisions for lodge success and make certain the laws and directives of the Order are followed.

We as members must place trust in our elected officers to do the best they can for our good and the good of the Order, but we always have the right to question their actions and the right for a conclusive answer.

So now what do we do at our member's meetings? The officers will install all new members, make brief summaries of their deliberations concerning financial and business matters and ask for a vote on matters that require one. They will also discuss old business, new business, health and welfare of our members, announce communications, present Italian culture and upcoming events, give an overall status on the wellbeing of the lodge and invite all members to share in the Good of the Order. Now, that seems like a lot to cover and in fact, it is.

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Andy Pampuro
Editor



Membership Committee

by Joe Simoni
Membership Chairperson



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By the time you receive this issue of the Il Leone, we'll have begun a new year. On behalf of the blue-ribbon membership committee consisting of Ana Graeber, Edna Esposito and Linda Enneman, I wish you all a very happy and prosperous 2016 and a solid membership performance for the lodges that make up the Grand Lodge of California. Future articles will not only give you the membership statistics, but will also include tips on how to increase and retain the membership in your lodge. The committee, with the talented Anna Graeber as Editor-in-Chief, is

in the process of developing a quarterly newsletter that will include timely tips, not only from the committee, but from lodges that have had success increasing and retaining membership and we will also recognize those lodges that have increased their membership. The survival of our organization critically depends on your involvement in reaching our membership goals. There were 15 new members in October and 10 in November reported. Next month, I will report the end of the 4th quarter and year-end totals (if available by press time). So, here are a few of the many tips that have been compiled by the committee (and their grandson's girlfriend): 1) Exude a warm and welcoming attitude. I start with this because this should always be the beginning of your presentation; 2) Communicate – Reinforce the lodge's goals to the lodge membership; 3) Be open to change; and 4) this from a young adult- Remember that everyone you meet can teach you at least something that you didn't know (or just forgot). Next month, more tips on what you can do to increase & retain membership.

365 Fund Raiser - Winners

Nov. 16-30

16	\$25.00	Hanford Lodge #1543
17	\$25.00	Carolyn Lawrence-Murphy
18	\$25.00	Norman Dettiman
19	\$25.00	Tim Coragliotti
20	\$25.00	Ralph Nudo
21	\$25.00	Mike Leoni
22	\$25.00	Glen Rushing
23	\$25.00	Eva Lavezzari
24	\$25.00	Las Vegas Lodge #2158
25	\$25.00	Vincenzo LaNovara
26	\$25.00	Vita Zaccaria
27	\$25.00	Arlene Nunziati
28	\$25.00	Gary Morganti
29	\$25.00	Ann Asche
30	\$50.00	Linda Ganss

Dec. 1-15

1	\$25.00	Veta Finazzo
2	\$25.00	Lori Rossi
3	\$25.00	Catherine Caserta
4	\$25.00	Angelo Bianchi
5	\$25.00	Diane Scillo
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New Year's Resolutions Stats

Top 3 resolutions:

- Lose Weight
- Get organized
- Spend less, Save more

Percent of Americans who:

- 45% Usually make resolutions
- 8% Are successful
- 24% Never succeed, fail each year
- 38% Never make them

Percent type of resolution:

- 47% Self improvement or education related
- 38% Weight related
- 34% Money related

Percent of age who achieve their resolution each year:

- 39% In 20's
- 14% Over 50

Winners of the 365 - 2016 Fundraiser Early Bird Winners

November 1 winner Ralph Nudo

December 1 winner Julia Garibaldi

2016 Every Day a Winner Tickets

Are now on Sale.

There will be an Early Bird incentive of \$100.00 drawn on November 1st and December 1st. Tickets are being sent out to your lodges. Contact Grand Lodge office if you want sooner.



2015 tickets are still on sale. Two big winners are still to come. Oct 12th \$500.00, December 25th \$200.00.

Good Luck and thank you for your support.

Camelia-Colombo
Lodge # 1294

Klamath Falls, OR
by Bonnie Sims, Financial Secretary



In the picture Camelia-Colombo Lodge Financial Secretary Bonnie Sims is giving a check for \$50 to Sean O’Connell, Operations Assistant of the Klamath Lake County Food Bank. This donation will allow the Food Bank to purchase 500 pounds of food which will be distributed to those in need.
A \$50 check was also given by the Lodge to the local newspaper (The Herald & News) for their Senior Party. The paper sponsors parties at local nursing homes in the area. The clients are then treated to a party with food, music and gifts.



Trying to convince Santa (Phil Van Buren) and Mrs. Claus (Louise Holst) that he was a good boy this year is Lodge President Oliver Spire. The Christmas Party was a great success and fun was had by all.

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E-mail: Stringina@aol.com

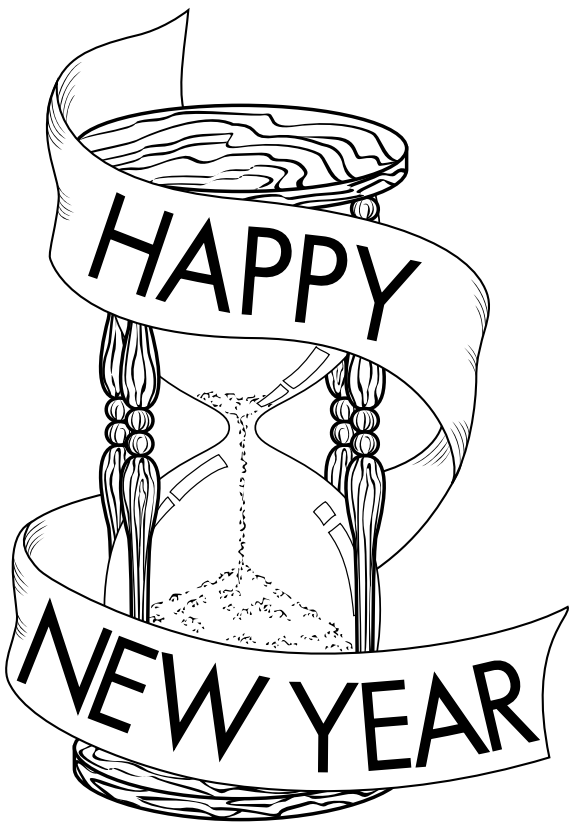
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Lodge Anniversaries

January	
Weed #1269	1/6/24
Cesare Battisti #1518	1/28/29
Virgilio #1586	1/4/31
Beatrice Portinari #1626	1/2/32
Las Vegas #2158	1/10/65
Northern Solano #25634	1/16/83

Congratulations!!!



“I am the Flag of the United States of America”

by Jimmy Weldon, WWII Veteran

“I am the flag of the United States of America. I was designed by the hands of Betsy Ross, and her sewing basket was my cradle. I was adopted by the Continental Congress in 1777 and proclaimed the National Emblem of a nation newly born, fighting valiantly for survival.”

“I rode with Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain boys at the Battle of Fort Bennington and blazed the trail with Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone. I galloped up the slope of San Juan Hill and Colonel Teddy Roosevelt and his Rough Riders, and was carried through the Halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli by the United States Marine Corps.”

“I have draped the caskets of our Nation’s heroes and borne to their resting place the bodies of Presidents, Generals, Admirals, Humble Privates and the Unknown Soldier.”

“When you stand with your hand over your heart and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to me, don’t merely mouth the words, but think of what they mean to you, and mean what you say!”

“And when you come the phrase, One Nation under God, remember it matters not what your religious belief, it only matters that you hold your faith dear.”

“History will never write my obituary for I am the stars and stripes forever. I am Old Glory. I am your Flag. I am you!”

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Osby Weaver	Colombo-Stella	1149
Margaret Boitano	Napa	2043
Mary Schwake	Napa	2043
Raymond Raineri	Diablo Valley	2167
William Moreno	Salinas	2082

United Lodges of Southern California

by Andy Pampuro

On Sunday, December 6th, the United Lodges of Southern California held their annual Toys for Tots party at the Centinela Valley Lodge hall. We had a wonderful turnout of lodges that participated. They were America, Anaheim, Centinela Valley, Desert Valley, Enrico Caruso, Hacienda, Pugliese, Renaissance, Saddleback Valley and West End. We also had a nice showing of State Lodge officers and committee chairs — State Third Vice President Ted Seibel and his wife, Lucille, State Financial Secretary Gabe Domenici and his wife Mardell, Head State Trustee Central Pauline Richmond, State Trustee South Marco Zonni and his wife, Nina, Past State President Joe LaBanca and his wife, Mary, Past State President David Prisco, Budget and

Finance Committee Chair David Prisco, Queen Contest Committee Chair Eva Lavezzari, Language and Culture Committee Chair Vita Zaccaria, Scholarship Committee Chair Rosemarie Vanderhaar and Media Committee Chair Andy Pampuro and his wife, Louise.

We were honored to have four marine join us for this festive occasion. They were Cpl. Alesandro Ruiz, Lance Cpl. Felipe Guzman, Lance Cpl. Alfred Heresta and Lance Cpl. Steven Olmos. They all enjoyed the day and were impressed with the amount of toys they would be taking away.

A delicious pasta dinner was served us enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the Centinela Valley Lodge for their wonderful hospitality.



State Officers and Committee Chairs.
Seated l/r Italian Language and Culture Vita Zaccaria, State Financial Secretary Gabe Domenici, State Third Vice President Ted Seibel, Head State Trustee Central Pauline Richmond and Scholarship Chair Rosemarie Vanderhaar. Standing l/r Budget and Finance Committee Chair David Lavezzari, Queen Contest Chair Eva Lavezzari, Past State President Joe LaBanca, State Trustee South Marco Zonni. Past State President David Prisco and Media Committee Chair Andy Pampuro.



L/R Lance Cpl. Steven Olan, Lance Cpl. Alfred Heresta Annette Porter our hostess and president of the Centinela Valley Lodge. Toys for Tots Chairlady for United Lodges Rosemarie Vanderhaar, Lance Cpl. Felipe Guzman and Cpl. Alesandro Ruiz.



United Lodges Officers Seated l/r Treasurer Vita Zaccaria, Recording Secretary Rosemarie Vanderhaar, President Gabe Domenici and Historian Lucille Seibel. Standing l/r Vice President Carmine Baffo. Immediate Past President Ted Seibel. Special Deputy Joe LaBanca and Trustee Andy Pampuro.

Shasta Lodge # 2453

Redding, CA
by Frank Rose, Historian

In November we held our annual Thanksgiving-Memorial Dinner. We began with a memorial service honoring our deceased members and then honoring veterans. We had about 116 people attend and raised over \$1500 that all went to our scholarship fund.

We started December by holding our annual Council Dinner where we get a chance to have dinner without having to work. We were joined by State Trustees Joy Bruno and Rich Luzzi. What a nice way to begin the holiday season.

Led by our Vice President, we helped the Salvation Army “Stuff the Bus” with toys to be distributed to children for Christmas. We filled two barrels with toys. We also participated in their food drive, donating well over two barrels of non-perishable food items. We had help from the Telephone Retirees who held their annual Christmas Luncheon at our lodge. John also led members with Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army for two days at the Mt. Shasta Mall.

We have been busy during the Christmas season with catering parties for various

groups around Redding, another way we pay our bills. They in turn help us with our charitable contributions.

We also held our annual Children’s Christmas Party for children of lodge members and friends. We were joined by about ten children and their mothers from One Safe Place (formerly Shasta County Women’s Refuge). The children and family members really enjoyed themselves and the director from One Safe Place was very grateful for the opportunity to take the children on such a fun outing. Our entertainment was from a dance studio JAMA, Joining Arts, Music and Athletics, also a non-profit organization that provides dance lessons to students with contributions from the community. And of course the day would not have been complete without a visit from Santa (aka Al Fork) who gave each of the children a small toy and small bag of candy.

The council and members of Shasta Lodge would like to extend our wishes to all of you for a very Merry Christmas and the best New Year.



Correction!

This article was left out in the December issue. I appolgize for this mistake. Debbie Ure.

Napa Lodge # 2043

Napa, CA
by Seth Rossi,
Recording Secretary
napasonsofitaly@gmail.com

Thank you to everyone that attended our October Dinner Dance Fundraiser, it was a very enjoyable evening and successful too! We were honored to have our Second State Vice President John Costa along with his lovely wife, Grand Lodge Chairlady Ritual & Protocol as well as our State Deputy, Donna Lee Lawrence Costa in attendance. John was very gracious in leading us in the pledge of allegiance to our great country and it is always a joy to have Donna MC our events. Also in attendance was our Grand Lodge Membership Chairman / California National Delegate Joe Simoni who was kind enough to honor us by giving the invocation, Grand Lodge Chairlady Garibaldi Meucci Museum Joy Bruno along with several Presidents and members of the surrounding lodges.

Special Thank You to Michael Mondavi and Michael Mondavi Family Estates for donating all of the wine for our dinner dance. Robin and Gina with Michael Mondavi Family Estates, you two are absolutely amazing, thank you for all you both did in orchestrating getting the wine to us.

Thank You to the following businesses and individuals for their generosity and support. Michael Mondavi Family Estates, Napa River Inn, Brown's Valley Market, Genova Delicatessen, Trader Joe's, Marvin & Jean Sakakihara, Michael Oliveri, Suzanne Regalia, Julie Querin, Celine Regalia, Rita DeZorzi, Dorothy Jensen and Dolores Cervone. Julie Querin, October Dinner Dance Chairlady, you and your committee SuzAnne and Celine Regalia were once again outstanding. Thank you from all of us for another great evening of fun, friends & fundraising!

Officers and Members of Napa Lodge wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May 2016 be a great year for all.



Northern Solano Lodge # 2543

Fairfield, CA
by Rick Tracy and Pam Boes

Spring has sprung and is now a memory. A hot summer followed slipping into fall. Fall has fallen as we approach a hopefully wet winter to alleviate the drought.

There has been no drought in activities this past year when it comes to Northern Solano Lodge.

We have been fortunate to welcome new members: Nanciann Gregg, Christine and Eric Bugna, Ruth Chapman, Tami and Dennis Pisani, Juanita Stopponi, Susan Turner, Angie Caserza, William Imboden and Joel and Linda Feins. Welcome back returning member Mitch Bassignani.

Book Clubs 1 and 2 have joined forces as one group. At our most recent meeting, hosted by Frank and Louise Rossi, it was agreed to continue meeting every other month with discussion followed by dinner. The newest book selection is "Witches" by Stacy Schiff and promises to take us back to Salem, 1692.

Don Cahan was honored for his many years of service as our State Deputy. Louie Lodi will now fill that position. Other recent changes in our board include: Jerry Firpo succeeding Janice De Pasquale as Treasurer and Frank Rossi for Maria Reginato as Master of Ceremonies. We thank Janice and Marla for many years of dedicated service.

Northern Solano Lodge members continue to give their time and talents to our local community. The Contra Costa-Solano food Bank volunteers continue to meet at least six times a year to help sort the thousands of food items to be distributed.

Most recently our members participated in the 13th annual North Bay Stand Down for our area veterans. David Rico, Vince La Novara, Angie Caserza, Carla Gabani-Gamez, and Carol La Novara arrived early on October 13th to begin preparations for a dinner that would serve 400 veterans and volunteers. Joy Bruno and Rick Tracy joined the crew later and learned the fine art of preparing salad,

garlic bread and peanut butter cookies. Especially gratifying was being able to serve the well deserving men and women who have served our country. November also saw several members march in the Veterans Day parade here in Fairfield.

The annual children's Christmas party was held on December 5th. Thank you Jana Houston and Susan Cahan for coordinating this event. While waiting for Santa to arrive, 17 children learned how to decorate their special gingerbread cookie. The adults assisting enjoyed filling pastry tubes and guiding some little hands in creating their masterpiece. Most of the children elected to eat their creation on the spot. Santa later visited with a gift chosen especially for each child. Pictures were taken of each child with Santa and will be given out at our next regular Lodge meeting.

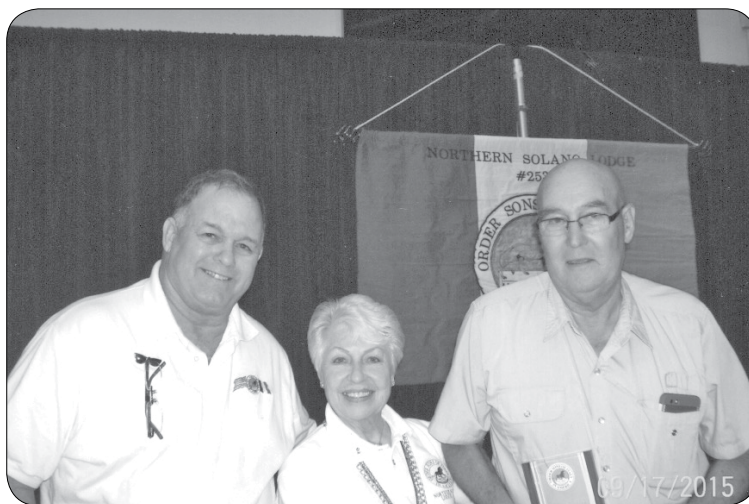
At our last general lodge meeting in November, members brought toys to be given to needy children. On December 11th, Jeanne and Don Craddock, Kay and George Locatelli, and Joy Bruno delivered the toys to our local Fire Department. Thank you members for your generosity.

Albert Galli reported that our Lodge made a profit of \$471 on the Christmas Wreath Sale. Thank you Albert for again organizing this very successful fundraiser.

Thursday, December 17th was our final Lodge meeting for the year. In place of a regular meeting we had a Christmas Pot Luck and Social. As usual the food was abundant and delicious. Before leaving for the evening all participated in a Christmas sing-a-long.

The annual crab feed is scheduled for January 23rd, 2016. Please call Carol Urban at 707-425-7805 for tickets and more information.

By the time this article appears in print we will have welcomed in the New Year. Northern Solano Lodge wishes each lodge a year of peace, health and joy for 2016.ß



Louie Lodi, State Deputy, Joy Bruno Don Cahan retiring State Deputy.



Sue Bell, Jeanne and Don Craddock. Card Night at the Barkers.



Santa and guests at the Children's Christmas Party, December 5th.



Vince La Novara and David Rico prepare pasta for 400 at the "Stand Down" for veterans.

America Lodge # 1609

La Habra, California
By Yolanda Campanelli,
Historian

The month of December has been a busy month for America Lodge. On December 6th America Lodge was well represented at the United Lodge's Toys for Tots attending were, President Linda Enneman, Tina Forte, Dolly Tuttle, Gina Danza, Dee Tucker, Ed Allen, Ann Eaton, Manon Crowe and Joe Rossi. who always enjoy attending Sons of Italy activities and become better acquainted with the members of other lodges.

December 12th Saddleback Valley Lodge had its' Christmas Gala. Along with President Linda Enneman, members Joe Rossi, Marcia Sauer, and Josie Granata, went along to enjoy the festivities.

On December 10th, America Lodge celebrated their Annual Christmas party at Grazianos Restaurant in Yorba Linda with beautiful Christmas Music, good food, members and friends. President Linda Enneman chose this occasion to announce her selection of "Person of the Year" Lucy Sacco. Although Lucy was unable to attend Linda called her earlier in the evening to congratulate her. The decision to announce it that evening was so that everyone would know about it at the same time. As the announcement was made it was met with applause and several members said "well deserved". CONGRATULATIONS Lucy, for an honor so well deserved.

Plans are now being worked on for 2016. Fun times after the meetings, fundraisers, Corn Festival. When the plans are finalized the schedule will be distributed to the membership. America Lodge is looking forward to another successful and productive year. Ciao!!



Saddleback Valley Lodge # 2566

Mission Viejo, CA
by Andy Pampuro, President

On Sunday, December 6th, 13 of our members attended the United Lodges annual Toys of Tots Christmas party in the hall of the Centinela Valley Lodge. It was a very nice affair with four marines in attendance to collect the many toys the members brought.

Then on Saturday, December 12th, our lodge held it's annual Christmas Gala at the beautiful Costa Mesa Country Club. President Andy Pampuro welcomed everyone and introduced the dignitaries who honored us with their presence. They were our wonderful State Deputy Rosemarie Vanderhaar, our State Trustee South and Immediate Past President of our lodge Al Trentini and his wife, Jean, and the president of the America Lodge Linda Enneman and several of her members.

Before we ate we enjoyed seeing a special video our new queen Baylin Herrington made while in Spain wishing us a Merry Christmas and hoping to be at our next meeting when we will crown her as our queen.

Many thanks to Luciano Principato who brought three tables of friends and to Mario Guardi who also brought a gang from his Laguna Beach Meetup Group. Both men are members of the Renaissance Lodge.

After a delicious dinner we had a sing a long of Italian songs and Christmas carols.

One of the high lites was the drawing of the opportunity raffles prizes of which there were many for which we thank our wonderful members for donating.

Many thanks to our chairs Al Schlappy and our recording secretary Bernadine Neil, (Mrs. Schlappy) for doing a great job. Next year our Gala will be held in Laguna Woods as it was for our Reborn Dinner Dance. The date is December 10th, Mark your calendars.



Members of the Saddleback Valley Lodge who attended the United Lodge's Toys for Tots Party on December 6th.

Seated from l/r Angela Webster, Marilyn Vecchio, Al and Laura Alfieri and Recording Secretary Bernadine Neil. Standing l/r Financial Secretary Pat Dito, Trustee Pete Dito, Trustee Lucy Gallo, President Andy Pampuro, Al Schlappy, Chaplain Louise Pampuro, Treasure Michelle Lowinger and Orator Hank Lowinger.



Co chairs of the Christmas Gala Al Schlappy and Bernadine Neil.



L/R State Trustee South Al Trentini, Chairlady Bernadine Neil, State Deputy Rosemarie Vanderhaar, President of the America Lodge Linda Enneman and President Andy Pampuro



Roseville Lodge # 1413

Roseville, CA
by Yvonne Vanoni

Roseville Lodge Christmas party was celebrated on Thursday, December 17th with members & guests attending. Twelve children received gifts of Christmas cups from Santa. We also had a little 2-yr. old helper dressed in his own Santa outfit. Free raffle tickets were given to each attendee for a large selection of raffle prizes. Adding to the festivities of the evening was

our musical entertainment & singing by Susan Watson with husband Frank accompanying her with his beautiful guitar-playing. Our kitchen crew outdid themselves with a special dinner including roast beef, ravioli & cannoli.

Mark your calendars for April 16th to attend the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Roseville Lodge.



Tom Tomasi preparing Christmas dinner.



Our santa, David Salisbury.



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Centinela Valley Lodge #1991

Torrance, CA
by Annette Porter, President

Our November Country Western Dinner Dance (fundraiser for STAR House) with an auction was a big success. We had almost 100 people in attendance. The dinner was fantastic, our cooks for the evening were Mark Vaona, Annette Porter, Bernard Torres and Joe and Mary Grace Grammatico, Betty and Michelle. The residence enjoyed their pasta, each time they come to the hall this is what they look forward to. The auction did quite well, our auctioneer Carl Serra Jr. was able to make it this year. Thank you Carl!!!

Our December Christmas Party with the Toys for Tots was an enjoyable afternoon. The Marines that attended the event was very impressed with the toys and the care packages they were able to take home. We had a quite a few children in attendance, of course Santa came to town to

visit the kids from the young age to the adults. The adults are the big kids of the day. They all had their turn sitting with Santa telling him what they wanted for Christmas.

The food was great as usual thanks to chefs Simona Garlick, Mark Vaona, and the group of members that help put this event together. We even had many of the ladies make their homemade cookies. Without each of them we would not have had an enjoyable afternoon.

Here we are already the end of year.

We have our January Dinner Dance on Saturday January 16, 2016. We will be serving a Ravioli dinner. If you are interested in coming, please give Annette Porter (310) 371-1041 a call.

We would like to wish you and your family a safe and healthy Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!



These are the wonderful people Sean and Pam Broderick that run the STAR House. Without Pam STAR House would not be in existence.



These are three wonderful ladies that are a big part of our lodge. Carol Damico that is never in pictures she is always on the other side of the camera. Lisa Hayes and Lynn Lavezzari.

HAPPY
NEW YEAR!

Dolly Sinatra Lodge #2400

Palm Springs, CA
by Andy Casey

As only would be fitting for a Lodge named after Frank Sinatra's mother Dolly, the Lodge had a glorious centennial show and dinner on December 9th,celebrating this greatest of all singers 100th birthday. Our President Joe LaPorta opted for the show over our traditional Christmas dinner, and we were ever the luckier for that decision!

Frank DiSalvo, our Lodges Vice President, out did himself for this performance, celebrating Mr. Frank Sinatra's 100th birthday. Our Frank has his own show celebrating the American Songbook at the Indian Wells Resort Hotel in Indian Wells three nights a week (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) in a lounge named after himself, Frank's Place. He routinely performs Sinatra numbers during his show and is considered one of the top Sinatra performers here in the Coachella Valley. Thus a thrilling show, Frank dressed in a tuxedo, giving us his very best, which by any measurement is a hellva lot! In between the best of Sinatra songs, Frank would weave in narratives and facts from Mr. Sinatra's life. Sprinkled amongst the facts were the gossip mongers tales too, all making for an enormously entertaining show!!

But sometimes these special shows, we are privileged to attend, have so many more delightful surprises happening! Our Frank's mother was down from Santa Cruz with a few of her friends for the show, and it seemed Frank stepped it up just a bit more for her.

Then, too, our State President, Lynn Lawrence-Murphy surprised us all by joining us with her husband Bill for the evening, and they did have a marvelous time! So I think Frank stepped it up just a little bit more!

But the biggest and most wonderful surprise of an evening packed with surprises was our President, Joe LaPorta, came into the Lodge just as Frank was starting to entertain. What made this so special, so wonderful, is that Joe has not been to the Lodge for several months, while he has been fighting and recovering from a severe illness. When he came into the Lodge dining area you could feel the excitement as Lynn, Joe and Frank hugged.

Was there a dry eye in the place when Frank said to Joe simply and humbly, "You came", and Joe replied, "I wouldn't miss it!". Joe then sat and enjoyed the concert with us. Absolutely marvelous! And Frank pulled out all the stops for a unforgettable show!!

And again, if that wasn't enough, we also had a wonderful dinner featuring a lasagna special. And these delicious dinners would simply not happen if it wasn't for

our volunteers, who literally keep the Lodge running like a precision clock! With the kitchen headed up by Renee Troiano, Laurie Tapperi and Mike Sassi, and their helpers Patti Orsini (decked out in a Santa Claus outfit, Patti Sonner and head bartender Jeff Frisco with his bar backs Hardy and Bruce! Now add in Lori Harvey ensuring reservations and laying out the

seating, in other words putting together the audience, and you have a crew you couldn't top!

On another positive note we have added 26 members since October, the opening of our season! It is a most positive and glorious sight to behold our membership growing at such a pace. We're just going to have to build a bigger Lodge to hold them all!



Singer Frankie DiSalvo.



State President Lynn Lawrence-Murphy, Lodge President Joe LaPorte and Frankie DiSalvo.



Lodge President Joe LaPorte and Frankie DiSalvo.

Valley of the Moon Lodge # 1959

Sonoma, CA
by Susan Antonini-Vice President
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AND YET ANOTHER...

This fund raising event in joint effort with KSVY Radio Sonoma and The Sons of Italy Sonoma...(both non-profits) attended by 285 folks from all over the bay area to celebrate FRANK SINATRA'S 100 Birthday....

If we were in Italy...this would be the beginning of a yearly Pilgrimage of sorts...

Stan Pappas from KSVY Radio...sang favorite Frank Sinatra songs...Jeff Gilbert, radio personality and stand up comedian...brought the house down..And a young lady...17 yr old...Bria...sang and delighted the audience.....

Gina Cuculis Pres. of Sonoma County Board of Education and Roy Tenant were also present.

SUCCESSFUL EVENT!! BY ALL MEANS!

More photos may viewed: Sonomalife.com

CLEAN UP IS PART OF THE FUN...

Sign up for the next event....

DIANE GALLUP PRAMPONE traces her family in Pennsylvania from the 1800's back to the 1400's...(English and Irish) Always a story to tell....

WHILE SITTING AT THE TICKET

Table.....a man in line asked if there were 'any single women'the answer, "yes, right next to you"...he immediately reached for his glasses, stating, "these are for reading, but I need a closer look"!

CHRISTMAS

"TAKING CARE OF FAMILY", Paul Grant.

CHRISTMAS DINNER... as per usual...Delicious. (Thank you Beth Bruzzone and entourage)... Sons of Italy State Deputy Gloria Garibaldi and her daughter visited from Napa....Sonoma Mayor Laurie Gallion....Stan Pappas from KSVY RADIO... were some of those in attendance ... Ellen Toscano sang "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" and led us singing "Rudolph, the Red Nose Reindeer".....

We had about 140 folks... and for those of you that were not there...your presence was missed....like someone missing from the family table.... and thank you to all that WERE there...as part of the Sons of Italy Family.....

SPECIAL GUEST FROM ITALY...

TIZIANA BIANCHI...cousin of Michael Oliveri of Napa (VP Sons of Italy Napa)....and friend of Margaret Olivieri Past President of Napa SOI.

Tiziana is from Roncone, Trento...Trentino Alto Adige.. (pop. 1,438) elevation (2,762 ft) visiting family and taking English classes while here....

Piacere Tiziana.

DON'T LET ME STOP YOU...Dog gone...folks were talking about the PIONEER

WOMAN COOK BOOK...

Flank steak sliced thin with a sauce of cooking sherry... and snow peas over rice...ymm.

SPECIAL WINE CAKE...

Ask Rosemarie Pedrenzini...I hear tell she has THE best recipe... did I hear "cream sherry"?

CRUZING...("BAD OWL ON THE PROWL")....

Alex Allen just back from a Cruise with his son and daughter-in-law....Mazatlan, Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta...not sure of the order... but there was a Pirate Ship, Disco Dancing, Snorkeling, FOOD, and even a Senior Deck with NO children...go figure!

SUSAN V. HAHN...moved from the E. Bay. Mother Sicilian..(Riolo), Piana dei Greci.. Province of Palermo Sicily (pop 6,218)Gt. Gt. Grandfather Jean Louis Vignes (1812) Father of the wine industry commercial production in Los Angeles. You just never know folks!!Welcome Susan!

FYI...D'Anjou Pears pick up the flavor of ham...Baked w/ apples, oranges, OJ juice over ham.... the things you learn by eavesdropping....

Marie Davis will be visiting her Grand daughter and Great Grand daughter this Christmas Season....what a blessing!

RESERVATIONS:

3rd Tuesday of the Month..

Happy Hour 5pm

Dinner 6pm....come join us!

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FACEBOOK...coming along slowly...check it out:

Sons of Italy Sonoma Face-book

Post something.....and let us know if it is helpful...(be kind) I'm a bit of a dinosaur when it comes to computers...

Ciao!



Roy Tenant, Gina Cuculis, Pres. Sonoma County Board of Education Paul Grant..Pres. Sons of Italy Valley of the Moon Sonoma Joint Fund raiser with KSVY Radio and Valley of the Moon Sons of Italy (both non-profits) Celebrating Frank Sinatra's 100th Birthday!



Radio Personality and stand up comedian, Jeff Gilbert entertained at the Frank Sinatra 100th Birthday Celebration.



Pres. Paul Grant and Stan Pappas of KSVY RADIO... Stan entertained the audience by singing several of Frank Sinatra's songs...



Laurie Gallion, Mayor of Sonoma... a frequent dinner guest



Christmas Party and Dinner...Tom and Jerry's prepared by Karen Carroll...always a hit! In the back ground Jo Grant and Larry Lazzareschi sharing Holiday Cheer....



Ellen Toscano...leads us singing, "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas"... and of course, "Rudolph, the Red Nose Reindeer"!



Alex Allen...speaking to our guest from Italy, Tiziana Bianchi.. Cousin of Michael Oliveri, VP Sons of Italy Napa.

Roma Lodge # 1573

Tulare, CA
by Larry Dutto

Roma Lodge held their annual Christmas party on December 6th with over 100 members and guests present. President *David DePaoli* and chair *Cathy Mederos* did a wonderful job of cooking and organizing the event. *Kathy Briano* took care of decorations with beautiful poinsettias adorning each table. *Dennis Mederos* (A.K.A. Santa Claus) gave out stockings

filled with candy, prepared by *Joann Beecher*, to all the junior members present after they had preformed a variety of talent acts. Through the generosity of the members a truckload of items were donated to the local *Tulare Lighthouse Rescue Mission* who had representatives on hand to accept all of the donations from lodge members.



Roma Lodge junior members Reid and Eloise Sola enjoy sitting on Santa's lap at the annual lodge Christmas party.



Roma Lodge junior members sing Jingle Bells and await Santa's arrival and their stockings filled with candies at the annual Christmas celebration.



Roma Lodge president *David DePaoli* and junior members; greet representatives from the *Tulare Lighthouse Rescue Mission* who received donations of needed supplies from Roma Lodge members.

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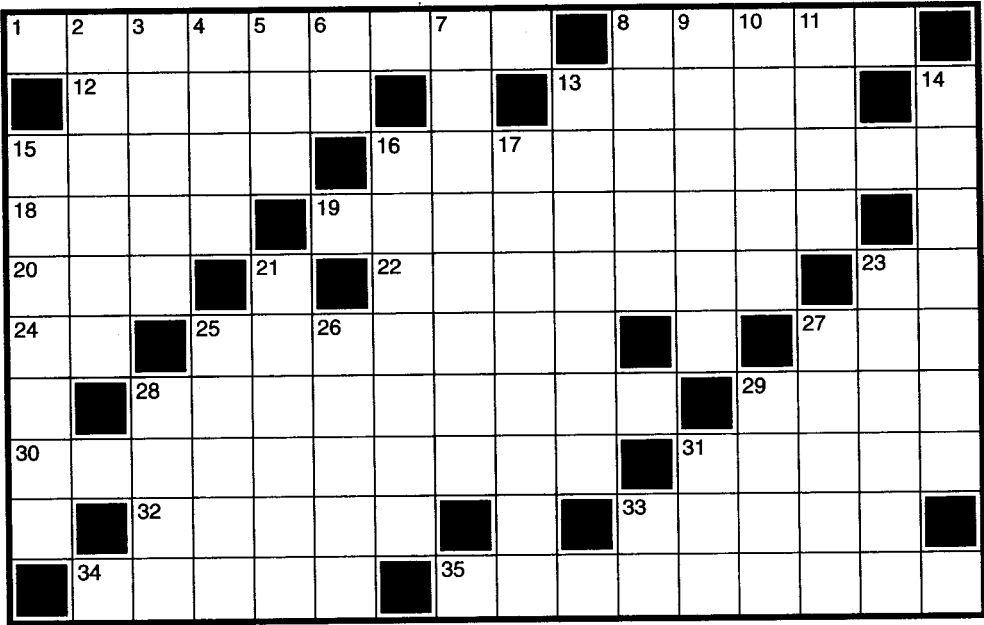
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Answers page 18

Rodolfo Valentino
Lodge #1449

Clovis, Calif. Sons of Italy
Carole Watson, President; Lou Catallo
lcatallo@aol.com, Historian

Last month: it's too early to say how well our December dinner went, so, I will leave that up to the memories of those that attended. Toys for Tots were scheduled to be collected.

This month will be for Pot Luck, so bring your favorite recipes and we can all enjoy our efforts. It's a good way to start your new year. My January lament: Give me coffee to change the things I can change and give me wine to accept what I cannot. -Unk

Last month we sent our delegation to the Central San Joaquin Valley Sons of Italy meeting in Tulare; those in attendance for us were Carol Watson, Isabel Ronzano, and Lou Catallo; the latter two are officers for the organization. Charles DeAgata is the president of the Central Valley Sol and is a Clovis resident. Our lodge made a statement of our ongoing activities and contributed to the Toys for Tots campaign. At the meeting it was mentioned that the proposal to sell the San Francisco headquarters building is still in discussion by a committee at the state level.

Our annual contribution to the Fresno County Food Bank totaled \$2,000 last month; it represents a contribution by our lodge plus the donations from our members. Many folks from our county

still suffer from the effects of the last depression. Also, our yearly contribution of \$1,000 was made to the Miss Wiggles Pet Rescue in Clovis. Our (Clovis Sons of Italy) name tags are still securely in place at their facility on Temperance Ave.

A teacher opens a door, but, you must still enter yourself. -Chinese proverb. This is prime season, until January, for scholarship applications, so get thinking forward to the coming year. Do you have a relative that could use a little boost or an assist while at college? If so, call our Scholarship Committee Chair, Isabel Ronzano, at (559) 297-0851. **The Deadlines:** for **Clovis Lodge scholarships**, the date is March 31, 2016; for **California State Grand Lodge Scholarships:** March 1, 2016; and for **National scholarships** the date is generally November to February of any year (for more information go to <https://www.osia.org/students/scholarships.php>).

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; <http://rodolfovalentinolodge.com/> is our web-site.



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Upper left: Charles DeAgata, with Lilia Giacomazzi in background; Upper right: Isabel Ranzano; Lower left: Carol Watson; Lower right: Lou Catallo; all at the latest Central Valley meeting at Tulare.

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Vincenzo Bellini Lodge # 2519

Chico, CA
by Jeanne Smith

As I write this, the Holidays are in full swing! Christmas is coming fast and I hope everyone is taking the time to enjoy this special time with their family and friends; after all that is truly what it's all about.

Our Lodge is in the process of finding a new home for our meetings. We currently have our sights on the Chico Grange Hall at 2775 Nord Ave., the building is an historic old school house and is quite charming. Our meeting was held there in November and the membership seemed enthusiastic. Our Lodge Officers will be negotiating with the Grange Officers to come up with possible arrangements. This would be a significant change for us as we have been meeting at St

John's Catholic Church since we were chartered in 1982! This change we hope would also open us up to new possibilities and members. Growth is good!

This year our Christmas Party was held in a different location also, Butte Creek Country Club. If you've ever been to our Golf Tournament, you know it is a lovely venue. Santa found us there, of course, we were all delighted to see him come through the door with Mrs. Claus...even the children cheered! The kids enjoyed Santa and gifts and pizza. The adults had a dinner of delicious polenta and sausage! Everyone enjoyed all the raffle prizes! From the proceeds of the raffle and the Lodge's generous spirit, we were able to donate \$1000.00 to Northern Valley Catholic Social Service.

All of us at Vincenzo Bellini Lodge wish you a Happy New Year! 2016



In the center is Mary Ann Ryan flanked by one of her guests and her daughter Pat on her left.



These are our merry food servers; Don Smith (crazy hat man), Frank Scotella, Michael Smith, Joe Azzarito, and Franco Di Lorenzo.



Festive smiles! Georgia Scotella, Frank Scotella, Gaylene Di Lorenzo and Franco Di Lorenzo.



Thanks to Gary and Janelle Smith for tracking Santa and his wife down and convincing them to spend some time at our party! We are grateful! Santa and Mrs. Claus are posing here with Braden, grandson of Sal "Nanu" and Laurie Aiello.



Debbie Rossi and Lorna Jepsen (one of Santa's reindeer) greet partiers as they enter.

Erna Friedberg of the Northern Valley Catholic Social Service is seen here receiving a donation from our lodge from President Gary Smith.



Pictured here is Patrick Contini center with his dad William to the right is Patrick's guest.



Sharon Salcido with her Christmas raffle gift

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Giueseppe Mazzini

Lodge # 2011

Fremont, CA
by Linda Abronzino

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas season and wishing everyone the very best in this New Year. Our Annual Christmas Party at Spin-a-yarn was very festive as usual. This year marked the Lodge's 65th Anniversary. We were honored to have our First National Vice President, Vera Girolami, and our First State Vice President, Arlene Nunziati and the Grand Lodge Membership Committee Chairman, Joe Simoni who always gets us in the holiday spirit with his music. It was nice to have with us Arlene's mom, Norma. I swear she never ages.

As part of our Anniversary celebration we drew out (3) three member names and their dues will be paid by the Lodge for the 2016 year. This year's winners were Gina LoVecchio, Joe Catalano and Frank Borghi. Each year after this, one name will be drawn for free membership dues.

The Lodge wishes to thank Dory and John Marshall for once again chairing this event as well as to all the members who baked the cookies and donated the raffle gifts. It was a wonderful way to begin the Christmas Season.

2016 Meeting Dates
January 8th, - Annual Soup night
February 5th,
March 11th,
April 1st,
May 6th,
June 3rd,
(No meetings July & August),
September 2nd,
October 7th (BBQ – FUND Raiser)
November 4th,
December 4th (Christmas Dinner)

Please remember dues are due for the 2016 year. Please send dues to Judy LoVecchio as mentioned in the Lodge's newsletter that was sent out. Dues are \$75





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William Paca Lodge #1960

Mountain View, CA
by Carolyn Franklin

We celebrate another beautiful year together with a banquet at Michael's of Shoreline. Members dined in the soft glow of Christmas lights and caught up on the events of the passing year. Gloria Ravetto and Lorraine McCutcheon chaired and planned the event, as always it was memorable. Gloria, donated several handsome baskets of items personally selected by her and artfully arranged. Thank you to both Lorraine and Gloria for a lovely evening.

There was a visit from Santa, along with Mrs. Santa – what a pleasant surprise! They're indeed a happy couple to bring us Christmas cheer. Eugene and Peggy Ludwico had sent an invitation all the way to North Sunnyvale. Thank you Gene and Peggy!

Rose Marenco managed to snap their photo before the sleigh took off!

Our State Deputy Maria Pignati charmed us as she sang the lovely, haunting, "Cantique de Noel," (O Holy Night). Maria said, "It was a blustery, cold day, but inside it was warm - I felt like I was with family." The perfect touch for this holy season.

Our Lodge Secretary Helen Zanella announced she is retiring as Lodge Secretary starting January, 2016. We are extremely sorry to reach this time of her career, but happy for Helen. She has been a faithful member since the year she joined, 1959 and was almost the first day an Officer of the Lodge. Our Lodge has been blessed with extraordinary leadership and Helen was foremost in dedication to our success. Thank you, Helen, for being there for us and an example of the true Italian family concept. Chi la dura, la vince.

Rose Marenco and I were musing on the passage of time and I said it brings aches and pains along with Social Security. Rose said the Golden Years are tarnished, but they hold much good. Yes, we must focus on the good. Il tempo ti passa presto se l'hai passato bene.

Start your New Year with 94 year old Clara Cannuciari, who has an Italian cooking show on TV featuring her recipes from the Great Depression. Clara tells us mother's words at meals: O' di mangi sta minestra, o' di butto da finestra.



Eugene and Peggy Ludwico played the traditional role of Christmas Spirit at the William Paca Lodge Annual Christmas Dinner. A perfect couple in their perfect role.



Eureka Lodge # 1274

Eureka, CA

by Heidi Benzonelli, State Deputy Eureka Lodge

Eureka Lodge has been BUSY since our last story. On October 25th we hosted our semi annual Chicken and Polenta Dinner. The dinner is one of our major fundraisers and always a great opportunity for fellowship and sharing traditions



Vittorina Bissio keeps Darrell Burden in line.



Caption for Picture 4: Top row from the left Sue McIntyre (Fornari Morgan) Darrell Burden, bottom row from the left, Gene Pericelli and Heidi Benzonelli.



The Kitchen Crew! From the left Joe Pera, Darrell Burden, Erling Dellabalma, Nick Giannini, Dave Olivieri and Richard Luzzi.

At our October Lodge meeting Jerry Colivas gave a presentation about the History of Italians in Humboldt County and then in November we prepared and served food for the Lady Veterans Luncheon.

In December we kicked off the Holiday Season with a festive gathering of Lodge Members on the Top Floor of the Jacoby Storehouse overlooking the bustling Arcata Plaza. The event was catered by Abruzzi and we feasted on Caesar salad, butternut squash stuffed homemade ravioli, filet mignon, Italian broccoli, potatoes and roasted root vegetables, and spumoni and wine flowed like the Teveres to the Tyrrhenian Sea. For the 3rd year, Bill Chino, Lodge member and owner of Abruzzi, Plaza Grill and Pasta Luega in Arcata hosted the Holiday Feast.



Vittorina Bissio, Rosa Massagli and Gus Cricchio.



Caption Picture 3: Joel and Lora Canzoneri at the Eureka Sons of Italy Christmas Party.



Donna and Dave Olivieri.



Julie and Joe Bonino.

The Eureka Lodge is coming alive if 2016 is anything like 2015 we will have a bursting calendar of events!

More details about our events and pictures can be found at our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/Order.Sons.of.Italy.Eureka>



Cristoforo Colombo Lodge # 1534

Reno NV
by Historian, Maria Nelson

Christmas is upon us. The members of the Cristoforo Colombo Lodge #1534 hope you enjoyed this blessed season with your family, friends, and loved ones. We all have much to be thankful for. Here is a little of what has been happening since our last article, it has been a busy few months!!!

Our Lodge held its annual picnic at Idlewild Park in Reno in August. We enjoyed homemade sausages, a newly engineered salami toss game, lots of other great food and games for the kids. It was a beautiful day and we had a blast.

At our September meeting Salene Pecetti taught us some Italian wine phrases. She brought bottles of Italian wine and showed us what to look for and how to properly pronounce the wines. We initiated new several new members and hope to put them to work.

In October we participated in the El Dorado Italian Festival. Our Lodge had a sauce booth both on Saturday and Sunday and many of our members also had sauce booths. This has been an annual event we have participated in for nearly 30 years. It was a hot but beautiful day for this festival. Our Lodge has given Carleigh Barber the honor of being Lodge Queen this year. Carleigh is doing well selling her raffle tickets to reach her goal of being in the Court of the Grand Lodge of California.

In November, we gave some of our charities their checks. The girls from Urban Roots came and the guys from Honor Flight Nevada came. Pamela Ricci and Suraj Zutshi also presented our check to the Savitt Medical Library at the University of Nevada Reno on a later day. We also had State? President, Lynn Lawrence Murphy at our November meeting. We always enjoy her company and her inspirational speeches.

Santa came to our Christmas Party. The children were thrilled with Santa and their gifts. We had a feast of prime NY Roast prepared by Antonio. Past President Barbara Wisniewski prepared some delicious Baked Ziti and Larry & Christine Handy made Zuppa Inglese for dessert we enjoyed accordion music by Don Rea, and a special Italian Christmas Carol sung by Burt Bonaldi. There were a lot of fun raffle prizes, and wonderful family and friends celebrating the joy of the season.

Antonio Ricci continues to make wonderful meals for our meetings. Our meetings continue to be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral in Reno and the attendance seems to be growing every month

With Silvana Ricci and Sherri Moore's help, our youth enjoy making projects and learning to how write or say something in Italian at our

monthly meetings. They present their projects to the members at the end of our meetings. Our new "Cheers for Peers" section of the newsletter has been fun. People come forward to brag about something they have done.

Our Lodge continues to donate to organizations such as the St. Baldrick's Foundation, the Honor Flight of Nevada, Urban Roots, and the Savitt

Medical Library. Each year we try to find one or two new organizations to help who are local.

Please visit our website for more information: www.renonsofitaly.org. Learn more about our Lodge, your Italian heritage and upcoming events.

We hope you had a very Merry Christmas and will have continued health and happiness in the New Year.



Crowning Carleigh Barber.



Honor Flight Donation.



Children with Santa.



Picnic 2015 chefs.



Sons of Italy donation.

Enrico Caruso Lodge # 1463

Visalia, CA

This year we held our Christmas Party at our dinner meeting. We had an abbreviated business meeting and then had our dinner. The turkey dinner was co-chaired by Betty Carmona and Pauline Richmond. After dinner, gifts were given to our youth members. This was chaired by Pam Buldo. It is a tradition of our lodge for the members to bring toys to the December Dinner Meeting. A lot of toys were gathered and given to the Visalia Police Department. This tradition has been

a project of Lawrence Romanazzi. We finally got our new roof. It was supposed to take two weeks. It dragged on for over four weeks. We were lucky that the weather was with us as we had several events without heat. Emily Eslick, our Lodge Queen was in the Visalia Christmas Parade and a banner was made with the Sons of Italy logo. It was impressive. We hope the members of Sons of Italy had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Ciao

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Vallejo Lodges

by Sharon Silveira

Christmas Carols Filled The Air during Social Time at our Sunday, December 13th Roast Beef & Ravioli Dinner. The very talented Sparks family certainly made this one of our most festive Holiday dinners. Kudos to President Pamela Bini for arranging this and a big thank you to Violet and her parents, who also sang and provided the musical arrangements. After we feasted on the music....then came the "main course" delicious ravioli in meat sauce, tender roast beef, green salad with the special Rick Branch dressing and ice cream bars for dessert. A round of applause for The Kitchen Crew: Glen Rushing, John Costa, Steve & Lucy Branch, Rick & Donna Branch, who was one of the Dinner Chairs along with President Ray Bini.

The Vallejo Lodge's Annual Food Drive resulted in an overflowing shopping cart in the lodge foyer. Several large boxes were delivered to The Christian Help Center. Your generous donations of food and gift cards

were so appreciated according to Chair Rick Silveira.

Always Beyond Delicious.... Polenta & Stew will be served on Friday, January 15th, with Social Time starting at 5 and dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Chairing this very popular dinner are Josephine Agosta and Don Cahan. Make your reservation A.S.A.P. by calling Adeline Nettleton 642-3486 or 334-6480 or Josephine Agosta 642-1658 or 328-2610.

The Yearly Event/Dinner Calendar is printed on the back of the January bulletin. Please save it for future reference! And speaking of the bulletin---the Vallejo Lodges want to say PREGO to Minute Man Press for sponsoring and producing it!!!

The Sale of Ways & Means Tickets will be concluding soon....the \$12.00 ticket gives you the opportunity to win \$100.00 at each monthly drawing. Only 300 tickets are printed. To purchase come to a Lodge function in January or contact one of your Lodge Officers.



The December Cooking Crew: John Costa, Glen Rushing, Donna & Rick Branch. Wearing cloaks of invisibility are Steve & Lucy Branch.



The Kitchen Queens--Marlene Parr and Bert Harris with a tray of peppermint goodie bowls made just for us.

Puzzle answers from page 13

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ColomboStella Lodge # 1149

Fresno, CA
by Olivia DeLiddo Gallegos

Happy New Year to all! I am constantly amazed at how fast the years are flying by...2015 has been a year of ups and downs for me personally, and I am grateful to be a part of Sons Of Italy. We had such a wonderful year. I have kept you all informed each month of our many successes. This upcoming year, we are going to try to do an additional fundraiser, and I will let you know details as we get things firmed up.

Last week we had our Lodge Christmas Party at Andiamo's in Clovis. The room was decorated so beautifully. Food was delicious. Most of our regular members attended, with their spouses.

It was a very lovely event. We had very special guests from the Isnardi Foundation, Peter Tocchini and Judy Griffin. They are two of the nicest people you will ever meet.

This is the 2nd year we have been chosen by this Foundation to receive life changing grants. We submitted

grants to pay for education costs for youth members, Don Nulick, Kristin Anderson, and Emilia Canzio and also for regular member Natalie DeLiddo. Mr Tocchini also suggested we submit one for our Lodge. Our Lodge requested funding for 2 semesters of Italian language lessons,including books, materials and an instructor. The Isnardi Foundation announced at the dinner that all grant requests were going to be funded. Mr Tocchini then presented me a check for \$82,000.00. Congratulations to everyone! I am elated and very grateful for this Blessing. I know our recipients are very grateful as well,and will make the Isnardi Foundation very proud.

Our recipients of the grants from last year, Madison Gallegos and Don Nulick, spoke about how much this opportunity has furthered their education and has taken the stress of having a huge debt off of their families. (I can vouch for that!) We presented them with 3 large baskets full of wine, cookies, nuts, and goodies. Natalie included her homemade dressing and Emilia made a delicious Italian dessert that they shared with everyone. Our recipients really went all out to help make these baskets special. Peter and Judy were very touched by this. I am so very proud of our Lodge. I will be in touch about the Italian lessons, which will probably start up in the spring. Please make sure you come to our next meeting to voice your opinion about day of the week that works best for you. Until next time, ciao!



Don Nulick, Natalie DeLiddo, Judy Griffin, Peter Tocchini, Kristin Anderson and Emilia Canzio.

Hanford Lodge # 1543

Hanford, CA
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Junior Members pose with Santa during the Hanford Lodge Christmas Party. About 75 members and guests filled the hall and enjoyed refreshments hosted by Danny Dattola and Jackie Giacomazzi. Other Santa's helpers included: Joan Little, HazelAnn Christin, Debbie Nardini, Louise Silacci, Tony Tesoriere "engineering" a Christmas train and Annette Nicely on the piano. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!



Joan Little and Jackie Giacomazzi, Santa's helpers, pose following a successful visit from Santa at the Hanford Lodge's annual Christmas Party. Plans are underway for the annual Polenta Dinner hosted by the Leoni and Nardini families in January. Also, remember to save the date for our new fundraising event (Sweetheart Serenade) to be held on February10. (Dinner, raffle, auction, musical entertainment). Please plan to attend!!

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