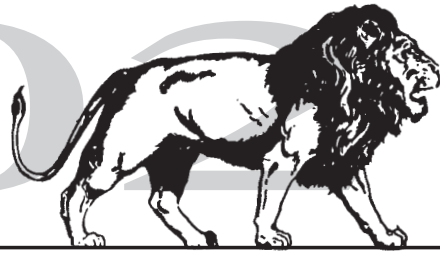


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Congratulations to our Newly elected State Officers



The above photo was taken by Michelle Lowinger, First Lady of the Saddleback Valley Lodge, at the virtual convention held in San Francisco on June 27th. Special congratulations goes out to Barbara Wiesnewski who is our newly elected State President. Congratulations also to our outgoing President John Costa who did a wonderful job as our State President. A list of our newly elected State Officers will follow this.

State President ... Barbara Wiesnewski
Past State President ... John Costa
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Second Vice President ... Mark Vaona
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Message
From the State
President



State President
Barbara Wisniewski

I am overwhelmed with emotions from all the phone calls, emails, and texts from you, offering assistance with our Grand Lodge workings. As I have said before, we will all have to work together to get our Grand Lodge back to its former glory. Membership needs to be a priority. As a Grand Lodge or National Lodge, we can save Columbus Day, we can get Italian Language Seats in Univer-

sities, we can get respect for our wonderful culture, and we can make a better place for our Italian American children and grandchildren. We can raise large amounts of money for charities, both local and national.

After this pandemic, people are looking for places to get out and about; to have fun but contribute to worthy causes, to learn about their heritage. Reach out to them. Show them the fun you have at your Lodges and the worthy causes you help fund. Don't wait for them to come to you. Go to them. Go to the Bocce courts, sponsor a sports team, get some PR out in the neighborhood. You know best where to go locally.

We had our first Executive Council meeting and am very pleased with those chosen to serve with me. There was so much excitement and enthusiasm from the members of our Council; suggestions for fund raising, cooperation among those involved, both returning and new. Speaking of the new members of the Council, they are infusing the rest of us with the energy needed to come back from this terrible pandemic.

All your Council members

know that we are here because you put us here and we owe it to you, our members, to respond to your queries. Please feel free to reach out to me if any of the Council do not respond in a timely manner.

I am asking all Lodge Presidents to check their contact information in the Il Leone. If the information is not correct, please send the corrections to Debbie Ure and Andy Pampuro so they can update. If we don't have the correct information, we cannot communicate successfully.

Speaking of communication, it is the best way we can know what is happening. If you need assistance, communicate with your Council. If you have questions, communicate with your Council. I promise your Council will communicate with you. We will share information from our Lodges. Please send your newsletters to me and to the Vice-President from your district.

Ken and I have been invited to the 25th Anniversary meeting and dinner of the Gold Country Lodge 2705. I'm looking forward to making new friends and seeing
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old ones.
My plan is to visit Lodge meetings through the year. The social affairs are such fun, but many attending are not members. I want to meet our members. I want to speak with our members. Keep in touch so I can plan.
Till next month
Fraternally
Barbara

News from the
Central
Pauline Richmond
State First Vice President



Dear Brothers and Sisters,
On June 26, 2021, we had our State Grand Lodge hybrid convention held at the Grand Lodge Hall in San Francisco, CA with all State Officers in attendance with some state delegates in person while others joined by zoom. State President John Costa opened the meeting and dedicated it to Past State and National President Frank J. De Santis, a very heartwarming gesture. We accomplished quite a bit of business in a short period of time. Two By-laws were presented, with a motion to approve. With some discussion the delegates moved to table the motion. The motion was passed. The delegates voted to table until next convention 2022. Our 2022 Convention will be held in Anaheim, CA on June 23 – 26, 2022. The budget and finances were reviewed and with the exception for a minor issue it was passed.

Installation of State Officers was held. Congratulations to the newly elected State Officers and a Heartfelt Thank you to the outgoing officers for their work and dedication the past two years.

There are three positions for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Vice President. Ballots will be mailed to each state delegate with instructions and with a return envelope. The outcome will determine the positions of the three State Vice Presidents.

The State Trustees gathered and voted Mary Jane Cambria as their State Head Trustee.

An interesting presentation was given by the National Lodge explaining what they are doing for the local lodges. On Facebook OSDIA has had

Live Interviews. Prior guests have included: Joe Mantegna, Doug Flutie, Mike Massamino, Adriana Trigiani, Deana Martin, Lidia Bastianich, Joe Piscopo, John Colaneri, David Baldacci, Italian Ambassador, Rocco DiSpirito, & Mary Ann Esposito. Increasing brand awareness. There has been a total of 820,000 views.

There is OSDIA Slogan Contest: The slogan contest is open to the entire membership. Promotions will be done via E-blast, Questo Mese, and Italian America magazine. There were 300 slogans submitted by OSDIA members. The top 16 will be determined by voting among Tech & Membership Committees. It will take over 3,000 votes to choose a winner. Two finalists will be on OSDIA Facebook Live to present the winning slogan. T-shirts with “Italian Roots; American Branches” and special designs are available for sale.

To end my article this month, I would like to share the speech that ordinarily would be given as a newly elected Vice President for the position of 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.

Worthy State President, State Officers, Delegates and Guests,

One of my personal goals for the next two years is that I would like to be even more proactive and passionate on recruitment for this organization, so that all brothers and sisters can see the beauty and gift of OSDIA and how it can enrich their lives.

As I begin a new term on the Grand Council in the office of State Vice President, I look back of the past two years and the blessings that serving my OSDIA members has brought into my life.

Being on the Grand Council has been an experience of growth in my knowledge.

In the next two years, I will continue to work for the good of our Order by promoting growth in membership and encouraging all to work together. Whatever the results may be for Vice President I am looking forward working with a positive attitude with my fellow officers!

I like to remember and try to live the words of Mother Teresa, “There are no great things, only small things done with great love.”

Fraternally yours



News from the
North
Louis Lodi
State Third Vice President



For those of you that do not know me, my name is Louie Lodi, newly elected Vice President of the North. I have met many of you at our Annual Conventions, but for those that I have not, I have been a member of OSDIA since 2004 holding almost every Officer’s position in the Sacramento Lodge #1352. I served two posts as State Deputy and the last two years Membership Chair of the North.

Navigating through this Pandemic has been tough, but a famous fellow Italian brother Vince Lombardi once

said,” when the going gets tough the tough get going.” Membership has dropped tremendously. Rebuilding our Lodges is of our utmost importance. Attracting new members is the key to growing our Lodges. The key to attracting new members is our OWN MEMBERS!

I would like to share a story about one of our members who has lived two houses down from a gentleman and his wife for over 15 years. The only time he talked to his neighbor was to say a quick hello. A few years ago, the wife passed. The member attended her funeral service to pay his respects. Shortly after the two men became good friends. The OSDIA member asked him to come to a dinner. The next month the neighbor joined the Lodge. For three years he has been a great addition to our Lodge. My point is “Just Ask.” That is all it takes. Oh, by the way, that OSDIA member was me so do not be afraid to “Just Ask”.

I am looking forward to coming to the Lodge dinners in the North to meet all of you.

Ciao for Now,

HELP WANTED

Help Wanted: A caring member of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America that is looking for a very specific position as the Office Manager of our Grand Lodge. We are looking for someone who is highly organized and can work mostly alone to manage our multi-faceted office.

Our office is in the Excelsior District of San Francisco and there is free employee parking.

We need someone that:

- Can manage our office and assist our 42 individual Lodges.
- Can handle all correspondence; written, email and regular mail.
- Can do Bookkeeping
- Can manage membership lists
- Can manage mortuary and death claims
- Can process bank deposits and bring to the bank as needed
- Can assist with the coordination of our Annual Convention
- Can be the liaison with Il Leone (Our Grand Lodge Newspaper)
- Can be the liaison with the Western Foundation (Our 501c3 Charitable Organization)

Can be the liaison with Hall Rental Manager

We need someone that can process:

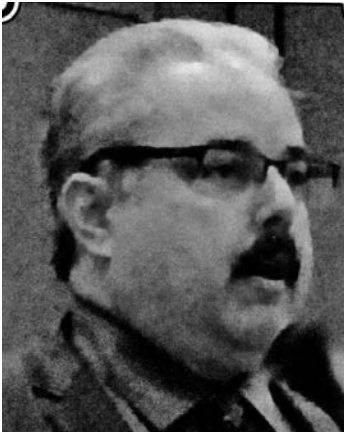
- Invoices for office expenses
- State Deputy Reports
- Supply orders submitted from individual Lodges
- Address changes from Lodges or Post Office

Key Competencies:

- Computer skills: Email, spreadsheets, accounting, membership lists.
- Strong customer service ethic
- Functioning knowledge of Microsoft Office
- Functioning knowledge of Quickbooks

There are stairs to get to the office, so you need to be able to go up and down.
If you are interested in applying please send your resume via email, to sonsofitalyca@aol.com Attention: Barbara Wisniewski, Grand Lodge President

News from the
South
Mark Vaona
State Second Vice President



As I am newly elected to the position of Vice President of the South I don’t have much to report on yet.

I am thankful to be elected and look forward to working with our new State President over the next two years.

If anyone has questions please fee free to contact me.

Thanks all.
Mark Vaona .

United Lodges of the San Joaquin Valley

by Jackie Giacomazzi

Cesare Battisti Lodge # 1518

Petaluma, CA
by Ernie Giono

Lodge Websites & E-mail Directory



On June 22, 2021, Pauline Richmond, President and Jackie Giacomazzi, Secretary of the United Lodges of the San Joaquin Valley, presented checks in the amount of \$6300.00 to the Valley Children's Healthcare Medical Genetics Metabolical Clinic. The funds were a collection of monies from the Valley Sons of Italy Lodges which include: Rodolfo Valentino Lodge #1449, Colombo-Stella Lodge #1149, Hanford Lodge #1543, Roma Lodge #1473; and Enrico Caruso Lodge #1463 and individual members of those Lodges.

ATTENTION ALL SDOIA MEMBERS !
Remember that our Ambassador of Happiness, Louise is now gone from us and we will drink a toast to her. Remember what she always said - Be kind to someone today and that kindness will return back to you in many ways...Stay well and please join us August 8th...

Sixteen months ago, March 2020, we had our last SDOIA meeting of the Cesare Battisti Lodge in Petaluma. As we look ahead to this coming August 8th, a Sunday at 2PM in the afternoon, we will be having our first post pandemic meeting and early dinner at our new location in Rohnert Park, just a hop north of Petaluma. We are meeting at 5099 Snyder Lane in the Club House of the Rancho Grande Modular Home Park. Limited parking inside the grounds but ample parking is across the street in the school parking lot, A short walk across Snyder at the traffic light. We normally hosted 45 to 60 people but with this new location, day and time our count is way over 100. We asked for Advance Reservations Only and got them. It will be bitter sweet as we have lost some valuable members but on the other hand, we have 16 people waiting to join our lodge. I think the new location, day and time had a lot to do with the new people wanting to join. I am so grateful as it puts our lodge in a good light with the Grand Lodge and our new President Barbara Wiesniewski. When this first meeting is over, we will plan on an installation and welcome ceremony for all the new members possibly towards the end of this year. I hope this finds you all well and hungry for Ed's Italian BBQ Chicken...See you August 8th. 2PM, open seating so don't be late.

We had been told that our dinner/meetings must be canceled until further notice. Due to the rise in Covid in Sonoma county we need to halt all events. Cases have risen among un-vaccinated people and that made it spread very fast.

Stay tuned for a notice that we can resume, hopefully by the end of this year.

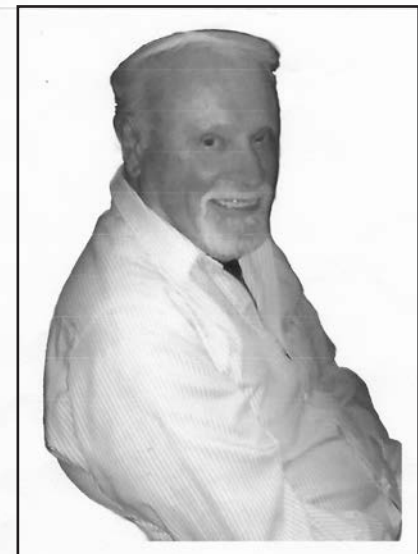
Rodolfo Valentino Lodge #1449

Clovis, CA
by Carol Watson, President
Lou Catallo, Historian

July or August should be the magic month for us to again get together at Notre Dame Hall, although we have not yet heard from them as to if or when they will open their doors to us. Keep tuned for info.

In Italy, the Naples Bay and the area surrounding it sits on a giant caldera that rivals the size of Yellowstone Park in North America. The magma chamber that sits beneath the bay causes the land-mass and the seabed to rise and fall depending on the pressure exerted. The caldera affects the lives of over 2 million people that reside there.

The "first" recipe book in Europe was a tome written circa 1350 titled Daz buch von guter spise, or The Book of Good Food, but, around the third century, the Romans had recipes available from the Apicius, which listed methods of cooking various foods, including one that highly resembles a hamburger.



"Thanks to all for the love, prayers and support for me for the Loss of my Beloved Husband. "

Joy Bruno Neubert

Past State President Ralph Agnello



We are sorry to announce that Past State President Ralph Agnello passed away after losing his battle with prostate cancer. Ralph was a 44 year member of the Order. He joined the Anaheim Lodge and then he moved to Visalia transferring his membership there. Ralph served in many chairs eventually becoming our State President serving only one term from 1993 to 1995. Ralph was very involved with service dogs and when we had conventions he would bring along one or two of the dogs. One thing I remember about Ralph was that he always wore shorts during the convention not caring about being fined.
Condolences to his family,

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Swans

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Swans have been a source of wonder since ancient times. They are stately and graceful birds. They are a popular symbol of beauty. Many stories have been told about swans, and swans are a beloved theme in art. Swans were the sacred bird of the sun god, Apollo, and the goddess of love and beauty, Venus. A myth says Apollo was turned into a swan. Another myth says Zeus, the king of the gods, changed himself into a swan and fell in love with a woman named Leda, who became the mother of Helen of Troy.

Most male and female swans are affectionate and faithful and stay with one another for life. Swans are aquatic birds. Several species are migratory. They are recognized by their size and long necks. They also have large webbed feet. They are seen together in lakes and ponds where people sometimes feed them

There are different types of swans. They are usually thought of as having lovely white feathers, but some types have black feathers too. Most types are large, some grow as big as five feet long. They move quietly and smoothly upon the water. Swans are swift fliers and swimmers. Two well-known varieties are the whistling swan and the trumpeter swan. The whistling swan makes a loud whistling sound in flight. It makes its home in the Artic. The female lays two to seven eggs. The trumpeter swan is larger than the whistling swan. In flight it makes a call that sounds like a trumpet. Its lifespan is about 24 years. There were once many trumpeter swans in the United States and Canada. But many were shot or killed by wolves and other predators

According to a dream dictionary if you dream of many swans together, it predict good health and the revelation of a mystery. There are legends that say before a swan dies it sings a beautiful song. Because of this, an artist’s last great work is called his “swan song.” The great ballet dancer Anna Pavlova (1881-1931) is best known for a dance called “The Dying Swan.” The Italian word for swan is “cigno.”



Vintage Postcard, San Francisco Palace of Fine Arts



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Palm Springs, CA
by Andy Casey

In preparation to writing this article I reread the last column I wrote for IL LEONE, with our collected hopes that the Lodge would reopen in October 2020. Didn’t happen! Not close! Now finally, with the advent of vaccinations and precautions, I think we can breathe a little easier, and try to pick up where we left off. Our President Joe LaPorta and I recently had lunch, and he told me of the wonderful plans, and you’ll be happy to hear them! Getting to this point wasn’t easy Joe said, as he had to wade through a myriad of issues and regulations from the State of California, the city of Palm Springs and liquor board. All with their own directives and issues. Joe further regaled me with stories of keeping our Lodge maintenance up, and stories of encounters with those that wanted to make the grounds and Lodge their new home!

The doors are set to swing open this coming October 13th 2021, and there to herald your arrival will be Joe and Lori, at the front desk, checking your name of the list, Renee and her kitchen crew masterfully preparing dinner, and our ever charismatic Frank Di Salvo strumming a few chords on his guitar and greeting all! Saw Lori Harvey the other evening and she said she has her list of names out to start calling you for reservations and a cheerful word.

In other words we’re all enthusiastic to start a new season of our Lodge. We have a fantastic Lodge, amazing entertainers and a wonderful crew of volunteers putting the evening together. So invite a friend to come, to join the Lodge and become regular participants. They’ll be win-

ners for the experience.

Frank Di Salvo will be singing and entertaining on our opening day, on the following Wednesdays Michael DiAngelo will be dancing and singing, and the next week we’ll have singing (and telling mostly corny jokes) Larry Capeloto, will all be back entertaining and amusing us! Additionally so many magnificent guest entertainers will be occasionally joining the evening festivities. Too numerous to list but all welcome and fun. And Norm will be there to keep us apprised of Roses performances. We are indeed very lucky to have everyone back and giving their all!!

Our second annual Golf Tournament is coming! The tournament will be played Monday, Novembe15th, at Indian Ridge Golf Resort in Palm Springs 92264 starting with registration at 7am using the “shotgun 4 man best ball” format. Cost is \$150 members, \$175 non-member which includes green fees, cart and Italian Buffet. The buffet at \$42.00 per person is also open to anyone not playing in the tournament, who wants to be a part of the festivities, and is a whole lot of FUN! So everyone get aboard this great time, and call Joe LaPorta at 760.219.9171 or email joeydoor@dc.rr.com for information and registration. WE HAD GUESTS FROM OTHER LODGES AT OUR INAUGRAL TOURNAMENT AND THEY HAD A BLAST AND WE WELCOME THEM AND OTHER LODGES TO PARTICIPATE! And from proceeds at that tournament we were able to donate \$5,000 to the Western Foundation Sons of Italy!! Tee hole name spon-

sorship placards for this exciting event are \$100 per hole and available through Joe per above info. See you there and have a BLAST!!!

Saw George Ciampa at a birthday party celebrating his 96th birthday with his vibrant wife Dottie at Picaso’s Lounge the other night, where Michael DiAngelo and company were entertaining, and George is still looking forward to his Honoree of the Year awards dinner, postponed last year. George simply put is an amazing man who has given so much to our country. Much more about George in coming issues. That celebration will be at our Annual Ball in March or April.

In the last year, since the pandemic started, and we were closed, we still awarded 3 scholarships to very deserving students, and made our annual Christmas donation to the Barbara Sinatra Toys for Tots program. In other words we were able to make our annual charitable donations with your help and continued membership as we’re not only open for fun.

Much more news on the golf tournament and all the wonders and fun, as we begin our 43rd year of our Lodge. Hoping we see you there as we’ve missed you all. It’s been a very long year, but we’re back!!

“I want you to say a prayer to the Il Leone Editor Andy Pampuro. He is ailing and needs a prayer from all of you. Andy, his wife Louise and caregiver Sylvia are all fighting with him. Please send a prayer and a loving thought their way.”



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Wishing everyone a wonderful summer



Barbara Wisniewski State President and Husband Ken

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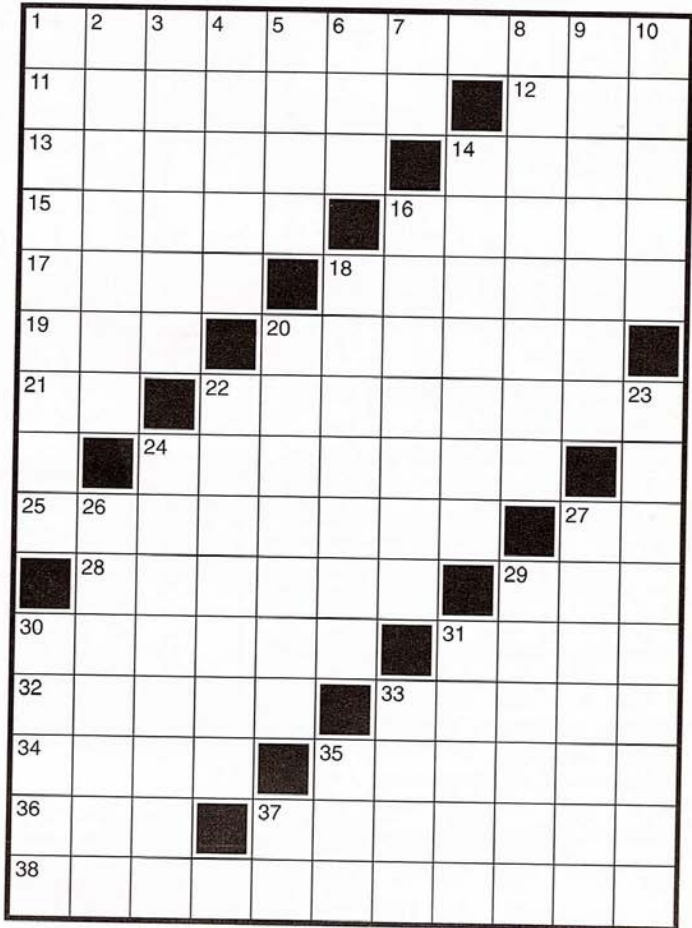
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11. Coraggioso oppure ostile.
12. Il nome del romanziere Fleming.
13. Struttura tra due piani.
14. Harrison del cinema.
15. Anfiteatro di Verona.
16. Fuori tempo massimo.
17. Fa parte del perimetro.
18. China.
19. Andato via.
20. Il nome di Scorsese.
21. Si dice negando.
22. Il capolinea... aereo.
24. Contenitore per rifiuti.
25. Privo di effetti venefici.
27. Ci si va salendo.
28. Congenito.
29. Auto a Londra.
30. Esperta nuotatrice.
31. Ricevette il Decalogo.
32. Paramento sacro.
33. Legno leggerissimo.
34. Pietra per affilare.
35. Il nome di Mailer.
36. Breve articolo.
37. Tristan
 commediografo.
38. Contrario al progresso.

VERTICALI

1. Addetta ai lavori domestici.
2. Il nome di Balzac... in italiano.
3. La patria di Talete.
4. Buono e comprensivo.
5. Può fare sbadigliare.



6. Prefisso di uguaglianza.
7. Simbolo del cobalto.
8. Nuova sistemazione.
9. Un pesce di mare.
10. Nativo delle Americhe.
14. Gareggia all'ippodromo.
16. Relativo al calore.
18. La disputano le squadre.
20. Città siciliana.
22. L'industria con i telai.
23. Sta preparando la tesi.
24. Modo di comportarsi.
26. Usa molti coloranti.
27. Città della Sardegna.
29. Città dell'Alsazia.
30. Premio per attori e registi.
31. Storico fiume francese.
33. Max fisico.
35. Spicca sul volto pallido.
37. La prima consonante.

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Valley Of The Moon Lodge #1959

Sonoma, CA

by Susan Antonini

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PONDERING THE PAST

An Italian Pilgrimage

My second visit to Italy was in 2002, 40 years after my first visit... yes, things changed ...my cousin Rino said, “in 40 years Italy has caught up with the rest of the world”.

My journey this time took me to Lourdes.

My nephew attended the school “la Nostra Famiglia” in San Vito. They dispensed special permission for me to tag along. We met at the train station, and boarded a Cuccette..(a sleeper train)...our trip to Lourdes France would be a 15 hour train ride. The train was so long they had to leave at 2 different intervals. Our pilgrimage had over 1000 Italians.

One side note...I sat by a lady and showed her some photos my dad had taken on my first trip to Italy...in 1961...she looked through the photos and pointed to a lady she said was her aunt. (go figure) Our group was assigned 3 “little sister” nurses. The children on this trip varied in infirmities.

When we arrived in Lourdes....

We took part in a candle light procession, each person was given a candle in a paper holder.

We began singing in front of our Hotel.

Quite an awesome feeling. As we proceeded on to the main Basilica, there was

a serpentine line of many hundreds of people...singing, “Ave Maria”

With candles lit we made for an

impressive sight. (they sang in 3 or 4 different languages)

When we arrived in the underground area which holds 20 thousand people...we prepared to go through the Stations of the Cross. They handed me a cross and assigned a Station.

And yet another procession...

Another day, We hiked to a wooded area where they held Mass...You could see the Pyrenees Mountain range from this area. The mass was all about Living Water...and bringing your cares to the foot of the Cross.

The Grotto...

The entire area, The Grotto where Mary appeared to the illiterate 14 year old Bernadette, the special healing waters...all quite inspiring...

At the hotel an early photo of the Grotto showed the hanging of all the crutches and walking sticks that people left behind as they were cured by the healing waters of Lourdes. (The total acknowledged count was 30 to 40 people miraculously healed)

The birthplace of Bernadette....

In my wandering I discovered the birth place of Bernadette to whom the Virgin Mary appeared in 1858.

Return to reality...

On our return trip back to Azano Decimo there were 3 men singing in one of the train compartments...a perfect end to an awe inspiring pilgrimage.

Ciao



Gold crown given by Ireland



Bernadette's birthplace



The Grotto



Stations of the Cross (my station)



Assembling.... After train ride



Mass in the forest



In my wandering....



In my wandering...



Candle holder



Candle light procession



Sleeper train



Biale Winemaker Dinner

by Marisa and Alan Miller

It was a beautiful evening in late October 2020 when Bob and Wendy Biale, of Robert Biale Vineyards, hosted a winemaker dinner at Biale Winery, for Napa Lodge member, Celine Regalia. Celine was the lucky winner of the Wine-maker Dinner auctioned off at the Annual crab feed in 2020 before COVID-19 changed the world.



The dinner for eight was prepared by chef Tony Cervone, owner of Souvla in San Francisco in partnership with chefs Davide Cervone and Mark Burrell known as Two Guys from Napali. The food was absolutely amazing, and left each guest asking for seconds and thirds.



Many beautiful wines were served including: 2019 Clementina white wine, 2019 Rosato, 2018 Black Chicken Zinfandel, 2018 First Grade Reserve Zinfandel, 2017 E.B.A. Petite Sirah, and 2017 Petite Sirah dessert wine poured by Mr. Bob Biale who explained the wines and varietals.

The coordination of our winemaker dinners has been quite a challenge given the limitations of social interaction due to COVID-19. Our last two promised winemaker dinners, which we hope to complete soon, will be prepared by chef Daryl Muromoto in conjunction with Rebel Vintners. The winners of these two beautiful dinners are Bob Woodruff and Victoria Lancaster.

Napa Lodge #2043 looks forward to resuming our crab feed dinners in the future, and especially the offering of the winemaker dinners as auction items. We look forward to seeing our friends among the local lodges in the future as we move into the future.

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Consul General Lorenzo Ortona

by Maria Pignati

On Saturday, June 12, I had the honor and privilege to present a special Certificate of Appreciation to the Hon. Lorenzo Ortona, outgoing Italian Consul General in San Francisco, who is returning to Rome at the end of June to a new assignment. The certificate was given on behalf of our State President John Costa and the officers and members of our Grand Lodge in appreciation for our Consul General's work with the Italian-American community in his very large jurisdiction. Lorenzo comes from a diplomatic family; his grandfather Egidio Ortona served as Italian Ambassador to the United States. We have been most fortunate to have had Consul General Ortona with us for five years; one year more than the usual four due to restrictions imposed by Covid-19. He has been a true champion for us, is beloved by all, and his legacy will carry on long after he leaves. Best wishes to him, his lovely wife Sheila, and his children Luca and Sofia. We thank you for your stellar service, wish you much success in the future and hope to see you again someday.



Past State President Maria Fassio Pignati presenting Consul General Lorenzo Ortona with a Certificate of Appreciation



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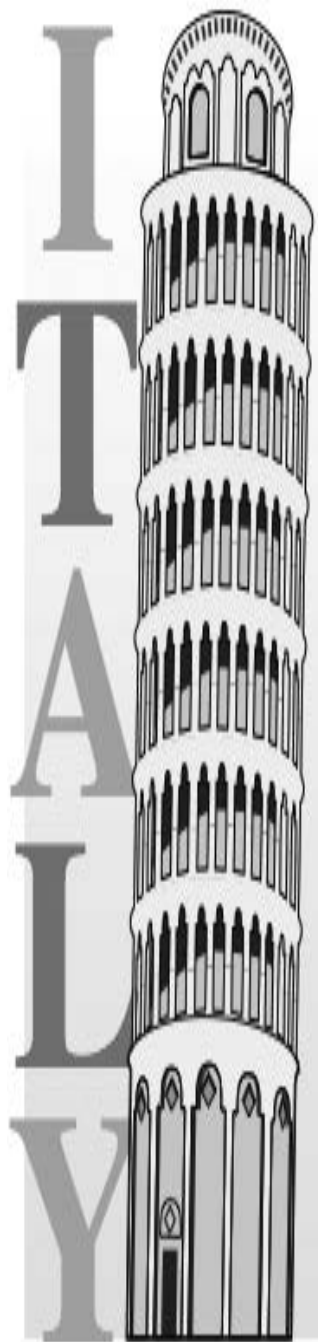
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**You've been burned
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**When casting your eyes
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A reminder that's true!**

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**Written by:
Diana Stanton Minsky**



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2043 Scholarship Recipients

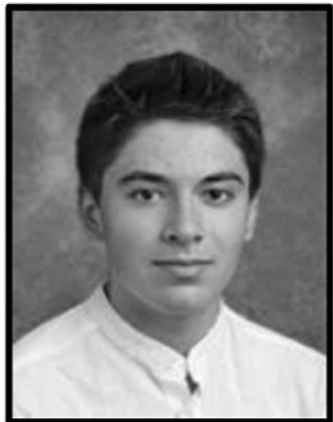
by Seth Rossi Scholarship Chair

Saddleback Valley Lodge # 2566

Mission Viejo, CA

by Hank Lowinger – President

American Canyon High School



Jose Maria Marquez Murrieta

Vintage High School



Donavaughn Allen Graeber

Napa High School



Mara Miller



Angelina Miller

OSIA Napa 2043 wishes all the best to our Scholarship recipients.

Well, it finally happened.

After 16 months of picnics, and outside activities, Saddleback Valley Lodge # 2566 has moved back home, (the Norman Murray Center). We just had the most enjoyable meeting with over 50 Members and friends coming back to enjoy a great Greek meal and lots of fun and conversation. We also had a very active game of Bingo with tons of white elephant gifts. It was wonderful to see and talk with so many of our members. Quite a few did not participate in the picnics due to health concerns, (understandable). We are currently meeting on Wednesday nights until later in the year, when we can get back to our normal Friday nights.

We do have a number of planned upcoming events, the most current is a wine and Italian dinner and show at Giracci Winery on July 31st. I hope to have outside events at least every other month.



Puzzle Answers

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Cristoforo Colombo Lodge #1534

Reno, NV

by Historian, Maria Nelson

Happy Summer everyone. It looks as though our Lodge has not published an article for quite some time. Boy was last year a mess. We did not hold any meetings or gatherings last year but continued to do somewhat regular newsletters to keep our members in touch and informed.

May 2021 was our first in-person meeting. We moved our meeting site to the Reno Elks Lodge #597. They have a beautiful, large kitchen and a huge room for our meetings. We held Festa there a couple times and it worked out fabulously. Many members and friends were anxious to return and we had our usual 50ish people in attendance. Hugh Ricci gave us a fun heritage game to play as our first program of 2021. We recognized milestone members this month. Bill Nelson and Sam Olson for 5 years; Barbara Wisniewski and Paul Romero for 15 years; Christine and Larry Handy for 25 years; and Pam and Hugh Ricci for 40 years. WOW! As usual, Antonio Ricci cooked a delicious dinner. Everyone was very happy to socialize again. See pictures.

June was our scholarship month. Anthony Avansino from Reno High School received the \$5000 Bob Trincherro Scholarship from the Grand Lodge. We were so proud one of youth from Nevada received this scholarship. Isabella Giambruno, from McQueen High School received a \$3000 scholarship, and Avery Grogan from Reno High School received the \$2500 scholarship. They and their families attended our June dinner meeting. See their pictures.

Some of our members attended the 85th Zoom Grand Convention. We are so lucky, happy and proud that our member, Barbara Fumosa Wisniewski is now President of the Grand Lodge. She is such a hard worker and dedicated member of our organization. Everyone is lucky to have her as our President.

Our baseball tradition will continue this year. We have a fun night planned on August 6th at the Reno Aces Ballpark. Many of our members and families will attend this fun-filled evening.

Another tradition that's back is our annual picnic. This year it is being held at Bartley Ranch in Reno. We will have games for the kids and hopefully our famous salami toss game. Food service will just be a little different. We hope for a great attendance.

Thank you for reading about our Lodge. We hope you are all back to your regular activities and functions and are doing well. Chi dorme non piglia pesci (you snooze, you lose). Don't let this great summer get away from you. Enjoy your life, your family, your friends. Until next time.....

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



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Dear Lodge Presidents, State Officers, Past State Presidents and Comm. Chairpersons.

SHARING SOME ACTIVITIES OF THE VARIOUS LODGES:

Roma Lodge #1573: A successful June gathering with a great meal of ravioli and pasta. About 65 members attending. Schedule for October 30, 2021, for our annual ravioli dinner. The TDES Hall has been reserved for the drive-thru event and we hope to make October our month to hold the dinner in the future. Congratulations to member Agnes Manassero Pelois, who celebrates her 99th birthday in July, has been a member of the Roma Lodge in Tulare since 1964. As a member she has enjoyed celebrating the Italian culture with new friends and old friends whose family acquaintance go all the back to the same village in Italy.

Joanne Coccia Lodge #2553: Good News from the City of Fontana. The city has purchased the Slovene Hall on Juniper Avenue with the intention of making it available to the non-profit clubs. This is great news and hopefully we will be able to take advantage of this opportunity. July 18th Lodge meeting at 12: noon, with lunch served at 1:00 pm. Month of August is dark! Who we are and what we do! “Service Above Self”. The money we raised supports children’s sports programs, college scholarships, programs for disabled and handicapped children, the Cancer Society, Loma Linda Birth Defects Libraries, Fontana Lewis Library and Technology Center, Alzheimer’s Disease, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Cooley’s Anemia, Toys for Children, Disaster Victims, the needy and many other worthwhile charitable organizations. In addition, we support the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America Grand Lodge Western Foundation of California. Serval pages of informative Articles written about OSDIA Founder, Vincenzo Sellardo, M.D., Highlights in OSDIA’s history, who we are, and History of Independence Day. If you are interested in reading the articles you can e-mail SOI2553@aol.com and ask for a copy!!

Shasta Lodge #2453: We recently held our first event in over a year. a drive thru spaghetti and meatball dinner. Tickets sold out quickly, and we had a phenomenally successful day. Member John Tasello is in the process of starting plans for our Paesano Days event on, September 17th & 18th as well as the start up of our bocce tournament. Shasta Lodge Golf on Tuesday each week with tee off at 9:30am. Cost is \$10.00 for 9 holes of golf. Some tentative dates for events and parties; October, Wings of Angels Spaghetti fundraiser, our annual Thanksgiving Memorial Dinner in November, and several catered dinners in December. We are also hoping for a Crab Feed again in February 2022. Evening on the Green Summer Concert Series at Tiger Field with Nashville stars; Scheduled very Thursday; July 8th the Stone Hearts, July 15th the Billie’s, July 22nd Hook, July 29 Sugar, August 5th Lance Michael Cornwell Band, August 12th Serena Karise, August 19th Billy & The Jets, August 26th Pine Dogz. (Beer, Selzer & Wine will be available).

Enrico Caruso Lodge #1463: Thursday, September 9, 2021, Anniversary Dinner. Thursday, June 10th a successful Scholarship Dinner with recipients in attendance with their family. July 8th our regular meeting at the Bella Vita Hall, (formally Sons of Italy Hall).

Watsonville Lodge #2016: Annual Bob Moresco Chicken BBQ Fundraiser, Sunday, July 18th, 2021, Corralitos Padres Hall, 33 Browns Valley Rd., Corralitos. BBQ chicken, bean, tossed green salad, French roll & butter, desserts, no host bar. Tickets \$30.00 adults and children 6-12 \$10.00 and under 6 free. Reservations must be paid in advance. RSVP to Janey’ Malatesta Leonardich 940 Green Valley Rd., Watsonville, CA 95076, 831-722-7958 Dinner meeting on July 15th will be open to all members and guests, please confirm your reservation with Diana early. 831-724-1816 by July 11, 2021, at 5:00pm. Thursday, August 20, 2021, 5:00pm Social Hour, 6:00pm Dinner and Meeting. Watsonville Women’s Club, 12 Brennan St., Watsonville, CA.

Weed Lodge#1269: Weed Chamber of Commerce Proudly Presents the 67th Annual Carnevale on July 8th to July 11th at Bel Air Park in Weed, CA. Bocce Ball, Horseshoe Tournament, and more! Weed Lodge spaghetti dinner will be served in the park from 5 – 8pm on Thursday, July 8th.

Gold Country Lodge #2705: Our Lodges 25th Anniversary Dinner with Music on Saturday, July 24th, 2021. \$75.00/ couple or \$37.50/ per person at Gold Country Lodge Building. Chicken Florentine or Rosemary Tri Top served with red potatoes, seasonal vegetables, Caesar salad, garlic bread, wine, coffee & dessert. Cocktails at 6:00 pm – Dinner at 7:00 pm.

Modesto Lodge #2021: We had many members attend our last meeting on June 11th. We will be having our regular meetings the second Friday of each month. Friday, July 9th, 2021, at 5:20pm dinner meeting at 5:30pm at the Grace Lutheran Church, 617 West Orangeburg Avenue, Modesto, CA 95350. We will be ordering meals for the meetings. Please RSVP: President Mary Miceli, 209-527-5818.

Northern Solano Lodge #2534: Member Lauretta reported that we have 300 tickets to sell for our Winner Every Day, Raffle drawing in October. Cost of tickets (early bird sale) will be \$10.00 per ticket between June 17th up to July 15th and \$12.00 after that. Cena Virtuale via zoom – Ten families participated in our virtual dinner. A lot of fun and dinner was delicious. We may try to do this once a quarter. Columbus Dinner on October 9th. More information will follow.

The Who Am I? section of the newsletter this month featured member Patricia Galli. July 15th our regular meeting will be held at the Adult Recreation Center at 6:00pm, with dinner served at 6:30pm following with our business meeting. July 21st is our Car night and July 22nd Out to Lunch Bunch at Your Town’s Café at 1720 N. Texas Street in Fairfield. June lodge meeting we were honored to have Peter Rossi, grandson of Frank & Loise Rossi as our guest of honor. Peter was the recipient of the Al Galli scholarship.

Sacramento Lodge#1352: Our regular meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 5961 Newman Court, Sacramento. Hospitality tarts at 5:30pm with dinner served at 6:00pm. Immediately after dinner our meeting starts. A Big shout out to our new State Vice President of the North, our own Louie Lodi. Last month meeting we finished off the evening with a spirited raffle for a table of prizes that our members brought. We also welcomed two new members. This years 8th Bocce Tournament is set for Sunday, September 12rh at East Portal Park, 1120 Rodeo Way, Sacramento. Tournament check in 9:30 am, starts at 10:00 am, lunch at 12:00 Noon. \$25.00 for Bocce and Lunch, \$10.00 for Lunch Only.

Hanford Lodge #1543: Summertime fun! Sunday, August 1, 2021, Swimming at 4:00pm at Giacomazzi Pool. Hotdog Roast at 6:00pm in Lila’s back yard. Bring own drinks and favorite side dish or dessert. Water will be provided. Bocce games and cornhole toss. The Tesoriere family will be assisting with BBQ duties etc. (Thank you so much!) Note: Officers meeting at 4:30pm at Jackie’s house. Please RSVP Jackie 559-584-7433 Also, safe distancing will be observed on table setup!

Cristoforo Colombo Lodge #1534: Beautiful Pictures from our June meeting of Scholarship winnings! An article “Italian Roots; American Branches” Wins OSDIA Slogan Contest! Clara Martone of Annapolis, Maryland winning the contest and receiving \$200.00. She works as an attorney and a member of the Annapolis Lodge #2225. Runner-up wad Carmen Pasternoter, a member of the Columbus Forum Lodge #1492 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Because of COVID-19 it made it impossible to have our Festa Primavera Fundraiser!! Because of this situation, we are asking member to consider donating to an emergency Festa Primavera Fund. This will be a Tax Deductible, donation and will allow the lodge to continue its Scholarships and charitable giving to community groups. For the next five months, we will tabulate the total as the NON-Festa Fund grows. Names will be published in the newsletter as a THANK YOU. Interested in giving a donation and more detail information call Nancy Anderson :775-787-8687 or Elizabeth Rassiga: 775-322-4525 Reno Aces Fans! \$18.00 will get you a seat on August 6th, an Aces ballcap and a great seat for the fireworks after the games. Game with the Tacoma Rainiers. You can bring money to the June 16th meeting or call Barbara Fumosa Wisniewski – 775-972-3894 home or 202-874-5946 cell. Sunday, August 22, 2021, Annual Picnic, 11:30 am– 3:00 pm, at The Plaza Pavilion at Bartley Ranch Regional Park, 6000 Bartley Rank Road. Please bring your own: plates, utensils, and side dishes for your family or group. The Lodge will provide, Italian Sausages, Hot Dogs, buns, and condiments. There will also be Wine, Beer, soft drinks, and water. The famous Salami Toss Game, Bocce Ball in the grass and Corn Hole. The cost is \$5.00 per person over 12, year old. For reservations call Madeleine – 775-329-6964

Lodge 2566, Saddleback Valley had an Officers Meeting on July 5th and a Dinner meeting titled “Flavor of Greek” which included a boxed dinner that had to be ordered ahead of time and looks fun. There newsletter included a nice article about Independence Day especially after the last year and a half out country went through. Lodge 2259, Renaissance was able to hold the first in person meeting at their new lodge building. They also held a wine tasting in June and there is a great number of color pictures in their bulletin, and everyone looks like they had a good time. It appears that they are also planning on hosting a Beer Booth at the annual Street Fair September 3rd through the 5th. There monthly Officers meeting is to be held July 14th and General Meeting, on the 21st. Also, they are holding a beach picnic on July 25th at Salt Creek Beach in Dana Point.

Lodge 1991, Centinela Valley held the first in person meeting at the hall since last year on July 15th. They will be hosting there Red, White, and Blue, dinner on July 24th at the Lodge Hall.

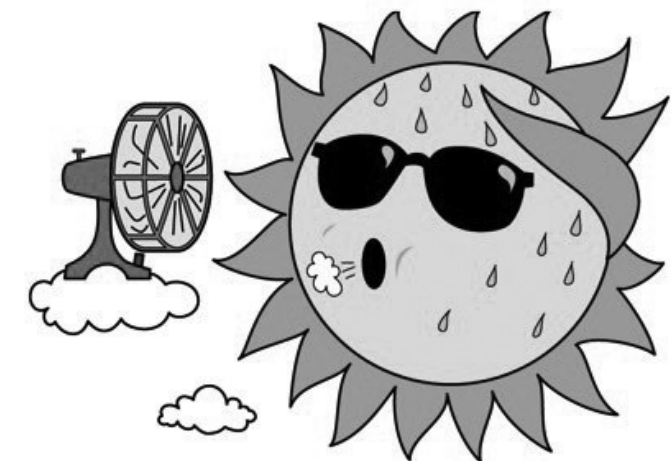
Lodge 1627, Fratellanza Garibaldina had the first in person gathering in 16 months on July 12th at 6:00 PM. There bulletin features an article about Dean Martin (Celebrity Spotlight), Granite Gold (Italian Business Spotlight), the Sunflowers in Tuscany and The Sicilian Trinacria which is the symbol of Sicily. A Reminder to the Lodge Presidents to Please send your Lodge Newsletter to the Grand Lodge State President, Barbara Fumosa Wisniewski and to your district State Vice Presidents.

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Again, with much appreciation and thank you to those Lodge Presidents that are and continue in sending their Newsletters. Please share your lodges special events with us! We love hearing about your lodge activities!

Fraternally yours,

Pauline Terrusa Richmond – Central District
Mark Vaona – South District
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State Vice Presidents
Grand Lodge of California, OSDIA



Gold Country Lodge #2705

El Dorado Hills
by Tami Welch



On July 24, 2021, the Gold Country Lodge #2705 proudly celebrated its 25th anniversary. Members and guests enjoyed a wonderful dinner provided by “Off the Vine Catering”. Jim Silveira, Gold Country Lodge President presided over the program. Special guests included Barbara Wisniewski-State 1st Vice President, Lynn Lawrence Murphy-Past State President, Dan Marinelli-State Deputy, and Louie Lodi-3rd Vice President. We also celebrated our oldest lodge member Angelo Battaglia who just turned 99 and our youngest members, twins Darren & Carson Hower, 3 years old. 8 members received their 25 year pin & 1 member, Lisa Cox the 35 year pin. Pictured L-R-Linnwood & Toni Bloathner, Jenny Hower, Jeanette(30 years in SOI), Butch Arietta, Genny Arietta(30 years in SOI), Anthony Scotch, Tina Frey, Angelo Battaglia & Bonnie Battaglia, Congratulations to All and Thank You for your service and dedication all these wonderful years!!

Any Lodge up for a Challenge?

by Marisa and Alan Miller

Marisa and Alan Miller, membership co-chairs, haven’t let COVID-19 stop them from discovering new members who want to join our Sons of Italy community. Meet two of Napa Lodges’ newest members!

Rex is a Senior Executive with Vision Service Plan. His partner, Otto, is engaged in property management with the Napa Women’s Club and supports COVID-19 vaccination pop-up clinics in Santa Rosa, California. Rex served on the board for Sacramento Habitat for Humanity for nine years. Otto served in leadership with the Sacramento based Methodist Church, strategically serving the homeless and underserved communities in the Greater Sacramento Region. Rex and Otto both traveled to Nicaragua building houses for the underserved.

Rex and Otto are avid red wine connoisseurs loving full-bodied red wines from Howell, Spring, and Diamond Mountain Appellations. They love building community through hospitality, entertaining, and networking. Rex and Otto love meeting new people who are embedded in the local community and finding commonality with new friends and acquaintances.




Applications will be in the mail soon!

What better way to meet new friends than to go with Marisa and Alan to Robert Biale Vineyards to celebrate Rex’s birthday and meet Bob Biale. Bob is a long time member of our lodge and more that gracious when his fellow brothers and sisters show up with new friends to share a glass of wine with.




Advice from the WHO

The World Health Organization (WHO) website has instructive videos showing how to wear a mask. They advise cleaning hands both before putting the mask on and after taking it off, not touching the mask, making sure it fits properly without gaps, and removing it by the ear loops while leaning forward and avoiding any contact with the front of the mask. They cover proper storage and cleaning of re-usable masks, and they remind viewers that the mask alone will not guarantee protection, and people must still follow social distancing and handwashing recommendations. They explain that prolonged use of masks does not cause CO2 intoxication or oxygen deficiency. This has been tested; despite the fears of some in the public, blood oxygen and CO2 levels are not affected by wearing masks. Masks should not be worn while exercising, because sweating can make the mask wet, which can interfere with breathing and promote the growth of microorganisms.



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Roma Lodge #1573
Tulare, California
by Larry Dutto-Roma Lodge President

Agnes Pelous, who celebrated her 99th birthday in July, has been a member of the Roma Lodge in Tulare since 1964. As a member she has enjoyed celebrating the Italian culture with new friends and old friends whose family acquaintances go all the way back to the same village in Italy. Agnes has been active as the Roma Lodge vice president and mistress of ceremonies, as well as serving on the scholarship, ravioli dinner, and Farm Show committees. Roma Lodge members want to thank Agnes for her many years of membership and dedication to the lodge.



Roma Lodge members were saddened with the passing of member **Florena (Dolly) Jean Kleinhans**. Dolly, as she was affectionately known as, was a longtime member of the lodge and the Tulare community. For 23 years she participated at the California Antique Farm Equipment Show cooking on a woodstove and serving chicken and dumplings and homemade ice cream at Dolly's Kitchen. Along with her husband, Cedric, they built a large barn on their property utilizing it for family gathering, holidays, weddings, and class reunions. Cedric and Dolly opened their farm to promote education to school children about the early 1900s. As a Licensed Vocational Nurse, she worked for Terrace Park Convalescent Hospital for 12 years and then Tulare District Hospital for 10 years. She will be missed by Roma Lodge members and those who would like to donate to the Roma Lodge Scholarship in her memory can do so by sending a check to the Roma Lodge Scholarship Fund, care of Frances Della at 17383 Avenue 184, Strathmore, CA 93267.



State Deputy, Jackie Giacomazzi, was on hand at our June gathering to present a membership certificate and pin to 25-year member Randy Parreira. Members gathered in June for a wonderful ravioli dinner cooked by Charlie Pitigliano and Ken Curti. The lodge will begin officially meeting again in August with our Junior Member Night.



Iceberg Ahead!
Commentary by Larry Dutto
Roma Lodge President

History documents, the Titanic received six warnings of sea ice on April 14, 1912, the day before its tragic sinking on April 15th. I will let historians document the sinking of the Titanic and focus my comments on what writers refer to as “Rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic” often used to describe a futile action in the face of impending catastrophe.

On June 26th, the Grand Lodge held its first zoom convention led by John Costa, Grand Lodge President. I will let delegates and other participants of the zoom convention decide the effectiveness of this year’s convention. We all understand the difficulties of holding events online caused by the pandemic.



There was little or no discussion on some impending catastrophes facing the Grand Lodge organization in the future. I put together the chart below to show Grand Lodge membership. As you can see in the last 20 years the number of lodges has declined 42% (73-42) and membership is down 55% (8533-3881). Everyone seems to understand membership is going down, the question is what is the Grand Lodge going to do about it?

Grand Lodge Lodges & Membership				
		Percent		Percent
Year	Lodges	Change	Membership	Change
1998	73	N/A	8533	N/A
2014	59	-19%	5969	-30%
2016	53	-10%	5164	-13%
2017	53	0%	4865	-6%
2018	51	-4%	4762	-2%
2019	49	-4%	4555	-4%
2020	42	-14%	3881	-15%
1998-2020	-42%		-4652	-55%

When looking at the Grand Lodge budget there are several areas needing action by new president Barbara Wisniewski and the council. This very publication, The IL Leone, is a losing profit center for the organization. The budget shows a \$14,571 loss in 2019 and a \$24,740 loss in 2020. Members are still being assessed \$4.98 of their dues to support the publication. What is the action plan to solve this problem?

How about officer Travel? In 2019 the Grand Lodge spent \$33,253.26 in officer travel. That is the equivalent of 945 members’ dues! In 2020 \$35.83 was spent. I guess the pandemic taught us a few things about meetings and travel.

Grand Lodge Building: At the 2019 convention in Reno there was a big discussion on the Grand Lodge Building as to whether it should be sold. After much discussion from both sides the motion was finally Tabled. The budget shows there was a \$10,885 loss in 2020. Yes, we had a pandemic. However, can we continue to have a \$3-6 million asset lose money?

The Royal Pageant Contest-Roma Lodge submitted several suggestions on how to improve participation in the Royal Pageant Contest. None were accepted. In 1979 there were 24 contestants. In 2018 there were 7. In the official contestant rules in part it states, “It is a monetary achievement contest”, in other words, if your contestant and lodge raise the most money you have the queen! If you are a junior member from a lodge with a membership of 30-40 members, how can you compete to become the state queen with young members from lodges with 150-300 members when the only criteria is how much money you can raise?

I have stated five issues the Grand Lodge council needs to address. I know there was not enough time or technology to adequately discuss much on the zoom call. However, our leadership seems to be ignoring some incredibly significant concerns for the future of the organization and needs to take action to chart a new course or there may not be a Grand Lodge in the future!

My impression of the convention was our leadership were like the First-Class passengers on the Titanic. They were dining and dancing in the great ballroom while their ship was heading toward a huge iceberg. They were not given adequate warning, time, or resources to divert the catastrophe they were about to encounter.

We know local lodges are the drivers of membership for the Grand Lodge. Many local lodges are reeling from the pandemic, and some have closed. The Grand Lodge budget is built mainly on membership dues and the Royal Pageant. Barbara Wisniewski and the Grand Lodge Council will have their work to do to ensure they have a balanced budget for the upcoming year.

Unlike the messengers on the Titanic, I’m delivering the message and the challenge to the Grand Lodge to address these budget issues. As Roma Lodge members, we will draw the line if the council proposes any kind of dues increase.

Northern Solano Lodge # 2534

Fairfield, California
by Shirley Firpo

California has finally opened its doors. After months of staying at home, masking and social distancing, it was wonderful seeing all our lodge friends. Northern Solano Lodge #2534 is open for business once again.

Zoom meetings were required for January through April. Our first in person meeting was in May. It was great to see everyone again. Activities are picking up too. Our Out to Lunch coordinators, Kay Locatelli and Pam Boes, are busy planning new lunch locations for us to visit.

In May we visited Jelly Belly in Fairfield, June’s luncheon was at Pietros #2 in Vacaville and in July we enjoyed Your Town’s Café in Fairfield. We do love to eat.

A new offering in the food line was a virtual Italian dinner prepared by Laure and Rory Nichols. A list of ingredients as well as instructions were sent out to anyone interested in trying

Chicken Picatta. What a fun way to visit and then enjoy a delicious meal!

Card nights are back. We met at Caroline Abughazaleh’s home and Shari Anaclario and Roy Pimentel’s home for food and games. Some of the Italian games we enjoy are Briscola, Buracco and Scopa. It’s nice to see some new faces joining in. Other activities are being planned as well. Our Columbus Day Dinner is in October as well as a Winner Every Day Raffle organized by Lauretta Graham and Lynn Gallagher. This month we are also collecting school supplies for a school in the Fairfield District. Kay Locatelli and Carol Urban are organizing this project for us. A new bocce ball team has formed with Frank Rossi as captain. He and his team members Don Cradduck, George Locatelli, Dominic Di Fabio, Mario Roberto and Roy Pimentel are having fun learning the fine points of the game.

At our June meeting Susan Cahan introduced this year’s scholarship recipient. Peter Rossi, grandson of Frank and Louise Rossi and nephew of Mark and Lori Rossi, will be attending California State University, Chico in the fall. Peter received the Albert Galli Memorial Scholarship. We wish him our best in his future schooling.

In July we welcomed 3 new members to our Lodge family. A big welcome goes to Mike and Cindy Ferry and Don Silva.

Our state convention has come and gone via zoom. Congratulations to all the new officers including our own Joy Bruno-Neubert, State Treasurer, our State Deputy Louie Lodi, the new Vice President from the North and Lori Rossi, State Recording Secretary.

Sadly, we had to say good-bye to Rodney Neubert. Rod was a new member of our lodge, but he made a lasting impression. We will always remember his smile and his many entertaining stories. Our condolences go out to his family. He will be missed.

We have indeed had a few busy months. It is so good to be back with our fellow Lodge members. Stay healthy and stay safe.

- Marie Finazzo
- Anthony Finazzo
- Giovanna Michalski
- Andy Pampuro
- Louise Pampuro
- Phil Previtera
- Debbie Ure

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Interesting history facts about Italy

1. Italy is one of Western Europe’s youngest countries

Did you know how old Italy is as a country? Italy has only been a country since 1861, when the separate nation-states unified together as the Kingdom of Italy. This might seem strange given Italy has one of the longest and most colourful histories in Europe – and even the world. Though Italy became a single political entity in Roman times, it divided again shortly after. Up until 1861, Italy remained a collection of smaller sovereign states, which accounts for cultural variations across the country today. Piazza Venezia in Rome, statue of Victor Emmanuel II, the first king of

united Italy

Statue of Victor Emmanuel II, the first king of united Italy, at Piazza Venezia in Rome.

2. Rome is over 2,000 years old

Rome was founded in 753 BC. The Roman Empire, named after the city where it began started in 27 BC, and ruled over much of Europe and parts of North Africa until 395 AD. After this Italy was divided into many separate states, until it was unified in 1861. Italy’s national day is called the Festa della Repubblica. The founding of the republic is celebrated every year on the 2nd of June.

3. The country was under a dictatorship for 20 years

The fascist dictator Benito Mussolini ruled over Italy from 1925 until 1945. Before assuming control of the country he served as prime minister for three years, from 1922. Known as Il Duce (which means the leader), Mussolini started out as a radical socialist but aligned himself with Adolf Hitler in the lead up to World War II. He was killed in 1945 by partisan troops.

Vintage 1930s Italian stamp depicting the dictators, Hitler and Mussolini. Vintage 1930s Italian stamp depicting dictators Hitler and Mussolini © Mark Yuill/Shutterstock

4. Italy’s last king ruled for just 36 days

On to a related Italy fun

fact: even though it was ruled by a dictator until 1945, Italy had a royal family until 1946. In the wake of the Second World War, the citizens voted to abolish the idea of a ruling monarchy in favour of a republic. King Umberto II ruled from 9 May 1946 to 12 June 1946. He was cheekily nicknamed “the May King”, and spent the rest of his days living in exile on the Portuguese Riviera.

King Umberto II of Italy with his only son Vittorio Emanuele © unknown author/public domain/wikimedia commons

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5. The national flag is green, white and red

The colours of the Italian flag represent hope (green), faith (white) and charity (red). Another interesting fact about Italy: the flag was inspired by the French flag of similar design. In Italian, it is frequently referred to as “il Tricolore”, and there’s even a Tricolour Day (or Flag Day) on 7 January. Celebrations are centred on Reggio Emilia, where the flag was first adopted by the Cispadane Republic in 1797.

Flag of Italy hanging on the balcony in Milan, Italy.

Flag of Italy hanging on a balcony in Milan © DEL-

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