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# A Message From The **State President**



by Lynn Lawrence-Murphy **State President** 

"Fratellanza"

It seems recently we have had one deluge of wet weather followed by another. We no sooner dry out when we are hit by another deluge of rain. That is what seems to have happened within our Grand Lodge these past few months. One after another we have lost many of our dear and beloved Past State Officers, Local Lodge Officers, and in some cases their family members. Our condolences and prayers go out to the Simile, Romanazzi, Grist, Petrella, Baroni and Lavezzari families. We will miss these dear members of the Order and the love and support they gave the Order. As it states to the families in the Funeral Ritual, the Order will always be there to for you.

The National Winter Plenary Session took place in Dallas, Texas from February 9th – February 12th. Past State President Vera Girolami, Immediate Past State President and California National Trustee Maria Pignati, 1st State Vice President Arlene Nunziati and myself attended this session. The following are several highlights I would like to share with you from these meetings: A thorough financial report was shared by National's CPA Jeff Drake. The good news is that the Supreme Lodge, the Sons of Italy Foundation, and the CSJ are all functioning in the black. I am also happy to report that the Supreme Lodge is not considering an increase in dues. The following are several financial reminders: all lodges must file a 990 N report yearly and send a copy to the Grand Lodge. There has been

a change in the 990 N on-line filing address - the new one is www.irsgov/charities. If you have an event or received money for a charity - all contributions must be donated to those charities and not be used by lodges for other expenses. It was suggested that the Grand Lodges send their charitable donations to the Supreme Lodge yearly rather than bi-annually. Remember in California, the Grand Lodge is a 501 C8 while the Western Foundation is a 501 C3. Contact State Financial Secretary Gabe if you have questions.

They discussed the hierarchy governing OSIA - it begins with OSIA'S Constitution, the Supreme Lodge By-Laws, the Grand Lodge By-Laws, and last but not least Robert's Rules of Order. Each may not be in conflict with the highest one. By-laws must be followed accordingly. By-Laws submitted by a Grand Lodge must be submitted to the Supreme Council for approval and sent 45 days prior to the National Convention. All Filial Lodges are chartered by National and therefore under the National jurisdiction.

Declining membership is a big issue throughout the country. We are moving forward in a positive direction, but at a crossroad - we must make changes to meet today's challenges. We need to market our Brand, redo and simplify our mission statement in order to reach all ages. (there has been a cultural change since we were founded in 1905). Networking with each other is important and a successful tool. An exciting membership news item was that a new lodge was installed on a University Campus in Pennsylvania (young college students excited about joining us and learning more about their Italian Heritage and sharing it with others). Can California do the same? Have we reached out to any universities or colleges? Can we assist our high schools in setting up Italian Clubs and becoming part of our lodges? Retention of members is of utmost importance. Stop the bleed! How many of us follow up and find out why a member is absent or leaves the lodge? When new members join, welcome them to

your meetings and into our family, get them involved, and make them feel wanted and needed. We must give members a reason to want to attend our meetings. We need to make everyone accountable - we are all part of the family. It is easy to sit back and say, "What does Supreme, the Grand Lodge or my lodge do for me?" Instead ask yourself what can I do for them? All officers, you need to listen to your members, be visible and available for them. Past officers, it is your responsibility to guide the new officers – be their mentor. The Supreme Lodge produced a Lodge Operating Manual in 2014 with many suggestions, ideas, etc. on running a lodge. It can be obtained on the National Website.

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The name change using "sons and daughters" has been filed and can be used. An official vote will take place at the National Convention this August.

The Supreme Lodge is in the process of developing a new Website (they are working with the Centis Co.). It will be completed by the end of April and presented at the National Convention. It is important that all Grand Lodges submit complete membership data to Supreme. Your information will not be sold or released to any other com-

A Youth Summit is being planned by Supreme to take place in 2017 (October/ November) for high school juniors and seniors and college freshmen and sophomores. It would involve 40 students (20 rooms) to be held in Washington D.C. on a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The cost would be around \$250. per student for room and board. The students would be responsible for their own transportation. It would be great if our Grand Lodge could raise funds at our State Convention and sponsor 2 students to this Youth Summit. Not only would they be visiting the National Office, learning more about the Order, meeting and building relationships with fellow members from throughout the country, but also would

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# **Grand Lodge to Honor Past State President Chris Lotito**



On Saturday, March 18, 2017, the Grand Lodge of California will be honoring Past State President Chris Lotito while he is retiring as our Convention Coordinator, a title he has had for a very long time. The event will take place at the Grand Council

dinner which will be held at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, 21333 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503. If you would like to attend this special dinner and wish to spend the night at the hotel there is a special rate of \$139 for Sons of Italy members.

The meetings are being held at the Centinela Valley Lodge in Torrance on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The dinner honoring Chris is at the hotel on Saturday evening and will begin at 6 to 7 for the social hour with dinner served at 7 o'clock. The menu is either Chicken Picata with rice pilaf or Braised Beef Brisket with roasted potatoes. The cost for this dinner is \$60 per person and reservations can be made through the Grand Lodge office. We are anticipating a full house to pay tribute to Chris, deservingly so.

# Lawrence Romanazzi **Past State President** 1921-9017



It is with deep sadness that we report the death of Past State President Lawrence Romanazzi. He passed away on January 22, Oakland, California to Donato and Angeletta Romanazzi on June 30, 1921. He lived in that area until the family moved to Visalia when he was nine years

Lawrence served in the U S Navy during World War II and was stationed in the Pacific. He held many jobs during his twenties but when he was hired as a lineman for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. he found his life's work. Larry, as he was often called, worked for the telephone company for 35 years. Larry was a member of the Telephone Pioneers and served as a volunteer with the Tulare County Sheriff's Dept. He also was a business man and had a car wash located on Tulare

In 1944 he married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Ida Giotta. They joined the Enrico Caruso Lodge in 1949 and both fell in love

with the organization. He served on many committees and eventually became the lodge president. Larry was very instrumental in the purchase of the lodge's first building and eventually in helping to build their present lodge hall located on Goshen Avenue. Larry got himself involved with the Grand Lodge holding many titles and eventually becoming our State President in 1983.

Lawrence's nickname was the Traveling Man as he and Ida drove from one end of the state to the other. He visited every lodge even after his term was over. He was also called The Raffle Man as he would sell raffle tickets like no one else could do. He loved it. Larry was a people's man. He would do anything for anyone and was very much loved. He and Ida loved to travel to Italy and made the trip several times. The last trip they took was in

They got their children and grandchildren involved with the Order. In fact his daughter Donna Grist is the Grand Lodge Queen Emeritus and son Larry is presently the president of the Enrico Caruso Lodge.

In 2014 Lawrence lost the love of his life and the beginning of failing health for him.

Not only did the family lose Lawrence but also his grandson Josh who passed away in his sleep shortly after Lawrence passed away. Josh was the son of Donna and Lynn Grist. Our deepest condolences to the

# From the **Editor's Desk**

by Andy Pampuro apampuro@comline.com



In a two week period Louise and I have lost nine friends we have known for years. It is very heartbreaking but I guess we are at that age where we are going to lose more and more. What a terrible feeling that is. I look in the obituaries every day to be sure my name isn't there. If it is I can honestly say I have had a full life.

I still haven't received the names of all the new presidents and recording secretaries for the lodge roster page. Please check and be sure your listing for your lodge

I hope to see most of you at the tribute dinner for Chris

# St. Joseph's Day



Lotito in Torrance. All the information is on the front page of this issue. We expect a crowd so don't be left out. Chris has been our convention coordinator for the last 25 years and is very deserving of this tribute.

We will be running the Easter ads in the next issue. If interested in wishing your brothers and sisters a happy Easter please call me at 949-855-4279. In the meantime happy St. Patrick's Day to you all

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# News from the Central

by Arlene Nunziati State 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



Will the sad news ever stop! My sincere condolences to the Romanazzi and Grist Families on the passing of Past State President Lawrence Romanazzi. There will never be another ticket seller like Lawrence! He was the one and only top ticket seller. My love and sympathy to Donna and Lynn Grist on the passing of their son Josh. He was such a nice young man; never wanted to bother me with dietary changes when I was State Recording Secretary but I soon learned what they were and always accommodated him whether he asked or not. RIP dear Lawrence and dear Josh.

Celebrated my Mom's birthday in January with a small dinner party at our favorite Italian restaurant.

I just returned from a trip to Dallas TX and the National meeting. It was a very informative and productive meeting but seems we all passed around our germs as many of us came home sick. Thank you State of New York for letting Vera and I join you for a fabulous dinner on Friday evening. Membership Chair Joe Simoni joined

us for the meeting and gave a wonderful presentation on membership. Enjoyed touring Dallas and especially seeing the Kennedy museum and seeing approximately where President Kennedy was shot. Very sobering. Weather was perfect there. Don't think we will go back to Houston – Vera and I ate at Landry's since my Mom always loved the coach and Vera got deathly ill with food poisoning.

Keep those new members coming! I have been inputting new member application but need lots more.

Grand Council is just around the corner. Join us and see your Grand Council in action and join us at the Saturday evening dinner to give recognition to our hard working Chris Lotito.

Attended the annual Polenta dinner of the Cornelia Vita Nuova Lodge where Past President Linda DePalma was honored for her hard work and for serving many, many years as their President. They now have a very young President, Angela Silva. It was a beautiful event, great honors bestowed upon Linda, delicious polenta and dessert, and a great raffle. Congratulations Linda and Cornelia!

Met the new Consul General at the dinner and he will soon be making a visit to our Grand Lodge for a tour.

Please keep healthy. Get well wishes to all our members who are ill and wishes for a speedy recovery.

This is it for this month as I was very long winded last month.



# Thank you with all are hearts!

Past State President Joseph Simile and his family thank you all for the many sympathy cards, telephone calls, letters and even those who attended the services for our Dorothy. It is greatly appreciated by all of us. We will miss our dear Dorothy as we know you will also. God bless you all.

# News from the North

by John Costa State 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



Looks like we can stop saying California is in a drought. The rain just keeps coming; hope everyone is staying safe out there. We definitely need some time to dry off.

March is upon us, where did the first two months of the year go. It's been a busy first two months and more to come. Grand Council is just around the corner. We will be meeting March 17-19 in Torrance. Hopefully we will see a lot of faces in the audience to see your Grand Council working for the Good of the Order. We are here to work for you so come, listen and voice your opinions, remember this is your Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge "365" day raffle is still going on, lots of days left to win, so please purchase those \$30.00 tickets. Some great incentives this year, how would like a \$1000.00 or better yet \$15,000 right before Christmas. Better odds than the lottery. Check with your lodge presidents or the Grand Lodge office for tickets.

A short article this month, recap from Grand Council in the next month's article.

It is wise to direct your anger towards problems -- not people; to focus your energies on answers -- not excuses."

Ciao





# News from the South

by Ted Seibel State 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President tseibel@roadrunner.com



Saddleback Valley Lodge, Recording Secy, Bernie Neil informed me that Pepperdine University has taken down their Christopher Columbus statue. This action is yet another dent in Columbus Day and the celebration of Italian culture. Why are some hellbent on destroying cultures, when it's the diversity of cultures that made them who they are? Maybe they don't like who they are and blame it on others.

Now to touch on a sensitive subject. It has been said, "A person capable of learning a new job, will learn 95% of it in 3 years, and the other 5%, a lifetime." Let's assume this is true, which I believe it is, then in our lodge, we should step aside from our

Officer's position after serving 2 terms (4 yrs). But why leave when it's running so smooth? Exactly, the position has been learned. It's time for someone else to take the reins. If the belief is that no one else is capable to do the task, then that is dead wrong. There is always someone that can do as good or better. Also, that person deserves the chance to prove it.

Is stepping back to a previous position useful? Sure, but why go back to a position already learned? And it closes an open position that someone else cold learn and be excited about.

Stepping up, now that's a challenge, but it takes a leap of faith. Afraid of failure? That's no reason, because there are others that served in the position to give help and they will, if they are only asked. So, there is no risk involved, just determination.

If "I can't" or "I won't" step up, then stepping aside is the only choice left. It's really not a bad choice because it gives time to think and reorganize. Staying in the same position after 2 terms means a lost opportunity for someone else.

We must always ask ourselves, "What is good for our Order?" Sometimes it may be us, but sometimes it may not.

There are many talented people who haven't fulfilled their dreams because they over thought it, or they were too cautious, and were unwilling to make the leap of faith. – James Cameron

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be visiting the center of our National Government. A truly great learning experience!

CSJ is still facing many issues regarding Columbus Day throughout the country. Kevin Ciara has been busily sending letters to state governors and legislators regarding the issue of retaining this Federal holiday. They are working on getting a bill passed to keep Columbus Day at the National level. We must let them know that we are strongly opposed to having Indigenous Peoples' Day replace Columbus Day. This holiday is a symbol of all Italians Immigrants and their contributions to America. Keep sending those petitions in – the deadline is April 30, 2017.

The Sons of Italy Foundation's NELA Gala will be held on Thursday, May 25th at the Omni Hotel in Washington D.C. The event will be quite different this year. There will be a Silent Auction during cocktails and dinner. Four days prior to the Event, the auction will be online so all can bid on these items. They are asking each Grand Lodge to supply sponsors for the Souvenir Book, a table for the Dinner, and items for the auction. Again, they will be inviting wounded warriors to attend the event (\$250. per person) and donations toward purchasing a van (\$20,000) to help one of our disabled military heroes. This is their one big event of the year to support charities and scholarships.

The National Convention will take place on August 14 - 19 in Sarasota, FL this year. Hotel costs will be \$149. ++. Will share more information at the State Convention.

Two days after returning from Dallas, Bill and I, as well as 47 family members and close friends, flew to Maui, HI to celebrate Bill's son Mike and his daughter-in-law Leslie's 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. What a wonderful and special time for all of us! We returned from Paradise to work that Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> on our annual Saint Helena / Napa Crab Feed – the call of duty.

You will be reading this prior to our Grand Council Meeting which will be taking place in Torrance at the Centinela Valley Lodge's Hall on March 18th. You are all invited to attend. That evening we will be honoring Chris Lotito for the many years he served as the State Convention Chair. A dinner will take place at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Torrance. If interested in attending any of these events, contact the Grand Lodge Office.

March is the month to honor our Irish and Italian Saints. Happy Saint Patrick's Day and Happy Feast of Saint Joseph!

# **Committee for Social Justice**

by Tony Ricevuto, Chairman CSJ

On February 2, 2017 Kevin A. Caira President, Commission of Social Justice for the Order Sons of Italy in America compose a letter to the San Francisco Unified School District Board of Education concerning replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous People's Day. Apparently, they have already replaced the second Monday of October, a Federal holiday, for Columbus Day with their choice, Indigenous People's Day. The school board moved Columbus Day without making it an agenda item and not allowing our voices and opposition to be heard. Mr. Caira expresses disdain in his letter and wrote, "comments made by Mr. Handley were particularly unsettling. In saying that most of us assumed that we had long since, made a change, he dismissed this as a non-issue, thereby excluding Italian-Americans, or anyone." Our San Francisco Italian-American community is extremely large and has a responsibility to be heard during this process.

I suggest that lodges in the San Francisco area compose letters to Shamann Walton, Pres., San Francisco unified school District, Board of Education, 555 Franklin St., San Francisco, CA 94102 opposing the board's action.

Columbus Day became a Federal holiday in 1937. In 1992 the City Council of Berkeley declared October 12 the day of solitary with indigenous people day to protest Columbus historic voyages and travels and calling attention to the losses suffered by Native American peoples and their cultures. Their premise is that Columbus's discovery of an inhabited lands and subsequent European colonization resulted in the genocide of indigenous people. Other California cities joining Berkeley include Richmond, Santa

Cruz and Sevastopol California. Several other Californian cities have attempted to eliminate Columbus Day. In 2013, the California State Legislature consider Bill AB 552 formally replaced Columbus Day with Native American date but it did not pass. States that currently do not celebrate Columbus Day are: Alaska, Hawaii, Oregon, Vermont, Washington, Vermont and South Dakota. The cities of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Denver, Colorado and Phoenix, Arizona joined the growing was of places replacing Columbus Day. We have seen this movement gained momentum to replace Columbus Day become more popular in various cities throughout the United States.

CSJ has responded vigorously with letters of protest to each instance in an attempt to keep Columbus Day and to have these various areas celebrate their indigenous day on another day of their own. Mr. Caira stated in letters to other cities "that we are in full support of recognizing indigenous people day but why replace it with Columbus Day? With only 12 recognized federal holidays that leaves 353 possible days to recognize the contributions of Native Americans. It is equally unjust to take away from Italian-Americans a day that represents their roots and contributions.

Please pass this information at your Lodge meetings. Remember politicians rely on our votes and the political process is to educate them on why Columbus Day should remain a legal and necessary holiday for our community. Urge politicians of Italian American heritage to stand up against this revolution and advocate on our behalf to hold any attempts to replace Columbus Day.

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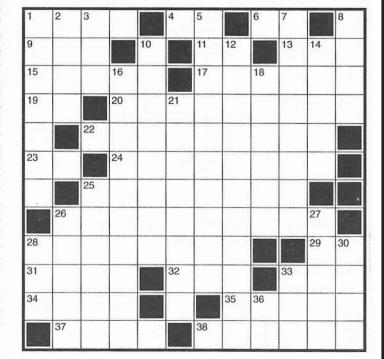


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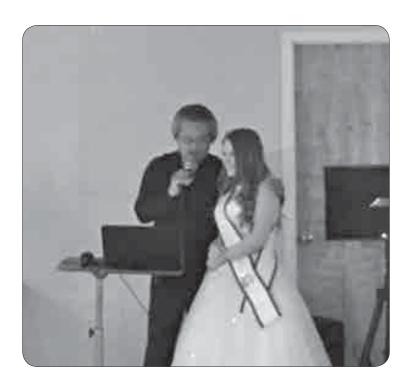
On January 14th the Diablo Lodge Polenta dinner / dance was held at the Veteran's Hall in Martinez and was enjoyed by 80 guests. Dinner was provided and served by Cynthia's Catering and the music for dancing by DJ Eddie. Diablo Lodge president Linda Parent-Tasca welcomed everyone to the event.



Room set up waiting guests.



Set up crew - l/r Dianne Risner, Larry Risner, Phyllis Stevens, Diane Gunderson and Juanita Focha (not shown).



DJ Eddie with regional Son's of Italy Queen.



# Colombo-Stella #1149

Fresno, CA by Olivia DeLiddo Gallegos, President

March is upon us. We had a lot of rain this season. That means everything is green and beautiful. Hoping this alleviates part of our drought problems in the valley and elsewhere. My shoulder is healing well. I still have pain and physical therapy is not fun, but I am on the road to recovery. Thanks to all who have sent cards and messages of well wishes.

At our February meeting, we will be installing our officers. Hopefully, the following month we will install our new members.

We have Convention coming up in June. It is the 4th week in June, and it we be held at the DoubleTree Hotel in downtown Fresno. One of the events in the evening will be an American Graffiti Theme night, with a DJ playing songs from the 50's and 60's. Hopefully, everyone will join in the fun, dress up, and dance the night away. We have met with the people at the hotel, we have the meals planned, and I have given our State President names and numbers of some of the businesses here that we will need to use. I will be selling ads for the Program and I will ask our members with businesses, or ties to business, if the would like to purchase an ad that will be seen by our Delegates and their spouses/families, probably 300 to 400 people. They will be here for 4 to 5 days, and many of the Delegates live here and in the surrounding areas. I have asked the Honorary Vice Consul (and member) Eddie Fanucchi to come in and talk to our group, and tell us what he does in relation to the Italian Consulate. He has accepted my invitation, providing he is in Fresno, and if not, he will send his father Edward Fanucchi, who was the Honorary Vice Consul before him. Any of our members are welcome to come into the hotel and hear our Convention agenda on any day. Only Delegates can ask questions and vote, but any of you can come in and see how the business of Sons Of Italy is conducted. It is interesting and if any of my members have any questions, be sure to let me know so I can ask for you. Last month, my article was about the Grand Lodge Building in San Francisco, and if we should sell it. The Convention will be addressing it, so if it interests you, come and join us.

We need to give out some donations in the next few months. Please come to our meetings with your ideas on who we should give donations to. The United Lodges Meeting is in Tulare this quarter. March 12th. If you wish to join us, please contact me.

Happy birthday to member Richard Gallegos Jr.

Last month's winner of \$10.00 Scratch-off: Richard Gallegos Jr, and the \$60.00 progressive jackpot was won by Jo Potter. Congratulations to both, next Jackpot starts of at \$10.00. Must be present to win. Until next time, Ciao!

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# **Dolly Sinatra Lodge #2400**

Palm Springs, CA by Andy Casey

The New Year at the Lodge always heralds the arrival of two of our biggest events, and the arrival of our "snowbirds" escaping the cold of the North, and swapping the cold for the warmth of our Lodge! Yes, our President Joe LaPorta, turns up the heat, both the furnace and his heart, welcoming them back, and the events that shine under his direction! I think the snowbirds are the wisest of our members! First getting out of the artic conditions of the winter, and then getting out of here and going back home when the temperatures soar here, and they do!

The first of our special events will be March 15th, on which Wednesday we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a departure from our normal Italian fare to the traditional repast for the Irish, corned beef and cabbage dinner. And it is our second most popular event only exceeded by our biggest event, the Annual Anniversary dinner and dance which is on Sunday April 9th. Our Honoree of the year this year will be the incomparable Larry Delrose! There is always a limit to how many can attend these events so look for details in your monthly news emails and get your reservations in for both events. For reservations just call Lori Harvey at 760 360 6255, and we'll see you there!!

I say incomparable as our Honoree Larry approach's everything with his high energy and confidence of self that instantly gives everyone a warm feeling. Whether simply just greeting you personally or entertaining a group, Larry is always engaging and energetic. Larry has been a member of our Lodge since, well forever, and a wonderful contributor to our entertainment program, singing and regaling us with stories. He's also the author of "To a Happy Life", basically and most aptly described as "answers to Life and Minutes of Wisdom", his view on getting through life happily, healthy and hopefully wealthy! His philosophy seems to have worked for him! Most assuredly he is highly deserving of this award, and it should be a must attend event for you. Again, final details will be made available very shortly.

Also coming up is an amazing and educational event. Our member, Jack Brennan, has arranged to take interested members on a personally guided tour of the newly renovated Nixon Library in Yorba Linda. It will be an all-inclusive event with a bus departing our Lodge and taking you to the Nixon library. A luncheon will be included. Final details to this educational and entertaining event will be forth coming. So talk to our President Joe LaPorta and get you name down to be included!

As you can readily see we're going to have a wonderful, fun season, and as Frank DiSalvo always reminds us on "First Wednesdays", get your reservations in weekly and for each event as fast as you can dial!

# Hanford Lodge # 1543 Hanford, CA

Hanford, CA by Jackie Giacomazzi jackiegiacomazzi@gmail.com



Debbie Nardini chaired a great "Sweetheart Serenade in February.Over 150 members and guests were treated to a ravioli and chicken dinner with all the trimmings.We thank all who participation is this event. We hope to see you all again next year!!!



Members worked very hard at getting the dining room in tip-top shape for guests to enjoy.

# Facob Geoni Genber of the Mouth

Jacob Leoni was awarded the "Member of the Month" award for his willingness to help at all of our events with the cooking, stirring the pots of sauce or whatever needs to be done. Congrats, Jacob.

# Giuseppe Mazzini Lodge #1441

Fremont, CA by Linda Abronzino

At our February meeting our new Lodge President Gina LoVecchio presided over the meeting and did a fine job. She gave a wonderful thank you to immediately Past President, Mary Meiring, for all the years she served as President and for all the work she did and is still doing for our lodge.

Along with Gina's first meeting we also held our officers installation with Membership Chairperson, Joe Simoni officiating.

Present at the lodge was new faces who may be potential members. We were happy to welcome them to our lodge meeting.

# <u>Upcoming events to note on your calendars</u>

Christmas at Spin-a-yarn date to be announced.

Duck for Bucks—monies raised will go to our Scholarship fund. Lodge would entertain any ideas for fundraising for our scholarship fund.

May 5 – Lodge hosting a Cinco de Mayo potluck at the May meeting.

To all our Members celebrating a March Birthday – all the best on your special day.

Please note that our March meeting has been changed to March 10 (2nd Friday)

Happy St. Patrick's and Happy St. Joseph's days to all

# Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Our Brother Ron Baroni passed away on January 31, 2017 after a bravebattle with cancer. Ron was 68 years young and was a loyal supporter and member of our Lodge for almost 39 years. Farewell Brother Ron, may you rest in peace.

Sacramento Lodge # 1352

by Dan Marinelli

# Roma Lodge #1573

Tulare, CA by Larry Dutto

The World Ag Expo celebrated its 50th Anniversary with well over 106,000 visitors taking advantage of all of the latest equipment and technology available to the agriculture industry. With over 40 non-profit organizations providing a wide variety of food choices to visitors, Roma Lodge has been at all 50 shows starting back in 1967 at the Tulare Fair Grounds. Featuring Italian Sausage sandwiches, pasta, antipasto salads, yogurt and a variety of other food products the show provides the organization with one of its biggest annual fundraisers.

*Michael DePaoli, Maci Daramy* along with *Melissa and Matt Watkins*, took on the big challenge serving as show chairs for the 5th consecutive year. They did a great job and were assisted by nearly 45 volunteer lodge members in the preparation of some great food for show attendees.



(L-R) Michael DePaoli, Maci Daramy, Melissa and Matt Watkins chaired the 50th Roma Lodge food booth at the World Ag Expo. The booth was featured by KMPH Fresno Channel 26 on their Great Day Program.



A portion of the over 45 Roma Lodge members were on hand the final day for a group picture in front of the food booth. Rainy weather on the final day of the show made for some wet conditions and after three days of very hard work members celebrated their 50th year of participation in the World Ag Expo.



Roma Lodge members worked very hard preparing pasta plates, sausage sandwiches, antipasto salads and serving customers at the World Ag Expo in Tulare, California.

# United Lodges of San Francisco/Peninsula Installation

by Maria Fassio Pignati, Imm. Past State President

On January 29 the San Francisco/Peninsula United Lodges held their installation of officers at the Peninsula Italian American Social Club Restaurant in San Mateo. Close to 50 people were in attendance at this event, which included participation from the Cornelia-Vita Nuova Lodge #1198 of San Francisco, the Columbia Lodge #1940 of San Mateo and the William Paca Lodge #1960 of Mountain View.

State President Lynn Lawrence-Murphy presided over the installation, with Past State President and National 1st VP Vera Girolami acting as Chairman and State 1st VP Arlene Nunziati acting as Herald. Presidents of the lodges are Angela M. Silva of Cornelia-Vita Nuova, John Nardi of

Columbia (Also Chair of the History Committee), and Rosalia Margarit of William Paca. Also present was Immediate Past State President Maria Fassio Pignati, State Trustee Frank Locicero, Judiciary Chair Judge Al Girolami, and First Gent Bill Murphy. The Cornelia-Vita Nuova Lodge was particularly proud of its young new president, Angela Silva, who is 26 years old and the granddaughter of past Vita Nuova President, the late Joe Riccio.

The installation went very smoothly, and was followed by a delicious dinner. Entertainment was provided by Joe Simoni on accordion and Maria Pignati on vocals, who sang Italian songs with audience participation.



l to r: Columbia Lodge President and History Chair John Nardi, William Paca Lodge President Rosalia Margarit and Cornelia-Vita Nuova Lodge President Angela M. Silva.



Officers of Cornelia-Vita Nuova #1198.



Past State President and National 1st VP Vera Girolami, State President Lynn Lawrence-Murphy and First Gent Bill Murphy.

# William Paca Lodge #1960

Mountain View, CA by Carolyn Franklin

Our Lodge enjoyed another evening of fine dining and fine friendship. The Crab Cioppino Dinner had the perfect combination of good food and a great time. Chef Carlo Marenco with sou chef Mike Ravizza blended the perfect taste of crab, clams, shrimp, and, of course, wine. As tradition goes, you rip off a big chunk of French bread, dip it in the stew – and life begins! Il pane diviso e la salute dei dente!

President Rosalia Margarit made the fresh, crisp salad; Paula Chidichimo served her artistically arranged antipasto and for dessert, Bennie Pardini brought an over-the-top dessert, a huge cake crowned with fresh strawberries! A truly wonderful dinner! Ci vuole il vino buono per l'ubbriacone!

A 50/50 Raffle by Gloria Ravetto was fun for all. A great meal and a chance to win

free" money is always a hit at the end of dinner. Jimmy Marenco won \$40.00 for tuition at Yale, Foothill College, or the newest app for his cell – all fun to think about.

A special Welcome is for Rose Marenco's friends from McCloud, CA who came to visit and stayed for dinner. One of her friends in this group was a former Mayor of Santa Clara.

Helen Zanella couldn't make the dinner, but President Rosalia Margarit brought the crab fest to her. Rosalia brought Helen a big container of crab stew so she could be a part of the "family" and enjoy the wonderful meal while watching "Jeopardy". Thank you, Rosalia for yourthoughtfulness. Dimmi con chi vai, e ti diro chi sei.

Mike Ravizza was formerly with the Quatro Novembre Lodge and Bennie Pardini was in the Redwood City Lodge. We're so glad they're a part of our happy times.



# Anaheim Lodge #2076

Anaheim, CA by Fran D'Errico, Recording Secretary

<u>"SAVE THE DATE"</u> SUNDAY - MAY 7, 2017. **ANAHEIM LODGE - 59TH** ANNIVERSARY, We will be honoring "ROSEMARIE VANDERHAAR". The event will be held at the Holiday <u>Inn on Beach Blvd, in Buena</u> <u>**Park**</u>, <u>**CA**</u>. This will be a Sunday afternoon Luncheon. All lodges should have received the "CARD - SAVE THE DATE". Please mark your calendars for this event, to save this date for the Anaheim Lodge #2076. Members of Anaheim Lodge will also receive information.

# <u>"WHAT WE HAVE BEEN</u> <u>DOING"</u>

Saturday December 17th, The Annual "CHRISTMAS PARTY". We had a great dinner, Santa Claus, and lots of Fun and games. Santa's Elves did a great job with this years event. It is always a wonderful way to end the year. We all can visit and reminisce on what has happened in 2016, and plan for the New Year to come.

Saturday February 18th, We celebrated, "CAR-NEVALE ITALIANO". Carnevale, also known as Carnival or Mardi Gras, is celebrated in Italy, and many places around the world 40 days before Easter. It is a "FINAL PARTY" before Ash Wednesday and the restrictions of Lent. Also, when many Catholics choose and deprive themselves of something they very much enjoy. The thought is to party until you drop and spend the period of Lent recovering. So, that is what the Anaheim Lodge did. We got our masks on and the members and guests gathered for a "Grand CARNEVALE Celebration" The event was chaired by Maria Copak and she did one fantastic job. We had Shredded Pork, Bakes Beans, Italian Cole Slaw. Maria also bakes as huge batch of Italian cookies. We had an evening of fun, food, and friends. We also managed to throw in a little Bingo. A favorite of the members.

# <u>"UPCOMING EVENT</u> - Please watch for the La Stella and Fliers"

Saturday March 18th, This is when we will celebrate this very unique day, our "Annual St. Joseph Table". The most important saint is Giuseppe (Joseph), Father of Jesus, whose day is celebrated on March 19. Mark your calendar. Our Officers and lodge members bake the most wonderful desserts to place on the table and are purchased after the dinner.

Saturday April 8th, This event will be chaired and run by the Junior members. They are calling it "EARTH DAY EVENT". This has become their Annual event and always come up with great ideals with their planning.

More information will come later and be sent out in a Flier.

# "WHAT OUR JUNIOR MEMBERS ARE DOING"

Junior member, Francesca Lemus, was in the Orange County Children's Theatre's Production of "HAIR SPRAY". She played Motormouth Maybelle and had two songs that she performed. They were "Big Blonde and Beautiful, and "I Know Where I've Been". Francesca did a fantastic job and stole the show. She has been performing in Theatre since she was a very little girl. She is the daughter of Lisa & Raul Lemus, and granddaughter of Joe & Carol D'Ordine, who are members of Anaheim Lodge

Junior Member Elizabeth Lavezzari, has been nominated and accepted to participate in the "National Student Leadership Conference". She will be spending 9 days in Washington DC in July. Elizabeth will participate in the "Political Actions & Public Policy." She is the daughter of David Lavezzari (Grand Lodge Budget & Finance) and Eva Lavezzari (President of Anaheim Lodge).

Let's applaud these Junior members for outstanding work

Also, I just want to say "THANK YOU" to all our Jr. members who participate and support our lodge. They are all involved with their school studies, sports, or other activities, but still manage to show up at our functions and get involved

(PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, FRIENDS, SEND ME YOUR ARTICLE AND I WILL WRITE IT UP IN THE IL LEONE. Thank you also for keeping the Italian Heritage going in our Junior Members.)

MEMBERS, WE NEED YOUR HELP, AND IF YOU NEED OURS, THIS is a RE-MINDER: That we encourage you to attend and support our lodge... If you need a ride, call any officer and we will make arrangements for transportation. If you have who wish to come to our events, please bring them and see what a fun time we have and very friendly members. Our lodge has always been family oriented and we still encourage this standard in our lodge. We all want our Italian Heritage to continue for generations to come.

# OTHER INFORMATION OF IMPORTANCE

The Anaheim Lodge has passed a motion to have our General Meetings changed from the 4th Wednesday of the month. The General Meetings will now be held before our function or event.

This will accommodate members who cannot make the meeting during the week due to work or conflicts with other activities that may arise. Also this will help those who do not have a way to get to

the meeting, but come to our functions.

Schedule of Upcoming Events, Dates are all set, mark your calendars:

March: Saturday 18th - St. Joseph Table
April: Saturday 8th - Junior Members Event
May: Sunday 7th - 59th Anniversary Dinner
Luncius Convention in Freene

June: Convention in Fresno

July: Sunday 23rd - Lodge Picnic East Gate Park August: Friday 25th - Angel Baseball Night Out

God Bless those servicing and protecting our country, and Arrivederci until next time.

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# **Italian-American Collectibles**

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People love to collect. They collect books, stamps, coins, photographs, dolls, antiques, and other items. Millions of dollars change hands in shops, at auctions, and over the Web every year for vintage collectibles. People improve their knowledge of history and find enjoyment in collecting and sharing their collections of antiques with other people. Many of the most impressive collections are exhibited in museums.

Italian Americans can benefit from the popular interest in collecting. They can collect and share their collections to inform others of our history. There are many ways to collect Italian-American memorabilia. You can begin by looking at the beautiful things passed down to you from grandparents, parents, relatives, and friends. This includes vintage clothing, photographs, knickknacks, books, blankets, kitchenware, phonographs and records, jewelry, religious objects, painting and prints, furniture, ceramics, glass, and much more.

You can collect many examples of one type of collectible. For example, you can have a large collection of photographs. Old photographs include daguerreotypes, carte de

vistes, and tin types. Vintage photographs (studio portraits, snapshots, etc.) from the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s have a tremendous appeal.

Or you can collect diverse items, perhaps linked by a common theme. For example, you can make a collection of various antiques, paintings, books, knickknacks, and vintage apparel to have an exquisite assembly which will represent the Italian and Italian-American heritage. You don't have to sell the collection. It's sure to have great personal and sentimental value. By exhibiting a collection, you promote Italian-American values and traditions.

Some Italian antiques sell for hundreds and thousands of dollars. Lenci cloth dolls are an example of a very soughtafter antique. If you are fortunate enough to have Italian antiques, by all means share them with the world.

The mark "Made in Italy" is a clue to a vintage item's potential value. Italian craftsmen are some of the best in the world. Let's enjoy our wonderful legacy by becoming active collectors of Italian products and artefacts. Collecting is a way to preserve items of historical significance while promoting our ethnic identity.



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# Weed Lodge # 1269

by Peggy Soletti

Community members filled the Sons of Italy Hall in Weed on February 11 for the annual crab dinner. In fact, we were "busting at the seams!" We sold 225 tickets, the capacity of our Lodge building. Chairs Brenda Zandona and Jon Elsnab and the rest of their kitchen crew produced a phenomenal meal of fresh "all-you-can-eat crab" from R & R Meats and Seafood in Redding. Rigatoni, green salad, French bread, and spumoni ice cream with cookies rounded out the meal. We heard nothing but compliments about the delicious food!

Member Rob Bicego was a lucky \$100 winner on our project board, along with Jim Damewood who also went home with \$100 in his pocket. Thanks to our members who brought prizes, we earned \$900 on the raffle and happy folks carried off some awesome items.

Josh Oates, teacher and coach at Weed High School, brought a number of his baseball players to wait on tables and clean up. They were rewarded for their hard work with \$1,115 in tips from the generous crowd. This group of young men makes our job much easier!

We also handed out 5 applications to interested parties so we'll see how that plays out. We will be initiating Tracy Grafton, Brad DeBortoli, and Mike Craddock at our March meeting. We're eager to have these younger people join our lodge.

We surprised outgoing president Richard Negro with a gift basket of chocolates, wine, and a place setting of the original Weed #1269 dinnerware. This was one of the few times he was speechless! Thank you,

Richard, for your service to our lodge.

Our lodge has undertaken a new community service project. We are 1 of 4 organizations who will be providing home baked cookies and juice for the community Blood Drives held in our hall 4 times per year. This opportunity was the idea of members Jeanette Vinall and Peggy Soletti. For many years, a local sorority always manned the refreshment table, but due to declining numbers, they had to abandon this last year. Since Jeanette and Peggy are regular blood donors, they heard how many missed the cookies and conversation while waiting their 15 minutes before leaving after giving blood. They created a letter and sent it to a number of Weed organizations. Weed #1269 was the first to volunteer for the February 22 date. We are so appreciative of our members who gladly volunteered to bake cookies. We would also like to recognize the 3 other committed organizations - Weed Rotary, Weed/Lake Shastina Kiwanis, and the Weed Berean Church.

Thank you!

Our next catering event is the Weed Historic Lumber Museum dinner on March 11. This is a huge fundraiser for the museum and usually sells out quickly. Chair Brenda Zandona and staff will be serving ravioli and chicken. Make sure to get your tickets soon from museum board members.

We're looking forward to the first day of spring on March 20. All of this rain should make for some beautiful flowers!

Ciao from Northern California.

# Rodolfo Valentino Lodge #1449

Clovis, CA by Carole Watson, President; Lou Catallo, Historian; <a href="mailto:lcatallo@aol.com">lcatallo@aol.com</a>

Last Month: Hope you all had a nice Valentine's Day (St. Valentine was a Roman citizen helping the poor in Ireland). Not much to report since this is being written ahead of our regular meeting.

This Month: Our March meeting will feature Pot Luck, so crank out your favorite recipes. Italian cooking is still the best. By the way, pasta sauces were first mentioned in Italian cookbooks as early as the mid-1800s. It took a while to discover that tomatoes were not poisonous ... early dining ware was made of pewter, which leached toxic lead into acidbased food.

Song writers and poets say "All we need is love", but a bit of chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.

**After drying out** from all the rain we have been getting, our upcoming activities will be aimed at planning for the Clovis Day Rodeo Parade that is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, starting at 09:00 AM. The parade committee has filled out the application for the event, and has sent it in. Next will be planning for our 90th year of being a Sons of italy chapter. The Fresno lodge was the first to be franchised in California, but our Clovis chapter soon

followed. We will be having our celebration party on Saturday, June 3, 2017; since this is completely different from what we have always had in the past, it doesn't hurt to let your families and friends know about the changes, and the importance of the event.

The last week of June will be set aside for the Grand Lodge Convention scheduled for Fresno, with the Fresno Lodge in charge. For sure, the hot topic will be the formal advisory ballot performed a few months ago regarding the sale of the San Francisco headquarters building. Also, some lodges are making proposals to amend the bylaws in a way that will have a direct affect on operations. If you have concerns about the operation of the Grand Lodge, be sure to contact our president, Carol Watson, with your talking points. Members can sit in on the scheduled meetings as observers and to keep up to date. And, this is an election year for the Grand Lodge officers.

Our Past-President, Isabel Ronzano made a visit to the Armenian center and encountered our long time member, Al Daddino, and reported him to be hail and hearty. If memory serves me right, he should be celebrating his 95th birthday this month.

Scott Hilburn once said "Those that succeed are those who plan it"; start your planning by applying for a scholarship. Call our Scholarship Committee Chair, Isabel Ronzano, at (559) 297-0851, for information on this topic. The **Scholarship Deadlines are**: for Clovis Lodge, March 31, 2017, (next month!); for California State Grand Lodge: March 01, 2017 –oops, did you miss this date? If so, it is not too soon for next year; and for National Lodge the date is generally November to February of any year (for more information go to https://www.osia.org/ students/scholarships.php); National scholarships are for \$500 to \$5,000.

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

# St. Patrick's Day



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Thank you, **Andy Pampuro Debbie Ure** 

# Cornelia-Vita Nuova #1198

San Francisco, CA by Maria Fassio Pignati

On Friday, February 17, the Cornelia-Vita Nuova #1198 honored its Immediate Past President, Linda De Palma, at its annual Polenta and Sausage Dinner. Held at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club in North Beach, about 225 people were present to enjoy their meal and to honor Linda for her many years of dedicated service to the Lodge and to the Order.

Linda joined the Order in 1957...60 years ago...and from the age of 10 attended meetings with her mother, Florence Imbornone. It was at a Sons of Italy dinner when she was a teenager that Linda met her future husband, Richard. She served as President of Cornelia dei Gracchi #1587 from 1973-75, and served again as President of the merged lodge, Cornelia-Vita Nuova #1198, from 2001-2016...talk about dedication! Linda was also Chairperson of the Queen Pageant in 1977, and served on the committee for over a decade.

Linda became involved with the Scholarship/Students to Italy Committee, and was appointed Chair in 2009 by then State President Maria Fassio Pignati. She and her team helped many deserving students receive scholarships to further their education. In the community, Linda was Chair of the SF Columbus Day Queen Isabella Pageant, President of the St. Vincent de Paul Parent Guild for eight years...receiving the Elizabeth Ann Seton award for service, and the founder of the Eucharistic Ministry program at St. Dominic's Parish where she worked on many dinners and events, receiving the rarely given Profiles in Faith award in 2012. Perhaps Linda's greatest honor was bestowed upon her in 1976, when she received the "Cavaliere dell'Ordine della Stella della Solidarietà Italiana" title from the Italian Government.

Present in the audience was the Hon. Lorenzo Ortona, Italian Consul General in San Francisco, who gave a delightful speech thanking the Lodge as well as evoking memories of eating polenta as a child in Italy.

In addition, we were honored to have State First VP Arlene Nunziati present Linda with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Grand Lodge, and Immediate Past State President and National Trustee Maria Fassio Pignati presented Linda with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Supreme Lodge. A beautiful card from State President Lynn Lawrence-Murphy, who was unable to attend because she and First Gent Bill were in Hawaii, was also given to Linda. From the Grand Lodge we had State Trustee Frank Locicero, Membership Chair Ioe Simoni, who also serenaded us with his accordion and led a spirited sing-along, and History Chair and Columbia Lodge President John Nardi.

Our wonderful new 26 year-old President, Angela M. Silva, gave a beautiful speech about Linda as well as her own personal goals for the Lodge, and presented her with a lovely gold watch on behalf of the Lodge. Linda, in turn, presented Angela with a silver lion and chain that had belonged to Grand Lady Emeritus and lodge member Giulia Besozzi. Linda graciously responded to her accolades with heartfelt thanks to the lodge and to her wonderful family who turned out in large number to honor her; in particular her daughter Jennifer, son-in-law Seth Chandler and adorable granddaughter Georgia.

After dinner a raffle with many prizes was conducted, and the lovely evening came to a close.



l to r; IPSP Maria, Honoree Linda De Palma and Lodge President Angela

l to r: Immediate Past State President Maria Fassio Pignati, Honoree and Immediate Past President Linda De Palma, Italian Consul General Lorenzo Ortona, and Lodge President Angela M. Silva.

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# Shasta Lodge #2453

Redding, CA by Carole Dellaragione

Dear Members and Friends,

Thanks to Paul Monette and Jim Nobili for chairing our great Crab Feed. Also thanks to our members and friends who worked with them to make it a very successful event. We had really good crab from our local seafood store, R&R Meat and Seafood. Thanks to our guests, we had a record year on our raffle, too.

The following Friday, we served a spaghetti and meatball dinner to the Redding Police Cadets. The dinner was prepared by Chef James Leedy and his culinary club members, two from Enterprise High School, one from Shasta College and one from Simpson College. The dinner was served by Police Chief Rob Paoletti (yes he is a Sons of Italy member), and a few more police officers.

On February 20th we initiated nine new members. Three were Junior members who have already been working events at the lodge, Madison Pulice, Bryce Giacomelli, and Orlin Hatfield. Regular members Debbie Simmons, Anthony Montini, Denice Runciman, Frank DalPorto, Cheryl Moore and Angelo Aristo were also initiated into Shasta Lodge. They are all going to be active members and we look forward to spending time getting acquainted with them.

On February 25th Shasta Lodge celebrated its 37th anniversary at a casino themed dinner party. At this event each year, we name our "Most Honored Member" of the previous year. We are very proud of our member Paul Monette who was the recipient for 2016. Paul has been a member of Shasta Lodge for eleven years and has been on the council for over four years. Paul is always there to help from cooking to helping with repairs around the lodge, and everything in between. Paul was joined by his lady Jewelz Warren and many friends. Congratulations to Paul, our most deserving member.

Next on our calendar we turn Irish for the day at our annual St. Patrick's Day celebration. Come join us for our traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner. Entertainment will again feature Enterprise Starship, Enterprise High School's award winning performers.

Happy St. Patrick's day. Enjoy a green beer for me.



"Most Honored Member of 2016" Paul Monette and his lady Jewelz Warren.



Back row: Angelo Aristo, Orlin Hatfield, Denise Runciman, Debbie Simmons, Frank DalPorto, Bryce Giacomelli, and Madison Pulice.

 $Front\ row:\ Anthony\ Montini\ and\ Cheryl\ Moore.\ Initiated\ 2/20/2017.\ \ Welcome\ New\ Members.$ 

Please join the Royal Court of the Golden Lion.

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for more information.

# Winner Every Day Raffle

- 1. Purchase a Winner Every Day Raffle ticket for \$30. If your lodge does not have any, you can order some through the Grand Lodge.
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- 3. Once received, your ticket goes into the ticket drum.
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- 6. There are several days throughout the year that have a higher dollar amount. Those days are listed on the back of each ticket.
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# **PUZZLE ANSWERS FROM PAGE 4**



# I'm an Italian American

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

I am enriched by thousands of years of culture.

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

My thoughts have been recorded in the annals of Rome, the poetry of Virgil, the creations of Dante, and the philosophy of Benedetto Croce. I am an Italian-American, and from my ancient world, I first spanned the seas of the new world. I am Cristoforo Colombo.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I am Alessandro Malaspina.

I am Giacomo Beltrami, discoverer of the source of the Mississippi River in 1823. I created the Dome of the United States Capitol. They called me the Michelangelo of America. I am Constantino Brumidi.

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

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

First enlisted man to win the medal of Honor in World War II, I am John Basilone of New Jersey.

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

I am the steel maker in Pittsburgh, the grower in the Imperial Valley of California, the textile designer in Manhattan, the movie maker in Hollywood, the home maker and the breadwinner in 10,000 communities.

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

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

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

I Am An Italian-American.

by Angelo Bianchi, Esq.

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Anniv. Dec. 10, 1950
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Anniv. Sept. 6, 1927
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Anniv. July 20, 1996

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Anniv. Feb. 19, 1984
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Anniv. Jan. 10, 1965
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Anniv. Mar. 4, 1972 **ORANGE** PRES: MARY JANE CAMBRIA 2539 Back Bay Loop Costa Mesa, CA 92627 Phone: (714) 749-7777 Email: maryjane@mjcambria.com Recording Secty: Linda Ferraro Doi 523 N. Lowe Dr. Placentia, CA 928/0 Phone (714) 345-4780 Email:lindaferraro@sbcglobal.net Meets 3rd Wed. 7 p.m. First Presbyterian Church Geneva Room 146 N. Grand Street Orange, CA 92866

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