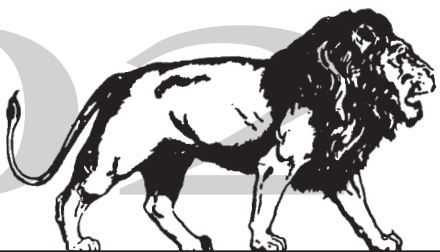


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A Message From The State President



State President
John Costa

We are now one fourth of the way thru the New Year. Things are looking better. We have to stay positive! Last year at this time I was planning on going to Disneyland prior to our Grand Council meeting in Torrance, but things changed on March 16th, the state of California pretty much shut down? Who would have thought we would still be making our way towards the right direction a year later.

On February 13th I was on a "Zoom" meeting with National OSDIA. We were supposed to be meeting in South Carolina, but instead everyone was in thier home. Our National President Nancy has done an excellent job in leading our Order during this year. Please read the article in this month's IL Leone from our National Trustee Lynn Lawrence Murphy for a recap of the meeting.

Our March Grand Council meeting on March 20th will be by Zoom. Every lodge president should have or will

be receiving information soon for this meeting. We will have lots to discuss, but we hope to keep it moving very quickly.

Our State Convention was scheduled to be in Anaheim this year, but this will have to be done by Zoom also. We are still working out everything for this, there will be discussion during Grand Council and info will be sent to the Filial Lodges as things develop. This is an election year, so anyone that plans on running for a State Office please sends a letter of intent to our recording secretary as soon as possible

We are still in the process of hiring a Office Manager for the office. Please continue your patience with us, we will continue to monitor phones and emails. We need to thank our Recording Secretary Lori Rossi for doing double duty. She has been fighting traffic driving to office a least once a week to pick up mail and write checks. Thank you Lori.

Those Lodges using zoom for your meeting please send me an invite to attend, I will try to log in when I can. As always feel free to contact me either by email or phone.

Your First lady Donna Lee and myself wish you all a Happy Easter. I hope you are able to spend this day with your family safely!!

Hang in there everyone. Soon we will be able to meet in person and hug each other as we had in the past.

Stay safe and healthy!!
Yours Fraternally



State 1st Vice President
Barbara Wisniewski

I want to let you know that I have submitted my "Letter of Intent" to run for the position of your President of the Grand Lodge of California. I know that this term will not be easy coming back from the Pandemic, but I know that I am up to the challenge. I know that our Officers and Members are with us because of their Love of the Order. I am calling upon you all to share with family, friends, and neighbors, why you love the Order and bring them into our Fraternal Family. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me and I will be happy to discuss them.

I receive a periodical each week, the "Italian Tribune". I know there are many of you who also subscribe to it. As I was reading my January 21st issue, I came across a short article about the Colosseum in Rome. Ken and I got to visit the Colosseum last March before the pandemic closed Italy. While I was standing on the sides looking down at the area that held the animals, gladiators, and later, the Christians to be sacrificed, I had to imagine what it would be like to stand on the floor of the Colosseum and look up at the crowds. The article told of a new project by the Italian authorities to put a retractable floor so visitors can experience what it was like for the Gladiators to stand in the middle of the iconic arena almost 2,000 years ago. I am looking forward to returning and getting the opportunity to try that floor.

Your Grand Council will be meeting in March via Zoom. I hope you Lodge Presidents will reach out for the information and join us. We are your elected represen-



State 2nd Vice President
Pauline Richmond

Thank you to the Lodges that can pay partial or full dues for their members for the 2021 year. A wonderful way to show their appreciation.

Volumes have been written about love. We all know the famous passages and adages from "Love conquers all" to "all you need, is love" and many more.

Together, we reach out in countless ways. I want to encourage OSDIA members to grow and thrive despite this unfortunate pandemic. We can do this if we keep our current members and invite others to share our mission. Be open to change and entice younger members.

Love is the center of everything we do. Love in the difficulties, love in joy. It is easy to get wrapped up in life's frustrations and become discouraged. Your every act should be done with love in building OSDIA membership.

As we continue in this time of Coronavirus; homeschooling, masking up, turning down social engagements, and becoming weary with state of society and politics, I encourage you to do every act with love. Make it contagious. Please remember, the way we treat people is just as important as how we lead them.

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

I was invited and had the pleasure to join the Renaissance Lodges February 17th Zoom meeting for their General membership meeting. Lodge business was taken care of and it was much appreciated and fun time to



State 3rd Vice President
Sadie Tamburine

Hello brothers and sisters, I continue to pray for those affected by the COVID epidemic. I pray for all who have experienced loss and that everyone stays safe and that we will get back to our normal activities soon.

I wish we could celebrate our traditional St. Joseph's feast this year. My mother who was born in Sicily, always baked for our local St Joseph's table. As you know, St Joseph's day, March 19 is a special day in Italy. Giuseppe is one of the most popular names in southern Italy, and Mary's husband is celebrated on this date, as Festa del Papa, or Father's Day. Giuseppe, which translates to Joseph in English, is the saint of children, unwed mothers, and the needy.

The celebration originated in the Middle Ages during a horrible drought. People of Sicily prayed to San Giuseppe to help them with rain, and the rains came. The fava bean was the most plentiful crop and is now a symbol of good luck and generosity. To show their appreciation for San Giuseppe's help, Sicilians set out tables filled with food and invited anyone who wanted to, to enjoy the feast. The day is now known as one of helping those in need and offering food to the poor. Zeppole is one of the most traditional pastries prepared on this special day.

Both the Catholic and Lutheran churches celebrate the day. Celebrations include fava beans, wearing red clothing and erecting altars, filled with bread, and usually a grand parade where they carry the statue of Saint Joseph through the town. In Hackensack, NJ where I was

Happy Easter!



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tatives and with Zoom you can watch the workings of your Order from the comfort of your homes. Consider sitting in on the meeting of the Grand Council and the Western Foundation.

Michael Coletti Smith, Chairperson of the Golf Outing in the North for the Western Foundation, has announced the date for 2021 is October 11. Mark your calendars!

I have been speaking with Andy Pampuro, Editor of our “Il Leone”. With no activities happening within the Lodges, the number of articles has decreased significantly. If you, or your Lodge, can make a donation, put in an article or create an ongoing ad, it will certainly help. If you can go to our website and read the “Il Leone” online just drop a note to the Grand Lodge and they will take you off the mailing list. Any one, or all of those things will help.

Till next month
Fraternally
Barbara

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Clovis, CA

by Carol Watson, President;
Lou Catallo, Historian;
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At the time of this writing, a bit of good news: some of our lodge members are getting their COVID-19 shots, and the rate of seasonal flu cases has dramatically dropped (only 165 confirmed cases to February 6). Of course, our state of California will not yet allow large gatherings, such as our lodge meetings, but at least we can look forward to that happening much sooner. Keep wearing your masks, because this action seems to work. Let us all say a prayer for this pandemic to go away.

reconnect with each other! Lodge president Mary Jane Cambria did an outstanding job in running the Zoom meeting. A heartfelt thanks again for being included in the meeting!

As always be assured of my fraternal love for you, your families, and lodges.

Fraternally yours

State Third Vice President
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born they used to pin money for the poor on the ribbons hanging from the statue.

From a religious aspect, March 19, which is always during Lent, is a day of abstinence. This explains the custom of Saint Joseph tables being covered with meatless dishes.

In Sicily, it takes many women, who work for days to prepare the ornamental bread. Many are braided into shapes of a cross or crown, staffs, and palms, each representing Jesus, Joseph, and Mary respectively. The breads are then placed on a three-tiered altar, representing the Trinity, and covered with beautiful linens. The altar table is blessed by a priest, and after the celebration, children take the altar down, and the food goes to the needy. People also place other items on the altars, including flowers, limes, candles, wine, fava beans, especially prepared cakes, bread, and cookies (as well as other meatless dishes), and of course, zeppole. You may also see bread-crumbs on many altars, representing sawdust from Joseph, the carpenter.

God bless everyone, will have more trivia next month.



Summary of the Winter
National Plenary

by Lynn Lawrence-Murphy
National Trustee, California

The following is a brief summary of the National Plenary Zoom Meeting conducted by National President Nancy DiFiorre Quinn on Saturday, February 13th. The Meeting opened with Prayer by Father Forno, Pledge of Allegiance by President Nancy, the National and Italian Anthems sung by our own Maria Pignati. It was great seeing the faces of so many of our brothers and sisters throughout the country. Even though we could not physically hug, everyone’s warm smiles and greetings conveyed the spirit of fraternity.

Reports were given by President Nancy and the 5 Vice Presidents keeping us up to date as what is happening at the National level. Kudos were extended many times by all as to the competency and commitment of the Office Staff.

The Membership Committee has been busily working with the Technology Committee reaching out to increase membership. While our membership numbers have dropped some, they have seen a big increase in the Members-At-Large level. National has extended the waiving of the \$8.00 national new member fee until August 2021. They are in the progress of establishing a member profile which will hopefully be available to all members by Spring 2022. It would only be available to OSDIA members. It would be a great way for us to connect to other members across the nation, to connect with our older members who could offer a wealth of experiences and contacts, as well as sharing with younger members their expertise and share the background of our Order with its rich culture. Membership held a Slogan Contest that ended February 25 - the winner will be announced in March. New Jersey has a new lodge (The Mother Cabrini Lodge) that recently opened composed of 75 young professional women. It is growing stronger by the day.

The Technology Committee has made great strides reaching out to younger members through Facebook, etc. The OSDIA Interviews are entering Season 3. A Huge Success! They have had great followings which have opened doors in many directions thanks to the Stars and the people interviewed, and to the audience viewing them. Hope you have viewed a few of these videos on Facebook or You Tube. Recently they had a series on Alzheimer’s and Autism (with Doug Flute and his wife sharing their experiences with their son). They are working on several other projects to share “our best kept secret-OSDIA” to the entire country.

Don’t forget the National Business Directory mentioned in the Italian America Magazine. All proceeds go to CSJ. This is a great way to advertise your business and make your expertise available to all members as well as those new in your area.

The National Historian is in the process of a Grand Lodge History Project sharing the history of many Grand Lodges and a few Subordinate Lodges throughout the country. She hopes to create a video in the near future.

A Special Supreme Convention will take place on Saturday, March 6th. All 2019 National Delegates have been notified, and further information on this Zoom Meeting will be sent to them. Information on voting electronically will be shared as well as by-law changes need to be voted on.

CSJ has been busily working on the Columbus Issues and trying to restore or repair statues taken down or damaged. OSDIA CSJ has joined the National Columbus Educational Organization which will be holding a National Meeting (with 1300 people in attendance) to fight the antidiscrimination issue. Information will be sent out to state and local lodges.

The NELA Gala held in May will be virtual this year honoring the National Scholarship Recipients and the honored guests. We will be donating our 9th van to a disabled veteran. Fantastic!

Cesare
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Lodge # 1518

Petaluma, CA

by Ernie Giono, President
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Hello all of you...

Here we are still holding our own during this pandemic. I hope you are all well and by now, have at least had their first vaccine injection. There is a brighter light at the end of the tunnel and soon we will be meeting and eating and drinking again.

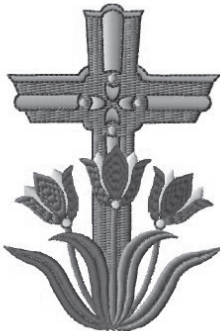
Our new location is all set to go. When we finally get the OK from the CDC that we can once again congregate, our day, time and place have changed.

We will meet on the Second Sunday Afternoon at 2PM in the Club House of Rancho Grande Modular Home Park at 5099 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park, CA. It is north of Petaluma and Cotati, one mile east of highway #101 on the Rohnert Park Expressway. After about one mile east bound on the Expressway make a left on Snyder then another left at the traffic light into Rancho Grande across from the Lawrence Jones School. Club House is straight ahead of you. Parking on your left (limited, so car pool with friends if you can). Club House will open at 2PM but you can arrive a bit early to help us set up then enjoy your friends, socialize indoors and outdoors with hors’d ouvres and drinks (wine, beer and sodas) until about 3PM. Price is still \$15.00 per person everything included. We will have a short meeting followed by a traditional early Sunday Dinner and dessert. You can bet that our chef will have a tasty dinner for us to enjoy. You can be **home about 6PM - no night time driving for any of you.**

We are on a roll and would like to have some new members joins us. Bring your friends and if they like us, they just might join our Lodge. Of course, you do NOT have to be Italian, you just have to be hungry to join us...We promise to feed you.

Be kind to someone today and the kindness will come back to you. Stay well and I will see all of you soon. God Bless...

Ernie Giono



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Easter Greetings to One and All!



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Happy Easter!



Sadie Tamburine, State Third Vice President



Roma Lodge #1573

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

For the first time I have had a Roma Lodge member ask if he could pay his \$75 dues and have it all go to the Roma Lodge instead of the 25 cents the lodge gets. He no longer wanted to be a member of the state or national organizations. The strength of the Grand Lodge and National organizations comes from the local lodges. It is difficult to justify a member continue their membership when we have not had a meeting since last February-2020 and it looks as though we may not have another meeting until May or June-2021 and that may be difficult with the COVID pandemic still with us.

When I read the IL Leone our leadership continues to discuss the importance of membership and getting new members into the organization. It is documented that the primary reason anyone joins a particular nonprofit organization is belief in the organization's mission. If you read the OSDIA Constitution the preamble states, in part, the purpose of this organization shall be: (a) to enroll in its membership all persons of Italian birth or

Descent. I guess as president of Roma Lodge, I should be going around Tulare County and asking everyone of Italian Descent to join the Lodge.

I hope that our leadership realizes it is difficult to attract new members into the organization when you do not have meetings, fundraising activities, or anything else bringing members together to socialize fraternally. We shall see what the future brings, but until we can start meeting again we will be lucky to keep the members we have.



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and National President
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Honorable Judge Al Girolami
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sincerest Easter
wishes.



Easter Greetings



from the
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of California



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Hanford Lodge # 1543

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by Jackie Giacomazzi,

Hi Brothers and Sisters: I am so sorry to report that I have been lax in getting information about the Hanford Lodge to the Il Leone. After Christmas, I thought I had sent a message, but the Editors of the Il Leone did not print it, so I guess they did not get it!!! So, I am now reporting on our “drive-thru” Christmas Party for our Junior Members, which is a little late to say the least!!!

On December 13,2020, the Junior Members of the Hanford Lodge were treated to Christmas stockings filled with lots of goodies and also a monetary gift from the Lodge.

Over 20 stockings were filled by older Junior Members, Gianna and Giulia Fernandez, while “elves” Miro and Gio Giacomazzi, along with their Nanna Jackie Giacomazzi and parents, Dino and Julie, welcomed cars driven by parents and grandparents into their driveway to deliver the goodies. Drivers were offered drinks of their choice and some Giacomazzi Brothers flavored almonds donated by the two boys. (Okay, I will pay a fine for advertising)!!! All this was done in a very heavy downpour!!! Dino came to the rescue and set up a pop-up tent to help us try to stay dry!! It was great having several members drive by to say “hi” even though they did not bring a child!! It was fun, despite the weather! This was our Covid friendly way of having a Christmas party!!

Hanford Lodge has not had a regular meeting since

last February; we are waiting until the pandemic allows us to do so.

We are saddened that we have lost a couple of long-time members in 2020: **Nicholas (Nikki) Mary Garrone** was born on January 4, 1923, and passed away on October 22, 2020. Nikki was a very community-minded person and left a legacy with many organizations in Hanford. She joined the Hanford Sons of Italy on November 19, 1970 (making her a 50-year member). **Letizia (Lina) Italia Corsina Jones** was born on September 18, 1925, in the Lago di Garda area in Italy and died on December 8, 2020. Lina met her husband during WWII, marrying him in Italy and emigrating to America,

She joined the Hanford Lodge on April 4, 1994 (27-year member). Lina was very generous with her time and talents as a member. She and her husband were instrumental in establishing the Valley Christian Home in Hanford. Both Lina and Nikki were residents of this home at the time of their deaths. We offer condolences to their families. May these wonderful members rest in peace.

On a lighter note, we offer best wishes to Dominico and Molly Johnston and son, Joseph, on the arrival of Dominic Sterling Johnston on February 5, weighing in at 8.1 lb. He will become a member as soon as we can sign him up!!! Happy St. Patrick’s Day and Happy Easter too!!!! Stay safe!!!

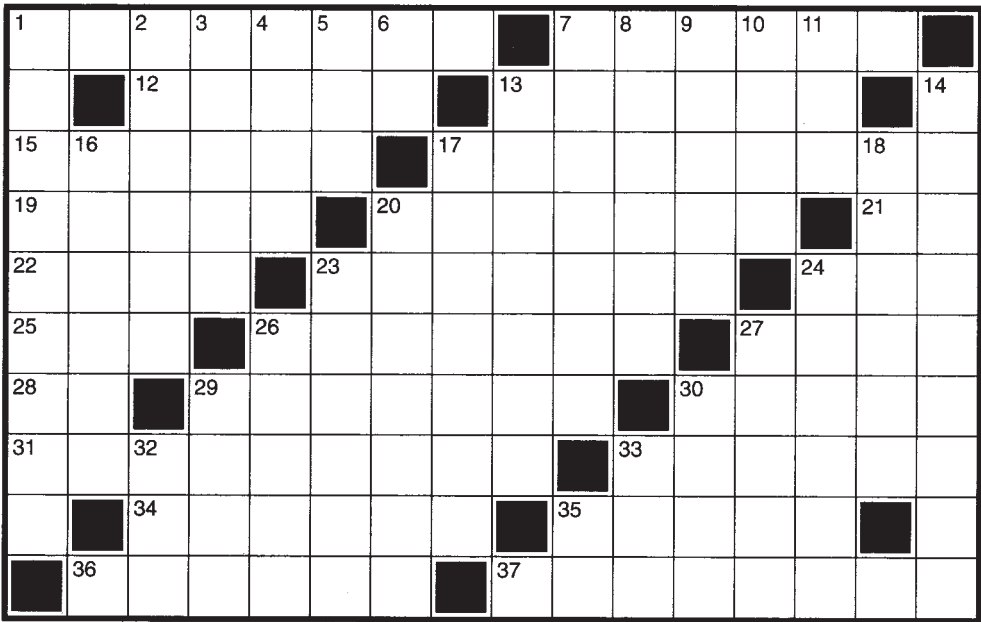


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ORIZZONTALI: 1. Comune siciliano - 7. Breve corso d'acqua - 12. Acqua... che diluisce la vernice - 13. Il rosso o il verde - 15. Sotterranea - 17. Venditrice di sigarette - 19. Grosso pesce di mare - 20. È grigia nel cervello - 21. Iniz. della Laurito - 22. Antico eretico - 23. Timbro con giorni - 24. Una sigla



di società - 25. Segnale in acqua - 26. Città della Grecia - 27. Stella di Hollywood - 28. Il centro di Pisa - 29. Un passo... per veicoli - 30. Indigeni neozelandesi - 31. Lo Stato di Baton Rouge - 33. Peli delle palpebre - 34. Il demonio - 35. Il rivoluzionario ucciso dalla Corday - 36. Proprio del più lungo fiume italiano - 37. Dotato d'indipendenza.

VERTICALI: 1. La cucina che può essere stanza da pranzo - 2. Fine sarcasmo - 3. Animale che tesse - 4. Mare greco - 5. Spazio in campagna - 6. Articolo e nota - 7. Il nome di Benigni - 8. Nome d'uomo - 9. Chiacchiericcio - 10. Vorace animale marino - 11. Il nome della Massari - 13. La città di Giovanni Verga - 14. Pagato come l'operaio - 16. Bucherellato - 17. Nome di donna russo - 18. Come la lotta se i valori in campo sono molto diversi - 20. Uomo spregevole... d'altri tempi - 23. Il Gray di Oscar Wilde - 24. Dissennato - 26. Laetitia attrice - 27. Françoise scrittrice - 29. Lago africano - 30. Joan pittore - 32. Stati Uniti (sigla) - 33. Il gatto... a Londra - 35. Un po' di musica.

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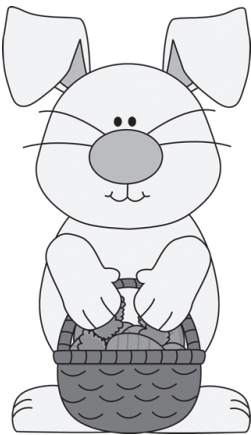
Easter Greetings



Past State President and Western Foundaton CAO Roy T. Vanoni and wife, Yvonne



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Earthquakes

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Earthquakes occur frequently in Italy. They have for centuries. Many have been disastrous. The Italian peninsula is on a volcanic base. Two famous volcanoes are here, Vesuvius in southern Italy and Etna in Sicily. Underground volcanic activity creates great pressure and moves the rock layers, causing the land surface to shake violently. The shifting ground topples buildings not designed to withstand the turbulence and streets split open. Making matters worse, fires break out and terrible sounds cause panic. Sometimes many lives are lost. And sometimes many lives are miraculously spared.

Messina and Reggio Calabria, Italy, had a severe earthquake in 1908, which killed 120,000. In former times the news of earthquakes traveled slowly. People

away from towns struck by earthquakes desperately sought word regarding their loved ones. Newspapers and telegraphs sometimes carried varying accounts of the lives lost and the damage done. The people of the United States experienced the San Francisco earthquake in 1906. There were hundreds of lives lost and thousands of dollars in property damage. Fires burned for three days without stopping.

Our ability to anticipate and cope with earthquakes has progressed. The modern seismometer is an instrument that can record earthquakes thousands of miles away. We are making buildings stronger and safer than ever before. And we can get necessary aid and relief to victims. The Italian word for earthquake is "terremoto."



Italian soldiers search through the rubble after the 1908 earthquake at Messina.



To all members of the California Grand Lodge of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America. I am running for President of our Grand Lodge for the term 2021 through 2023. Please reach out to me with any questions you may have on my qualifications or to submit any suggestions on moving forward.



Buona Pasqua



I Wish Each and Everyone One of You a Blessed and Happy Easter

With All My Love,

Mary Lucido
Past Grand Lodge Queen
C.Colombo 1315, Antioch

Buona Pasqua



Happy Easter from
Past State President John Tedesco
and wife, Pam Tedesco



Easter Greetings from the
Officers & Members of the

ANAHEIM LODGE #2076

Buona Pasqua



Mary Ann Aita, President



Wishing everyone
a Happy Easter



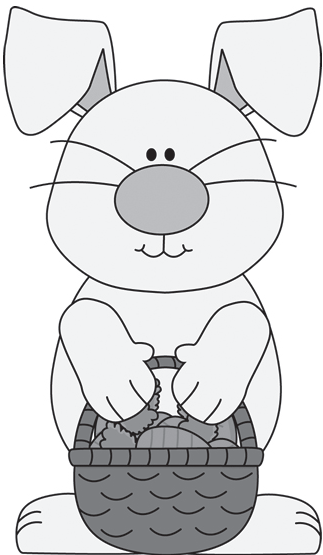
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Easter Greetings To All



Past State President Maria Fassio Pignati
and husband Ugo Pignati

Buona Pasqua
To all our Sisters & Brothers
from the Hacienda Lodge #2168



Buona Pasqua
Happy Easter
from
the members of
Joanne Coccia
Lodge #2553



Paul Finazzo
President

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The officers and members of the
Renaissance Lodge #2259
wish you and your family a very
joyous Easter Season!



President Mary Jane Cambria



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Sons of Italy Western Foundation Results of February Drawing

By Mark Rossi, SOI Western Foundation Trustee

Congratulations to the winners of the Western Foundation February Winner Every Day Drawing! Thank you to all the lodge members, family and friends who supported the drawing. You sold and purchased 530 tickets and donated an additional \$187. Leaving the Foundation with proceeds just above \$4,200. Great Job! Special thanks to Past State President Lynn Lawrence Murphy and State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi for their effort in managing the fundraiser.

We are hopeful that in the latter part of 2021 that we will be getting back to somewhat of a normal routine. The Vincenzo Bellini Lodge in Chico has scheduled The Sons of Italy Western Foundation California Golf Classic once again for October of this year. We are hopeful that our Southern California Golf Tournament can also take place towards the end of the year. Western Foundation events like our golf tournaments and February Drawing pay the expenses associated with managing a charitable foundation. Thank you for your continued support.

As in 2020 our 97th anniversary dinner and celebration usually held in March has been postponed.

Victor Zampatti served as our first Lodge President and John Salizzoni serves as our President now. Eureka Lodge is nearing the 60th anniversary of its hosting of the 1963 California Grand Lodge convention.

Eureka #1274 is the 4th oldest lodge still in existence in California. We are nearing our 100th celebration on March 16th, 2024.

Speaking of one hundred years our member Evo Fanucchi celebrated his 100th birthday on September 22nd 2020. We were not able to celebrate with him due to the pandemic.

Long time owner of Roy’s Restaurant and other properties in Old Town Eureka he has lived through most of the most interesting times in world history and our local Humboldt County history.

Our Lodge Financial Secretary Donna Olivieri wants to thank all of the members who have sent her their dues for the 2021 year.

Despite the pandemic Eureka Lodge will award the Irene and Paul Pinochi and Frank Stagnoli Scholarships this spring. Please remind your grandchildren or friends with children of Italian descent that application materials are available now from their high school counselors or by calling Dianne Luzzi at 442-8812 to have an

Eureka # 1274

Eureka, CA
by Joe Bonino

application sent directly to them. The deadline is April 15th.

Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable and healthy

Carnivale at home!

Easter is very early this year; the Eureka Lodge wishes everyone Buona Pasqua.



The program from the Grand Lodge Convention held in Eureka in 1963 was displayed at the Reno convention in 2019. Bruno Giuffrida from San Diego was elected State President at the Eureka convention.



Evo Fanucchi gives a tour of the memorabilia on the walls of Roy’s Club Italian Restaurant in Old Town Eureka after it went out of business in 2017. Founded by his father and mother in 1919 Roy’s was a mainstay of the Italian community in Eureka.

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From The Members of the
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The officers and members,
of the Saddleback Valley Lodge
wish you a Happy Easter



President Hank Lowinger and wife, Michelle

Buona Pasqua
Happy Easter



Andy & Louise Pampuro
Chairman, Media Committee



Ted Seibel and wife,
Lucille

*Wishing Everyone
a Joyous
Easter Season*



*Wishing you a
joyous Easter time.
Best Wishes from
Joy Bruno
Overseer of the
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Wishing All A
Happy Easter



Debbie Ure
Assistant to Andy Pampuro
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Easter Greetings from the
Officers and Members of
Centingla Valley Lodge #1991



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Good Friday and
Easter Week
Processions in Italy

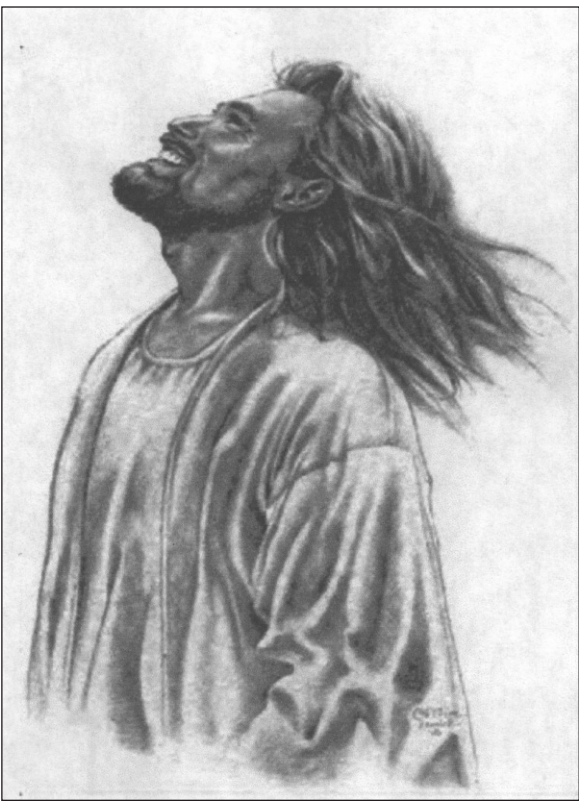
Solemn religious processions are held in Italian cities and towns on the Friday or Saturday before Easter and sometimes on the Sunday holiday. Many churches have special statues of the Virgin Mary and Jesus that may be paraded through the city or displayed in the main square (piazza).

Participants are often dressed in traditional ancient costumes, and olive branches are frequently used along with palm fronds in the processions and to decorate churches.

Sicily has elaborate and dramatic processions. Enna holds a large event on Good Friday, with about 2,000 friars dressed in ancient costumes walking through the streets of the city. Trapani is another interesting place to see processions, held for several days during Holy Week. The Good Friday procession there, Misteri di Trapani, lasts 24 hours.

What's believed to be the oldest Good Friday procession in Italy is in Chieti in the Abruzzo region; it's very moving with Secchi's "Miserere" played by 100 violins.

Some towns, such as Montefalco and Gualdo Tadino in Umbria, hold live passion plays during the night of Good Friday. Others put on plays acting out the stations of the Cross. Beautiful torch-light processions are held in Umbria in hill towns such as Orvieto and Assisi.



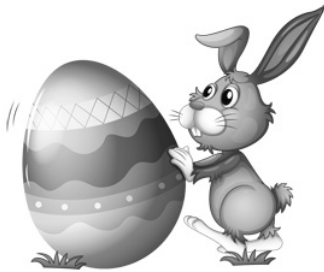
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and harmony
throughout the world!

Easter Greetings



Immediate Past President Lynn Lawrence-Murphy
and State Trustee North Bill Murphy

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter



Rosemarie Vanderhaar
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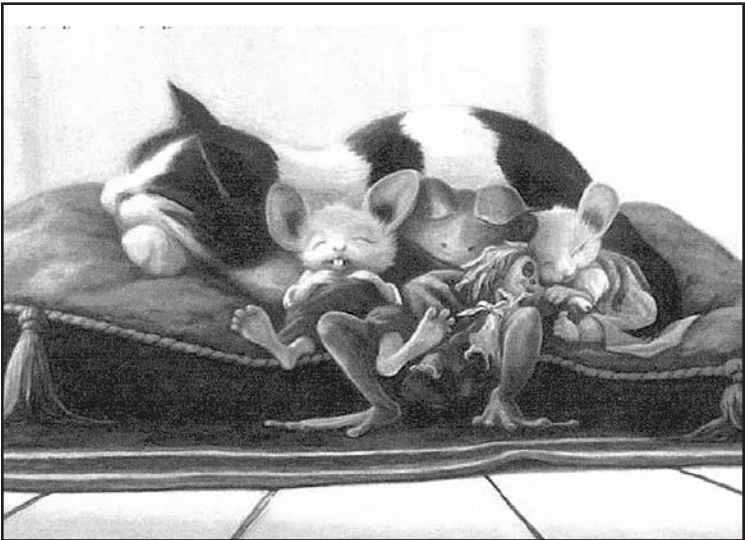
The members of the C. Columbo Lodge #1315
Antioch, California
wishes everyone a joyous Easter!



Lodge Anniversaries

Eureka #1274	3/16/24
Centinela Valley #1991	3/20/49
Salinas #2082	3/8/59
Renaissance #2259	3/4/72

Congratulations!!!



Praying for peace and harmony
throughout the world!
Happy Easter to all!



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.