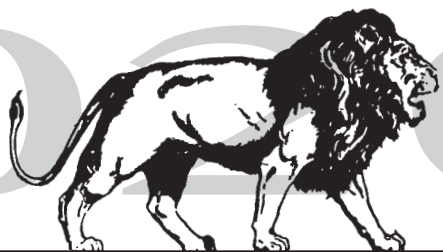


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A Message From The State President



State President
John Costa

Going on six months now, I think it's time to hurry and get to New Year's Eve and welcome 2021 in. 2020 has been a very difficult year to say the least. The year started out well, then the pandemic, shelter in place, cancellations of many events, Conference call for March Grand Council (a first), things looking better, than a upswing on cases, no Convention and now we are fighting the heat and fires in the south, central, north and in Reno. Enough already. Maybe it's a bad dream. This we will overcome and hopefully come out stronger on the other side. Let's pray real hard for our firefighters, first responders and continued prayers for our hospital workers. Better days are ahead!

Many of you have heard that we have a new Office Manager, Rodelle Palce. She is a dynamic young lady, who has picked up the day to day items very quickly. I want to thank Head State Trustee Ray Bini and State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi for helping me go thru numerous resumes. Also an extra thank you to Lori for helping out keeping the office going until Rodelle came on board. *Welcome Rodelle!!!*

Our caterers who have rented our kitchen from us for over 17 years have decided to retire, unfortunately a casualty of the pandemic. Barbara & Gabriel hope to eventually retire to Venice, once the travel restrictions are lifted. Barbara still plans to continue renting our hall, (when we can again) and has almost rented the complete parking lot for us. We wish them well in their retirement.

One thing every member can do to help the office out is to make sure your Beneficiary is correct. It makes it so much easier for the Office to work with the Insurance Company regarding the Death Benefit Program. Also please verify your address, if you have moved or changed PO Box number please let us know so we will not continue to receive "return to sender" notices from the Post Office for the Illeone. (We are charged return postage for these)

So until our State Officials give us an ok to meet, let's continue to wear a mask, and follow the guidelines set up by our elected officials. Let's continue the open communication with our members. We still need to error on the side of caution, due to the age of our organization. I know a lot of lodges are using Zoom for their virtual meetings. This may be the normal for a while.

Information will be coming out soon regarding our September Grand Council meeting soon.

So continue those phone calls to our members, feel free to contact me also with any questions or comments.

We will beat this Together!!! Stay safe!

Yours Fraternally



State 1st Vice President
Barbara Wisniewski

Sisters and Brothers:

I hope this edition of the "Il Leone" finds you all well and safe.

As we draw closer to Columbus Day, I think it is time to revisit what Columbus means to the Italian American community. Lets start with how the celebration began.

In 1892, the 400th anniversary of Columbus landing in the New World, following a lynching on New Orleans where a mob murdered 11 Italian American Immigrants, President Benjamin Harrison declared Columbus Day as a onetime national celebration. The proclamation was part of a wider effort after the lynching to placate Italian Americans and ease diplomatic tensions with Italy.

Many Italian Americans observe Columbus Day as a celebration of their heritage, and the first celebration had already been held in New York City on October 12, 1866. The day was first enshrined as a legal holiday in the United States through the lobbying of Angelo Noce, a first generation Italian, in Denver. The first statewide holiday was proclaimed by Colorado governor Jesse F. McDonald in 1905, and it was made a statutory holiday in 1907.

In 1934, as a result of lobbying by the Knights of Columbus and New York City Italian leader Generoso Pope, Congress passed a statute stating: "The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation (1) designation October 12 as Columbus Day, (2) calling on the United States Government officials to display



State 2nd Vice President
Pauline Richmond

**"Italians Feed America"
article taken from
IL Leoncino Modesto Lodge
#2021 Newsletter:**

During this tough period, Italians abroad and Italian Americans are doing their part to help others. Many are the examples of their generosity, and one involves food: the way Italians often show love and affection. In New York during the critical phase of the Covid 19 outbreak, Fabrizio Facchini, chef of the Ristorante Cotto, founded, in just a few days, the non-profit organization "Italian Feed America" with the purpose of distributing food for free to doctors, nurses, paramedics, and many poor people.

He was born in Belgium from Italian immigrant parents and he learned to cook from his grandma. He moved to California where he opened three restaurants, and then on to New York.

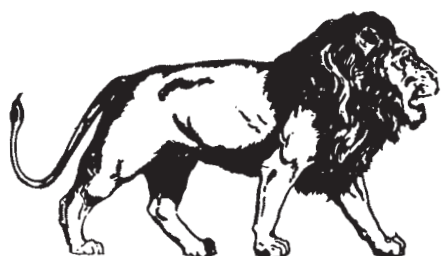
When the pandemic reached critical levels and many were unemployed, he decided to call his network connections, friends, and food suppliers, to create an organization where Italians, Italians-Americans and Italian Food Lovers could get together to help people in need. Now, this initiative spread to other states like California, Vermont, Maryland, Arizona etc.

Another interesting article taken from the Colombo-Stella Lodge #1149: Youth member Luca Fannuchi is hard at work to help with the Lodge Scholarship Fund. He got gift cards donated for ten (10) chances to win, 10 winners: Each receives a \$100.00 gift card. There is a list of restaurants on the back of



State 3rd Vice President
Sadie Tamburine

Greetings Brothers and Sisters, I hope everyone is staying safe during these unprecedented times. Has anyone attended the Feast of San Gennaro in New York City? This September is the 94th anniversary of this important Italian-American festival (Festa di San Gennaro) It is also celebrated in many US cities. Originally a one-day religious holiday, the festival was first celebrated in the USA in September 1926, when immigrants from Naples gathered along Mulberry Street in the Little Italy section of Manhattan to continue the tradition they had followed in Italy to celebrate Saint Januarius, the Patron Saint of Naples. His feast day is September 19 in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church. The immigrant families on Mulberry Street who started the feast and a group of restaurant owners, erected a small chapel in the street to house the image of Saint Januarius. They invited all to partake of their goods, asking the devoted to pin an offering to the ribbon streamers that are hung from the statue's apron. This money was then handed out to the poor of the neighborhood. Over time, the festival expanded into an 11-day street fair organized and run by people outside the neighborhood. It is now an annual celebration of food and drink, and a major tourist attraction. Centered on Mulberry Street, which is closed to traffic for the occasion, the festival generally features sausages, zeppole, street vendors, games, parades and other such attractions. The Grand Procession is held starting at 2 p.m. on the last Saturday of the feast, immediately after a Mass at the Church of the Most Precious Blood. This is



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Office Manager



My name is Rodelle Palce, I am your new Office Manager here at the Grand Lodge of San Francisco. I am an accomplished Operator and eager to use my skills to enhance and advance the day to day at the Grand Lodge. I graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration from San Jose State University in 2006.

As a Bay Area native currently residing in the Town of Danville, I enjoy biking along the trail, hiking and skateboarding. Most weekends, you can find me taking day trips to wine country, walking along the CA shorelines and visiting national parks.

I am passionate about personal growth--exploring how to make change, improve habits, behaviors, actions and reactions while empowering others to do the same. I am very excited to be part of this wonderful organization.

I hope to meet all of you soon!



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Thank you, Debbie Ure

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the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Columbus Day; and (3) inviting the people of the United States to observe Columbus Day, in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies that express the public sentiment befitting the anniversary of the discovery of America. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt responded by making such a proclamation. This proclamation did not lead to the modern federal holiday.

In 1966, Mariano A. Lucca from Buffalo, NY, founded the National Columbus Day Committee, which lobbied to make Columbus Day a federal holiday. Which successfully became so in 1968.

With all the hoopla of our Indigenous Peoples, I wonder if they care enough to see what this day means to us, the Italian Americans. I do not think they do because if they did perhaps Italian Heritage Day would have been the alternative. Why usurp our day. Do they not care about the Italian Immigrants that were lynched. I'm sure they have no idea how this came about and are so concerned with their own issues that they don't care. Our Indigenous People have gone through many troubling times but to demand that the Italian Americans give up their day is not the way to make up for it.

Thank you for all you do to keep our Order strong.
Till next month
Fraternally

State Third Vice President
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a Roman Catholic candlelit procession in which the statue of San Gennaro is carried from its permanent home in the Most Precious Blood Church through the streets of Little Italy.

Due to the pandemic it is uncertain which cities will hold the celebration such as Los Angeles and Chicago. We pray this nightmare will end soon and our lives will go back to normal.

Until next time, Sadie

State Second Vice President
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the ticket. Donation is \$5.00. So, he is not at risk, he calls people from a contact list and does this by mail. Fantastic idea and wonderful to have a youth member chairing an important program for his lodge.

Christopher Columbus Statues are being safely stored; It was good to hear that the statue in Los Angeles has been safely stored away. In Orange County, the Bowers Museum has a bust of Columbus on display in a specially dedicated alcove inside the Museum. In San Diego, the statue has been removed and placed in storage.

Our National CSJ committee is working with five largest Italian American organizations in the nation to defend Christopher Columbus in a way to conduct and distribute research studies relating to Columbus. The Foundation intends to address the preservation of Columbus Day plus an emphasis on correcting the narrative surrounding the famed explorer and other important issues.

This was taken from an article by Angelo Vivolo, President Columbus Heritage Coalition. "For Italian Americans, the Christopher Columbus statue is a deeply rooted celebration of our immigrant heritage and a public expression of pride for our cultural past and our identity".

Congratulations to the Renaissance Lodge #2259 on the purchase of their new Lodge home.

Wishing the officers and members many years of success in your future endeavors.

Until we all can be together again, please stay safe!

Fraternally yours



Valley of the Moon
Lodge # 1959

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by Susan Antonini,
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A HUNGER FOR FELLOW-SHIP...

This morning was the beginning of a day when all around the valley folks are stressing again over the fires nearing their homes....all the more time for us to pray for those around us...and hopefully find some sanity in this insane world.

MISSING A TIME OF NORMALICY

Missing human connection! (Paul Grant)

Did we ever think we would have this situation so prevalent in our midst. Disease, fires and NO Sons of Italy Dinners. Don't lose hope, we will have a time of being together as a family, again, sometime in the future!

RESILIENT...

It appears some of the older folks in our Lodge are handling this situation with somewhat of a resilient nature... Perhaps with age they have found there would be many tragedies and have learned from their past that they WILL get through this as well. Perhaps their experience has given them an "elixir for life"! (Karen Carroll)

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

Jason Chiotti
Anthony Tommasi, (scholarship in Memory of Nilla Mulas)

RECOVERING NICELY!

Marie Davis is up and around and you wouldn't know she had broken her leg... (see what I mean about resilient!)
And Louie Chiotti...recovering nicely from knee replacement surgery! (more resilience in spirit and in body!)

PAUL GRANT, our SOI President of Sonoma Lodge, says... Let's do the best we can...Stay safe!

STAY IN TOUCH!

Let Karen Carroll know how you are doing...do you need someone to talk to...??
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OUR CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS

To those that have lost loved ones...

SIDE NOTE....

Jo Grant remembers more of her Italian than I can keep up with....but it is a pleasure to try to communicate with her in Italian just the same! Thank you Jo!

Stay safe. Wear a mask and wash your hands.
Ciao!

News of Western Foundation
by Roy T. Vanoni, CAO

GOLF, ANYONE.

You may wonder why is this article being written about golf. What does golf have to do with Western Foundation. Simply put, golf is very important in our program of raising money to provide for our charities and to assist with administrative costs.

We know that the majority of the money raised by Western Foundation comes from its members and their lodges through donations. In addition, certain fundraising activities are held to help with the cost of running our organization and to help fund our various charities including scholarships.

This is where the game of golf comes into play (no pun intended). Golf tournaments have been established in two different geographical areas of the Grand Lodge of California, one in the north and one in the south. These activities have generated a significant amount of money for the benefit of Western Foundation charities and its scholarship program. Following is a discussion of the two areas where the golf tournaments have been held.

North:

For the past 21 years the Sons and Daughters of Italy Western Foundation Golf Classic has been held in Chico, California. It started out small but has grown in size, thanks to the effort of the local golf committee headed by Michael Colletti Smith, President of the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge. Golfers and friends have enjoyed the festivities which includes a "frozen meatball" putting contest, a banquet and a lively auction and raffle. Recology, a national waste management firm, has joined the event as a major sponsor.

The money raised is shared by the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge and Western Foundation.

As an example, during a five-year period, approximately \$58,000 was raised of which 40% was returned to Western Foundation. The money that went to the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge was used to support local and national charities.

The Annual Western Foundation Golf Classic that takes place in Chico is usually held during the month of October. However, in view of the current situation with the coronavirus, it is probable that the event will be cancelled in 2020.

South

This past year a golf tournament to benefit Western Foundation was held in the Palm Springs area, thanks to effort of Joe La Porta, President of the Dolly Sinatra Lodge. It was reported that a large field of golfers turned out for this first-time event. A check in the amount of \$5,000 was presented to Western Foundation as a result of this fundraiser.

The members of the Dolly Sinatra Lodge and their friends are looking forward to the next golf classic to be held in Palm Springs scheduled for November 16, 2020. We have to wait and see if the event will have to be cancelled due to the coronavirus.

Thanks to our Golf Tournaments

The Grand Lodge of California and Western Foundation are grateful to all who have contributed time and money to insure the success of our golf tournaments. Some have participated since the inception of these fundraisers.

Even though we are currently in a holding pattern until the pandemic is over, we plan to continue these golf tournaments as fundraisers to support our charitable activities and scholarship program.

Plan to join us at the golf tournament scheduled for your area. Not only can you "swing away" if you play golf but you can also enjoy the food and frivolity provided at these events.

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Joanne Coccia Lodge # 2553

Foundation 2020 Scholarships Awards
By Manny Finazzo

The Joanne Coccia Lodge #2553 Foundation is proud to announce the names of eight deserving students, the recipients of our 2020 scholarship awards in the amount of \$16,000.

The Veta M. Finazzo Memorial: \$2,000 awarded to Tyler Abbruzzese. Tyler, a graduate of Rancho Cucamonga High School in Rancho Cucamonga, CA, achieved a 3.3 grade point average. He also participated in water polo. Tyler is a sophomore at Northern Arizona State. His studies are in political science, (major) criminal justice, sociology, psychology (minor) business with an interest in communications. Tyler's goal is to earn a degree in political science and become a private practice attorney. With his determination and resolve, he can achieve his goal. Tyler is the son of Robert and Eva Abbruzzese the grandchild of Bob and Mary Abruzzese who are members of our lodge.

The Joseph Finazzo Memorial: \$2,000 awarded to Ethan Abbruzzese. Ethan, a graduate of Rancho Cucamonga High School in Rancho Cucamonga, CA, maintained a 4.0 grade point average. His activities included water polo, swim team and as a member of the Heroes Club. The Heroes Club supports the military, firefighters, police and front-line workers. Ethan plans to attend Chaffey Community College and Victor Valley College to achieve his goal of becoming the best he can be in fire science. Ethan's parents are Robert and Eva Abbruzzese and the grandchild of Bob and Mary Abbruzzese who are members of our lodge. He is the great nephew of the late Joseph Finazzo and wife Delina Finazzo.

The John Cola Memorial: \$2,000 awarded to Devin Walden. Devin attended Ar-

rowhead Christian Academy High School in Redlands, CA, with a 3.2 grade point average. Devin has volunteered with nonprofit organizations including Santa Claus, Inc., Dr. Ronald McDonald House, Brand New Day Autism Foundation, and anti-bulling events. Devin plans to attend California Baptist University to major in business and to minor in music. Devin's parents are Brian and Gina Walden, grandfather is Frank Foglio. John Cola, Devin's great uncle, was an active member of our lodge who strived to make our hall facility and property one of the best in southern California. Devin's family is extremely proud that this memorial is awarded to a family member. Lodge members of Devin's extended family include: Connie and David Ryan, Anna Chase, great aunt Yolanda Sarracino, cousins James and Janet Sarracino, along with Leah and Kevin Flaherty.

The Nick Sclafani Memorial: \$2,000 awarded to Haley Garcia for \$2,000. A graduate of Jurupa Hills High School in Fontana, CA. Haley has a 3.0 grade point average. Her extracurricular activities included peer leadership, the National Honor Society and, during summer recess, participated in the summer youth program at Kaiser Hospital. When at a very early age Haley lost her little sister, she was prompted to get involved with helping others who may need a peer person. Haley was president of the Polynesian dance, Latin dance and Link Crew organizations. She took a leadership role in these clubs. Haley plans to attend Riverside City College for the general education program before moving on to California State University. Her goal is to be in the field of psychology/psych-social worker. Haley is the daughter of Jody Garcia and the grand-

daughter of Pete and Judy Sclafani and the great niece of Florence Zerrilli, Mamie (Babe) Musolino, Anthony and Rosemarie Sclafani.

The Angelo Juliano Memorial: \$2,000 awarded to Sorowar Uddi. A graduate of Rancho Cucamonga High School, Sorowar earned a 3.6 grade point average. Sorowar will be attending Chaffey Community College with plans to major in computer engineering. To help out with financial responsibilities, Sorowar has a part-time job at the 99cent store. When time permits, he enjoys watching soccer. Sorowar is a friend of Esther and Elvira Calamore who are members of the lodge.

The Albert & Joanne Coccia Memorial: \$2,000 awarded to Melia M. Guevara. Melia graduated from Redlands High School in Redlands, CA, earning a grade point average of 3.14. Her extracurricular activities included water polo. She will be obtaining her general education courses at Crafton Hills College in Yucaipa, CA. Melia is a Junior member of the Joanne Coccia Lodge and has participated in several events. She acknowledges "learning a lot" from the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America and is proud of her heritage. Melia was a member of Girl Scouts and was always at the top of the list for the annual cookie sales contest. For a time while in high school, Melia worked in the pizza business to help with expenses for her activities. She is very proud of her family roots. Evelyn Minicucci, her grandmother, was a nurse and then a Physician's Assistant at Kaiser Permanente in Fontana, CA. Melia is the daughter of Michealynn Minicucci and the sister of our Prince Devin, who was on the court of the Sons and Daughters of Italy King and Queen Contest. Melia will do well in whatever she chooses

for her life's work.

The Ronald Bitonti & Martha Nagy Memorial: \$2,000 awarded to Gianna Rotellini. Gianna graduated from Newport Harbor High School in Newport Beach, CA, with a grade point average of 3.7. Her studies included astronomy and astrophysics. Gianna was active in volunteering in the community through her church and local homeless shelters. She loves dancing and plans to resume dance lessons. Gianna also worked while in high school. Her favorite famous Italian is Giovanni Domenico Cassie. His involvement with the space probe awarded him a space probe in his name. Based on her record and determination, Gianna will do well at Orange Coast College. Gianna's parents are Jennifer and Dave Rotellini. She is the granddaughter of Joanne Sclafani and the late Joseph Sclafani and niece to Anthony and Rosemarie Sclafani who are members of our lodge.

The Ronald Rovere Memorial: \$2,000 awarded to John Santiago Romagnoli. John is a graduate of Redlands High School, earning a 3.8 grade point average. He will be attending The University of California, Riverside. Since John was a little tyke, he was interested in all aspects of bugs (entomology). His hobby is the study of bugs and beekeeping. John owns two Italian-bred hives in his backyard. John has been involved with the assistance league of Redlands, helping young students to get involved in helping others. John's college major will be in entomology. (This is the first time I have heard of this major.) John is the son of John and Adelaida Romagnoli, grandson of Mauro and Judith Romagnoli who are members of our lodge.



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Jimmy Durante

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Italian Americans have lived exciting and remarkable lives. Knowledge of the lives of others is a valuable resource for our own success in life. Our seniors are familiar with the lives of the great and the celebrities. Italian-American youths can gain a better understanding of American history, culture, and politics by studying the lives of Italian Americans of the past and the changing times. Youths will be inspired by what they learn and made wiser with each personality studied. Each generation is built on the experiences of the previous one. Today, let's study the personality and times of Jimmy Durante.

Durante was born February 10, 1893 on the Lower East Side of New York City. He was the youngest of four children born to Rosa and Bartolomeo Durante, immigrants from Salerno, Italy. As a child Jimmy worked in his father's barbershop and delivered newspapers. He served as an altar boy at St. Malachy Roman Catholic Church. Jimmy was fascinated by the piano so his father bought him the instrument and provided lessons. He dropped out of school in the seventh grade to become a pianist and soon earned money playing at neighborhood parties. Then at age seventeen he started working in saloons and dance halls.

When Durante was twenty-three he organized his first band. A young singer came into the club where he was playing. Her name

was Jeanne Olson. After hearing her sing, Durante hired her for his band. He married Jeanne in 1921. His act moved up to Broadway's Club Nightingale. In 1923 he opened his own nightclub, Club Durante. Durante developed a unique comedic style and became a popular entertainer loved by the fashionable society of the time. His club flourished but was closed during prohibition.

Durante's act was full of music, wit, and banter. His group recorded albums, played on stage in Ziegler's Show Girl (1929) and Cole Porter's The New Yorkers (1930), and appeared in the movie Roadhouse Nights (1930). During the next nine years he made twenty-nine movies. He remained a talent on Broadway. His show toured Glasgow, Liverpool, and London. He starred in movies with Ethel Merman.

When Durante's wife died in 1943 Hollywood believed he was through. He made a comeback performing in nightclubs in New York. He was a big hit on radio and came to be known as "Ol' Schnozzola." He ended every performance for the rest of his life, whether radio, stage, movies, or television, with the words "Good night Mrs. Calabash, wherever you are." Durante continued to work in radio, television, and movies until he suffered a stroke in 1972. He led a remarkable life and contributed much to the development of American humor and entertainment. He died January 29, 1980, in Santa Monica, California.

Cesare Battisti Lodge # 1518

Petaluma, CA
by Louise Vicino

Greetings from Petaluma!

Well another month has gone by and we are still in this terrible pandema. It seems like there is no end in sight, so we must continue to be vigilant in our hand-washing, wearing our masks and keeping social distance.

So many of us in the Lodge are people who live alone and this staying in our homes by ourselves is wearing us out physically and emotionally. Thank God I haven't heard of any of our members who have gotten the virus and I hope it stays that way. Try to keep busy by thinking of calling someone else who is by themselves and who is probably very lonely. Work puzzles, do some reading, but don't just watch TV all day long.

I want to thank all the lovely people who have called to tell me that they enjoy my articles and want to know how I am doing. I really miss all of you and I hope we will be able to get together soon.

Lucchesi Center is closed and until it opens we will continue to not have any meetings or events. It is hard to plan for anything until we know it is safe for us to meet and to have our dinners.

I am sorry to hear that our President, Ernie Giono, is stepping down as our President at the end of this year. We will need someone

to step forward and accept the position. Jim Gambonini will have to hold down the fort until another person is found, so if you are interested in running for office please let Ernie know.

They also need someone to do the newsletter for the Lodge. I submit the articles for Il Leone newspaper, but someone has to do the newsletter on the computer. If anyone is interested contact Ernie @ermg1624@aol.com.

At this time, I would like to thank Ernie and Ron for all they do for our Lodge and its members. They have worked hard before and up to now, never asking for thanks. Ernie has done an excellent job in his Presidency and Jim Gamboni has done a great job when he had to run a meeting. There are so many members to thank for all their hard work. We'll talk about them in the next issue.

In the meantime Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all who celebrate this month. Get well wishes for anyone who is ill.

Please pray for our service people, our homeless, victims of crimes, our Country and the world. Pray that they find a vaccine and rid the country of this virus. Stay safe my friends.

And remember to be nice to someone you will always get it back in return.

Ciao,
Louise Vicino

Gold Country Lodge # 2705

El Dorado Hills, CA
by Tami Welch



Gold Country Lodge #2705 Sons and Daughters of Italy in America celebrated scholarship winners on June 16th, enjoying an ice cream social. Left to right are lodge scholarship chair Joanne Hyman, recipient Miles Tresser (\$1000), lodge President Anthony Scotch and recipient Zoe Moestopo (\$500)

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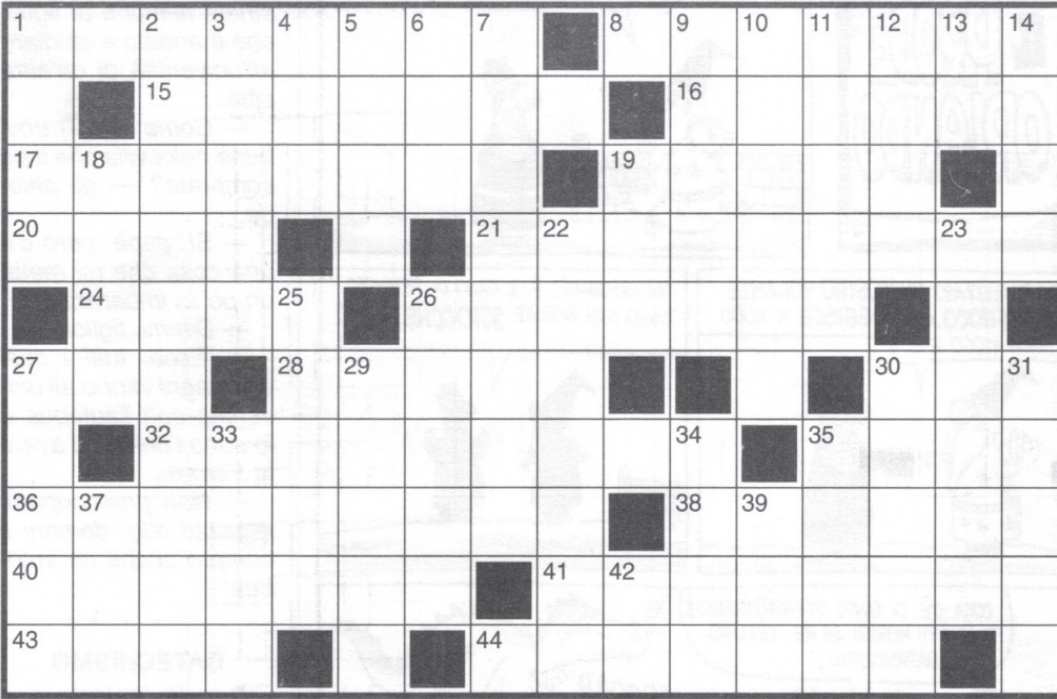
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Buster Keaton, Thelma Todd and Jimmy Durante in Speak Easily (1932).



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Misura terriera inglese - 19. Unità di informazione elettronica - 22. San... in prov. c Pisa - 23. Si contrappone al sogno - 25. Santuario in Piemonte - 26. Si portano a terremotati - 27. Arde sotto la cenere - 29. Non zuccherato - 30. Misura per l'oste - 31. Assortimento di merce - 33. Valico dell'Appennino tosco-emiliano - 34. Comprende Giappone - 35. Jacques del cinema - 37. Negazione - 39. Certificati di Credito del Tesoro - 42. Iniz. di Leoncavallo.



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Gold Country Lodge # 2705

El Dorado Hills, CA
by Tami Welch



It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye for now to our fellow lodge member John Staiti. He passed away on 8-8-20.

John joined our Lodge in August 2012...He transferred from the Lake County Lodge #2537 which his parents were founders of...The lodge closed when he transferred to our Lodge.

He was President from Jan 2015 to Jan 2017...He has been a member since 1989.

John you will be greatly missed by all!!

Riposa in pace (Rest in Peace)

A Special Thank You

Rosemarie Biagetti Vnanderhaar

A "Big Thank You" to Andy Pampuro and Debbie Ure for the wonderful page layout of the scholarship students' photos in the Il Leone. It was nicely done as always.

As scholarship chairperson and a lodge recording secretary, I truly appreciate the great job the two of them do. I believe we have one of the finest newspaper of any organization. Not an easy job to get a newspaper like the Il Leone published every month, but you do a great job, keep it going.

Scholarship News Update

Rosemarie Biagetti Vanderhaar
Scholarship Committee Chairperson

Since the Grand Lodge was unable to have a convention this past June, I would like to give a brief update of the scholarship program.

First, all 2019 scholarship recipients have submitted the proper document and information in order to request their checks. All of these checks have been issued. A special Thank You to State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi for her help in getting the checks issued. The 2019 scholarship files can be closed.

Sometime in October, scholarship application will be available on the Grand Lodge website. Lodges wishing to download them may do so. Please remember, if using the Western Foundation Scholarship application, remove all references to the Grand Lodge and Western Foundation and insert the lodge's information. This will avoid confusion. Although, it would be wonderful to have all scholarships awarded by the Western Foundation, I understand and respect those lodges that choose to award some on their own. Bottom line, it helps a young student financially to achieve their educational goals.

A question asked of me, "Why give scholarships at this time, the students are doing online studies because of pandemic?" This particularly true of those in college or about to begin college. My youngest grandson Ryan is starting his senior year at UC Santa Barbara and I asked my daughter if they still pay the fees even if classes are online. Yes, they do pay, the only saving, room and board that's free with him home (grocery bill might be the exception).

I fully realize that our lodges have not been able to meet or have fundraising events as in the past to raise funds for scholarships and other programs, but we hope you can do whatever is possible. Once again, I sincerely and fraternally wish to thank our members, lodges and other donors for their support and generosity through the years.

Please take care, be safe and stay well

Gabriele Muselli Catering Says Good-Bye

Gabriele's Catering was started over 30 years ago, serving gourmet sit-down dinners to clients in their private homes. Over the course of three decades, they have grown to be one of the finest catering companies in the City of San Francisco.

Gabriele and Barbara Muselli have rented the kitchen at the Grand Lodge building for over 17 years. They have decided to retire and move to their home in Venice, Italy when the travel restrictions have been lifted.

We would like to wish them Good Luck in their new adventure and thank them for their patronage.



L-R Gabriele and Barbara Muselli, State President John Cost, State Rec. Sect. Lori Rossi



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Roma Lodge #1573

Tulare, CA
by Larry Dutto-Roma Lodge President

Roma Lodge has not met since its February meeting and has canceled future monthly meetings for the foreseeable future. The lodge is in the center of Tulare County which is on the governor's watch list and may remain shut down for some time to come. During this time, we have had to cancel our 90th anniversary celebration, recognition of our scholarship winners, annual ravioli dinner fundraiser and junior member night just to name a few.

If the pandemic continues until a vaccine is developed, it may be well into next year before local lodges can meet and become active again. I understand what local lodge presidents are being faced with in deciding whether to try to meet or wait until society gets back to the "new" normal. As presidents we face the risk of losing members in January when the 2021 dues are being collected.

Roma Lodge dues are \$75 for members of which only \$.25 cents goes to the local lodge. In part, we encourage our members to look at their return on investment by being Roma Lodge members. If they are active, a family of four can get a net return of \$842 per year for their dues investment of \$162. However, if the lodge cannot meet, they cannot get a free dinner once a month, free ravioli dinner, Christmas party, Columbus Day BBQ or any of the benefits provided by the local lodge.

Benefits	Number	Dinner	Member	Parents	Two Kids	Total
Monthly Meetings	11	\$ 10.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 440.00
Columbus Day	1	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 60.00
Christmas Party	1	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 80.00
Farm Show Admission	3	\$ 15.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 180.00
Farm Show Food	3	\$ 12.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 144.00
Ravioli Dinner	1	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Total			\$ 251.00	\$ 502.00	\$ 502.00	\$ 1,004.00
Dues			\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 162.00	\$ 162.00
Net			\$ 176.00	\$ 352.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 842.00

We have 300 members in our lodge with about 40-70 attending monthly meetings. For those 250 members who are not considered active in the lodge, what will be the incentive to pay their dues in the future? If this pandemic continues until 2021, I know it will be difficult for local lodges, especially those already struggling, to continue.

To be on the safe side it is important that local presidents listen to their membership and decide whether to meet or not. Many members are at one extreme or the other. Those who feel lodges should not meet until everything is back to normal and those who feel it would be okay to meet now and just practice guidelines given by the CDC. Time will tell.

We do want to wish our most senior member **Agnes Pelous** a Happy 98th Birthday. She has been a member for 56 years.



Cristoforo Colombo Lodge #1534

Reno, NV
by Historian, Maria Nelson

Once again it's been a while since we published an article in the Il Leone. Our last meeting was in February. We so miss our meetings and miss seeing our members. It has been difficult to say the least wondering how everyone is and not being able to socialize with them. We are sure you all are having the same issues with your lodges. We have continued to publish our monthly newsletter so our members can keep in touch, feel somewhat connected, and know what is going on in the lodge. We also have wonderful people who are calling members to keep in touch and check on them.

January was our "Get Healthy" meeting where we learned about our brain and pain from Dr. Pam Netuschil. She also talked about and showed us the Egoscue Method for staying whole body healthy. It was an interesting and informative presentation. One of our youth, Ella Ricci, spoke about the history of "knuckles" aka gnocchi. The rest of the youth presented other Italian themed foods. We are lucky to have so many children at our meetings. They are learning about their heritage and some great recipes!!

In February, our member, Saline Pechetti, presented Savoy in Torino, Italy. The Savoy family controlled Italy until the 1940's. Saline visited the museums in Torino which have been beautifully restored. She brought guests which were family members of her Italian language class. We are so fortunate to have Saline. Her presentations are always so interesting and fun.

In June we would have presented out \$3000 scholarship to Allyson Barajas. She is Italian on her Mother's side; her grandfather came to Ellis Island from Bari and her grandmother from Sicily. She graduated from Reno High and was thrilled to receive her scholarship. We were able to set up a special lunch at one of our favorite Italian restaurants, La Cucina, and eat outside with a few of our members. Ally's mom, Elizabeth, was able to join us as well so we heard some stories of them growing up Italian! Ally is on her way to Washington State University to study Nursing and eventually become a Physician's assistant, with her drive and determination I am sure she will succeed. We are so happy some of us got to meet this lovely young lady during these strange times. I hope you will get to meet her too at Convention in 2021.

Our meetings for the rest of the year have been cancelled. We are hoping to

have a social distancing Bocce picnic of some kind before summer is over and we are still holding out hope that we might be able to have our annual Christmas Party. We have missed so this much year. Every event has been cancelled and so many are losing their businesses and jobs. We pray and hope this virus is contained soon and we can go back to being together.

Thank you for reading about our Lodge. Don't forget riduzione dei contatti (social distancing) and usura mascherine (wear your mask).

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



Allyson receiving her scholarship.



Attendees at scholarship luncheon.



Dr. Pam Netuschil - the Brain and Pain.



Saline talking about Savoy in Torino, Italy.



Lodge Anniversaries

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26	\$25.00	Francesca Lucido
27	\$25.00	Marilyn Cervantez
28	\$25.00	Susan Cahan
29	\$25.00	Tim Hildreth
30	\$25.00	Italia Barbera
31	\$50.00	Eva Lavezzari

Alice Bakhead
Beatrice Portinari Lodge
Pam Bini
Ray Bini
David Carboni
Karen Carroll
Michael Carroll
Columbia Lodge
John Costa
Donna Lee Costa
Cristoforo Colombo Lodge
Edith DeGiuro
Michael DeGiuro
Diablo Valley Lodge
Dolly Sinatra Lodge
Manny Finazzo
Father Adam Forno
Gloria Garibaldi
Joanne Coccia Lodge
Ashley Latteri
In Memory of
Father John Malloy & Mirella
Ronald Latteri
Janey Malatesta Leonardich
Hank Lowinger
In Memory of Sandra Daniels
Richard Luzzi
Debi Mistretta
Mick Mistretta
Giovanna Michalski
Bill Murphy
Lynn Murphy
Andy Pampuro
Louise Pampuro
Phil Privitera
Pugliese Lodge
Pauline Richmond
Al Rossi
Lillian Rossi

Lucille Seibel
Ted Seibel
Shasta Lodge
Hugh Ricci
Pam Ricci
Elaine Teixeira
Jan Trigleth
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365 Winners

In last month’s issue we made a terrible error saying that someone won \$200 on the 25th of the month. This was not true. the person only won \$25. The only time the prize is bigger is as follows:

Last day of the month - \$50
Mother’s Day - \$200
Father’s Day - \$200
Christmas Day - \$200
New Year’s Day - \$200
and Columbus Day - \$500

This is it, if you see something different once in a while it is wrong.

We try our best not to make mistakes but it does happen and we do apologize if it causes any misunderstandings.



National CSJ President Robert M Fierrito requested Attorney Mike Santo from our National Columbus Education Foundation to prepare the attached guidelines. Mr. Santos’ research and recommendations are very clear and should be followed.

We have had several instances here in California and other local states that have been detrimental to Italian Americans and resulted in destruction or removal of Columbus statues. We are going through an epidemic that wants to destroy culture and historical events including the heroic actions of Christopher Columbus. We cannot afford to see our future generations not recognizing Columbus and others who contributed to the making of America.

Please contact me or the Grand Lodge of California upon recognizing any political or media action that may affect our culture.

Tony Ricevuto
CSJ/Grand Lodge of California

MEMORANDUM

To: OSDIA Supreme Council
OSDIA State and Subordinate Lodge Presidents
CSJ Board of Directors, Voting Members, and

From: Robert M. Ferrito, President, Commission for Social Justice

Date: August 6, 2020

Subject: Guidelines for Columbus Statues

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The attached guidelines are for your edification on how to approach the removal of Columbus statues in your state. I would like to remind you that all laws are local, and you must do your due diligence on how your local laws will affect your situation. I would like to thank Attorney Mike Santo from our National Columbus Education Foundation for preparing this guideline. Mike has been very supportive of OSIDIA and has worked with a number of our State Lodges.

Please be assured that the CSJ is doing everything to assist our State Lodges as we, the Italian-American community, come under attack. Our State Lodges must stay in touch with filial lodges and contact National CSJ as soon as there is an issue. When we are contacted we will provide assistance. Please remember to be courteous but firm in your correspondence with your local elected offices.

Please free to contact me at any time.

Stay Strong, Stay United, Stay Safe, and We Will Prevail!!

Fraternally
Robert M. Ferrito
National CSJ President

COLUMBUS STATUES

As a starting point, one must understand where their Columbus statue stands in the scheme of things. I've pointed out a number of scenarios.

I have reviewed dozens of articles dealing with various statues of Columbus nationwide. They vary from local municipalities, to State to Federal, on both private and public property. They all share one thing: they're coming down at a rapid rate, with no likelihood of a good ending ... unless the complacent, silent majority wakes up and demands what it wants.

I've spoken with a number of Italian American leaders and advocates, both before and after being invited to the upcoming meeting. There is no uniform response, but I do offer the following, as promised.

There are several ways to stop the carnage:

The main concept is CONTROL. In this regard, the analysis starts with examining the history of the statue, that is, who, what, when and where issues. The most common matter is where local Italian American organizations raised funds, selected an artisan, who created the statue, and where those organizations GAVE the statue ("donated" is the buzz word here) to the local City, Town, or other municipality.

By donating the statue, the Italian groups gave away control. The city now owns and controls the statue. No one expected that at some point after the generous donation, the subject statue would be the subject of the fringe movement. That movement looks at Columbus in a different way and the vocal minority has been getting their way as of the last few years.

So, now, when the city determines that the statue is offensive to some groups and wishes to move or take down the statue, what are the Italian American groups to do? That all depends on the CONTROL.

CONTROL comes in various ways:

- **OWNERSHIP:** This is where the statue was never transferred or donated. That is a rare matter.
- **PRIVATE OWNERSHIP:** This is also rare and suggests that the statue was purchased, erected and placed on private property. This is the ultimate CONTROL.
- **CO-OWNERSHIP:** This is also a rare matter, and suggests that the municipality and the donating entity decide in unison.

- **Contract:** this is surprisingly frequent (Philadelphia and Baltimore, for example). Here the city agrees to maintain the piazza where the statue sits, as well as the statue. The authority to move, destroy or permanently take down the statue depends on the agreements, covenants, and/or other writings in the contract. At least, there is a start, which is to review and have the contract examined by an attorney to determine the rights and/or authority over the statue.
- **PRESERVATION STATUS:** There are a number of examples where the statue is erected and then "protected" by a Preservation authority under the codes of the municipality---sometimes called "Art Commission," or other such like labels. This swings the onus to the parties who want to remove the statue, prompts a hearing or review, and is ultimately decided by a panel/commission, or other authority under the codes. Usually, the members are selected by the Mayor. It's important to research the statue at the local library, the Clerk's office and to speak with the local historian.
- **DIALOGUE** Whether the "opponent" falls under the terms of the Indigenous People, or the local college groups, an open dialogue carries with it little to no downside. It's never good to be viewed as intransient, obstinate, or just plain stubborn. Know your limits in terms of the options discussed here. If you have little or NO CONTROL, understand that your position is at the weaker level.

Also know that we're all here dealing on a fleeting basis. Some statues are over 100 years old. Where will the subject politicians, and YOU, be in just 30 years. Consider dealing with the current situation and build on ideas for the future, when things may possibly return to some degree of normalcy.

HOW TO GET CONTROL

The above are examples where control is created early, but the list is not complete. One can ask for preservation authority at any time after the statue is erected, and the atmosphere is different around the country.

The strongest level of CONTROL still remains POLITICAL, i.e., where the local government, Mayor, council and other politicians are "on your side."

1. **POLITICAL:** Votes for the candidates who will stand up to the minority, but loud, wave of demands to remove not just Columbus, but so many others reported in the press. The political on its face is hard to understand, but it really should have been anticipated. What's very unusual is the rapid and uniform rate it has taken across the country.

Politicians, by and large, are weak-kneed and usually bow to the loudest voice in the room. The silent majority has remained silent and complacent, with many afraid to rock the political and social agendas.

Regardless, a strong political drive to restore what once way is an excellent way to achieve the goal. The problem is that it takes a great deal of time. The trend of changing history started some years ago, and the momentum is still peaking. This method must be tried and is considered a poor current choice, but an excellent and effective one long range.

Fundraising for political activism, lobbying efforts, and social media communications are key. Getting our Italian American population active has been uniformly difficult, with mixed results; nevertheless, our options here are limited, but can certainly yield big results.

2. **SELF HELP:** The best example is the local Italian American groups in Philadelphia, who have swarmed and circled a number of statutes to physically protect Columbus statues in their community. It works on a temporary basis, but is not a desirable choice given the clashes, visuals, and heavy time demands to actually pull this off. I would reject this outright in that it is a short-term, and ugly, choice.
3. **WRITTEN CAMPAIGNS:** You know the answer: letter writing, petitions and such just don't work. Unless there is an absolute barrage of letters piled on a politician's desk, elected officials will absolutely not budge under this so-called pressure. The politician's main objective has rarely been to properly represent one's constituents; the main goal is to be re-elected (Back to POINT 1). Bottom line: unless the campaign can bowl over an official, it's a waste of time.
4. **LAWS AND STATUES:** As an offshoot of the political POINT 1, an effort to lobby the legislature for protective laws would be excellent. I note the following: KNOW YOUR PLACE. This will not happen in NY State, nor will it happen in any liberal state...in the short term. The federal laws do have protective measures, but they relate to federal edifices and statues only. This would be considered a long-term goal here; nevertheless, it can be a viable option on a local basis IN THE RIGHT PLACE.

5. **GRASS ROOT OPTION** As an offshoot of the "political" discussion, grass roots involves a great deal of organization, time and some money. The point is to put PRESSURE on the political engine and the people who make the decisions. Called the "*countervailing theory of pressure politics*," this concept is the most typical way to go when there is currently NO CONTROL. Gaining the support of the silent majority, the theory is that politicians will cave in to the numbers of people who call, write, and show up at hearings and debates on the topic. Once viewed as a silent group, the now vocal group will usually prevail.

Some ideas here:

- Buy well placed ads to express your view
- Run feasible candidates in the local government
- Show up (really simple)

6. **LEGAL PROCEEDINGS:** *So, this is the one we should target, noting that there is no clear path for the reasons stated below:*

a. **SORTING:** In order to properly evaluate the legal remedies, we must understand the legal underpinning of the actual erection of the statue:

i. **WAS IT DONATED**

1. **DID THE DONOR INSIST ON ANY RULES AND/OR STIPULATIONS, AS MAY HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY (SEE BELOW)**

ii. **WERE THERE WRITTEN STIPULATIONS THAT TRAVEL WITH THE STATUE**

1. **DID THE BENAFCTOR INSIST, AND DID THE MUNICALITY AGREE, THAT THE STATUE WILL REMAIN AT A PARTICULAR SITE FOR A CERTAIN NUMBER OF YEARS, ETC. THIS IS FACT BASED AND UNIQUE TO EACH PIECE**

iii. **IS THE STATUE ON FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY LAND**

1. **EACH LEVEL HAS DIFFERENT RULES AND LAWS TO PROTECT (OR NOT) THE STATUES**
2. **EACH LEVEL WOULD ALSO DICTATE THE COURT VENUE, I.E. WHERE A LAWSUIT WOULD BE BROUGHT**

iv. **WHAT ARE THE LOCAL AND OTHER MUNICIPAL RULES AS TO THE MAINTENACE, ERECTION AND REMOVAL OF THE STATUE**

1. **THIS REQUIRES NOT ONLY LEGAL RESEARCH, BUT, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, AN EXAMINATION OF THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT, WHICH MAY (SHOULD) BE AVAILABLE IN THE RELATIVE CLERK’S OFFICE**

b. **CHOICE: THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITES HERE, BUT WHICH ONE(S) IS/ARE THE BEST CHOICE(S)?**

When there are multiple choices as we have here, it’s best to select that battle that would yield the best results. Winning is not actually the optimum point, as the notoriety of a lawsuit can very well be a more critical point. In this regard, one has to determine the above points, the venue of a legal proceeding, the law involved, and the “atmosphere” of the location. My choice: FEDERAL COURT. I love federal court. The judges are more serious, usually more liberal and not under the constraint of pollical pressures (they’re appointed for life). The best and worse issue is that the impact of any decision would be hard on the loser.

Start with venue. Boston, New York City and Philadelphia each have large concentrations of IAs. This is important to gain traction in the location in terms of moral and financial support, but also, of course, political impact.

Match this point with the local laws. Do we have an actual CIVIL RIGHTS CLAIM? Would a federal court be the best bet? The US Constitution is a start, but note that each state has its own State Constitution, some of which offer more protection and more liberal interpretations of the law vis a vis civil rights law.

c. **PROCEEDINGS:** Not everything is created equal. A New York lawyer stands less of a chance before an OHIO court when it comes to success. That has been true for a long time. While the same law would be applied and the same arguments made, the attorney and law firm proceeding with a legal cause is best made by a local---and, usually, a powerful---law firm (reasons unstated).

In addition to selection of a local, powerful lawyer/law firm, if a tandem of a black civil rights attorney with an Italian American attorney is at all possible, the visual can go a long way. NOTE: I clerked for a prominent black criminal defense attorney in my third year of law school, in Boston. I cut classes to attend a trial where he was representing a black drug dealer trying to make his way into the Boston market. He encouraged me to sit at the trial counsel table for two reasons: (1) to learn; and (2) for he and client to benefit from my young, white face. Don’t underestimate this point. That lawyer now runs a large firm and would be a first choice to present a case concerning the Boston Columbus statue.

The packaging of a lawsuit is critical. In addition to the above points, the underlying factual matters as to the creation of Columbus Day, etc. should be presented by experts. I have in mind two gentlemen I worked with in New Orleans: one an author, who is a former NOLA Police Office and, later, a Federal prosecutor; and the other a local historian. I mention NOLA for the obvious reasons of the 1891 lynching and the present benefit of tying in this historical event with our present Civil Rights claim.

Once all of the factors are weighted and considered, it’s time to pick and choose perhaps three venues to bring a law suit. In each, a local firm should be retained to first offer advice as to the likelihood of success, and then recommendations as to the local laws and overall strategy.

As an example, in New York State, in order for a court to Order a governmental body to do something that they should do (protect and/or replace a Columbus statue), the proceeding is called an ARTICLE 78 Proceeding. In effect, it’s a TRO (temporary restraining order), which if initially granted, requires a hearing on the points and issues. If not immediately granted, it’s dead in the water.

d. **MONEY:** The entire discussion is DEAD MOOT if there is no gumption to speed money to back these projects. This really should be the up-front and immediate question, for if there is no financial dedication, what’s the point?

Do you see any singular IA organization spending \$100,000 for such a project? Do you see a quick organization of a few strong IA groups proceeding in this manner? Time is critical in my view.

In my opinion, I would suggest that under the right circumstances, and in the right venue, the above propositions could very well yield not only positive legal results, but also a positive atmosphere where there would be traction in the IA community. Traction usually means donations, political pressure and generous results. The tide will turn. The major question is when and if at the end of the day whether there will be one Christopher Columbus statue standing anywhere in this country. We need to get pissed off in a real organized and dignified way. If this doesn’t happen, don’t expect success.

Here are some examples of a temporary “fix”:

- 1. Encourage local Italian American groups to take the statutes from the municipality if the latter has no plans for the statue. Erect the statue on PRIVATE property, where the municipality has no control---other than, perhaps, issuing a permit for the placement of the statue.
- 2. Encourage local Italian American groups to take/buy the statues and keep them in storage pending a better societal atmosphere.
- 3. Press the local District Attorney, police and other criminal justice elements to arrest, prosecute and try people who commit crimes involving the destruction and removal of statues. There are laws on the books already, but we see police forces around the country told to “stand down,” to prioritize arrests and not initiate arrests, as well as District Attorneys who squarely reject such prosecutions.

These positions are clearly contrary to standard law enforcement and, of course, represent a new view on not only statues of Columbus, but General Grant, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and even those great men and women who fought for the abolition of slaves. If you want to approach this in a common sensical way, don’t try.

SUMMARY

It would be nice to press all of the alternatives listed above. That would require enormous resources in personnel and finances, but it would also require somewhat of a promise that there is a good degree or likelihood of success. If we don’t try, we will never know.

Let’s evaluate our options, be true to ourselves in terms of what’s practical, and decide on some realistic short- and long-term goals. I’m in.

WEAR A MASK AND REMEMBER
SOCIAL DISTANTING



Advice from the WHO

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

Dear State Officers, Past State Presidents and Committee Chairs,

I hope that everyone is staying healthy and abiding by the rules of your local government. It is a strange year to say the least for all of us.

I want to fill you in on a few items going on with and around the Grand Lodge:

The caterers that rent our kitchen have decided to retire and close their business and are no longer renting the kitchen. Gabriele and Barbara Muselli have been tenants at our building for 17 years. Their hope is to retire to Italy, as soon as the travel restrictions have been lifted. Barbara will continue as our Hall Rental Manager, and is hoping that things will pick up, once we are able to gather in large groups. Here is a photo taken recently of Gabriele and Barbara Muselli, myself and State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi.



Our Judiciary Committee is working on the best way to handle our upcoming filial lodge elections. This is a trying time for all of our lodges and the election of new officers will be a challenge. Once the committee has come up with guidelines, they will be passed on to you and Local Lodge Presidents. As many of you heard, our Office Manager Alexis Cardenas resigned her position in June. An ad was placed on Zip Recruiter and interviews were held at the Grand Lodge office. The Interview Committee consisted of myself, State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi and State Trustee Ray Bini. We successfully hired a wonderful young lady. Her name is Rodelle Palce. In the short time that she has been employed, she has truly embraced our Order. She is extremely talented and I am looking forward to what she can do to push our Order forward.

John Costa President Grand Lodge of California

Interesting history facts about Italy

1. Rome is over 2,000 years old

Rome was founded in 753 BC. The Roman Empire, named after the city where it began started in 27 BC, and ruled over much of Europe and parts of North Africa until 395 AD. After this Italy was divided into many separate states.

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

Italy has only been a country since 1861 when the separate nation-states unified together as the Kingdom of Italy.

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

Italy had a royal family until 1946 when citizens voted to abolish the idea of a ruling monarchy in favour of a republic in the wake of the Second World War. King Umberto II ruled from 9 May 1946 to 12 June 1946.

4. The country was under a dictatorship for 20 years

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

5. Italy’s national day is called the Festa della Repubblica

The founding of the republic is celebrated every year on the 2nd of June.

6. The national flag is green, white and red

The colours of the Italian flag represent hope (green), faith (white) and charity (red). Another interesting fact: the flag was inspired by the French flag of similar design. Interesting history facts about Italy

Roma Lodge #1573

Tulare, CA
by Larry Dutto-Roma Lodge President

Roma Lodge has nearly 60 junior members 18 years of age or younger. Junior members are the lifeblood of any local lodge and represent the future of the organization. As a child I remember not being allowed into lodge meetings as ritual and protocol mandated no children be allowed in the meeting during the business session. Those days are long gone, and it is a good thing. How can we expect our younger members to become involved in lodge activities and take on leadership roles if they have never experienced what local lodges do?

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic is having the same affect on our children and grandchildren. Roma Lodge annually has a special night in August just for junior members. A special meal of hamburgers, hotdogs, crinkle fries, chicken strips and popsicles make for a fun night. A special raffle is held just for juniors as they get their choice of many back-to-school items they can choose from. They assume the officer chairs and run the meeting. We had to cancel our meeting because of the pandemic. These children have been out of school since March and may not be able to attend school again, in person, until January or later which may cause irreversible damage to their learning and social skills. Let us all pray this pandemic is over soon and we can resume our meetings and social activities for our junior members.



Past Grand Lodge Queen Maci DePaoli-Daramy remembers attending lodge meetings and activities as a young child and now ensures her two daughters attend so they will understand what the lodge is all about and carryon the Italian Culture.



Domingo “Pat” Maffia
1928 - 2020

Roma Lodge members are saddened with the passing of Pat Maffia who was born October 20, 1928 in Petaluma, California. Pat and wife Carol joined Roma Lodge in May of 1972 making them nearly 50-year members of the lodge. Pat was the son of Pietro and Maria Maffia, Italian immigrants. Pat was the ninth out of eleven children and grew up on the family’s dairy farm. He was raised and educated in Petaluma. In 1950 he joined the army and served in Korea. After his service in the army he returned to Petaluma and went into delivering propane.

In 1965 Pat and Carol started a dairy business in Santa Rosa and later that year the family and dairy moved to Sonoma. The family and dairy relocated to Tulare in 1971, and finally settled in Tipton two years later.

Pat was a longtime supporter of Roma Lodge. He spent many hours in his shop and was a wood craftsman designing and building many wooden toys. He donated several to our queen’s garage sale fundraiser. After he retired from the dairy business Pat and Carol traveled extensively. Pat always said that he had seen all he wanted to see, done all he ever wanted to do, and had few regrets.

Farewell Brother Domingo “Pat” Maffia

1. Italy has a free wine fountain

A free wine fountain sounds like the stuff of dreams – but it’s a very real thing in Caldari di Ortona in Italy. The small town has a free wine fountain that flows 24-hours a day with locally grown red wine. The fontana di vino can be found in the Dora Sarchese vineyard, which sits on the Italian pilgrimage route of Cammino di San Tommaso.

2. Italy is the fifth most visited country in the world

Italy received over 62 million international visitors in 2018, making the country the fifth most visited in the world. Some of our favourite places to visit are the iconic cities of Rome, Pisa, Florence and Milan, along with gems like Lake Como, Assisi, Verona, Sorrento and the beautiful Isle of Capri.

3. All three of Europe’s active volcanoes are in Italy

We already knew Italy is a smokin’ hot country, but did you know Italy is a hotspot for volcanic activity? All three of Europe’s active volcanoes, including Etna, Vesuvius and Stromboli.

4. Italians invented pizza in Naples

The first modern pizza, with a tomato base, was made in the Campania region of Naples in 1860. Since then, it has become one of the most beloved foods on the planet. Although the humble pizza has gone through many changes over time, the world’s most delicious pizza can still be found in Naples today. Buon Appetito!

5. Italy has the most UNESCO World Heritage sites in the world

One of the most interesting fun facts about Italy is that it’s packed with historic treasures. As of 2019, Italy is home to 55 UNESCO World Heritage sites. They tie with China as the country with the most UNESCO sites in the world. With gems like the Colosseum in Rome, the city of Pompeii, and the glorious Amalfi Coast, it’s no wonder the country receives millions of visitors each year.

6. Italians have eaten pasta since the 4th century

Pasta is a crucial part of Italian culture, with many of the world’s best pasta dishes created in Italy. And they’ve had time to perfect their craft. Evidence suggests that pasta dishes in Italy date back as far as the 4th century B.C. after historians found paintings in a pre-Roman Italian tomb thought to depict pasta-making equipment. Whether you prefer a creamy carbonara or a classic spaghetti bolognese, we guarantee you will eat the world’s finest pasta in Italy.

7. There are over 1,500 lakes in Italy

The lakes of Italy are stunning, and there are over 1,500 of them scattered across the country.

C. Colombo Lodge #1315

Antioch, CA

by Zelda LeFrak-Belleci

At Home with Safety-in-Place
Our answer to Covid-19



The mask may be off, but the C. Colombo Lodge Recording Secretary observer the stay-at-home protocols during the covid-19 pandemic. Pam Bustos edits C. Colombo's newsletter from her home office. She is pictured above working on finding interesting tidbits to include the monthly publication. Pam's trademark is to sprinkle Italian idioms throughout the pages of each addition.



Pictured above is C. Colombo's Treasure, Rose Marie DiMaggio. Rose has spent her "social isolation" time cleaning closets, writing her monthly article for the Pittsburg Historical Museum newsletter and last, but not least, polishing her silver tea service.



Tough as social isolation may be, the pandemic has turned early hour commuters into house bound office workers. Roseann Ortland, Financial Secretary of C. Colombo Lodge, has set up her computers in the living room as the Contra Costa County employee diligently works from home.



C. Colombo member Michael Maridon, better known as "The Masked Gardener", has turned his side yard into a farmyard paradise. Michael has gotten a variety of tomato seeds from Italy. He nursed them in a special grow-container until he transplanted them to the sunny side of his Discovery Bay Home. He is anxiously awaiting the taste test!

Cesare Battisti

Lodge #1518

Petaluma, CA
by Louise Vicino

Greetings from Petaluma!

I usually write about my beautiful garden but tonight I am in my nightgown ready for bed and I remembered that I needed to get my article in. It's midnight so hopefully I will have been able to get this in to the paper.

This pandemic never seems to end, so until it is over we cannot have our meetings as the Lucchesi Center is still closed. The Lodge is on hold and it looks as though there will be no Christmas Dinner or Crab Feed in the future. Even if they are able to open and have them I'm sure that people will be cautious in getting together.

Since President Ernie said he is feeling better, that he would continue on as President, if everyone wanted, and as long as he could get volunteers to help him. It seems that many members have stepped up and offered to help so he is willing to stay on.

President Ernie tried to see if our dues could be lowered, so he asked and was told it cannot be done as the money goes to the Grand Lodge for expenses, charities and running of the building in San Francisco. He is also looking into having a free dinner for all members whose dues are paid.

I don't have much to report since we have not had any meetings. Please remember to follow the guidelines: wear your masks, no social gatherings, keep your distance and wash your hands often. This virus will not give up unless we all follow the rules.

Thank you Ernie, for all your stories and jokes that you send into the emails and members. At least you are trying to make members smile and take their mind off this pandemic for a little while.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all celebrating. Get well wishes to any member who is ill.

Remember to call someone and let them know you care about them. There are a lot of lonely people out there. Pray for our troops, the homeless, victims of crimes, our Country and the world.

Be nice to someone, you will always get it back in return.

Ciao
Louise Vicino

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of the Il Leone

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.

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