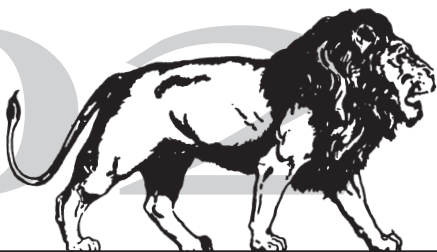


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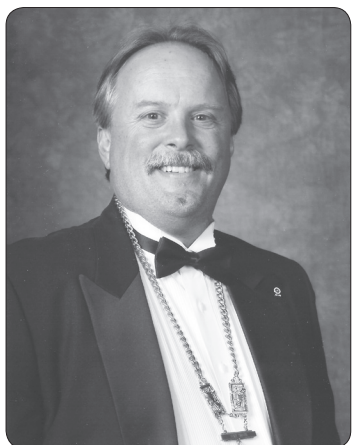
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A Message From The State President



State President
John Costa

One month into the New Year, 2021 and we are slowly getting thru this pandemic; at least we are seeing a dim light at the end of the tunnel. Vaccine distribution is on its way, even though slow we are getting close. Keep the positive thoughts there. Just imagine what the people of 1918 were thinking compared to what we have to day. STAY POSITIVE!!

It is nice to hear Lodges are still trying to stay in touch with their members. The drive thru dinners many lodges are doing seem to be successful and even though we do not see that smiling face thru that mask, I am sure it is under there. Many lodges are using Zoom for their get together and to have their meetings also. I am on a zoom call once a month with all of the other State Presidents and our National President, (I am driving based on the time difference, so no video) but a lot of discussion from the other states are struggling as we are, but the one thing that is always discussed is stay positive, stay in touch, and we will overcome this.

My hope was to have an in person March Grand council

But, it looks like we will not be able to meet yet. We will be scheduling a "zoom" Grand Council soon. More information will follow shortly.

Thank you all that help support the Western Foundation raffle. The winners will or have been chosen, by the time you receive this issue of the Il Leone.

I will end my article with something cute; someone sent this to me recently. A lot of people have been doing word search puzzles and good old fashion puzzles, so... A silver haired lady calls her neighbor and says. "Please come over here and help me, I have started a killer puzzle, and I cannot figure out how to get started". Her neighbor asks, "what is supposed to be when its' finished?" The lady says, According to the box it's a rooster. Her neighbor decides to go over and help. She lets him in and shows him the puzzle all over the table. He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says "first of all, no matter what we do, we are not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster." He takes her hand and says "secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then", he said with a deep sigh.... "let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."

So lets all be patient we will get to see each other soon without the mask, enjoy good food, good drink and great friendship!! Reminder my phone is always on!!

Stay safe and healthy!!
Yours Fraternally



State 1st Vice President
Barbara Wisniewski

I want to congratulate our Lodge Presidents who are setting up either all Zoom or Hybrid meetings. Some of our Lodges are doing take out/drive by dinners to keep in touch and to do fundraising during this time. There is one Lodge that is doing a "Dining on Zoom" meeting twice a month. They pick a type of food and everyone makes it. Then they spend an hour eating and socializing. If you don't make the meal you can still socialize. It is a wonderful way to keep in touch safely. All our Lodges are doing a great job of keeping in touch with our members.

We have just celebrated Valentine's Day. Here are some fun facts about the history of this day. This day is celebrated in Italy but didn't start with Saint Valentine it began about eight hundred years before he was born. Valentine's day history has its roots in ancient Roman culture when Juno Februtis, god of purification and fertility, was worshipped on 15 February.

The feast of Lupercalia was also celebrated on February 15th and was a very popular feast believed to bring purification and fertility on the city of Rome. It celebrated the end of the old year (February being the last month in the ancient Roman calendar), the coming of Spring and the start of the growth of crops.

Some commentators on engagement traditions maintain that on the eve of 'Lupercalia' - February 14th - the names of young Roman women were drawn from an urn by young men and became 'betrothed' for at least the following year. Some,

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State 2nd Vice President
Pauline Richmond

Dear brothers and sisters in OSDIA, in these days, our world seems rife with division, envy, and hatred. Patience, compassion, understanding seem scarce, and when they do appear, seem too often overwhelmed with knee-jerk negativity to have much impact.

As I have written in my past articles, I have focused on building Membership, offering constructive ideas, and setting specific goals. As we all know, building membership requires constant solutions and implementation for the future of OSDIA.

Membership and Leadership go hand in hand. My goal is to share ways we can reach out to members with whom we have not communicated for a long period of time. I feel it is important that we reach out to our senior members who paved the way for our great organization. Let us not forget our junior members who will one day carry on the legacy of OSDIA.

We must be the organization in which every Italian American wants to be involved. Through our works and our actions, we spread the word in our communities. Think outside the box for new ways to share with others in our communities. We are all in this together within our organization, and we need to share those ideas to further our involvement in building membership.

I am passionate about our organization and spreading the good news about us to others.

Friendliness, warmth, welcome, kindness, openness, cordiality, generosity, and love are words that mean hospitality. These words should describe our actions

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State 3rd Vice President
Sadie Tamburine

Greetings brothers and sisters. I hope all is staying safe during these difficult times. Thought I would share the treasured story of Saint Agatha as her feast day is celebrated every February in Catania, Sicily. For centuries, from the 3rd to the 5th of February each year, Catania goes through a unique experience. A whirlwind of strong emotions accompanying the three incredible days dedicated to the "Santuzza", as the locals name it, that involve thousands of devotees every year. They are eventful days full of faith, tradition, and devotion, a Feast that is quite unique in the world; the only comparison can be the Holy Week in Seville, Spain, or the Corpus Domini in Cuzco, Peru. During these three days, the whole town is abuzz for the patron Saint's Festival, the young Agatha, virgin and martyr from Catania, whose amazing story can touch every heart. The girl, a young and beautiful Christian coming from an aristocratic family, resisted the flattery of the Governor Quintianus, and struggled against his abuse of power to defend her faith and her moral integrity. However, the cost of this choice led to a painful martyrdom (above all the cutting off her breasts and even her life). She is remembered for miracles related to Mount Etna eruptions, earthquakes and some epidemics affecting Catania. The story goes that on February 1, 252 (Agata had died the year before), the city was threatened by a violent eruption. The inhabitants of the nearby villages, terrified, took the veil that was wrapped around her tomb, and used it as a shield against the lava flow. The white veil sudden-

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though by no means all, of those unions later became marriages.

So modern Valentine’s Day traditions related to becoming ‘engaged’ on 14th February seem to go back as far as the culture of ancient Roman weddings.

The rise of Christianity meant that Christian leaders weren’t keen on keeping ‘pagan’ traditions - nor did they want to alienate the Roman population.

So, the feast of ‘Lupercalia’ was re-defined as a Christian festival of love, re-dated to the eve of ‘Lupercalia’ - 14th February - and dedicated to a third century Roman martyr, executed on 14th February and subsequently to become a Saint - Valentine (or, to give him his rightful name, San Valentino).

And so, our present Saint Valentine’s Day traditions were born.

In the third century A.D., the Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers - so he banned marriage for young men of fighting age.

A young priest called Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, continued to marry young lovers in secret. When his defiance of the Emperor was uncovered, he was imprisoned and sentenced to death.

But he wasn’t finished yet. Whilst in prison he became friends with one of his jailers, who had a daughter unable to see. In an act later defined as a miracle, St Valentine restored her sight and his jailer converted to Christianity.

Still, that’s not the end of the story. For the day before his execution Valentine wrote a letter to the daughter, expressing his regard for both her and her father. He signed it “Your Valentine”.

And so, the Valentine’s Day traditions of letter-writing and, in the eighteenth century, sending cards, were born, and have remained part of the culture of Italy ever since.

Till next month Barbara

State Second Vice President
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in our lodges.

“Let all you do be done with love for the Order Sons and Daughters in America with kindness, understanding, and gentleness”.

I think Mother Teresa said it perfectly. “There are no great things, only small things done with great love”

Prayers for everyone to stay safe and well in 2021 and be able to get together soon!

Fraternally yours – until next month

State Third Vice President
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ly turned red and stopped the eruption. It was February 5, the anniversary of her martyrdom. Catania was rescued and, from then on, the city, splendidly lit up with fairy lights, is crowded every year with visitors and devotees from all over the world while Saint Agata, in her silver cart, the “vara”, goes to meet her people, throughout the town. The Festival begins on February 3 with a long and solemn procession at noon that goes from the Church of Sant’Agata alla Fornace up to the Cathedral, where the offering of the wax rite takes place. Eleven big candles, representing some local guilds, and the two Senate carriages close the procession: an eighteenth-century sedan, followed by a smaller car, carry the city’s administrators. In that same evening, ‘a sira’ u tri, a spectacular fireworks show is held in Piazza Duomo. In the early hours of February 4, after the Messa dell’ Aurora (Dawn Holy Mass), the bust of Saint Agata leaves the safe room inside the Cathedral where it is permanently kept. This is the most beautiful climax to the crowd’s anticipation: people are strongly moved and, among their shouts and applause, the procession begins accompanied by religious songs. The Saint and her relics are brought outside the ancient city walls, drawn by a silver carriage. The procession first moves towards the church of Sant’Agata alla Fornace, where her martyrdom took place, then to

Sant’Agata al Carcere; there, an olive tree recalls how the virgin, escaping from the men of Quintianus, managed to feed herself thanks to its fruits. Running quickly while dragging the heavy carriage up to the “Cappuccini slope” is an ancient tradition too; in the meantime, the townspeople from Catania, with their traditional black skullcaps and votive white tunics, named ‘u saccu, wave a white handkerchief and invoke their Patron Saint: “Tutti devoti tutti, cittadini, viva Sant’Agata”. Followed by a firework show. February 5 is the “peak” of the feast, the most eagerly awaited day by everybody. In the afternoon, the cart leaves Piazza Duomo to tour inside the city; it advances very slowly and crossing via Etnea it moves ahead up to piazza Università. It then moves towards piazza Stesicoro and, further, to Villa Bellini. The cart reaches Piazza Cavour – Piazza Borgo for people from Catania – late at night. After a long and spectacular firework show, the “vara” reaches the cross between “Quattro canti” and the San Giuliano slope. Here an exciting game of endurance of all candore precedes “la corsa del cordone” a cord pulled by thousands of townspeople (if all goes well, that means a good harvest next year). The race ends at the intersection with Via Crociferi, where the beautiful singing of the cloistered Benedictine nuns pays homage to the Saint. At daylight it is

Shasta Lodge # 2453
Redding, CA
by Carole Dellaragione

Hello from Redding:

We really don’t have much news from our lodge. Like most of the rest of the lodges, we have suspended our meetings and events. We have had a few members who have tested positive for Covid 19, but only one, that we know of, who was hospitalized briefly.

We are holding our council meetings in person with proper social distancing. While some of your lodges have held elections for the 2021-2023 officers, we have decided to have an election when we can once again hold in person meetings.

Some of our members were on hand at the Northern California Veterans Cemetery to fluff and place wreaths as part of the Wreaths Across America project for Christmas. Also a couple of our members serve on the board for the cemetery. Thanks to all who helped.

The work does go on around the building, just this week President Jim Nobili, Paul Monette and John Tasello spent a morning at the lodge repairing our back gate to our parking lot.

We hope you are all doing well and that this pandemic is over soon.

Happy Valentine’s Day from Your friends at Shasta Lodge.



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Barbara Wisniewski State 1st Vice President and Husband Ken

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As you know with lodges not being able to hold meetings or events it has also effected the Il Leone.

We are asking those who are willing to view the newspaper on the website only to contact the Grand Lodge and have your name taken off the mailing list.

We are trying to save on both the number of newspapers to be printed and also the ones being mailed.

We would really appreciate anyone who is willing to view on the website only.

Thank You

Roma Lodge # 1573

Tulare, CA
by Larry Dutto-President

The World Ag Expo was started in Tulare, California in 1968 at the Tulare County Fair. The show was started with an idea of a few local farmers sitting around in a garage one day having a few adult beverages according to *Charlie Pitigliano*, past Roma Lodge President and WAE show chairman in 2016. The original show was called the *Tulare Field and Row Crop Equipment Show*. Each year the show grew in attendance and facilitated the move to the current site in 1982. The name was changed to the World Ag Expo, now with over 2 million square feet of show space, 1,200 volunteers and numerous permanent buildings with plenty of exhibitor space for indoor and outdoor displays. Attended by over 100,000 people and 1,200 exhibitors the show is the biggest in the world.



WAE 216 Show Chair Charlie Pitigliano and wife Nancy,



The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the WAE going to a virtual show this year. With Tulare County having numerous cases and deaths resulting from the virus the WAE Board decided months ago to cancel the show and go online to keep the 53rd show somewhat viable. Like many other local lodges in California the cancelation of the show has a huge impact on one of Roma Lodge's major fundraisers for the year. The lodge has been at the show for the past 52 years and is one of the few 32 non-profit organization food booths who have been at every show since in started in 1968.

We can see many other lodges throughout the state have had to cancel their participation in local community events, held annually for many, many, years. It takes a lot of effort of local lodges to convince members to participate in these fundraising activities. It is a credit to the Roma Lodge members who have kept this fundraiser going for 52-years. Many have held the role of chairperson for the event and some of those for several years in a row. Although, we know the show has been canceled for this year we hope to renew our fundraising efforts in 2022 with our Italian Sausage Booth at the WAE!



Happy Valentine's Day!



Cesare Battisti Lodge # 1518

Petaluma, CA

by Ernie Giono... President

This article from Cesare Battisti Lodge #1518 is dedicated to Louise Vicino. In the January issue of of the Il Leone, Louise "retired" due to her health issues. She must have had a premonition of the future as Louise has now been reunited with her beloved Louis. The members of our Lodge found her articles chock full of very useful information which we will be eternally grateful. Rest In Peace Louise. Diane Gizzi Contributing member

With the passing of our beloved Louise Vicino, we are trying to fill in the large gap she left us with. She passed December 28th, four days before her 92nd birthday January 1st. We will not fill her shoes because that is impossible. Myself and others can only write this article for her.

Even during these trying times when we are not able to get together for meetings, we still stay in touch. Surprisingly we were able to welcome 6 new members to our lodge and a couple of re-instate-ments. This makes me very happy to see our lodge growing...

Cesare Battisti Lodge is looking forward to a new meeting place in the future when the CDC will allow us to gather again. We decided on the second Sunday of each month at 2PM in the afternoon, Social hour with a short meeting at 3PM followed by an typically Italian early Sunday dinner. As usual, hors d'ouvres, dinner, wine, beer and sodas, dessert all included. This afternoon time will be more convient for those who would rather not drive at night. The location is Rancho Grande, 5099 Snyder, Rohnert Park, CA 94928. For more information contact me erng1624@aol.com



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Eureka, CA
by Joe Bonino

Since we could not meet and honor our 2020 Pinochi and Stagnoli scholarship awardees last May, this month's Il Leone article will introduce them to our members.

Alyssa Camilli graduated from Arcata High School in 2020 with honors and is now attending UC Davis studying Psychology and Sociology. Her accomplishments while in high school include: peer tutor, Sources of Strength mentor, Soroptomist Girl of the Month, Wellesley College Book Club award, AHS German language honor society. She is an artist and was accepted into the Arcata High Arts Institute and her artwork was shown in various local businesses in Arcata.

Upon admittance to UCD Alyssa was accepted into the College of Letters and Science honors program.

She is the daughter of Michelle and Steve Camilli, Jr. of Eureka.

Angelina Gracie Giraud graduated from McKinleyville High and is attending Sonoma State studying Social Work and Psychology.

She served in student government and as a cheerleader and became fluent in Spanish.

Gracie was a four year member of Future Farmers of America and served as chapter President. She earned her FFA State Degree with her SAE project: baking and decorating specialty cakes, cookies and cupcakes. She has since turned this project into a successful business called Tiny House Cakes.

Gracie is the daughter of Anthony and Jenifer Giraud and is the granddaughter of longtime Eureka Lodge #1274 members Dave and Donna Olivieri.

She has helped our lodge by working at the polenta fundraisers and the annual accordion and bocce festivals for many years.

Shante' Spears graduated from Eureka High. She attends College of the Redwoods and is completing general education requirements leading to studies in psychology and business. She intends to transfer to a four year college in either Arizona, Idaho, or Houston, Texas.

At Eureka High she played on the freshman girls basketball team and served as a cheerleader and student government officer for four years. She also created and led the EHS mindfulness club.

Shante' is the daughter of Julie Fanucchi and the late Tay Spears. She is the granddaughter of our late Eureka Lodge member Gloria Fanucchi and her husband Joe.

She is the great-granddaughter of Roy Fanucchi and the great grand niece of our member Evo Fanucchi.

Shante' has helped our lodge by working at the polenta fundraisers over many years.

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 application sent directly to them.



Shante' Spears of Eureka High



Alyssa Camilli of Arcata High



Gracie Giraud of McKinleyville High

Valley of the Moon Lodge

1959

Sonoma, CA
by Susan Antonini

RENEWED MY MEMBERSHIP....

Thinking that was the best way to go in this COVID time....stay with something I know that has given me great joy! Sons of Italy membership...if you haven't renewed...do it now...!

SCHOLARSHIPS ...

Keep in mind that you are able to donate to scholarships..... a worthy cause...and tax deductible.

EMAILS...

It was a couple of articles ago that I asked for emails from you folks out in COVID land....AND YES, to my surprise I did get one from Leslie and Marilyn....I was so very happy...

It would still be pleasing if you send an email...if you do not have a computer, a phone call or text would be welcomed as well...

PHOTOS....

Now I am asking for photos...please send them to my email, it is found just under my name at the top of this article....I look forward to seeing a photo of your garden, vineyard, sleeping dog or what ever you see fit to send....and I will put it in the next Il Leone.

THERE WILL BE AN END TO THIS....

as those of you know that have experienced worse things in your lives....we just need to support each other and be patient and trust God to give us HIS peace.

Our PRESIDENT PAUL GRANT...

Says he wishes everyone well, and looking forward to the time we can be back together.

RECORDING SECRETARY Karen Carroll

Also says she misses 'you'.... and we all

Pray for those recovering from illness!

Ciao! Happy Valentine Day

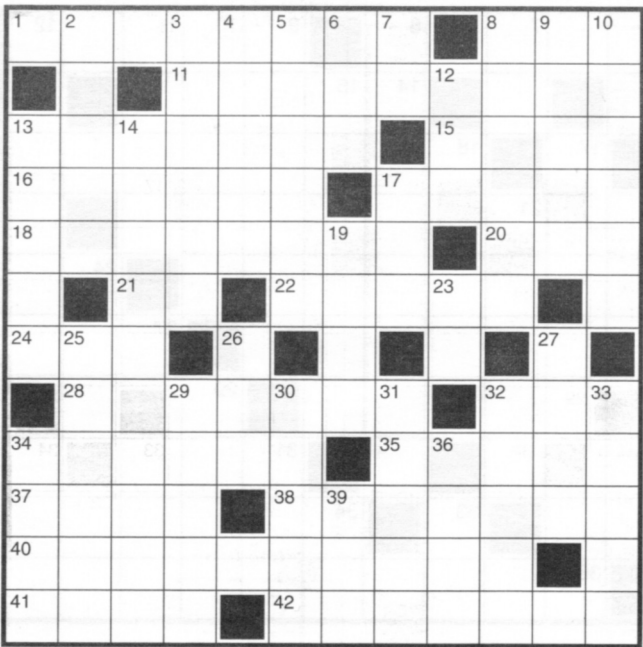
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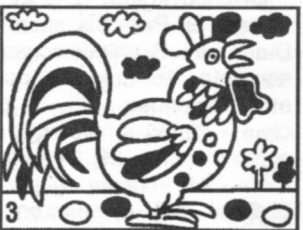


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IL NEGATIVO

A quale delle quattro vignette numerate corrisponde il negativo riprodotto in alto?

Cartooning

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When we think of cartoons we think of funny drawings of people and animals doing funny things. The word "cartoon" was first used hundreds of years ago. It described an outline that an artist drew when planning a picture on a wall or a ceiling. Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci and others artists made cartoons.

One popular form of cartoon is the caricature. It is drawn to make fun of the plans or proposals of notable people. These cartoons can sway people to take a certain political stand or adopt a social value. The first humor magazines were started to publish these satirical drawings.

In America these artists were called cartoonists. Thomas Nast and Art Young were two famous American political cartoonists. In the years before and during World War II, David Low was the most famous political cartoonist. It was said he was worth more to England than a battleship.

In 1922 the Pulitzer Prize began awarding a \$500 prize for the best political cartoon of the year. On editorial pages of newspapers we see political cartoons. They help us form our opinions and make decisions. People of every age enjoy a good cartoon.

The most popular cartoons are the comic strips. Animated cartoons are those used to make a movie. Walt

Disney's Mickey Mouse and Woody Woodpecker by the Italian-American cartoonist Walter Lantz are examples of animation. Italian-Americans have contributed much to the development of cartoons.

Cartoons are effective means of communication. They express ideas that would otherwise take many words. What makes some cartoons funny is you don't need any words to explain them. Cartoonists can become famous because they inform and entertain society.

Many people have a favorite cartoonist or a favorite form of cartoon. Cartoons are used to illustrate books in almost every field from scientific to religious. Cartoons are used in advertising too. One popular form is the gag cartoon. It is a single panel cartoon usually with a caption. Some cartoons are black-and-white; others are in full color.

Drawing cartoons takes considerable practice and talent. Cartoons depict expression, character and action. Getting good ideas for cartoons can be challenging. But cartooning can be profitable if one works at it. Success follows anyone who wants it bad enough and works hard enough to obtain it. One needs to have a good imagination to create cartoons. There are schools and books to teach modern cartooning. Don't waste your talents.



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Clovis, CA

by Carol Watson, President;
Lou Catallo, Historian;

Elizabeth Laval, a former producer at PBS TV, Fresno, and now in charge of the Kearny Museum, has now been assigned by the Fresno County Historical Museum to help plan an Italian Heritage section to the Fresno Museum at the fairgrounds. For anyone of Italian heritage, this is an especially important event. This museum display will be one of the few ways that we can demonstrate that we, as a contributor to the success of Fresno County, were here. If you have photos or stories that you would like to submit, contact Olivia Gallegos at 251-5992, or Sandra West, Friends of the Fair, 1121 S. Chance Ave, Fresno, CA 93702, (559) 650-3247. Contribute according to your ability by contacting Sandra if you wish. They are also accepting names for plaques to memorialize your family in the valley.



— Com'è romantico qui: cadono le foglie!

Le Foglie

Columbia Lodge #1940

MAKES GOOD ON ITS TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM
by Joe Simoni

A group of us met on December 20th at the main fire house in San Mateo at 10:00 AM, only to be told that none of the fire houses were not accepting toys in 2020 as a result of COVID-19. They are accepting gift cards to be distributed to the agency to purchase toys. They did recommend the Central County Fire Department (Station 35) in Burlingame. We drove approximately 4-5 miles from the main fire station and pulled into the lot where the firemen were working. We dropped off 5 33-gallon trash bags of toys to be delivered to the children who located in San Mateo County. We had members and friends drop off their packages to the Toys for Tots committee that consisted of Silvana Da Dalt, Arlene Nunziati, Lilianne and Mike Croaro, Bennie Pardini and Diana Garibaldi. Many of the members and friends donated toys for this worth-while cause. At the presentation were President-elect Angelo Fanucchi and his wife Angie, Lilianne and Mike Croaro, Arlene Nunziati, Bennie Pardini and Diana Garibaldi. The weather and the true feeling of Christmas could not have been any better. Grazie tanto to all the members and friends who worked to make this special program successful.



Celebrating Valentine’s in Italy

Valentine’s Day is synonymous with love and Italians traditionally have been considered to be lovers. Known in Italy as “La Festa Degli Innamorati,” Valentine’s Day is celebrated only between lovers and sweethearts. Young sweethearts in Italy profess their love for each other all year round with a more recent tradition, attaching padlocks or “lucchetti” to bridges and railings and throwing away the key.

The celebration of Valentine’s Day in Italy is actually an imported holiday from the American tradition, just like Halloween which was never originally an Italian tradition but is celebrated today. It is a holiday for romantic couples and children do not exchange Valentine cards as they do in the United States.

History

Valentine’s Day actually has its origin in the Roman Empire as a holiday on February 14 to celebrate the Queen of Roman gods and goddesses. The ancient Romans also considered this queen named Juno to be the goddess Queen of Women and Marriage.

Another legend related to the origin of Valentine’s Day refers to St. Valentine who was a priest who defied the Roman emperors’ order banning marriage between lovers during wartime and Valentine secretly married them. Once this was discovered, he was put to death on February 14 and later was named a saint by Pope Gelasius.

Valentine Celebrations in Italy

To celebrate this lovers’ holiday Italians give each other flowers, plan romantic dinners and present each other with chocolates, much like in the United States. The renowned Italian chocolate maker, Perugina celebrates this day by making a special edition of the Baci chocolate candies with a shiny red wrapper and a sweet red cherry and liquid center rather than the traditional hazelnut one. These chocolates are always a favorite and inside the foil wrapper there is a “love note” with a romantic phrase.

Florence and Venice are traditionally considered to be two of the most romantic places in Italy but Verona, the city of Romeo and Juliet celebrates Valentine’s Day with a four-day celebration of events designated “Verona in Love.” In the center of Piazza dei Signori a giant red heart is painted on the street and illuminated heart-shaped lanterns are featured throughout the city center. Free concerts with romantic themes take place in Piazza dei Signori and there is a contest for the most beautiful letter written to Juliet. To attract lovers and sweethearts to spend a weekend in Verona, many of the local hotels offer deals and the restaurants feature specially priced menus.

Remembering My Friend ~ Vita Zaccaria

by Rosemarie Biagetti Vanderhaar

I first met Vita shortly after I joined the Order in 1983. She was President of the United Lodges of Southern California at the time and I was a new delegate from the Palm Springs Lodge (now Dolly Sinatra).

I have to say, I didn’t find her very friendly, somewhat intimidating. As time went on and I got to know her and work with her, we became good friends. Years later I told her how I felt when we first met. Well, it made for a good laugh between friends.

Over the years as we continued to work together through the United Lodges but also, the Federated Italo-Americans of Southern California, the friendship grew. For many years, going back to the 1990’s, we worked together and with others on the Columbus event at the Los Angeles County Mall and later at Casa Italiana.

Our friendship extended beyond working together, by attending some events together. Some of the time, I would pick her up and off we would go, the “ladies of the Order going down the highway in a black Ford F-150 pickup”.

We talked family. Her grandson Vito, Jr., was the same age as my oldest grandson Garrett and they both played sports, especially baseball. I remember her telling me she was going to be a great-grandmother. She was so excited. I teased her saying, “You are one up on me”. Yes, like “girls”, we gossiped. Weekly phone calls to talk about nothing and everything. Tried not to call her on Wednesday or Thursday. Usually on Wednesday, Vita got her nails done and on Thursday, her hair, which was always perfect.

My last phone visit with Vita was nearly a year ago. She was a mentor, a fraternal sister, but more than that, a friend I could share thoughts with or vent about something.

Rest in Peace Vita as you now join your beloved husband Nick. CIAO!

Pugliese Lodge #1375

by Rosemarie Biagetti Vanderhaar
Recording Secretary

The Pugliese Lodge has lost a longtime member and true daughter of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, Vita Zaccaria. Sister Zaccaria passed away on Wednesday, January 6th around 7 a.m. Vita has been a member of the Order since April, 1954. Through the years, she has held various offices in the Lodge even serving as President. She also served as president of the United Lodges of Southern California.

To this day, she holds the distinction as the only woman president of the United Lodges of Southern California. For many years, Vita was an assistant then Vice President of Columbus Day Events for the Federated Italo-Americans of Southern California.

At the Grand Lodge level, Vita served as State Vice President, Southern District, State Treasurer, State Trustee and State Historian. Served on many committees and through the years made many, many friends in the Order. Of all the jobs she did for the Order and Italian community, she poured her energies into being Chairperson of the Columbus Celebration. Vita took the position from the late State President Carl Serra, representing the Order and United Lodges along with the Federated in doing this event every year until a few years ago. Even though, no longer chairperson, she continued to work on the committee.

Vita was also an active member and officer in several church societies at St. Peter’s Italian Catholic Church and served on the Parish Council...

Vita married Nick Zaccaria on July 17, 1955. They have two sons, Vito and Michael. Nick preceded her in death on August 5, 1998. She is also preceded in death by her parents and brother. Vita is survived by son Michael, son Vito (Rebecca Arkeilpane Zaccaria), grandchildren Michelle (boyfriend Josh), Nicole (husband Jimmy) and Vito, Jr. (Rosemary). Great-grandchildren Nova, Vito and Zenith.

Funeral services were held at Calvary Cemetery, Los Angeles on Monday, January 25th at 11:00 a.m.

The Pugliese Lodge extends its prayers and deepest sympathy to the Zaccaria family.



Lodge Anniversaries

Sacramento #1352	2/8/25
Diablo Valley #2167	2/13/66
Shasta #2453	2/23/80
Joanne Coccia #2553	2/19/84

Congratulations!!!



Northern Solano Lodge # 2534

Fairfield, CA
by Sue Perry

We quietly made it through the 4th of July celebrating America's birthday at home. Things just didn't feel the same because it wasn't, but we felt pride in our country as we watched different states sending up to the heavens an amazing display of fireworks.

Every year we put on different events to help raise money for our scholarship fund. This year we did a "Winner Every Day" drawing, which was to take place in May but had to be moved to July. Our lodge president Mark Rossi along with Juanita Stopponi, Don and Jeanne Cradduck and Jerry and Shirley Firpo gathered all the tickets together and pulled the winning names. We had twenty-nine \$25 winners, one \$250 winner and one \$200 winner. I think all were extremely happy with their winnings. There was a little joy in July.

Time marched on with not much happening until September when our area was hit hard by the LNU Complex Fire. This devastating fire showed no mercy as it roared through Lake Berryessa, and headed toward Solano County with a vengeance. The fire was nothing like we had ever seen in our lifetime. With sadness we learned that one of our members, Rod Neubert, had lost his beautiful home, as the Flames came hurtling over the Hills of Fairfield. Other members had to be evacuated, piling on more stress for the (I am dripping with sarcasm here) wonderful year we were already having. We gained a huge amount of respect for the heroic efforts of our First

Responders. We watched as they tirelessly fought almost insurmountable odds, to fight an unquenchable monster, but after a long battle the victory was theirs.

September came and the lodge officers were able to get together at the Odd Fellows Hall in Suisun to discuss upcoming projects such as scholarships, Remember A Vet Project at the Sacramento National Cemetery and a number of other charities we support. The Food Bank team was hard at it in October. Joy and Rod Neubert, Hannalore & Robert, Baffico, Don & Jean Cradduck, George & Kay Locatelli, Juanita Stopponi, Jerry Firpo, Frank Mossa, and Richard Bailoblocki sorted and packed 93 boxes totaling 2,718 pounds of food. Great job food Bank Dream team.

Due to the fact that we were all going stir crazy and craved human contact, a few of our members got together at the picnic area of Jelly Belly in Fairfield just to catch up with each other and see how everyone was doing. Even though we were still under heavy smoke-filled skies, It was nice to get out of the house and see our brothers and sisters of Northern Solano Lodge. We all wore masks, were socially distanced and even picked up some sweet treats from Jelly Belly.

November brought on an idea of having our Pasta Feed after all. We got permission from the Adult Recreation Center to use their kitchen to prepare the dinner. The date of December 10th was saved, and plans were being put together. We also elected our board for the 2021-2023 term

of office, with Don Cradduck taking over as president of our Lodge. Congratulations to all who were elected to these important positions.

December came and so did our Pasta Feed. People purchased tickets ahead of time, they were assigned a time to pick up their fabulous dinner(s) and our crew brought out the meals to each car. The dinner consisted of scrumptious pasta and meatballs, a wonderful green salad and an awesome chocolate chip cookie for dessert. A great big thank you goes out to our kitchen team: Frank & Lori Rossi, Carol Urban and Renae Kelly, and thank you also to the Distribution team: Don & Jeanne Cradduck, Hannelore Baffico, Laurretta Graham, Caroline Abughazaleh, Pat Galli and Kay locatelli. You guys ROCK!!!!!! It was a very successful dinner that raised over \$700. Again, thank you one and all.

Well, that brings us up to January 2021, and if I left anything out, I humbly apologize as it's hard to put a whole year, that was crazy enough, into one article. Our new year has already started out with questionable circumstances, but being the optimist I am, I fully believe that things will get better. There's an old saying that goes something like this, "when the going gets tough, the tough get going," and that is just what we are, tough. We will get through this, we will come out stronger and we will stand together as a family.

So, once again, I wish each and every one of you a happy 2021.



Edna Barnes and Jeanne Cradduck Pasta Feed
December 10, 2020.



Lori Rossi, Carole Urban, Frank Rossi and Renae Kelley.



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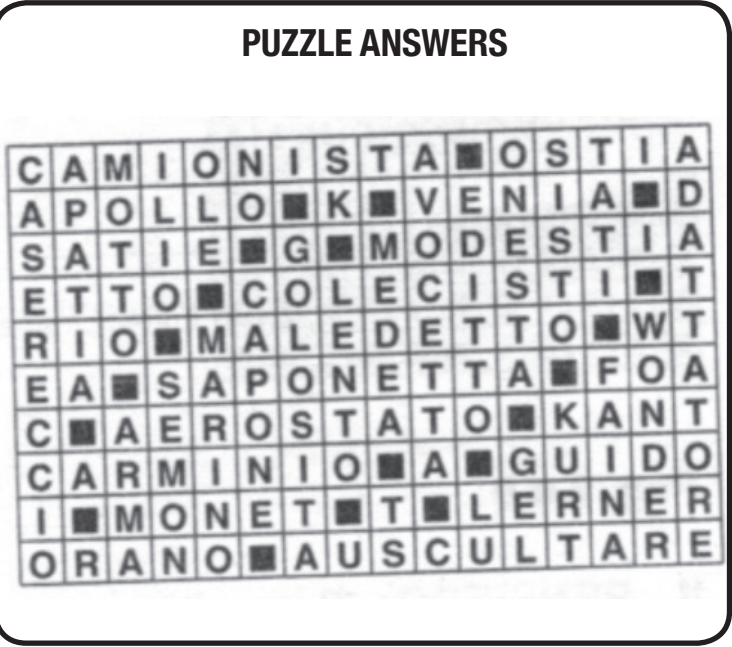
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SOCIAL DISTANTING



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Anniv. Feb. 23, 1980
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