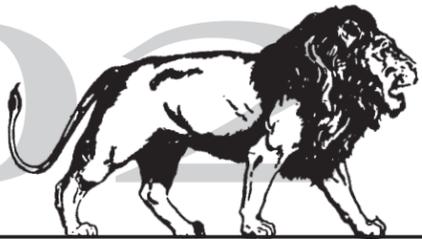


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To All Members
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A Message From The State President



*State President
John Costa*

I know everyone is looking forward to getting back to the "new normal", attending meetings, cooking dinners, fundraising and attending celebrations. A lot of things we all have missed over the last almost 18 months. Time is coming for this to happen, but we still have to be cautious.

We are in the midst of currently planning our "ZOOM" State Convention; this will be new for all of us so please be patient. The plan is to take care of business in morning then our National 1st Vice President has asked to speak to the convention delegates; afterwards we will have installation of the new officers. This will take everyone's cooperation to achieve this but I have confidence in all of you.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Mother's day celebration. For many this was the first time to see our families "safely". The next celebration is Father's day. Again please everyone be careful.

It is nice to see that many Lodges are slowly meeting again, even though things are different, it is always nice to see that smile behind a mask.

Was I able to accomplish

all my goals that I set as your State President these past 2 years? Personally I say "no" But who would have thought we would have to deal with a pandemic for the past 18 months, that closed down cities, states, an entire country and our world actual. We have to stay positive and recover stronger

We have yet to find a replacement Office Manager, but our Recording Secretary is filling in. Once the lodges start having events and more help is required at the Grand lodge we will hire an Office Manager. Thanks again for the help and extra effort Lori!

This will be my last article as your State President. I want to first thank all of my fellow Grand Lodge Officers and Committee Chairs. I appreciate all of your help during the past two years. I also want to thank all of you, the members of our filial lodges for all of your hospitality and kind words.

I especially would like to thank the Grand Lodge 1st lady for putting up with me, not only these past two years but the past four years as your State President. Thank you Donna Lee!! If we were having our Convention in Anaheim (where it was supposed to be) I would ask her "Donna Lee you just put up with the State president for 4 years where are you going to go now "-Disneyland!!!"

Hang in there everyone. Vaccines are working, the numbers are showing this. We are going to beat this, and come back stronger than ever.

Stay safe and healthy!!
Yours Fraternally
John Costa
State President



*State 1st Vice President
Barbara Wisniewski*

Can you believe it is June and our Convention will be at the end of the month? I'm looking forward to seeing many of you on Zoom. Although the Convention will be different this year, we plan to get work completed. If you have any questions on the Convention, don't be afraid to ask. We will get the answer to you.

I know it has been a hard year for everyone, but we know that the need for donations has increased as the fundraising has decreased. Please, if you can see your way clear, donate to one of the charities or scholarships through the Grand Lodge at Convention.

I hope many of you sent emails to the New York City Mayor DeBlasio. It is a shame that an Italian American led the removal of the Columbus Day holiday in the New York City Schools. Chancellor Ross Porter, who is not of Italian descent could possibly be excused but there is no excuse for the Mayor.

We in the California Grand Lodge have a Columbus statue that was removed from its public spot in San Diego. Our Grand Lodge worked to get it gifted to the Fratellanza Garibaldina Lodge in San Diego. The Lodge would find a place, on private property, where it could be shared with others of Italian heritage. I hope when you are reading this that it was a successful endeavor. Thank you to President, Sal Denero, for bringing it to our attention so we could get the word to all the local Lodges as well as the National CSJ and the Conference of Presidents. We will not be ignored. We will speak with one voice if you

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*State 2nd Vice President
Pauline Richmond*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in OSDIA,

We survived 2020 – perhaps not without illness, suffering and loss, and perhaps not as we had planned. But survive it we did and with a willingness to continue being on this earth with the hope that we will serve one another humbly with Fraternalism.

This month, June 2021 will be the end of my two-year term as your State 2nd Vice President. It has been a challenging two years keeping in touch and communicating with the Lodges. I want to thank the Lodges for their support and keeping me informed of their lodge activities. I am honored and so humbled to be able to share this portion of my life and the influence it has had on my personal involvement in OSDIA. I will always be grateful for the opportunity to serve as a State Officer of OSDIA.

June is also the month for State Convention. The convention may not be exactly as we had in the past. Pandemic regulations have required a virtual meeting. Members gathering to listen to good speakers and sharing the joy of Fun Night, this year will not happen. But the business necessary for a state convention can and will be done. Dedicated members willing to take the challenge of a state office are needed. There is much to be done in the next two years, and all members are needed. I encourage you to consider serving as a state officer.

Accepting the challenge of being a state officer takes time and commitment. A thorough understanding of the work/operation and bylaws of the

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*State 3rd Vice President
Sadie Tamburine*

This is my last article since will not be running for another state office. I have enjoyed serving as your third Vice President and wish my replacement the best of luck. I'd like to thank everyone for their support during my tenure. Happy Father's Day to all the dads. Hope you've enjoyed my trivia articles. Love, Sadie

1. Italy has three active volcanoes: Vesuvius, Etna, and Stromboli.
2. Italy is often called the Bel Paese, which mean beautiful country.
3. Italy is home to the largest number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites – more than 40.
4. Italy has 20 regions and 6 islands.
5. Italy speaks a national language, which was based on the Tuscan dialect, but each region still speaks its own dialect.
6. The Vatican is a separate sovereign nation, its own country.
7. Italy is slightly larger than Arizona.
8. The thermometer is an Italian invention.
9. The piano hails from Italy.
10. With almost 40 million visitors, Italy is the fourth most visited country in the world.
11. The average Italian consumes 26 gallons of wine a year.
12. The typewriter is an Italian invention.
13. Italy did not become a united country until 1861.
14. The Italian Wolf is considered the national animal of Italy.
15. Italy has over 3,000 museums.
16. The national sport of Italy is soccer (known as football outside of America).
17. Italy's national dish is pasta.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

by Andy Pampuro

This paper that you have in your hands is our June issue. It is the last issue with a message from our State President and the three Vice Presidents. The next issue will be our July/August issue which is usually the one where there are pictures galore and a story about the convention. However, this year there will be no regular convention. We will be having a one day virtual convention and the paper will have pictures of our newly elected State Officers from our new State President on down the line. If you are running for an office please send me an up to date photo so I may include it with the rest of the group. I was really surprised that the only one who put an ad in the paper was Barbara Wisniewski who is running for State President. Our State President and three Vice Presidents please remember that your monthly articles will start with the September issue and I need them by the 20th of each month. You are all adults and should be able to remember the 20th. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

The pandemic has really hurt the Il Leone since lodge were unable to hold regular meetings or social events. Therefore there were many less articles although some lodges did write about different members who did outstanding things during the pandemic. With everyone getting the vaccine shots things should be a lot better and we can return to a normal life. How I miss a hug or kiss from my fellow members.

Grand Lodge officers and committee chairs please check your addresses and phone numbers in the paper and let us know if anything is wrong.

If you not getting the Il Leone or wish to stop getting it please notify the Grand Lodge office.

Just because we aren't having a convention this year doesn't mean we have to discontinue our yearly donations. The various donations we make each year helps our various charities so please continue with your donations. The list of Il Leone sponsors will be

erased with the next issue except for a few who made recent donations. The cost to get on the sponsors list is \$25 per person per year. Make out your checks to Western Foundation and earmark it Il Leone.

Remember that when you send in an article to me also send a copy to Debbie at debbie@sanddrphics.com.

As most of you know I have lost my ability to swallow and for the last year have been a a feeding tube which keeps me alive. I recently went for a swallowing test and failed miserably. I was told this was my life until I die. I took it very badly thinking I can never again taste my wife's wonderful cooking or better yet her cookies. I am still in a wheelchair but I have high hopes I will walk again. I go for therapy every week and am doing okay, I have two wonderful and caring care givers, my wife Louise and my caregiver Sylvia. God has got to reward them both. Louise and I will be married 71 years in October. WOW!!!!!!



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**State First Vice President
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allow us to do so.

When you bring issues to Tony Ricevuto, our CSJ Chair, you bring it to the Nation. We will all work together to resolve said issue. Don't try to do it on your own. There is strength in numbers, and we have the numbers.

I hope you all have a safe summer, and we'll get back to a form of normal come fall.

Till then
Fraternally
Barbara

**State Second Vice President
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order are necessary. A willingness to work together is necessary. Open your mind and heart to listen and then ultimately act upon the challenge of becoming a state officer!

The stability and existence, depends on ALL OF US.

I am looking forward to participating in our State Convention on June 26th with a positive and constructive attitude; As well as connecting with and hearing input from delegates thru out the States!

Fraternally yours

**State Third Vice President
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18. Napoleon spent his first exile on the Italian island of Elba.

19. The vespa scooter was invented in Italy in 1946.

20. Italy has the most hotel rooms of any European nation.

21. Everyday 3,000€ gets tossed into the Trevi Fountain.

22. Italy's national flower is the Lily.

23. Sixty percent of the world's art treasures are in Italy.

24. Opera was created in Italy.

25. Bubonic Plague killed one-third of the Italian population in the 14th century.

26. Italy has won the World Cup four times.

Fun Facts

The name Italy comes from the word italia, meaning "calf land," perhaps because the bull was a symbol of the Southern Italian tribes.[4]

Italy is approximately 116,400 square miles (including Sicily and Sardinia), which is slightly larger than Arizona.

The official name of Italy is the Italian Republic (Repubblica Italiana).

Italy is said to have more masterpieces per square mile than any other country in the world.

Almost four-fifths of Italy is either mountainous or hilly.

In 2007, a dog named Rocco discovered a truffle in Tuscany that weighed 3.3 pounds. It sold at auction for \$333,000 (USD), a world record for a truffle.

Italian Food Fact

Italians take their food very seriously.

Italians claim to have taught the rest of Europe how to cook. Italy is responsible for introducing the world to ice cream (via the Chinese), coffee, and fruit pies. In addition to Belgium and France, Italy also claims to have made the first French fries. The first Italian cookbook was written in 1474 by Bartolomeo Sici.

The Italian wolf is Italy's unofficial national animal and plays a large role in the legend of the founding of Rome.

When McDonald's opened in 1986 in Rome, food purists outside the restaurant gave away free spaghetti to remind people of their culinary heritage.

Parmesan cheese originated in the area around Parma, Italy. Italians also created many other cheeses, including gorgonzola, mozzarella, provolone, and ricotta. No one knows when the pizza was invented, but the people of Naples made it popular.[8]

The University of Rome is one of the world's oldest universities and was founded by the Catholic Church in A.D. 1303. Often called La Sapienza ("knowledge"), the University of Rome is also Europe's largest university with 150,000 students.

There are two independent states within Italy: the Republic of San Marino (25 square miles) and the Vatican City (just 108.7 acres).

Italy's San Marino is the world's oldest republic (A.D. 301), has fewer than 30,000 citizens, and holds the world's oldest continuous constitution. Its citizens are called the Sammarinese.

Vatican City is the only nation in the world that can lock its own gates at night. It has its own phone company, radio, T.V. stations, money, and stamps. It even has its own army, the historic Swiss Guard.

Most of Italy's natural flora and fauna has disappeared due to centuries of cultivation. Most of its natural wildlife has also disappeared due to over-hunting.

**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 handwashing recommendations. They explain that prolonged use of masks does not cause CO2 intoxication or oxygen deficiency. This has been tested; despite the fears of some in the public, blood oxygen and CO2 levels are not affected by wearing masks. Masks should not be worn while exercising, because sweating can make the mask wet, which can interfere with breathing and promote the growth of microorganisms.

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THE IL LEONE
NEEDS YOUR HELP**

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

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I appreciate all your help.



Hanford Lodge # 1543

Hanford, CA
by Jackie Giacomazzi

Hanford Lodge Scholarship Recipients 2021: Each member will receive a \$1000.00 award from the Hanford Sons of Italy Memorial Scholarship Fund.



Chloe Scialo is a graduate of Hanford High School in Hanford and will be attending Cal State Fullerton in the Fall majoring in Business. Her parents are Vincent and Kristi Scialo. Chloe has been a member of the Hanford Lodge since June, 2011. Her scholarship award is in memory of Frankie Scialo, her grandfather.



Gianna Fernandez is a graduate of Saint Francis High School in Mountain View, CA and will be attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the Fall majoring in Business. Her parents are Mark and Cara Fernandez of Saratoga, CA. Gianna has been a member of the Hanford Lodge since April, 2003. Her scholarship award is in memory of Fred Donald Giacomazzi, her grandfather, and Lilia Giacomazzi, her great-grandmother.



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Stay connected and follow the Grand Lodge on our social media platforms. Add us on Facebook at Order Sons and Daughters of Italy - Grand Lodge of California and follow us on Instagram @sonsofitaly_ca. If your lodge is doing anything virtual (meetings, drive-thru dinners, etc.) send us a picture and we would love to feature you! Furthermore, if you have any pictures engaging in any Italian culture-related activity like cooking, dancing, etc. please send them our way! We want to showcase our lodges and our incredible members, especially during this global pandemic. Lastly, let us know what you want to see more of on our social media profiles. We welcome your feedback! Please send all of your photos to: donnaferreira@att.net

and marylucido.1@gmail.com. Thank you!

Cesare Battisti Lodge # 1518

Petaluma, CA
by Ernie Giono



Sisters and Brothers:

Here we are in June of 2021 already. But, If you look ahead, we are slowly winning this fight against the pandemic.. More and more people are getting the vaccine and one day this virus will go the way of Small Pox, TB, Measles, Shingles and Polio etc. Let's push for that.

The governor says he wants to do away with the color tier system by mid June which just might advance us a little bit faster to being able to meet and greet by August, I hope. I know all of you are so tired of not being able to see your fellow sisters and brothers.

I will miss the 'in person' convention this year as I do enjoy seeing all the members from all over our area. The convention will be virtual but that is not the same. I would much rather see and hug every one in person but not this year.

I have no idea where the 2022 convention will be held but you can bet I will be there 'If the Good Lord is Willing and the Creeks don't rise', as someone very famous person once said (I can't remember who)...

Right now, my mind is filled with everything we need to do when we get to meet in August, I hope.

I am also looking forward to sailing to Hawaii over Christmas and New Year. I go round trip out of San Francisco and I have this cruise planned to fit in between our lodge meetings in December and January so I won't miss anything. You are welcome to join me, there is room.

Remember to smile and be kind to lots of people today, even under your masks, and one day soon, lots of people will be smiling back at you without their masks.

Be safe and God Bless you, our troops and God Bless America...

Ernie Giono

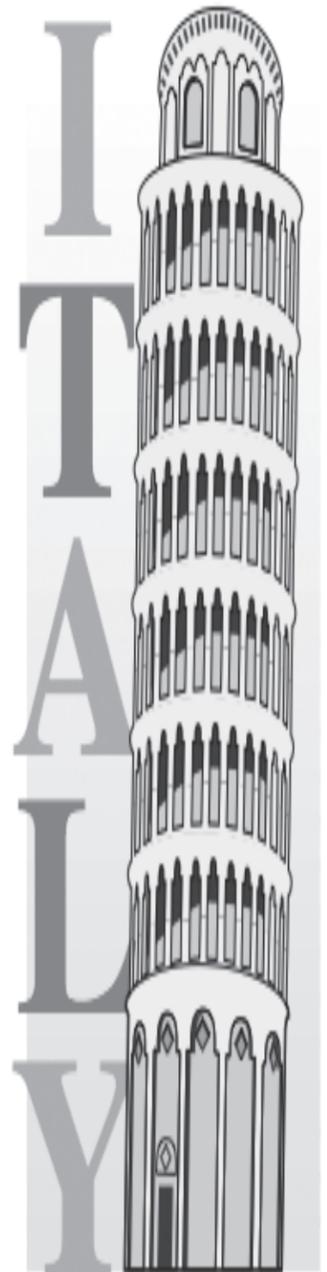
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To err is human; luckily, that is what we do best.

Sadly, we report on the passing of old friends: Frances Ricchiuti, a member since 1974, and Clara DeLuca, twelfth child of Ciriaco and Maria (Fasano) DeLuca. Ciriaco was an initiator for our lodge here in Clovis, and a charter member since 1927. Verona DeLuca, a longtime member, is a surviving sister. Clara was a graduate of Clovis High School (class of 1955) and Fresno State College. Frances was well known in the area for her cheerfulness and many charitable functions and contributions.

Although the world is almost returning to "normal" our lodge still has no word of when our meeting place (Notre Dame Hall) will be available for our use. Stay tuned, get your vaccination(s), be happy.

Columbus introduced "corn", or Indian maize, to Europe in the late 1400's, but, before that, European corn was comprised of almost any grain, including farro (wheat), millet, barley, oats, spelt (wheat), etc. After the burning of Rome, Nero doubled the "corn" allotment for its' citizens, meaning that they could consume more of the available grain mentioned above. Polenta (pulmentum, to the Romans), now made with Indian maize, was originally made of the grains then used by the Romans and included chickpea flour and ground chestnuts for its' ingredients.



Wishing everyone a Happy Father's Day



Barbara Wisniewski State 1st Vice President and Husband Ken

Michael Renzo Micheli Obituary,

Michael Renzo Micheli was born in Lucca, Italy on June, 8 1933. He had 1 brother Francisco that was sent to Brazil to a Family Coffee plantation because he was not allowed in the US due to having Polio, while Michael and his Mother went to Ellis Island as immigrants. Michael reunited with his Brother in Brazil every so often. Michael's father went to France for work when he was a child and was offered to raise a farm in the US. In 1937 he moved to the United States with his mother and was Orphaned at age 5 after his mother's death. Michael grew up in St. Francis Orphanage in Watsonville, Ca and was raised by Monks until the age of 11. At the age of 17 he joined the US Navy and was sent off to the Korean war, His career in the Navy ended in 1950. Michael returned to Santa Cruz California where he met his first wife Josephine Costa. They had 3 children, 1 daughter and 2 sons. He was a Master Baker and owned a couple Donut shops in the town of Santa Cruz. After his career as a baker, he became a concrete mason and had his own concrete business until he got into the Mason union. He took pride in his work, family and health. The Monterey Bay Aquarium and Soledad Prison were a couple of the big concrete projects he prided in. In the 1970's Michael remarried Pauline Micheli. They moved from Santa Cruz to Magalia in Northern Ca. Michael was active in the Sons of Italy in Paradise, Ca and ran his own workout class at the Feather Canyon Senior center. Michael exercised daily most of his life. In 2019 his wife and he escaped the Paradise fire. The family feared that he didn't make it out but found him. He was then relocated to Fortuna California on the Humboldt County Coast in an independent assisted Living. Where He was near his family and had many visits from his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. On 03/16/2021 Michael Renzo Micheli peacefully passed away at 9:00pm in the evening with his son by his side. Michael was a loving human that made friends wherever he went. He could always say something witty to put a smile on someone's face. Everyone who he has engaged with will remember him for the light he shined into their lives. He is survived by His Daughter Denise Jamison, Michael Michel Jr., Nicholas Micheli. Grandchildren: Joshua Jammison, Nathan Jamison, Layla Micheli, Micalyn Micheli, Josi Micheli, Nicolas Micheli Jr. Zachari Micheli, Robert, Kevin Stephani, Carly Stephani- Rylie. Due to COVID 19 we will resume funeral services in the summertime. One will be held in Fortuna, Ca and the other will be held in Santa Cruz, Ca. If you plan to attend services, this summer in Northern Humboldt please call 907-203-9382. If you plan to attend the Services in Santa Cruz please call. 831-295-4756,



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Valley of the Moon Lodge # 1959

Sonoma CA

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ALMOST FOLKS!

June 15 our California Governor says we can remove our masks...is that a time for celebration? Are we to be cautious?

Can we hug again?

We will be able to resume our dinners?

Hopefully soon!

MISSING EACH ONE OF YOU!

For sure WHEN we can be together again it will be a joyous occasion!

JUST IN CASE...

Are you wondering...? I am no longer attached to Duolingo...It was over 2 years...

The words are in my head... just not sure I can put them in order...go ahead and laugh!

TIES TO THE HOME LAND

S. Stino Di Livenza 1961

This time of isolation has caused me to think about the times I visited Italy...The first time was in 1961...everything was as it was when my grandmother lived there...over 60 years ago ,many of her relatives were still alive, her sister, brother, sister-in-law, and many cousins. We visited them all!

The gas stations didn't have

rest rooms...when asked to use the restroom you were pointed to the back of the station...yep!

The pension we stayed in when traveling in our rented Fiat...had chamber pots under the beds.

When visiting my Nonna's brother, Dominic and his wife Genoeffa and his family...the kitchen table and a hutch his son made in high school was the only furniture in the great room.

The water in the kitchen area was drawn with a hand pump.

The outhouse was in the backyard...with two flat boards for your feet at each side of a hole in the ground. A surprise for me at age 17.

The bed had two parts...a straw mattress under the feather comforter. We were certainly warm enough.

My nonna's sister-in-law, Genoeffa, would bring in coddled eggs for our breakfast...my nonna had been away 50 years...she and I, both, had a little trouble eating the eggs...

The plucked chicken meant for dinner would hang over the kitchen sink to drain.

Our dinners had the whole

chicken including head and feet in the soup pot. While we were eating my relatives would toss the bones on the tile floor for the cat.

The bedroom I shared with my nonna had only an outside entrance...so wanting a short cut I would exit the low window nearest the kitchen door...one of the times I twisted my knee. That resulted in them taking me to a local person that 'fixed' people. She popped my leg...and they wrapped it in an ace wrap.

She also chuckled at my shaved legs...at that time, ladies didn't shave their legs...actually neither did my dad's sister.

Thus when we visited the leaning tower in Pisa I was not able to climb the stairs to the bell tower...but I have a photo of my nonna standing by the bell.

When we visited one of my dad's cousins that appeared to live in what we would call a "pickers cabin"...she went next door and borrowed a tray and glasses...and served us homemade wine. She had red hair. Later when we went to Venice my dad picked her up to come along with us. Even though Ven-

ice was probably less than 40 miles from her home, most folks didn't travel. Most of those we visited at that time had only bicycles or Vespa's. Only one of my dad's cousins had a Fiat, her husband worked in Saudi Arabia.

My mother outfitted me with wash and wear clothes for our trip. One incident was a shrunken Koret outfit that Genoeffa washed at the artesian well next to a well worn wood table where she scrubbed the clothes. ...It appeared to be the place where others washed their clothes as well.

While there we watched them harvest the sheaves of wheat and toss them in the threshing machine, The woman working in their dresses and hats or scarves on their heads.

Twice a day Dominic would bring the cow or ox out of the barn to the water trough.

We watched them spray the grapes with oxen pulling the cart with the tank of spray.

When we left my relatives I was grieved. I fell in love with the people, and way of life and the many relatives we visited.

My next visit would be 40 years later.

Italy

Italy: geography and landscape

Italy is a boot-shaped peninsula that juts out of southern Europe into the Adriatic Sea, Tyrrhenian Sea, Mediterranean Sea and other waters. Its location has played an important role throughout its history.

The sea surrounds Italy, and mountains crisscross the interior, dividing the land into regions. The Alps cut across the top of the country and are streaked with long, thin glacial lakes. From the western end of the Alps, the Apennines mountains stretch south down the entire peninsula.

West of the Apennines are wooded hills that are home to many of Italy's historic cities, including Rome. In the south are hot, dry coastlands and fertile plains where olives, almonds, figs and other crops are grown.

Italy's beautiful nature

For 22 centuries, Italians and their ancestors have hunted wild animals, cleared fields and grazed livestock. As a result, forests that once covered large areas of the country are gone. But the country's remote places still have wilderness largely untouched by humans. The lower slopes of Italy's Alps remain covered with thick forests, and above these woodlands are meadows where specially adapted wildflowers bloom.

Amongst the amazing mammals found in Italy are the Eurasian lynx, Italian wolf, Roe deer and Etruscan shrew – the smallest land mammal in the world! Sadly, however, human activity and habitat loss has put much of Italy's awesome animals under threat. To help protect them, National Parks have been set up, such as Abruzzo National Park – the only place in the world where the critically endangered Marsican brown bear can be found.

Throughout Italy, millions of beautiful birds stop to rest during their annual migration to Africa.



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

Faternally, Barbara



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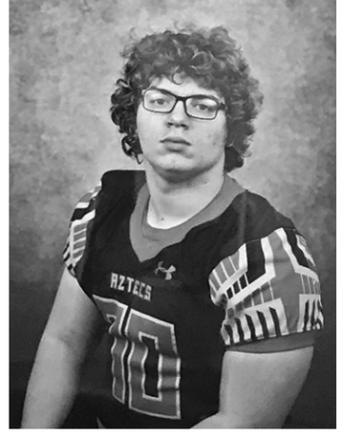
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*This year and in the future, this scholarship has been increased to \$2,000.
Due to the coronavirus pandemic, again this year there will be no
Students to Italy Study Grants awarded

Napa Lodge # 2043

Napa, CA
by Anna Graeber

Our scholarship recipients from 2020 were not in the Il Leone last year, thus, we would like to acknowledge them in this issue. Our scholarship recipients for the 2021 school year will be featured next month as a few of the high school awards ceremonies have not taken place yet.



We are hoping to be able to meet in person once again after June. It is of course wait and see.

Happy Father's Day!

ORIZZONTALI

1. Sigla per donatori di sangue.
4. Mia attrice.
9. Né tuo né suo.
10. Antico 101.
11. Il segno che sottrae.
12. Simbolo chimico dell'osmio.
13. Si usa per fare un brodino.
15. Palla in rete.
16. Come la pagina... tagliata.
19. Le ultime del surf.
20. Caldissimi.
22. Il nome di Arbore.
23. L'amatoria di Ovidio.
25. Guglielmo irredentista.
27. Un corso d'acqua.
28. Risultata sufficiente.
29. Il nome di Affleck.
30. Sgranchirsi.
32. Un'antica moneta.
33. Squadra neroazzurra.
35. Lo tasta il medico.
36. Cucitura del bordo.
37. Difetti non gravi.
38. Il nome della Foster.
40. Qualora.
41. Sovrani egizi.
43. Gad della TV.
45. Cuneo per l'ACI.
46. Musica giamaicana.
47. Dio dell'amore.

VERTICALI

1. Il proprio che inorgolisce.
2. Ministro ottomano.
3. Il pronome dell'egoista.
4. Futura sposa.
5. Le consonanti di

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- Romeo.
6. Registrato in breve.
7. Lo sono certe cariche.
8. Hugo compositore austriaco.
10. Si sfoglia per un anno.
13. Spassarsela.
14. Versi classici.
17. Guardia... dei boschi.
18. Mai alla fine.
21. Il nome di Dylan.
23. È libero... se si può scegliere.
24. Il cinema... non muto.
26. Randello.
31. Sciogliere... una corda.
34. Lista di nomi.
38. Il nome della Fonda.
39. Danzano nella "Gioconda".
40. Baronetto inglese.
41. Precede il nome del monaco.
42. Insegnante in breve.
43. Iniz. di Galvani.
44. Nella lega.

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Lightning

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Since prehistoric times lightning has fascinated man. People have had many strange beliefs about it. It was often regarded with a religious awe. Jupiter, the supreme god of the Romans, was thought to hold lightning and hurl it across the sky and upon the earth. He used lightning bolts as a weapon. Lightning was the ultimate symbol of his power and authority.

Lightning is a gigantic spark of electricity accompanied by an emission of bright light. Tiny drops of water in a cloud become electrically charged as they move through the air. When the charge becomes large enough, the spark shoots from the cloud. Some clouds are charged positively, others negatively. The electrical current jumps from one cloud to the other. The charge heats the air, and the air rushes out as an explosion. We hear the sound waves as thunder.

Lightning excites our senses, and it arouses our emotions. Thunder sounds like grumbling and growling, and it frightens young children. Some adults are very afraid of lightning and thunder too. Lightning can be a danger.

Lightning travels very fast at about 186,000 miles a second. Sound travels much more slowly. It takes thunder about 5 seconds to travel a mile. If you count 5 seconds

after you see lightning, you'll hear thunder if the lightning is a mile away.

Some people think that jewelry, watches, metal objects, and cell phones can attract lightning. But nothing attracts lightning. Lightning bolts hit tall buildings and structures and set them on fire. Lightning sometimes kills people and animals. It also causes wild land fires. If lightning strikes a home, it often finds its way in the plumbing. So lightning can strike a person when in the shower at home. It is best to avoid water during a lightning storm because water conducts electricity. At the beach, lifeguards tell bathers to get out of the water during thunderstorms.

The lightning bolt can be a mile long. It can be 100,000,000 volts. There are millions of volts of electricity in the several flashes in the sky. To protect homes and buildings against lightning a metal rod is placed at the top of the building that conducts electricity into the ground without damage to the building. The term "volt" used in the measurement of electricity is derived from the name of Alessandro Volta (1745-1827), an Italian physicist, chemist, and pioneer of electricity. He is credited as the inventor of the electric battery.

The Italian word for lightning is "il fulmine."



Lightning.

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Roma Lodge # 1573

Tulare, CA
by Larry Dutto-President

Roma Lodge's 85 Year Member!

Joe Signorelli Sr. joined the Order of Sons of Italy in America on April 25, 1936. Yes, 1936! Joe just celebrated his 85th year as a member of the Order and was recognized at the Roma Lodge gathering on May 3rd. Just three days later, on May 6th Joe passed away, with his family by his side, at the age of 96 in Lompoc, California. Joe's parents, Adam Peter and Giovanna Signorelli came to America from northern Italy in the early 1900's and farmed and ranched in the Lompoc area.



The Signorelli Family were longtime members of the "G. Marconi" Lompoc Lodge #1575 established on August 31, 1930. When the Lompoc lodge closed, members transferred their membership to the Santa Barbara Lodge #1552 which was established in 1929. In 2009 the Santa Barbara Lodge closed, and members transferred their membership to the Roma Lodge #1573.

Joe was born in Lompoc on October 26, 1934 and lived in the community for the next 96 years. Joe spent his childhood growing up and farming alongside his brothers, Peter Jr., and Frank. He often liked to recall stories of his childhood growing up in Honda Canyon and about the Lompoc he knew in his youth. Whether it was sharing the watermelon haul from his garden with his family and reminiscing about how they used to store them in the hay in the barn to prolong their shelf life when he was young or standing at the kitchen sink and making a joke about how running water is an invention because "they didn't have this when I was a kid!"

Joe's wife Sylvia was a 67-year member of the Order and passed away in May of 2019. Although, they lived a long way from Tulare they were avid readers of the *LeNotizie* and followers of Roma Lodge activities. Farewell Brother Joe Signorelli. May you rest in peace. You can read more about Joe's incredible life at <https://www.starbucklind.com/obituary/joe-signorelli>

Roma Lodge will start officially meeting in August. In the meantime, the lodge had a gathering of members and guests on May 3rd. Nearly 60 members were on hand to receive their membership milestone certificates from the 2020 or 2021 year. They enjoyed a box dinner, so the lodge would be in compliance with local COVID-19 guidelines, and had a great time.



Harper DePaoli with her 5-year certificate.



Joyce Hofstee and Matt Watkins received their 10-Year Membership Certificates.



Clint Curti 20-year member.



Amanda Luis a 20-year member.



Nicole Clark and son Nolan with her 25-year certificate.



Melissa Watkins, Larry Dutto and Michael DePaoli 30-year members.



Bill Benedetti 35-year member



Louis Benedetti 40-year member



Ken Bertorelli-Karen Pedroncelli 45-year members.



Janet Cabral, Lorraine Cleek and Maryann Luis 55-65-year members.

Gold Country Lodge # 2705

El Dorado Hills, CA
by Joanne Hyman-Scholarship Chair

The Gold Country Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge #2705 is proud to announce the winners of our 2021 Scholarship Awards. In addition to recognizing them at their high school Scholarship Nights, we recognized them at our lodge awards dinner on May 18th. At that time each student presented their future plans. The two \$500 awards were presented to Chelsea Mullens & Jessica Weisser. These awards are given to students of Italian descent who have demonstrated recognized participation in school and community activities. Sofia Acosta was awarded \$250 for outstanding achievement and participation in the four year Italian Language Program at Oakridge High School in El Dorado Hills, CA. This award does not require being of Italian decent. This is always the highlight of our May dinner meeting. Thank You Arietta Family for doing a fantastic job making & serving our dinner of Ravioli's, salad and celebratory cake.



L-R: Jim Silveira-President, Jessica Weisser, Sofia Acosta, Chelsea Mullens, Joanne Hyman-Scholarship Chair.



Lodge Anniversaries

- Camelia Colombo #1294 6/6/24
- Enrico Caruso #1463 6/11/24
- Cristoforo Colombo #1534 6/14/29
- West End #2127 6/10/62

Congratulations!!!

Eureka Lodge # 1274

Eureka, CA
by Joe Bonino

Eureka Lodge #1274 held our second drive-up chicken and polenta fundraising dinner on May 8th at the Elks Club parking lot. One hundred and seventy tickets were sold.

Thank you to the kitchen crew members: John Salizzoni, Donna & Dave Olivieri, John Senestraro, Nick Giannini, Ralph & Nancy Giannini, Betty & Gene Senestraro, Erling Dellabalma, Pam Newby, and Eddie Morgan.

And the driveway crew of Alisa Luzzi, Julie Stagnoli, Bonnie DuMond, and Adena Bohn.

Special thanks to the Elks Lodge for their convection ovens. Dave reports that it cooked 400 chicken thighs in 25 minutes!

We lost two of our former members in 2021: Leda Rossi and Bob Laffranchi. Though not very active in recent years Leda joined the Eureka Lodge in 1984.

She cheerfully took part in all of our dinner fundraisers and other events. Her renowned pasta sauce earned her the nickname "Mrs. Spaghetti" at the daycare she operated. She is survived by two daughters, four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Bob Laffranchi and his wife, Carol, founded the Loleta Cheese Factory. He joined our Lodge in 1996. He was always very generous with his donations of cheese to Lodge raffles and events. His daughter Nicole received our Paul and Irene Pinochi Scholarship in 1994. Nicole used the scholarship to attend Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and while there founded the university's student Italian-American club.

This year's OSDIA convention will be held by zoom on June 26th. So, if you would like to watch, listen in, or want to make a comment contact our Lodge President John Salizzoni at 498-0774.

Have a safe and happy 4th of July!



John Senestraro, Nick Giannini, John Salizzoni, and Erling Dellabalma stir polenta for Eureka Lodge's



Annette DeModena delivers a polenta and chicken dinner to a hungry patron of Eureka's drive thru on May 8th.

Italian history

Italy's location on the Mediterranean linked it with the trade routes of the ancient civilisations that developed in the region. With the city of Rome's rise to power, the Italian peninsula became the centre of a huge empire that lasted for centuries.

Love Italian history? Then check out our 10 facts about the Ancient Romans, here!

Italy's first societies emerged around 1200 BC. Around 800 BC, Greeks settled in the south and a civilisation called the Etruscans arose in central Italy.

By the sixth century BC, the Etruscans had created a group of states called Etruria. Meanwhile, Latin and Sabine people south of Etruria merged to form a strong city-state called Rome.

Etruscan kings ruled Rome for nearly a hundred years. But the Romans kicked out the Etruscans in 510 BC and went on to conquer the whole peninsula. They then set out to build a vast empire which, at its greatest extent in AD 117, stretched from Portugal to Syria to Britain to North Africa. Pretty huge, eh?

The first sole emperor of Rome, Octavian, took power in 27 BC and took the name Augustus Caesar. The empire flourished for more than 400 years, but by the fourth century AD it was in decline. In 395, the empire was split in two, and in 476, Germanic tribes from the north toppled the last emperor.

In the 12th century, Italian city-states began to rise again and grow rich on trade. But Italy remained a patchwork of territories, some of which were controlled by foreign powers. Beginning in 1859, an uprising forced the foreigners out, and in 1861 the Kingdom of Italy was proclaimed.

In 1914, Italy took the side of the United Kingdom and the United States in World War I, but was left in poverty at war's end. Benito Mussolini and his Fascist Party rose to power soon after, promising to restore Italy to its former glory. He ruled as a dictator and entered World War II on the side of Germany and Japan. In the final days of the war in 1945, Mussolini was captured and executed.

Italian people and culture

Throughout history, Italian art, architecture and culture have had an influence around the world. Famed Italian painters include Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo. Italy is also at the heart of the Catholic Church, which is governed from the Vatican City, a city-state surrounded by Rome.

Shasta Lodge # 2453

Redding, CA
by Carole Dellargione

Hello from Redding,

Shasta Lodge has now had two in-person general meetings and had a good turn out for the meeting in May. We also enjoyed having State Deputy John Jepsen and Lorna in attendance. We will have our annual hamburger and hotdog barbecue at the June meeting, prepared by the council.

BOCCE IS BACK! On Monday mornings, Sharon Roberts and Gerry Carroll have bocce practice at 8:30am for all who want to come and practice and play. You don't need a team, just play with whoever is there. They usually have enough players for three full courts. And after a couple of games, those that want breakfast go across the street to one of our favorite restaurants...Lulu's.

The City of Redding and Shasta Lodge are halfway through our Spring Bocce League play. The first night of league was very joyful, so nice seeing all our friends after a year of no bocce play. Lots of laughter and fun. John Tasello and Jim Giacomelli are the co-chairs with the City, we have eighteen teams, about half from Shasta Lodge. We play on Thursday evenings, then on Friday mornings, Jean Russell is in charge of a Senior Bocce League with eight teams.

Shasta Lodge is planning our first lodge event since March 2020. It will be over by the time you read it here. We are having a Drive-Thru Spaghetti and meatball dinner. We very quickly sold out 275 tickets and are looking to feed about 300 people. This is the first time in over 20 years that we have had a drive through dinner. A lot of prep has been done and we hope it goes well. It is nice to be able to work together again.

We hope all you Moms had a happy Mother's Day, and you Dads enjoy Father's Day.

Ciao,

Your friends from Shasta Lodge.



Crew working on bocce courts. John Tasello, Gerry Carroll, Sharon Roberts, Jim Giacomelli, Bob Gullixson and John Zufall.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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C. Colombo Lodge # 1315

Anitoch, CA
by Zelda LeFrak-Belleci

Around and About Still Safe from Covid



Following Italian Tradition, Katy Castro was named after her grandmothe Caterina Bellini. Katy's mother, Regina, was born in Uzine, a town in the Friuli region of Nothern Italy. After Regina's marriage to G.I. David Castro, they made a home in Pittsburg California. Now retired, Katy, a Colombo Lodge Trustee, devotes four days a week to picking up donated food from Safeway Stores personally delivering the goods to community food banks.

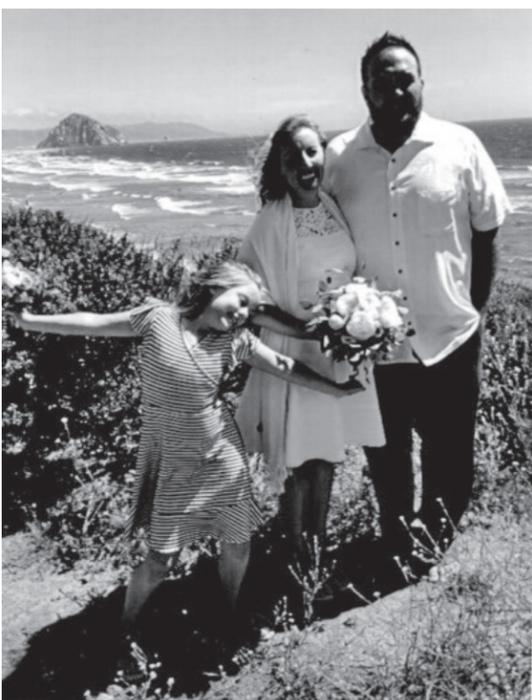


You have met Richard and Mary Lucido, the grandparents of the former Grand Lodge Queen "little" Mary Lucido. During the pandemic Richard and "Nana" Mary took time and energy to refurbish the front yard of their Antioch home. Working with a landscape designer, contractor and stone artist they created curb appeal par excellence.



Two women in one kitchen often means trouble. But these two women make it a joy! Carol Giannotti lives in Redwood City, California. Carol, age 97 is pictured visiting her daughter, Edna Esposito, Past President of C. Colombo Lodge. Seen above, the ladies are in the mood to make Italian cookies for the Mother's Day family gathering, everydody vaccinated!!!

ATTENTION PLEASE
Please remember the deadline for articles is on the 20th of each month.
I appreciate all your help.
Thank you, Debbie Ure



Despite the pandemic, weddings did play a part in lives of loving couples. Though planned for large ceremonies and receptions, many dreams became small and strictly for family. C. Colombo Lodge member Amelia Nevis and fiancée Cory Alvarado were wed in the intimate ocean front ceremony by her Godmother Pamela Mendoza, surrounded only by close family. Acting as an attendant was the Maiden of Honor, Giulietta, the Bride's daughter. The newly weds are making their new home in Fresno

Poem by DianaMinsky
member of the Columbia Lodge

The Mermaid

*Mermaid of the Sea, alluring and free,
Captivating ships and their crew,
Can this creature really be true.*

*Fiction or real, part woman and fish,
She tantalizes the imagination with a lustful wish.*

*In my dreams she appears this part woman and fish,
With flowing hair, giving her kisses from the watery blue,
Wearing her pearls all askew.*

*When father Neptune beacons her away,
Thus, I awaken, to a bright new day.*

*Oh, Mermaid of the Sea, in reality it cannot be,
But in my dreams, you belong solely to me.*

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Anniv. Sept. 22, 1922
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Anniv. Feb. 13, 1966
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Anniv. May 29, 1977
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Anniv. Mar. 16, 1924
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