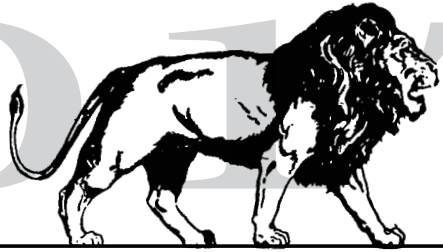


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## A Message From The State President



*State President  
John Costa*

Welcome to fall, the leaves are changing colors, and the warm days are leaving us. Time to get that filter changed in the furnace, and buy the wood for the warm fires as we enter fall

As I am writing this I am preparing for my first Grand Council meeting in September. We are meeting at the Santa Clara Hilton, next to Levi Stadium. This article is due prior to the meeting so will have to fill you in next month in regards to Grand Council. We will be honoring our Past State President Maria on Saturday after Grand Council meets, a well deserving member who has the order in her heart, and besides she has an amazing singing voice. Maybe we can get her to sing to earn her dinner, just kidding Maria.

Getting back to last month, I wanted to fill you in on our National Convention in Florida. Speaking of Florida let us all stop and pray for all of those affected by the recent hurricanes not only in Florida but Texas, Puerto Rico, someone has really upset MOTHER NATURE. National along with the Grand Lodge of California will be sending monies collected to those in need. Also close to home at National we learned that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska had a devastating fire and lost their Grand Lodge building, I have asked the local lodges to send any thing they can to the Western Foundation, where we will send directly to them with no administration fees.

As everyone knows California once again has a National President, we are so

proud of you Vera; and the first First Gent Al, we know you will represent us well! National has told us there will not be a per capita increase. But membership is dropping. Nationally we are showing 34,900 members, the projection for the next two years is 34,500 and 34,000 in the year 2019. We all need to work to get these turned in the opposite direction. Remember all you have to do is ask.

On August 28 I was able to represent the Sons of Italy at a reception supporting the Fisherman's and Seamen's Memorial Chapel in San Francisco, along with Past State President Maria, Immediate Past State President Lynn and State Trustee Bill. This chapel was built in 1978 as a tribute to the generations of San Franciscans who have dedicated their lives to the sea. At the Italian heritage game on August 31<sup>st</sup> I was privileged to go onto the field at AT&T park where the giants community fund donated \$5000.00 to the church restoration, we have been a co-sponsor of the Italian heritage game with the giants for many years. The week prior to this we had 40 people attend the Italian heritage game at the Oakland A's.

As we enter October, Columbus Day celebrations are upon us. Even though we lost the title to Columbus Day in Los Angeles we can

still celebrate our heritage. I along with First Lady Donna Lee will be participating in the San Francisco Italian heritage parade. Our amazing State Queen Mary will also be participating.

Congratulations to Colombo Stella Lodge our Madrina Lodge in Fresno on their 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I am sorry I was unable to attend. I am sure it was a huge success and look forward to talking with those who did attend. Thank you to all the lodges that have sent me invitations to your events. I am trying to attend as many as I can, I do apologize if I am unable to due to conflicts in my scheduling. One thing I mentioned in June was I am requesting that the lodges do not present me with a gift if I attend your event but rather make a donation to the Barry Kirshner Wildlife Foundation thru Western Foundation or the Napa SPCA in Donna Lee and my name.

In closing "the greatest gift you can give someone is your time, because when you give your time, you are giving a portion of your life that you will never get back". Think about this, and thank your officers in your filial lodges for their time! I say Thank You to all the members of the Grand Lodge of California Order Sons and Daughters of Italy for your support.

## Grand Lodge of California Honors Past State President Maria Fassio Pignati



*The Pignati Family .... l/r son Michael, honoree Maria, husband Ugo and daughter in law Julie.*

What a thrilling night for our Past State President Maria Fassio Pignati as she was honored by the Grand Lodge of California on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at the Hilton Hotel in Santa Clara. Past State President John Tedesco was the M.C. for the evening and did a great job talking about our honoree. Maria is a native San Franciscan born to Italian parents. Besides the usual school studies Maria studied voice and piano and has won many wards for her talents. She joined the Sons of Italy in 1972 as a member of the Cornelia-Vita Nuova Lodge. She has been an active member of the American Italian community for 45 years. She served many levels in the Order - - - Queen Contest coordinator, State Orator, State First Vice President and in 2009 she became the second woman to be the State President, a position she held for four years. On the National level she has served as a National Trustee and is currently a Trustee of the Sons of Italy representing California.

Besides her public involvement with the Italian community she is a well known operatic soprano. She has sung for the San Francisco Giants, the Oakland A's and the Golden Warriors as well as in front of United State dignitaries and Italian ones.

In 2001 Maria was honored when she was bestowed the rank of Cavaliere and in 2015 she became Commandatory nell'Ordine della Stella d'Italia by the Italian Ambassador to the United States on behalf

of the Italian government for her work in the Italian community.

Maria is married to Ugo Pignati, Past State Financial Secretary and they live in San Mateo. They have one son, Michael, who is married to Julie and they have two sons, Luca and Gino. Maria and Ugo do a lot of baby sitting.

We all wish the best for Maria for all she has done for the Order and the Italian community. I did not even begin to mention all she has accomplished but from what I did write about you have to love her.

The invocation that night was delivered by Father Al Mengon who spoke very highly of Maria as did the Honorable Lorenzo Ortona, Consul General of Italy in San Francisco.

Our new National President Vera Girolami spoke about Maria's accomplishments and our Immediate Past President Lynn Lawrence Murphy read a beautiful essay about Maria.

Our Grand Lodge Queen Mary Lucido gave a beautiful speech.

Our State President John Costa presented Maria with a beautiful picture of her with her president's regalia. So many in attendance presented Maria with gifts including our National Recording Secretary Phil Privitera who presented Maria with some certificates of appreciation plus a check for \$1000 to be used when she travels back east



**NAT'L REC. SEC. PHIL PRIVITERA (MA)  
TRAVELED TO SANTA CLARA TO CELEBRATE  
PAST PRES. MARIA PIGNATI'S HONOR - 9-23-17.**

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## From the Editor's Desk

by Andy Pampuro  
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Thank you! Thank you!  
Thank you!

Words cannot express how Louise and I feel with the overwhelming outpour of condolences for our daughter Rosemary.

We received so many phone calls, e-mails, sympathy cards, mass cards, flowers, plants and donations. We cannot say thank you enough for your deep concern and generosity. We are not suppose to outlive our children but sometimes God has other plans which we find hard to understand. We were pleasantly surprised

when over 70 people showed up for a memorial mass we had in our daughter's honor. We had a very nice reception after the mass where every-

one was able to relax and enjoy each other's company. So once again Louise and I say thank you one and all.







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## News from the Central

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



Been on the road a lot since my last article.

Vera (National President) and I along with Bennie Pardini attended a wonderful Toscana Night at the PIASC in San Mateo. Wonderful people and a great Tuscan meal.

We were both introduced as officers of OSDIA and signed up some new members that evening. All you have to do ask when they ask what the Order is about. There are so many people out there interested in our Order.

The next day found us at the opening day of the 49ers. Sadly we lost!

It's sad to report about all the work being done to remove Columbus Day. As I attend various meetings, we all feel the same so we Italians need to continue to band together and fight!

I attended the Heritage Nights at both the A's and the Giants. Both were great cultural events and enjoyable

evenings. Seems wherever we go lately, we are asked about OSDIA.

The 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Colombo Stella Lodge, our first lodge, was a great evening and a terrific attendance. Wow, to stay together 95 years when so many lodges are struggling, is a major milestone and accomplishment. Congratulations to Olivia DeLiddo Gallegos and the lodge for a terrific event. It was so nice to see so many neighbor lodges and members supporting the event. Thank you Louise Silacci for your hospitality and thank you Joe Simoni for being our chauffeur.

We attended a wonderful reception and dinner in San Francisco at the San Francisco Athletic Club with other Italian Clubs in the area. It was wonderful meeting other representatives in the area and people we hope to work closely with in regards to Italian issues and becoming a stronger group.

Grand Council and the dinner honoring Past State President Maria Fassio Pignati has passed by the time you read this but will report on it next month. Looking forward to welcoming Phil Privitera from Massachusetts and enjoying the 49erRams game with him, Vera and Louise.

Also looking forward to many "Columbus Day" festivities and polenta dinners coming up in October.

Ciao for now.

## News from the South

by Sadie Tamburine  
State 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



Congratulations to our newly elected National President, Vera Girolomi. I thoroughly enjoyed National Convention. It is very different from ours but they get business done. The good news is that National is again in the black due to an inheritance from a deceased member. I attended Enrico Caruso Lodge's 90th Anniversary. I had a very enjoyable time. Congratulations to a hard working Lodge. They have a lot to be proud of for what they have accomplished. Please keep up the pressure on legislatures. The fight to keep Christopher Columbus Day is not over. We are fighting it on many fronts. When CSJ representative, Tony Risvuto emails and asks you to write letters, call or email PLEASE do so. It is only with unity that we will win this battle.

More Italian Trivia: Anthony Talamo Rossi (September 13, 1900 - January 24, 1993) was an Italian immigrant who founded Tropicana Products, a producer of orange juice founded in 1947 in Bradenton, Florida which grew from 50 employees to over 8,000 in 2004, expanding into multiple product lines and became one of the world's largest producers and marketers of citrus juice. Rossi was also an early pioneer in the inclusion of Florida's citrus juices in school meal programs. He also became a noted religiously-oriented businessman, making annual pilgrimages to Sicily where he helped build a church and mission. In the U.S. he married Sana Barlow and endowed the Aurora Foundation, which has funded various Christian programs. Until next month.

## News from the North

by Barbara Wisniewski  
State 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



I am sorry to say that I have been out of commission for a while and will be for a couple of months. This will prevent me from visiting you for a bit, but I will get well and see you all soon.

I'd like to address a question for our State Deputies, "What do I do Now?" For some of you, this is old hat.

I would hope that all of our Deputies have the manual from the Grand Lodge. If you do not please reach out to your Vice-president or the Grand Lodge and one will be sent to you. It consists of three sections, Responsi-

bilities, "Ritual and Protocol Manual", and "The Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of California" revised June 2015. As a State Deputy, you need to familiarize yourself with these documents. This manual will help guide you as you visit Lodges. Remember, you are representing our Worthy State President, John Costa, in your words and actions.

I would ask that State Officers who are visiting Lodges contact the Lodge Deputy and let them know they will be at a meeting. The Lodge President or your Vice-President will know who to contact.

I hope everyone did their part to support the Columbus Day activities in your area. In light of the efforts to do away with Columbus Day by many cities and towns we need to show our voting numbers to the elected officials.

Till next month...

## Attention all Filial Lodges



It is that time again; time to get someone to represent your lodge for the pageant at the 2018 Grand Convention in Ontario. We encourage all of our filial lodges to participate in this event. It is the ultimate way that our young members can participate and be recognized within the organization. This year we are encouraging both young women and young men between the ages of 15 and 26 to get involved. If you don't have a female candidate this

year, we are opening it up to young men to participate.

The contest officially starts on October 1, 2017. Please have names of participants and a wallet size picture to me by September 30 if possible. Once your lodge confirms their participation, you will receive a letter with further information about the upcoming contest. Tickets will be available to order from the Grand Lodge on October 1. Please contact the Grand Lodge directly to order your tickets.

We look forward to having a successful event in June 2018. More information to follow soon.

Thank you,  
Eva Lavezzari  
Queen Committee Chairman



## Let Me Entertain You



*Old Italian-American standards of Frank Sinatra,  
Dean Martin & many more.*

For Lodge meetings and any events contact  
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**Maria Pignati  
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for National Lodge business. Besides that \$1000 Phil presented Andy with another \$1000 for the Il Leone. What a generous man he is.

Maria showed her appreciation with a wonderful thank you speech.

At the end of the event Louie Lodi sang the song "Maria" while showing pictures of Maria from birth.

It was a great evening thanks to co-chairs Immediate Past President Lynn Lawrence Murphy and State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi.



*Honoree Maria Pignati with National Recording Secretary and National President Vera Girolami.*



*MC Past President John Tedesco and Grand Lodge Queen Mary Lucido.*

*State President John Costa making a presentation to Maria.*



*Music man Louie Lodi.*



*State President John Costa with the Past State Presidents that were in attendance. L/R John Tedesco, Maria Pignati, Vera Girolami, Lynn Lawrence Murphy, Roy Vanoni and State President John Costa.*



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August 30, 2017

To: State Officers, Past State Presidents, Committee Chairs and Members of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America

From: State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi

The Los Angeles City Council met this morning at 10AM to discuss changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day.

**The vote was taken and the outcome was to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day as a municipal holiday.** Columbus Day will remain a federal holiday.

The OSIA Grand Lodge of California would like to thank you all for your support with this issue.



*National Recording Secretary Phil Privitera presenting check to honoree Maria Pignati and Editor Andy Pampuro.*

**Lodge Anniversaries**

**October**  
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**Congratulations!!!**



# Witches

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A witch was once believed to be a weird person who summoned demons and spirits and made them do evil deeds. It was said she sold her soul to the devil. She was hunted by the Inquisition.

Witchcraft hysteria swept the New England colonies in the early 1690s. Everyone was subject to suspicion. Some colonists made false confessions, such as riding broomsticks and putting the "evil eye" on men, women, children, and animals. Twenty men and women were executed before the hysteria ended.

Today, the witch is an iconic image of Halloween. The witch has attained a new image. The modern belief in Wicca derives in part from ancient and medieval witchcraft. Many Wiccans worship a pre-Christian Mother Goddess and practice ceremonial magic. Wicca is a Neo-pagan, occult nature religion. It is promoted as empowerment young women. The public has widespread accessibility to Wiccan materials through books and the Internet.

The rituals of "Stregheria" are similar to Wicca. Stregheria is an Italian witchcraft religion. It was popularized in the 1980s by the author Raven Grimassi. He claims that it evolved within the ancient Etruscan religion of Italian peasants who worked for the Catholic upper classes. Many of its followers celebrate a series of eight festivals similar to Wicca; others celebrate the ancient Roman festivals.

Stregheria has an element of ancestor worship through spirits known as "lares." The pentagram is its most identifying symbol. Stregheria is sometimes referred to as La Vecchia Religione (The Old Religion).

In the 1970s Italian-American Leo Martello claimed in his book "Witchcraft: The Old Religion" to belong to a family tradition of witchcraft. Martello does not use the word "Stregheria" when referring to the practice, but refers to it as the "Strega tradition."

Witches are often depicted with brooms. The broom has been associated with female magic and wise-women since ancient Rome. Sacred midwives used special brooms to sweep the thresholds of houses after childbirth to repel evil influences from mothers and their babies.

The witch was and still is a popular character in folklore and art. The witch Circe in Homer's "Odyssey" is one of literature's most famous witches. The Cumaean Sibyl is another. Sibyl's books were consulted by the rulers of ancient Rome in times of emergency. The biblical witch of Endor in the First Book of Samuel is widely known. Spiritualists have taken the story as evidence of spirit mediumship in ancient times. William Shakespeare wrote about witches. Scholars of literature study his great drama "Macbeth."



The Cumaean Sibyl by Andrea del Castagno (c. 1421 -1457).

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## Commission For Social Justice

by Anthony Ricevuto

Brothers and Sisters: As you all may be aware by now, the Los Angeles City Council eliminated Columbus Day and replaced it with Indigenous People's Day. We must remember Los Angeles' City Council' vote did not diminish our desire to recognize Columbus and our heritage. Columbus Day is still recognized by other cities and counties in California including the County of Los Angeles. Although in 2009, former California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger got rid of the Columbus Day state holiday as part of a budget cutting measure and not because of a political agenda.

Columbus Day was proclaimed a national holiday by President Franklin D Roosevelt on September 18, 1937. This has not been changed or been eliminated and is still recognized by the United States Government as a day honoring the Genovese Navigator's journey that ultimately led to the actual discovery and immigration to America by many European nations. We do acknowledge what had transpired during the explorations of Columbus, but the conquistadors from Spain and explorers from other nations were predominantly responsible for the demise and affliction of the indigenous people.

Many of us feel devastated and our culture humiliated by the procedures of the Los Angeles city Council. Other cities and states throughout our country have collaborated with a politically motivated movement that gained momentum by elaborating on the concerns of Native Americans. Many of the Native Americans involved with eliminating Columbus from history are descendants of the Spanish conquistadors who conquered and eliminated their culture.

Unfortunately, it has become an agenda using political and media pressure awareness of their own cultural issues that has really nothing to do with Columbus himself. Because of the contention surrounding Columbus's legacy, some states have chosen to celebrate alternatives to Columbus Day or not observing it at all.

We must remain cognizant that Italian-Americans throughout the United States are being misplaced by the new millennial's who have lost interest in our culture. We have taken a second seat to other cultures who have escalated their agendas to change political

opinions and amplify their strategy.

The OSIA's Commission for Social Justice along with the Knights of Columbus and other Italian-American organizations have presented alternatives to the elimination of Columbus Day. The truth is there is no palpable idealism that Columbus himself had a legacy of genocide, slavery and of unsubstantiated brutality. Apparently, some of the historians never took the time to read Columbus's journals that dispelled many of the myths that have plagued his historical voyages and findings. A quote I recently received from a friend explained the direction of historians and educators who are teaching our youth: "Beware of the man whose level of education exceeds his ability to reason."

Kevin A. Cairra, President, Commission of Social Justice for the Order Sons of Italy has taken a compelling position attempting to reason with various politicians and organizations throughout the United States to recognize the plights of the indigenous natives and provide them with an alternate date for their own recognition. Mr. Cairra called on other lodges throughout the United States to support our movement here in California and they obliged. They organized their members to support our cause by telephoning and writing Los Angeles City Councilman to support our efforts. The California Grand Lodge along with the lodges in the Los Angeles area fiercely opposed the move but to no avail. Those opposing Columbus Day were well organized and financially supported. The city Council was not interested in listening to any opposition and had their decision to support Native Americans already formulated.

Activists throughout the United States will continue to pursue their agenda and eliminate Columbus Day. Our own lodges must be vigilant of any attempts by other cities or counties in their areas that are contemplating or in the political process of encouraging the elimination of Columbus Day. There is no doubt that we will be going through this again and we must be prepared, organized and willing to participate in any forum to protect our culture. We in turn must support our brothers and sisters who will be encountering these issues in other cities and states.

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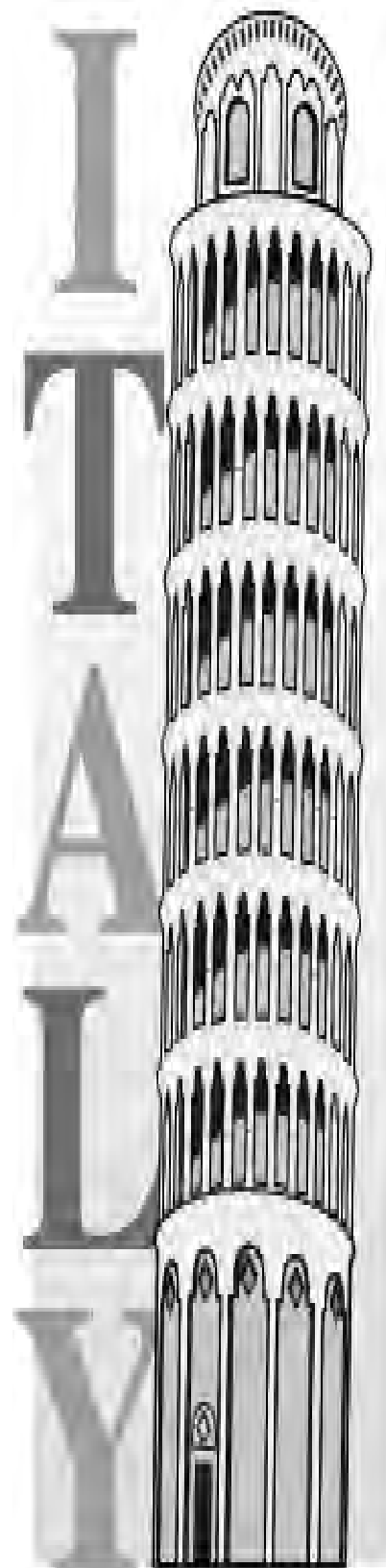
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WASHINGTON, D.C., August 29, 2017 – The Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA), the largest and longest-established organization representing men and women of Italian heritage in the United States, is encouraging its members and supporters to help the hurricane relief effort by contributing to local organizations helping victims in the areas devastated by the storm.

Over the weekend, Hurricane Harvey hit Houston, leaving hundred of thousands of people in the area displaced and in need of both immediate and long-term assistance. While the worst of the storm surge had ended by midday Saturday, CNN meteorologist Michael Guy noted that, “sea water pushed onto the shore...won’t recede quickly,” meaning “this is going to be a long, ongoing flood event.” As of press time, over 2,000 people have been rescued in the area.

This critical situation requires immediate attention; local groups and organizations already located in the affected areas are perhaps best prepared to handle those needs. In response, the Sons and Daughters of Italy encourages volunteerism and/or donations to any group assisting on the ground in the region.

OSDIA National President Vera Girolami urged members to help with relief efforts: “As the very generous Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America have always done in the past to help those in need, please donate to the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund.”

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# Saddleback Valley Lodge # 2566

by Andy Pampuro  
Immediate Past President

On Friday, September 15th the Saddleback Valley Lodge held their monthly meeting which was conducted by our president Hank Lowinger. After all our business taken care of we held a meatball contest. Seven women entered the contest and each had to make 24 meatballs which they all did. Our super professional chef Joe Collora and Past Lodge President and State Treasurer Al Trentini were the judges. It was not an easy task but they did manage to pick out

three winners. First place winner was Theresa Vinciguerra, the second place winner was Nina Perez and our third place winner was Louise Pampuro. Each received a medal and a monetary gift. Following the judging everyone was invited to enjoy the meatballs with some pasta and salad. There was also plenty of desserts furnished by several members. We really had a full house for this event. Many thanks to our First Lady Michelle Lowinger for organizing it.



Winners of the meatball contest along with the judges and our chairlady.

From l/r second place winner Nina Perez, chairlady Michelle Lowinger, judge Al Trentini, first place winner Theresa Vinciguerra, judge Joe Collora and third place winner Louise Pampuro.

## SOI at 49er Ram game prior to Grand Council



**ORIZZONTALI**

1. Territorio circoscritto.
3. È diretto dal regista.
7. Il fiume che nasce dal Monviso.
8. Installatori di grondaie.
10. Iniziali di Arbasino.
12. Alcaloide ricavato dai chinino.
14. Abbattuto, atterrato.
16. Un tipo di "scena".
17. Schiacciare sotto i piedi.
19. Evitate.
21. Sigla di Siracusa.
22. Mancanza, insufficienza.
23. Società per Azioni.
24. Suona in chiesa.
25. Passaggio pubblicitario in TV.
26. Amante del bello.
27. La linea del via.
28. Segno dello Zodiaco.
29. Sconnessione.
30. Dormitorio in caserma.
32. Auto a Londra.
33. Istituto che assicura (sigla).
34. Spronare, incitare.
35. Il Mongibello.
37. Tante... Grazie.
38. Iniziali di Raffaello.
39. Si inviano affrancate.
41. Vasta parte del mondo.
43. Parte del chilo.
44. Apollo e Marte.

**VERTICALI**

1. Parente stretta.
2. Nessuna Novità.
3. Giovane titolata.
4. Approvato, ammesso.
5. Accompagnata dalla polizia.
6. Squillare di campanelli.

**CRUCIVERBA**

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7. Una caravella di Colombo.
8. Distributore, elemosiniere.
9. Eroe dell'Iliade.
11. Il quarto mese sul datario.
12. Coprire, sparpagliare.
13. Vocali per caso.
15. La fine del lavoro.
16. Iniziali di Picasso.
18. Collega dell'oste.
19. Antipatico al massimo.

20. Consulta i tarocchi.
21. Lordarsi.
23. Rompersi, frangersi.
25. Questa in breve.
27. Rimanere, non andare.
29. Magazzino... inglese.
30. Ci sovrasta.
31. Brilla nel firmamento.
36. Attivo in tre lettere.
40. Congiunzione telegrafica.
41. Iniziali della Ekberg.
42. L'oro del chimico.

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Pamela Ricci, President of the Cristforo Colombo Lodge#1534 and husband Hugh would like to announce the birth of their third grandchild, Nina Pearl Sharenbrock. Nina lives in Boise Idaho with her parents Angela & Mike. She is a true joy.





# Hanford Lodge # 1543

Hanford CA  
by Jackie Giacomazzi



Charles Sant'Agata and Tony Tesoriere took the oath as they were installed President and Vice-President, respectively, of the Hanford Lodge #1543. The installation officiants were Pauline Richmond and Ralph Agnello.



Joan Little presented a check for \$1000.00 to a representative from the Stonecliff Animal Rescue as our Charity donation for September. Several members of the Lodge also donated personal items sent to the hurricane victims in Texas.



Newly installed President, Charles Sant'Agata presented "plaques" (Italian pottery) to outgoing President, Louise Silacci, thanking her for her years of service as President of the Hanford Lodge.



The initiates posed with State Deputy, Ralph Agnello, State Trustee-Central, Pauline Richmond and outgoing Hanford Lodge President and new State Trustee-Central, Louise Silacci. Initiates are: Brittney Little, Richard Martella, Teri Scialo, Domenic, Gemma and Giovanni Mercurio, JoAnne Savicki, and Paul Christin.

# Roma Lodge # 1573

Tulare, CA  
by Larry Dutto

Roma Lodge hosted a group of cancer survivors as part of their September meeting. Over 100 individuals whose lives have been affected by cancer enjoyed a wonderful ravioli and chicken dinner sponsored by the lodge at no cost. Roma Lodge has cooked spaghetti for walkers at the annual Relay for Life at the Tulare Mathias Stadium. *Cathy Mederos* and *Samantha Cushing* organized the event while lodge President and Vice President *David* and *Michael DePaoli*, *Charlie Pitigliano* and *Vince Sola* chaired the cooking chores for the event.

Roma Lodge will be celebrating Columbus Day on October 15<sup>th</sup> at the World Ag Expo park in Tulare. Several lodge members signed the petition online in opposition to the removal of the Columbus statue being considered by the City of San Jose.

*Samantha Cushing* addresses the group of cancer survivors at the Roma Lodge hosted ravioli dinner at the September meeting.



Louise Parolini Tesoriere, gave a very informative presentation telling of the history of her family as a part of our Italian Culture program. She included a table full of historic pictures. Louise and her husband, Tony, will chair the upcoming Spaghetti/Meatball Dinner on October 29 as a fundraiser for their granddaughter, AnnaMarie who will be crowned the Hanford Lodge Queen on October 11.





# Valley Of The Moon Lodge # 1959

Sonoma, CA

by Susan Antonini, member at large  
susanantoniniart@gmail.com

### DINNER AS USUAL? HARDLY!

It's the company we keep! Thank God we bring friends and neighbors.

Thank you Diane Rampone for bringing two friendly neighbors. (one of them speaks of joining as she knew so many folks at the dinner) Willi Vaughn formerly of Larkspur and a Real Estate Appraiser for 40 years lost her heart to Sonoma in the late 80's but didn't move here till recently. Willi spent 22 years in the Navy and traveled the world. She also was wearing a most unusual ring from Laos, that represents "health, wealth, happiness and long life"!

**LINDA SHOCKEY** celebrated her "age is just a number" Birthday at the Swiss Hotel earlier this month, with close family and friends. A high light was the attendance of a friend from Grammar School and High School. Friends and family are to be cherished! Happy belated Birthday Linda. (and to the other folks who had birthdays in September)

### ANY NEWS?

Norm asked me from what source? "SF Chronicle, New of Sonoma....nice city!" And another...Barbara, "Do you have any news?" She looks at her husband, "no"! (Folks are catching on to me!)

### ONE THAT DIDN'T GET AWAY!

Patrick Favale belongs to the Bocci League. They just celebrated a Championship at the Cheese Factory with

a BBQ. Good times, Good friends! Ask Patrick about the Mentoring Alliance!

### MOTHER LAND VISIT! (and more!)

Jo Grant will be visiting Verona, the Dolomites, Greece and her home town Bassano del Grappa Italy with her granddaughter.

### MORE FAMILY VISITS!

Sister of Jackie Perfors, and Daughter of Verdis Di Trapani, Diane Perfors visiting from Colorado. Welcome to an evening out with the Sons of Italy family!

### MARIE ROSSI, visiting from Napa!

Marie always has a few hors d'oeuvres to share with her family. So ITALIAN! Love it!

### MANY UNDER THE WEATHER!

Do keep the folks at Sons of Italy (Sonoma) and else where in your prayers.

### AND SPEAKING OF WEATHER!

Pray for those affected by the recent storms and earthquakes! Interesting times we live in!

### REMEMBER TO CALL:

Karen Carroll early for dinner reservations. 938-1295 October dinner will be Chicken and Pasta! Come for happy hour at 5 and bring a friend! Dinner at 6pm. Fellowship is therapeutic folks!

Ciao!

# Centinela Valley Lodge # 1991

Torrance, CA

by Annette Porter

Our August Luau Dinner Dance was great! The dinner was our usual success. Thank you to Chef Mark Vaona, Annette Porter and Bobbi Guthrie for a delicious Hawaiian dinner. Our entertainment for the evening was L-360. We joined by America Lodge

President, Linda Enneman and her family.

At our September meeting we had the pleasure of initiating two new members Paul and Kathy Cohen, Welcome to our family. We had 4 September birthday members at the meeting.

As this is being sent we are preparing for our Country Western Dinner Dance, S.T.A.R. House fundraiser.

Also, many of our members are looking forward to the Columbus Day Celebration on October 1st.



America Lodge - Linda Enneman and her family.



Steve Guthrie visiting with Sandro Ferro and his girlfriend Stephanie.



Gilma Vaona and Steve Guthrie enjoying their fruity drinks with the umbrellas.



Our new members Paul and Kathy Cohen, two wonderful people added to our family.



September Birthday's, members that came to the meeting (Tony Giamberdino, Joyce Barney, Brian Sinaguglia and our Grand Lodge Deputy, Rosemarie Vanderhaar)



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## Shasta Lodge # 2453

Redding, CA  
by Carole Dellaragione

Shasta Lodge is always busy. As I write this we are one day away from one of our biggest events of the year...Paesano Days. This is a Friday night and Saturday Italian Festival. We have 38 bocce teams signed up for the tournament and we are hard at work pre-cooking the pasta for tomorrow night's all you can eat pasta dinner.

We are sorry to say that we lost one of our long time members last month. Many of you may remember Ed Reynolds from conventions or trips to our lodge. Ed managed the bar for many years prior to moving to Mountain View a little over a year ago to be closer to his family. But his heart was with Shasta Lodge. We have many fond memories of Ed and miss him each day.

In October we will host the Chico Vincenzo Bellini Lodge and the Weed Lodge to a Spaghetti Sauce Challenge. Chico made the challenge and each lodge will bring one or two sauces and

there will be a blind taste test by all attending. Come join us and vote for your favorite sauce. One gentleman, from Shasta Lodge, put up \$200 and another gentleman added \$100 as a prize to the winning lodge. If the weather remains pleasant, there will also be a bocce challenge. If you are interested in attending, please call Carole D. at Shasta Lodge for more information. Our state deputy John Jepsen, from Chico lodge, is handling most of the challenge details. Should be a fun afternoon in the park. Saturday, October 14th starting about 11AM.

The following weekend we will host Wings of Angels for the 16th year. This organization raises money to help families with seriously ill children. This is a great event and hope to have a large attendance this year.

Happy Halloween,  
Ciao  
Shasta Lodge

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If your lodge has an e-mail address or website and you would like to include it with the above list, please send it to me at [apampuro@comline.com](mailto:apampuro@comline.com).



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Joseph Lommori	Giuseppe Verdi	1441
Elsie Martini	Giuseppe Verdi	1441
Joanne Stralla	Giuseppe Verdi	1441
Rose Rossini	Modesto	2021
Dorothy Simile	Modesto	2021



## Giuseppe Mazzini Lodge # 1441

Fremont, CA

by Linda Abronzino

Hope Everyone had a nice summer and now back to the real world of meetings, school, and holidays.

Our September 8<sup>th</sup> with the baseball theme was a huge success. Many members wearing their favorite team shirts make it a very colorful evening

We want to send a shout out to John and Dori Marshall and Dennis Sparacino for organizing and manning the BBQ grilling of our wonderful dogs and burgers at our September meeting.

### **BBQ Fundraiser October 6<sup>th</sup>**

This is our main fundraiser of the year to help raise funds for our lodge's scholarship awards, convention delegates, and other activities. Please tell your friends and family. The more the merrier. And don't forget to bring a desirable prize for the raffle table or put together a fun gift basket for the auction. Check out our website for all information regarding this event. Price is \$15.00 per person.

### **Save the Date!**

Christmas is coming... our Annual Christmas Dinner Celebration will be taking place this year on

Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mark your calendars - we'd love to see you there. We will again be dining at Spin-A-Yarn in Fremont. Cookie bakers, break out the holiday recipes and bring a tray of your favorite cookies to share for dessert. More details will be forthcoming.

### **Website**

Don't forget to check out our own Giuseppe Mazzini website at <http://www.giuseppemazzini.org>

Happy Birthday to all our October birthday babies.



## Rodolfo Valentino Lodge # 1449

Clovis, CA

Carole Watson, President;

Lou Catallo, Historian; [lcatallo@aol.com](mailto:lcatallo@aol.com)

**Last Month:** We welcomed our new members to Clovis, Veronica Golden and Sal Quintero. Welcome aboard to our new friends.

It is very official now: the national office, in their mailings are referring to us as the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (OS-DIA). This is a change we have been looking forward to ever since our founding, but were unable to achieve because of copyright ownership. Our organization has been accepting women since the beginning (my mother joined in/about 1932), unlike many organizations of the day ... and even today. Also, at the national level, the new president, **Vera Girolami is a Californian from San Jose, while our California Grand Lodge past president, Lynn Lawrence Murphy, is a National Trustee. Also: At our meeting with the Central San Joaquin Valley Sol, in attendance were:** Grand Lodge Past President Ralph Agnello and wife Susan, Pauline Richmond, State Trustee Central, Louise Silacci, State Trustee, Central, and AnnaMarie Tesoriere, Hanford Lodge Queen, were introduced. Rick Del Carlo, our own Clovisite accordionist, was playing wonderful Italian music for all to enjoy.

**The Fresno** Colombo-Stella Lodge, our California Mother Lodge celebrated their 95th anniversary in September with many dignitaries, including our new National President, Vera Girolami. Our Clovis delegation was there to help them celebrate. Our Grand Lodge Membership chair, Joseph Simoni played the accordion to entertain the crowd.

**A word to the wise: Ladies, if your man says he is going to fix it, he will fix it; there is no need to remind him every 6 months about it.**

**This Month:** October has arrived, the month of our Fall Pasta Fest. Preparations will begin at about 09:00 AM at Notre Dame Hall, so, if you are available, come on down and help us set up for the dinner later (doors open for sit-down at 06:00 PM); it is never too late to come in and help. We will also need help

after the party to clean up the kitchen ... Just come on over and tell us you are there.

Also: Flu shots have been available since the 1960s and generally are about 65% effective, and, folks that get the flu shot are least likely to get ill from different forms of that virus, and pregnant women are better off with the shot than they are if they catch the actual flu.. October is "get your shot" month, so, get into the flow with your 2017 flu shot ... shots are available (sometimes free) from drug and grocery stores, doctor offices, and hospitals near you. Don't delay, do it now!

**Next Month:** November 20 will be our Thanksgiving Dinner; no details yet, but most likely it will involve a turkey somehow.

**Do you have** comments for our lodge members? Historical lodge photos? Let me know at my email address (above) and we can publish it in this column.

*Meet your world head-on: go after Moby Dick in a life boat, and take your tartar sauce with you!*

*Someone once said "The options in life are many while the opportunities are few". Grab an opportunity by applying for our lodge Sol scholarship(s). Contact Scholarship Chair, Isabel Ronzano, at (559) 297-0851, for information on this topic. **The Scholarship Deadlines are:** for **Clovis Lodge**, March 31, 2018; for **California State Grand Lodge**: March 01, 2018; and, for **National Lodge** the date is generally November to February of any year (\$500 to \$5,000 awards). Go to <https://www.osia.org/students/scholarships.php> for grants/tours/studies information in Italy. These are great for any student on a budget or not.*

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



## Northern Solano Lodge # 2534

Fairfield, CA

by Pam Boes and Rick Tracy

Welcome to our newest member Joyce Erday. Joyce's Italian roots originate in Calabria. Her parents, Frances and Phil Zumpano were the owners of Phil's Men's Store in Solano County for over 50 years.

Our latest endeavor, orchestrated by our president DonCraddock, is Monday Night Bocce. Better known by most of us as "Bocce for Beginners." Long time players: Louise and Frank Rossi, Sharie Anaclario, Roy Pimentel and David Rico gave the "Newbies" pointers. The "Newbie's": Caroline Abughazleh, Gloria and Joe Niccoi, Jeanne and Don Craddock, and Rick Tracy got into the full swing of things and enjoyed the evening. Rick only came to take pictures and ended up on a team.

Fall is in the air and the cool nights are coming. SOUP NIGHT WILL BE BACK in February. For those who have never attended, soup night is open to all members. Five of those attending volunteer to bring five different and delicious soups of their choice. The rest bring the bread, desserts, soft drinks and wine. THANK YOU Sharie Anaclario and Roy Pimentel for offering your home for this activity.

Another upcoming cultural experience being planned for our Lodge members is conversational Italian. Many members have ex-

pressed the desire to learn basic Italian and informally practice the language at our meetings.

Our August meeting was enhanced by the family of Maria Reginato. Her daughter Alicia Reginato, Benit Roman and her grandson Otto Roman were visiting from Barcelona, Spain. The highlight of the evening was eight year old Otto entertaining us by singing "Ave Maria" in Latin to an unfamiliar audience. Also Maria's sisters Nieves Carrales and Louise Mendoza visited our Lodge from Texas.

Both Card Night and Book Club were hosted by Shirley and Jerry Firpo. Card night continues to grow with more members discovering the fun of Italian card games. The Book Club has taken on a variety titles from American History, Italian Culture, with stories originating in both Italy and America, to exploring the Amazon. The readings often extend to a later movie that was inspired by one of the books. Recently Pam Boes and Joy Bruno hosted the movie "The Lost City of Z".

The Columbus Dinner on October 14th promises to be an outstanding event. It will feature the very popular and beautiful gift baskets created by Carla Gamez and Angie Caserza. David Rico will coordinate the dinner. Desserts will be provided by our members.

## REQUEST FROM THE WEBMASTER

### Attention All Lodges... Grand Lodge Website

We need the following please:

Your lodges contact information

President and Recording Secretary

When/Where/Time you meet

Your lodges website url link for example:  
([osiaca.org](http://osiaca.org))

Your lodges FaceBook Page url link

Your lodges Twitter url link

Your lodges Newsletter url link

Please email your information or questions to:

[osia.ca.webmaster@gmail.com](mailto:osia.ca.webmaster@gmail.com)



# Columbus Day

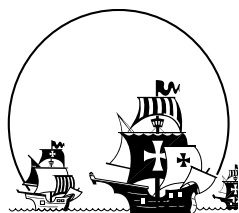
During the month of October many lodges will be celebrating Columbus Day with civic ceremonies. In the November issue of Il Leone we'll have all the stories. Below are photos of different types of statues depicting Columbus that the Sons of Italy was responsible in erecting.



This bust of Columbus stands in the courtyard of the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana.



This statue was erected on the grounds of the Los Angeles County Mall.



This beautiful statue of Columbus trying to convince Queen Isabella of Spain to finance his voyage while his son Diego looks on stands in the rotunda of our Capital Building in Sacramento.



## GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA NEEDS YOUR HELP

On the afternoon of January 13, 2017, a fire suddenly erupted at the Sons of Italy Hall located at 1238 S. 10th St in Omaha, Nebraska. This was a two alarm fire and was rapidly brought under control by the Omaha Fire Department. There was extensive internal damage to the structure which is owned by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, the State affiliate of OSIA.

The leadership of the grand lodge is uniformly committed to rebuilding the Hall at its current location. Work is currently underway to rebuild the site. It is estimated that the work will be completed by the end of the year. The final product will be a beautiful new hall of which both the members and the community will be proud.

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## Colombo-Stella Lodge 1149

Fresno, CA

by Olivia DeLiddo Gallegos, President

As I write this, our Lodge celebrate our 95th Anniversary. What a celebration we had! After a few glitches that delayed the meal, and having to wait 40 minutes for the PA system to work so our audience of over 200 people could hear us, we delivered one of our most successful dinner/fundraisers to date. Kudos to our kitchen staff, beginning with Rachele Giammarella, our member from Bari, Italy, who made 12 gallons of "la salsa", very delicious, Emilia Canzio who was here helping her, making the salad, cutting the cakes, Richard Gallegos Jr, Donn Alfano cooked the sausages and Steve Barra cooking the rigatoni, Grace Barra cooked the green beans Tracy Fiorini Price and Lorraine Baquera were gathering the take outs, Ann Anderson did double duty taking tickets at the door and running the silent auction, Kem Ohanesian was at the Lodge with me in the morning, (as well as Emilia, Rachele and Grace) and she did so many of the things you just assume are already done. The 4 of them decorated, put together the

utensils, got the raffle tickets in lots of 5's and 10's, and helped me with the raffle items. Kem, Grace, Emilia and Rachele were there from the morning until we left at 10pm. Donn picked up our cakes and met us there in the morning, Richard picked up 10 cases of sausage that were donated to us, and Steve picked up the rolls and the 94 pounds of rigatoni that were donated to us. Everyone did double and triple duties. Natalie DeLiddo and Jessica Saldivar came a little later, but at a crucial time, when we really needed their help. Our newest member Tracie Corazzini, not only sold her share of dinner tickets, which was unexpected because she was busy fighting the Pier fire, but she took a very active role in selling our raffle tickets and helping to run the prizes to the winners. Honestly, I could not more pleased with the new members we have been blessed with. During the lull while the PA system was down, we were entertained by the very talented Joe Simoni, who came from San Mateo with his accordion. He did a magnificent job! We had over 200 people attend our event. I asked Carmella Liberta from Rodolfo Valentino to say a blessing for us, in part because I love her and the Clovis Lodge, but also to show that we all help each other. I asked, she said "of course". I asked Janis Hansen and HazelAnn Christin from Hanford to help me with the dignitaries, they said, "of course". I didn't even have to ask Joe Simoni, he offered. The other Lodges brought gifts for the raffle, it's what we do in Central! We all help

each other.

Speaking of Dignitaries, ours included our newly elected National President Vera Girolami, who spoke to our group about the importance of keeping our heritage alive, and to take a stand when anyone tries to take away Columbus Day or removes his statues. She spoke from her heart. She also brought with her a Certificate of Appreciation from Supreme Lodge for our faithful and loyal service for 95 years. State 1st Vice President Arlene Nunziati was in attendance, and she also was representing State Pres. John Costa, who could not be with us. Arlene brought with her a Certificate of Appreciation from the Grand Lodge of California, congratulating our Lodge on our 95th Anniversary. Other dignitaries joining us were Head State Trustee Central: Pauline Richmond, State Trustee Central: Louise Silacci, Past State President: Ralph Agnello, State Birth Defects Library Commission: HazelAnn Christin, Rodolfo Valentino President: Carol Watson, Hanford Lodge and United Lodges President: Charles Sant'Agata, Modesto Lodge President: Donna Ferreira, State Deputy Janis Hansen.

Our Scholarship Committee Richard Gallegos Jr, Yolanda Canzio and Jo Potter (who could not attend) called up our youth member, Hannah Craig to present Hannah with a scholarship award of \$1,500.00. Hannah is a very impressive young woman

and student. She is very deserving of this award. As they were leaving the stage, I asked Yolanda to stay. She was quite surprised to learn the Lodge had voted to honor her for her many years of dedicated service to our Order. We had a beautiful plaque made for her, with a monetary award of \$500.00. Yolanda has been the kind of member that does anything that is asked of her, she is welcoming to all new members. She has brought in every member of her family to join our Lodge. It was so wonderful to be able to see her get honored, with her parents in the audience.

Our Silent Auction and raffle was fantastic, as usual. We have the most generous donors. This was our best, to date. I heard so many compliments on the dinner, that I hope it encourages Rachele to sign up for cooking duties again next year. I feel very blessed that so many of my friends from high school attended, old friends, new friends, family, we are all in this together. All working for a single cause, to make life better for those less fortunate. So, today, the day after our event, when my adrenaline is gone and I can barely walk, I feel very blessed. Thank you to all my members that came early, stayed late, helped in any way. Thank you everyone who took time out of your day to help our Mother Lodge celebrate 95 years of existence. I hope I did not forget anyone. Until next time, Ciao!



Rachele, Steve, Richard and Donn.



Yolanda getting plaque.



Yolanda, Hannah, Olivia and Richard



1st State Vice President Arlene Nunziati and Colombo-Stella President Olivia DeLiddo Gallegos.



National President Vera Giraloma and Colombo-Stella President Olivia DeLiddo Gallegos.

### ATTENTION PLEASE

Please make sure that articles are sent to [debbie@sanddgraphics.com](mailto:debbie@sanddgraphics.com). and [cc Apampuro@comline.com](mailto:ccApampuro@comline.com). I would also like articles sent in word to me and PDF to Andy if possible.

We appreciate all your help.  
Thank you,  
Andy Pampuro  
Debbie Ure



# The Renaissance Lodge 2017 Orange International Street Fair

A year of planning and preparing for our annual International street fair and wouldn't you know it, weather was perfect until opening day...and then the heat wave hit. We have had hot street

fairs before but this was the hottest ever; attendance was extremely low. The heat was keeping everyone away and nearly causing heat stroke to some of our volunteers. Sunday morning it began to cool

down and the crowds started up, we were excited thinking yea...we can maybe re-coup from Friday and Saturday... and then the rain began. It looked so funny, people were running trying to find cover

and the umbrellas that were used for protection from the sun were now keeping some lucky people dry. The rain stopped and we got busy again and then it rained again and this time it rained

hard, our booth got soaked and we realized it wasn't going to be our best year, but we sure had fun and a lot of laughs and looking forward to next year.





# I'm an Italian American

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

*I am enriched by thousands of years of culture.*

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

*My thoughts have been recorded in the annals of Rome, the poetry of Virgil, the creations of Dante, and the philosophy of Benedetto Croce. I am an Italian-American, and from my*

*ancient world, I first spanned the seas of the new world. I am Cristoforo Colombo.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Wisconsin, and Michigan. I am Colonel Francesco Vigo.*

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

*I am Alessandro Malaspina.*

*I am Giacomo Beltrami, discoverer of the source of the Mississippi River in 1823.*

*I created the Dome of the United States Capitol. They called me the Michelangelo of America. I am Constantino Brumidi.*

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

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

*First enlisted man to win the medal of Honor in World War II,*

*I am John Basilone of New Jersey.*

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

*from Guadalcanal to the Rhine.*

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

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

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

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

*I Am An Italian-American.*

*by Angelo Bianchi, Esq.*