



# LA VOCE

Settembre 2020

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello Brothers & Sisters of Northern Solano Lodge #2534,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe. The last two weeks have been extra difficult for some of our members and fellow Solano County residents as the LNU Complex Fire raged through Solano County, destroying homes and displacing families. The only way I could describe the scene on Wednesday, August 19th, as the fire raced down from Lake Berryessa through Vacaville, Blue Ridge Oaks, to the edge of Rancho Solano, jumping Interstate 80, threatening Paradise Valley, the homes to Peabody Road and forcing the evacuation of the planes at Travis AFB, was APOCALYPTIC. The fire indiscriminately destroyed and spared homes and property while delivering an inordinate amount of pain and loss for the families in its path. We had members lose their homes, members who were evacuated and members who were spared. Please stay connected to your fellow members and share some compassion and love. In many cases we can't see others' pain and suffering. A simple note, email or phone call can do a lot to let someone know how much you care. With an event like this we see the strength of the human spirit and the love for our fellow brothers and sisters. A shout out to the First Responders who run towards the fire to warn and evacuate families, to fight the fire, to mop up the fire, to help repopulate the areas and to lend support to the families impacted. Thank you for your sacrifice; you make us proud to be Americans!

On to some lodge updates. The nomination committee has been working with current officers and lodge members to put a slate of officer nominees together for the upcoming November election. The officer/board positions are a two-year commitment beginning in January of 2021 and ending in January 2023. I would encourage you to review the nomination information in this newsletter and consider participating as a board member. New board members are the life blood for our growth and sustainability.

In this issue, you will also find information on the Albert Galli Holiday Wreath Fundraiser. This is a great way to share holiday cheer with family and friends while supporting the lodge fundraising. Financially, 2020 started off great with the Crab Feed, but the Dixon May Fair fundraiser was cancelled. We did have success with the Scholarship fundraiser – Winner Every Day, but we will not be able to have our Columbus Day Dinner and possibly the 2021 Crab Feed in January. If each lodge member could sell three wreath items to friends or family, we have the potential to raise about \$3,000. This would go a long way to fund scholarships and our other charities like the Food Bank and Meals on Wheels. Big shout out for Caroline Abughazaleh, our chairperson for the holiday fundraiser.

Stay safe, stay healthy and enjoy the Labor Day weekend, Mark

## Happy September Birthdays

Hannelore Baffico	1st
Sharon Rico	1st
Jeanne Cradduck	6th
Lina Cradduck	7th
Roy Pimentel	9th
Betty Victor	9th
William Colombano	12th
Lauren Rossi	13th



Joan Miller	14th
Taylor Falati	17th
Susan Holmboe	17th
Shelby Blackman	19th
Joy Bruno	23rd
Loren Anne Bruno	23rd
Lucia Holmboe	30th



## Buon Anniversario

Happy Anniversary to all members who are celebrating this month. Please let Mark know of your special occasion so we can share with your Lodge Brothers and Sisters.

### SUNSHINE

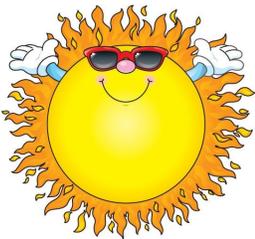
Hi All:

We pray that everyone is safe from the devastating fires in Solano County. The only card I sent this month was to Rod and Joy (Bruno) Neubert. Rod lost his beautiful home between Vacaville and Fairfield, that burned to the ground. We are so thankful they were not there at the time of the fire. We are praying for them as they navigate through this huge loss.

This year of 2020 has had never ending challenges. Let's be thankful for our blessings of our faith, family and friends.

Have a wonderful September.

Sharon Rico



## Nomination Committee Update

The nomination committee has been working on finding prospective lodge members to fill lodge officer positions for the 2021-2023 term. If you are a Regular or Associate member you qualify for most of these board/officer positions. All organization need new ideas to keep running successfully, so even if you have not held a position in our lodge, please consider running for one. In this issue of the La Voce we have included a brief synopsis of the duties of each office and the time commitment needed. If you are interested in an office and would like more information about the duties and time commitment, feel free to reach out to the current office holder. Below is tentative slate of nominees and open positions for 2021-2023.

<b>LODGE POSITIONS</b>	<b>CURRENT OFFICERS 2019-2021</b>	<b>TENATIVE SLATE 2021-2023</b>
PRESIDENT	MARK ROSSI	JOE NICCOLI
VICE PRESIDENT	FRANK MOSSA	<b>OPEN POSITION</b>
IMMED PAST PRESIDENT	DON CRADDUCK	MARK ROSSI
ORATOR	SUSAN CAHAN	SUSAN CAHAN
RECORDING SECRETARY	SHIRLEY FIRPO	SHIRLEY FIRPO
TREASURER	JERRY FIRPO	JERRY FIRPO
GUARD	KAY LOCATELLI	<b>OPEN POSITION</b>
MASTER OF CEREMONIES	JOE NICCOLI	DON CRADDUCK
MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES	LAURÉ DEVINCENZI-NICHOLS	JEANNE CRADDUCK
TRUSTEE	JANICE DEPASQUALE	<b>OPEN POSITION</b>
TRUSTEE	JEANNE CRADDUCK	<b>OPEN POSITION</b>
TRUSTEE	GLORIA NICCOLI	<b>OPEN POSITION</b>
TRUSTEE	VINCENZO LA NOVARA	VINCENZO LA NOVARA
TRUSTEE	PAM BOES	PAM BOES
HISTORIAN	RICK TRACY	<b>OPEN POSITION</b>
CHAPLAIN (APPOINTED)	CAROLINE ABULGHAZALEH	<b>OPEN POSITION</b>

In general, the time commitment to serve in most of these offices is minimal. All elected positions are for a two-year term. You will be required to attend our monthly business meetings held immediately after the dinners have been served. Quarterly you will be required to attend board meetings usually held in the evenings consisting of one and a half hours to two hours. Trustees are required to arrive 30 minutes earlier than scheduled board meeting to allow time for the books to be audited. On the next page you will find a description of duties for all open positions on our tentative slate for 2021-2023. As previously stated, you can run for any office not just those that are open. If you want information on any office not listed or would like to run for an office please contact Mark at 209-404-0692.

## DESCRIPTION OF OPEN POSITIONS FOR BOARD OFFICERS

**Local Lodge Vice President** is the individual who is the second ranking officer of the Local Lodge. This individual takes the place and assumes all rights and duties of the Local Lodge President when the Local Lodge President is absent. This individual will succeed to the Office of Local Lodge President should the Local Lodge President, for any reason, cease to occupy the position and shall be legally installed as soon as possible.

**Local Lodge Guard** is the doorkeeper of the Local Lodge. This individual admits members who request admission into the hall as well as refuses admissions to strangers; and announces the Local Lodge President to the members who have made themselves known before their admission.

**Local Lodge Trustees** are individuals who are the guardians of the economic interests of the Local Lodge. These individuals check and verify the administrative books of the Local Lodge Financial Secretary and the Local Lodge Treasurer; review the Membership Ledger Book; and fulfill other duties asked of them by the Internal Bylaws of the Local Lodge and of the Grand Lodge.

**Local Lodge Historian** is the individual who compiles and maintains the records of the history of the Local Lodge.

**Chaplain** is responsible for saying the opening and closing prayer at each regularly scheduled Lodge meeting. This position is filled by appointment of the new president. Please notify the committee if you would like to fill this office.



# SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY NORTHERN SOLANO LODGE #2534

## AL GALLI WREATH HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

Brothers and Sisters: As we all know today everything is a little different in our lives. Normally our Lodge would have held our Dixon May Fair Beer Booth fundraiser and would be looking forward to our annual Columbus Dinner. These fundraisers allow us to carry on the tradition of funding scholarships for local seniors thru the Assist A Grad program. As a result of the loss of these two main fundraisers we are looking forward to your support of the Al Galli Wreath fundraiser. With most of us staying close to home these days this fundraiser is a perfect way for you and your friends to purchase Christmas gifts for your loved ones and have them delivered all in one easy step. This year besides our normal wreaths and living Christmas trees we will be offering a new selection of "Sprays". The sprays are only available in case lots with six items of the same type per order. These sprays cannot be shipped to multiple addresses so they must be sent to one address where you will have to distribute them individually. These make great gifts for those friends who live locally and can be easily delivered to them.

Attached to this email we have included:

1. Pictures and prices for the Wreaths, Candlelit Center Piece and Trees.
2. Sprays and prices.
3. Online order option.

Since we will probably not be able to hold a Lodge meeting until next year we have devised three easy ways for you to securely place your orders:

1. Select items you desire to order and call Pat Galli 707-429-2710 or Juanita Stopponi at 707-580-9176.

Order details will be filled out via telephone and you will be advised as to the total due on your order. You will be asked to send a check payable to Northern Solano Lodge #2534. Once check is received your order will be placed and a copy of your order will be saved.

2. Sprays will be ordered in the same manner with the exception they must be ordered in quantities of six per order. These bulk orders can only be shipped to one address for distribution.
3. Online order option. Follow instructions to place orders directly via email. Please be sure to use the funding code **NORTHECA002** on your order so your lodge will receive credit for the sale.

**For information please call Caroline Abughazaleh, chairperson @ 707-425-8242.**

**SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY  
NORTHERN SOLANO LODGE #2534  
AL GALLI HOLIDAY WREATH FUNDRAISER**



**Classic Wreath \$39.00**



**Victorian Wreath \$45.00**



**Wintergreen Wreath \$45.00**



**Cranberry Splash Wreath \$43.00**



**Candle Lit Centerpiece \$40.00**



**Table top Christmas tree 22" \$40.00**



**Live Christmas Tree 40" \$57.00**

## SPRAYS

Order need to be placed in case quantities of same product  
Sprays are 6 items per case



Classic Spray \$23.00



Cranberry Spray \$26.00



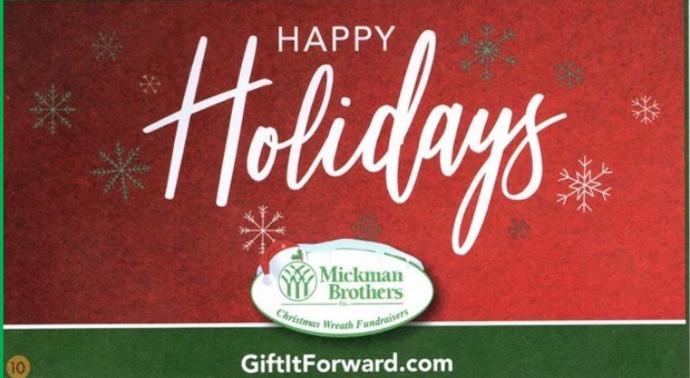
Victorian Spray \$26.00



Wintergreen Spray \$26.00

### OPTION #3 ONLINE ORDER

MUST BE PLACED NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1st 2020

<p><b>THANK YOU</b> FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Expect Delivery between November 18th and December 11th</li><li>• No refunds for undeliverable products</li><li>• Questions? Call 763-413-8269</li></ul>	<p><b>FORGET SOMEONE ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST?</b></p> <p>No problem! You can order more evergreen gifts for family, friends and business associates by visiting: <b><a href="http://GiftItForward.com">GiftItForward.com</a></b></p>	<p>Share the Holiday Spirit with family and friends by sending them a Holiday Evergreen Gift! Use This Fundraising Code: <b>NORTHECA002</b></p> <p>For each Holiday Evergreen Gift Purchased, \$8.00 will be donated to: <u>SOTA N. Solano Lodge 2534</u></p>
<p><b>A CONVENIENT WAY TO SEND A HOLIDAY GIFT TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS!</b></p>		
 <p><b>HAPPY Holidays</b></p> <p>Mickman Brothers Christmas Wreath Fundraisers</p> <p><a href="http://GiftItForward.com">GiftItForward.com</a></p>	<p>This Holiday Evergreen was sent to you as a gift - <b>AND</b> to support the fundraising efforts of:</p> <p><b>Northern Solano Lodge 2534</b></p> <p>To 'Gift it Forward' please visit the website <b><a href="http://GiftItForward.com">GiftItForward.com</a></b> and share the Holiday Spirit with family and friends by sending them a Holiday Evergreen Gift!</p> <p>Use This Fundraising Code: <b>NORTHECA002</b></p> <p>For each Holiday Evergreen Gift Purchased, \$8.00 will be donated to support the organization listed above!</p>	

### GOOD NEWS GOOD NEWS GOOD NEWS GOOD NEWS

Brothers and Sisters of northern Solano Lodge: Welcome to a new section of our La Voce newsletter. With all the bad news in our country and lives today we thought we could give all the opportunity to share some of their good new with fellow members. Starting next month we would like anyone to contact Linda Feins at [lfeins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lfeins@sbcglobal.net) or Don Craddock at [atoothmkr@comcast.net](mailto:atoothmkr@comcast.net) and tell us about your good news. This could be anything from the birth a new grandchild, a great or even a great great grandchild. Items like family members getting married, celebrating a special birthday or a visit with a long lost friend. You can email your news anytime during the month and we will insert it in next months edition. Looking forward to many of you sharing your love.



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