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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Our thoughts go out to our neighbors in Napa and Sonoma Counties as they battle another wildfire in their area. I think Mother Nature is giving us a lesson in forced forest management. I am praying for early rains!

On September 22nd we held our first in-person Officers' meeting. Don Craddock secured the use of the Odd Fellows Hall for our meeting. The hall was large enough for us to be socially distanced. Thank you for all who attended. You should have received an email from me through Rich Barker. Our Communication Director, the subject line was "Membership Approval Needed". I discussed the Officers' recommendations on funding Scholarships for 2021, Sons & Daughters of Italy charities and the Remember A Vet Wreath Project at the Sacramento National Cemetery. It would be great to get a response from each of you regarding these donations. If you have not received the email or cannot find it, please reach out to Rich at hrbarker@sbcglobal.net and he will re-send it to you.

Caroline Abughazeleh and Juanita Stoppini have been reaching out to the membership to provide information on the Albert Galli Holiday Wreath fundraiser. I know it is early to be thinking about Christmas, and I know it has been an unusually difficult year. The gift of a holiday wreath can brighten anyone's day and keep them smiling through the holidays. They are a beautiful thoughtful gift and a few minutes of your time, and of course a few dollars, will absolutely make someone's day in early December. Even if you are not interested in purchasing one yourself, we ask that you pass on the on-line ordering information to family and friends.

We have set up an outdoor Autumn Reunion for Thursday, October 8th in the picnic area at the Jelly Belly Visitor Center. The Reunion will run from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. You can bring a lunch or purchase food at the Jelly Belly Café inside the Visitor Center. Jelly Belly is following all the current COVID protocols, so you must wear a mask inside the Visitor Center. Please contact Kay Locatelli to reserve your place. (707) 422-2518.

Concerning upcoming Officer nominations and elections, we have had a good response from the membership and current Officers to fill most of the open positions. We are still in need of a Vice President and President. Both positions require that you have held a previous Office for a minimum of one term. If there are no qualified candidates running for these spots, then the minimum qualifications do not apply. There is a great cast of Officers and Past Officers that can help you learn and support you in one of these roles. If you have an interest and would like to discuss it further, my contact information is (209) 404-0692 or mercatoman1@gmail.com.

Stay safe, stay healthy and pray for early rains.

Mark

Happy October Birthdays

Tracy Falati	1st
Joyce Erday	4th
Leo Giovannetti	5th
Lucille Beeler	11th
Jordan Falati	13th
Gerald Firpo	13th
Andrea Smithson	13th



Richard Barker	14th
Dominic DiFabio	22nd
Olga Perez	25th
Pam Boes	29th
George Locatelli	29th
Maria Reginato	29th



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.

FOOD BANK

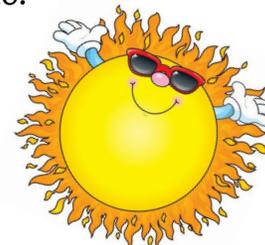
Joy Bruno is getting a crew together to volunteer at the Contra Costa Food Bank. For our new members who are not on her list and would like to help out please contact Joy at 707-332-5623. This is a great way to make new friends and help our Lodge serve our community. Hope to see some new faces there.

SUNSHINE

Hi All:

Another month has zoomed by with many of our members needing support. If you have time, send a card or better yet, make a phone call. Cards sent this month went to:

Gloria Niccoli	Get well
Guido Colla	Get well
Joe Della Zoppa	Sympathy to Family
James Allen	Get Well
Pam Boes	Thinking of you



Praying everyone will have a peaceful, enjoyable fall. Hopefully we will have a vaccine in the near future that would allow us to resume our Sons and Daughters of Italy monthly meetings.

Love to all,
Sharon Rico

A note from Joe & Gloria Niccoli

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of you who reached out to us after learning of Gloria's cancer diagnosis. We sincerely appreciate the best wishes and kind thoughts that you have sent to us. Many of you have also shared the fact that you were able to defeat this terrible disease. That gives us great hope as we go forward. We mostly want to thank you for all of the prayers, masses, and novenas that you have offered for Gloria. We want to ask you to continue those prayers. If we are to beat this cancer and Gloria is to return to good health, our best weapon is prayer. Words cannot convey the love and gratitude that we have for all of you.



Memorial for Joe Della Zoppa

Brothers and Sisters, it is with a heavy heart that we inform you of the passing of one of our Charter Members, Joe Amerigo Della Zoppa. Joe had been a member of Northern Solano Lodge for over 37 years! As a Charter Member he shared the lodge anniversary and inception date of January 16, 1983.

Joe began his working career as a pharmacist and then transitioned into a lifelong career in waste management. Joe was a local business owner and a huge supporter of local non-profits. Joe owned Solano Garbage for 29 years, retired in 2003. He then purchased the iconic Cordelia watering hole, Thompson's Corners.

In our lodges early days when we would have large events members would bring raffle prizes. You could always count on Joe to bring bags of items for the raffle. Joe always brought a large group of guests to our events.

Joe was always a very humble, giving and supportive lodge member. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Joe's family during this difficult time.

Brothers and Sisters of Northern Solano Lodge #2534

The world lost a gem when Joe passed away, there was no more benevolent than Joe. He sponsored many non-profit organizations that served our entire community. When I first met Joe 40 years ago, we realized our family villages in Italy were 15 miles apart. Joe and I had the opportunity to go to Italy and stay in his home village and we then traveled to my family village; we had a great time. I will miss him very much!

Thank you for allowing me to share a few words. Gary Falati

ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH



Over 5.5 million Italians immigrated to the United States between 1820 and 2000. Today there are over 17.8 million Americans of Italian descent in the United States, making them the fourth largest ethnic group – and the country was even named after an Italian, the explorer and geographer Amerigo Vespucci.

Without the Italians, America would be a very different place today. So many of her discoverers, explorers, and colonizers were of Italian descent, one might even conclude that without Italians, America may not even exist.

Italian Americans throughout the nation join together to celebrate their heritage during the month of October, but the name of the month is as varied as those who celebrate. Depending on the organization and region, October may be Italian American Heritage Month, Italian American History Month, Italian Heritage Month, Italian Culture Month, Italian Heritage and Culture Month, or Italian History Month. However, it is recognized as National Italian American Heritage Month in the annual proclamation signed by the President of the United States.

Although the month of festivities may be identified by many names, the purpose of celebrating is the same, to honor those of Italian heritage who have so richly contributed to America... and the world.

Whether you are of Italian heritage or not, we hope that you who read this will in some way celebrate this month what makes Italian-Americans proud.

To all the Italian-Americans who contribute to what makes America great, we thank you!

“ I am an Italian-American by Angelo Bianchi, Esq., 1982 ”

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 recounted 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 to 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, Wisconsin and Michigan. I am Colonel Francesco Vigo.

I mapped the Pacific from Mexico to Alaska and to the Philippines. I am Alessandro Malaspina.

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

In 1904, I founded in San Francisco, the Bank of Italy now known 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.

I am Steve Geppi, founder of Diamond Comics, the largest distributorship of comics on the planet.

I am the first enlisted man to earn 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 homemaker and the breadwinner in over 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 and serve it.

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 protect against all foes.

My heritage has dedicated me to this nation. I am proud of my heritage, and I shall remain worthy of it.

I am an Italian-American.

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.

**PLEASE GET ORDERS AND CHECKS TO CAROLINE
ABUGHAZALEH NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 15TH
CALL 707-425-8242 FOR INFORMATION**

**SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY
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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

THANK YOU
FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!

- Expect Delivery between November 18th and December 11th
- No refunds for undeliverable products
- Questions? Call 763-413-8269

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GOOD NEWS GOOD NEWS GOOD NEWS GOOD NEWS

Brothers and Sisters of Northern Solano Lodge: Welcome to the newest section of our La Voce newsletter. With all the bad news in our country and lives today, we thought we could give our members the opportunity to share some of their good news with fellow brothers and sisters. Anytime during the month of October you can contact Linda Feins at lfeins@sbcglobal.net or Don Craddock at atoothmkr@comcast.net and tell us about your good news. We will insert it in the November edition of the La Voce. Looking forward to many of you sharing your good news next month.

GOOD NEWS

Jeanne and Don Craddock's daughter Melissa Barnes while working as a Certified Nursing Assistant at North Bay Hospital in Fairfield has completed her prerequisite classes at Solano Junior College and received AA degrees in Liberal Studies, General Science and Biomedical Science. Melissa then applied to the Napa Junior College Registered Nursing program and has been accepted in the class beginning in January 2021. We are very excited and proud of all the hard work she has devoted to achieve her goal of becoming a Registered Nurse.

Gary & Tami Dennis want to announce the marriage of their daughter, Angelina to Michael Ackerley. Tami's mother & father, Tom & Annett Pisani, are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

George and Kay Locatelli have welcomed two tiny kittens to their home. Minion is a black short hair. Dotty is gray with black dots. Watching and playing with their new babies has helped them cope with this crazy lock down.

Edna Barnes is happy to report her younger grandson has finished medical school. Dr. Everett Barnes is now practicing medicine at St. Peter Hospital in Olympia, WA. Additionally, this year, Edna was blessed with their first great grandchild, Sierra, daughter of Lin and Connelly Barnes.

Joel and Linda Feins' daughter Jennifer has purchased a new home in Fairfield.

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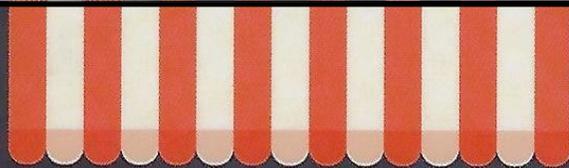
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