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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It's hard to imagine but 2021 is half over. July 1st is the 181st day of the year and things are finally getting back to normal. People are going to movies, restaurants, visiting friends and families and starting to enjoy life. Our lodges are opening up, we have held two in-person Lodge meetings and will have our third one this month on the 15th.

Speaking of our Lodge meeting we were honored to have Peter Rossi, grandson of Frank and Loise Rossi as our guest of honor at our June meeting. Peter was the recipient of the Al Galli scholarship. Peter introduced his father Peter, mother Marey, sister Catherine and his brother Kirk. Peter will be attending California State University, Chico this fall.

We are hoping to be able to have our Columbus Dinner fundraiser this year and have tentatively set a date of October 9th. One of our needs will be for volunteers to gather donations and create our raffle baskets. We still have some baskets in storage but will need to refresh them before our dinner. If you have any experience in creating raffle baskets, please call me at 707-372-5151. You do not have to do this all by yourself, we will be sure you get as much help as you require.

I have checked with the Adult Recreation Center and they would still like us to keep the attendance around the 65-70 member number. This month Laretta Graham has volunteered to handle the RSVP list for our July 15th meeting. Please be sure to call her at 707-365-1818 to make your reservations. Guests and prospective members are welcome.

Let's celebrate the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4th, 1776. Even with all the turmoil and crazy things going on this still is the greatest country I know. Here's wishing everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Ciao a tutti.
Don



Happy July Birthdays

Lynn Gallagher 6
Carol LaNovara 9
Edna Barnes 11
Maria Roberto 14
Kenneth Gallagher 16
Nancy Santos 17



Charlene Godden Ping 21
Rose Beeler 22
Mike Kimmel 24
Angela Dennis Pasini 29
Jim Spering 31

Buon Anniversario



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

This is only for the brothers in the lodge who like me are prone to gloss over certain things in their lives. If in the next few months, you have an anniversary let us know and we will be sure to share it with your fellow Brothers and Sisters. This would be a great way to surprise your loved one who like mine I'm sure figures you will forget. Just give me a call at 707-372-5151. Take advantage of this you won't be sorry. Don

SAVE THE DATE

August 19th Regular Lodge meeting ARC
October 9th Columbus Dinner Fundraiser

Activities for July

- July 15th** Our regular Lodge meeting will be held at the Adult Recreation Center starting at 6 pm with dinner being served at 6:30 pm followed by our business meeting. Don't forget to bring a raffle prize to share with your fellow brothers and sisters. This is how we defray the cost of our dinners. Please remember to RSVP Laurretta Graham at 707-365-1818.
- July 21st** Card night will be at Roy Pimentel and Sherry Anaclario's home. Please contact Sherry or Roy at 707-449-1688 for directions and to RSVP.
- July 22nd** Out to Lunch Bunch will be at Your Town's Cafe at 1720 N. Texas Street in Fairfield at 12:30 p.m. Please contact Kay Locatelli for information or to RSVP.
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TABLE DECORATIONS FOR LODGE MEETINGS

Decorations for the month of July courtesy of Nancy Page, Priscilla Barrett and Juanita Stopponi. Now that we are meeting in person again, we are looking for volunteers to decorate the tables for our upcoming meetings. We have the months of August, September and November open. Get together with a fellow lodge member and pick a month to help out. Call Don at 707-372-5151 to reserve your month.

SUNSHINE

Please remember to contact Sue if you know of any member that might need to be sent a card. Call 707-448-7848 and leave a message.

Cards were sent out to :



Jeanne Cradduck	Get well
Andy Canova	Thinking of you
George Locatelli	Get Well
Joy Bruno Neubert	Sympathy
Gloria Niccoli	Get Well

Carol Urban was our lucky winner and guessed our Who Am I mystery member was Pat Galli. Here is a picture of Pat.

Sorry, no Who Am I for July.



MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

Sue Cahan was present and won a free years membership.

WINNER EVERY DAY RAFFLE

OCTOBER 2021

At our June meeting Lauretta Graham and Lynn Gallagher sold tickets for our October raffle. As in the past we are only selling 300 tickets. If you missed the July meeting and were not able to take advantage of our "EARLY BIRD" sale, all you need to do is call Lauretta at (707-365-1818) or Lynn (707-446-7720) and they will get tickets to you. With these tickets you have the opportunity to win a minimum of 31 times and more since winning tickets are re-entered into the drawing. The price of the Early Bird tickets is discounted to \$10 during the period of June 17th to July 15th. After that date the cost goes back up to \$12, so why not take advantage of the sale. If you ask for extra tickets you can share this special with your friends and families making it a win win for all. Remember your Lodge's fundraisers will only be successful with everyone's help.



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84TH ANNUAL GRAND CONVENTION 2021

On Saturday June 26th, Joy Bruno, Jeanne Craddock and Don Craddock attended the convention via zoom. It was a little unusual but given the circumstances the convention organizers did a great job. Unlike past conventions reports were emailed to delegates and were read prior to the meeting. No questions about reports were asked and the reports were approved as submitted.

One interesting report was from the media committee where the benefits of the OSDIA were presented in a slide show. Go to youtube.com (you do not need to subscribe) in the search bar type OSDIA and it opens up a multitude of videos about Italy, interviews, cooking videos and more. They even had a site connected to ancestry.com which is supposed to give you free access to the OSDIA accounts. We will be showing this slide show at our July Lodge meeting.

There were several bylaw changes presented but due to the difficulty to hold discussion and then vote it was proposed and approved that we table these until we hold our convention in person next June. There was another bylaw change from 2019-2020 which was approved by National then by Grand and finally by delegates at this convention. This bylaw change allows Social members not only to be able to vote on Lodge business but also to serve on committees and to hold any office except President, Vice President and State Delegates.

Elections were held and approved by acclamation. We will post a list of the new officers at our next meeting. Our Lodge is well represented with two Grand Lodge officer, Joy Bruno is our new State Treasurer and Louie Lode is the new Vice President of the North. Kudos to Northern Solano Lodge.

Based on the membership roles as of 12/31/2020 out of nineteen lodges in the Northern District I am proud to say we are #2 with 134 members. Look out Guiseppe Verdi you came in first with 135 members but with the great group we have we might just take your spot.

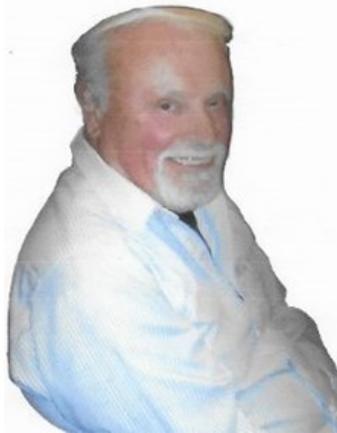
OUT TO LUNCH



On June 21st 15 Lodge members met at Pietros #2 for lunch. A great time was had by all and we celebrated Shirly Firpo's birthday with song and cake. Thanks to Pam Boes, our Vacaville Out to Lunch committee chair for arranging this outing. All members are invited to join and get to know your fellow brothers and sisters. Our Fairfield Out to Lunch committee chair Kay Locatelli has arranged for us to gather on July 21st at Your Town's Cafe located at 1720 North Texas Street in Fairfield. We will meet at 12:30 to enjoy a good meal and even better company. Please RSVP a 425-2518 and leave a message.

MEMORIAL FOR RODNEY (ROD) FOSTER NEUBERT

April 16th 1933—June 9th 2021



Very seldom in one's life do you get the opportunity of meeting someone special, a true "character". Jeanne and I will always keep a place in our memories for this man who always was smiling and ready with a story (always funny) mostly about his life. I would like to share my favorite with all of you who did not have the opportunity to hear it directly from Rod.

Rod told us of his days in veterinary school when the students were treating a variety of animals his being a blue parakeet which had a broken wing. He told us that the treatment was to set the wing and wrap the bird thereby allowing the wing to heal. Rod described the venue as a long bench with an elevated shelf attached to the area where the students did clinical work. He described an old tomcat which I believe he said the school kind of adopted and he wandered freely around the facility. This particular day this cat named Chainsaw (who apparently was missing part of an ear and had battle scares as well) wandered down the elevated shelf checking out the daily activities. When he arrived at Rod's station Rod held up the wrapped parakeet for Chainsaw to see.....in a flash Chainsaw struck and the parakeet was without a head. What to do!!! This was somebody's pet bird...Rod being the character he was took a trip to a local pet store and bought a blue parakeet. Once back at the school he proceeded to wrap the bird and made arrangements for the owners to take the bird home while waiting for the "wing" to heal. Later when they picked up their bird Rod inquired "Did your bird whistle or do other special things? He might not act like he did before since the effects of the anesthesia could change his behavior". Well, when they brought the bird back for a checkup, they said it was amazing. He did not whistle and sing before but now he does. He didn't even like to fly around a lot but now he does. He seems like a whole new bird!!!!

Our only regret was that we did not get to meet Rod sooner. He will always occupy a special place in our memories and I guarantee we will never forget this unforgettable character and even though we only knew him for a short time we will always consider him a close friend.

Don & Jeanne Cradduck

Rod Neubert was a new friend and a true friend. He was always kind and caring. Rod had a wonderful sense of humor. We will always remember his smile, his whole face just lit up. He told great stories about his life and experiences as a veterinarian. He touched so many people's lives and will live forever in our hearts.

George and Kay Locatelli

Rod was not a long-time member of Sons of Italy. When he joined our Lodge, he immediately joined in many of our activities. He participated in our bocce game for beginners for those who did not know how to play the game. He was so friendly and talked me into attending soup and salad night at his home and even invited my son to join us to see the many hunting and fishing trophies he had been awarded through the years. My son still talks about the egg hatchery where he raised many special breeds of pigeons. He shared the beautiful private park near his home for our annual Gene Bruno picnic. Rod was extremely generous, sharing and funny. He will be missed.

Caroline Abughazaleh

For the few years I had a chance to fish with Rod and found a very special friend. Many hours in a small boat gave us the time to really get to know each other. Loved to hear the tales of hunting, fishing and his love of animals. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Bob Pendelton



Sincere Thanks to all of the members of our Lodge for the Love, Prayers, Cards and Support given me for the loss of my Beloved Husband Rod.

Joy Bruno Neubert

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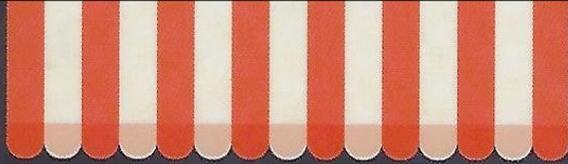
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