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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I hope your Christmas and New Year celebrations were filled with lots of laughter and love. During the month of December our lodge was very busy with service work and fun activities.

Lodge members converged on the Contra Costa Solano County Food Bank on December 5th to sort out food items for distribution. Our lodge members, thanks to Joy Bruno, have been active with the Food Bank since 2002. On December 6th, lodge members toured the Fisher House on Travis AFB and presented a \$500 donation. We will speak more about the Fisher House at our January meeting.

On Thursday December 12th, a dedicated team of lodge members Frank Rossi, David Rico, Don Cradduck and Joe Niccoli prepared the food for the Adult Recreation Center Christmas Luncheon. This service work and donated food supplies not only benefits seniors, but also helps our lodge with the hall usage fees. Thursday was also the date of the monthly card night. Thank you, Caroline, for the hosting the event.

December 19th was our Annual Christmas party. The lodge furnished ham, ravioli's, drinks and adult beverages and members filled in with appetizers, salads, side dishes and dessert. Thank you to everyone who helped make the Christmas party a wonderful event. Our entertainment this year was singer Barbara McFadden accompanied by Retired USAF Mike Williams. They performed holiday songs as well as a few Italian songs. Our own Dominic Di Fabio performed with Barbara the Italian song, "Eh, Cumpari". Way to go Dominic!

At the festivities, members pulled the last sixteen "December Winner Every Day" tickets. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you for high level of participation in this fundraiser. Special thanks to Linda Feins for the surprise holiday decoration give away. We closed our party with a heartfelt thank you and holiday greeting from Junior Member Hadrian Holmboe.

Moving into January, our Lodge celebrates its 37th year anniversary. The lodge was formed on January 16, 1983. We will celebrate this milestone and recognize our 25- and 35-year members at our January meeting.

On January 25th, we have our annual Crab Feed, which is our largest fundraiser. This is a big event and takes all hands-on deck to make it successful. Please reach out to me or Don Cradduck if you can help with this event. We have a ticket waiting list for the Crab Feed, so if you have taken tickets and they are not sold please return them to Carol Urban by January 10th.

We should be very proud of all the service work and social activities our lodge was involved in last year. We are positioned very strong for 2020 with some additional new members. Cheers to a great 2020!

Mark

What's Happening at Northern Solano Lodge



JANUARY ACTIVITIES



January 1st **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

- January 9th Book Club will hold its first meeting of the year at Rick Tracy's home. They will be discussing "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens.
- January 16th Our regular Lodge meeting will be held at the Adult Recreation Center starting at 6 pm with a free 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 provide complimentary dinner). Our Lodge was founded January 16, 1983. We will be celebrating our Lodge's Anniversary and recognizing our 25 and 35 year members.
- January 25th CRAB FEED DINNER. Saturday will be a busy day for all of those helping with our biggest fundraiser. We can always use an extra hand for set up and break down, so please plan on setting aside some time to join your fellow members at the Adult Recreation Center. Set up will start at 10:00 AM. We will be decorating the tables, room and displaying our fabulous gift baskets. Call Don for information at 707-373-5151.
- January 30th Card night will be hosted by Rick Tracy starting at 6:00 pm. For our new members and those who have not attended why not join us for an evening of food, fun and friendship. The games we play are easy to learn even though we deal part of the cards from the bottom of the deck. We always enjoy eating the treats our fellow card members bring to share before we play cards. To find out more about the game we play google "Briscola". This is a really enjoyable way to spend an evening and we are usually finished by 10 pm. If you have a favorite Italian card game, we would love for you to join us and show us how to play. For information or to RSVP please call Rick at 707-429-3687.

SAVE THE DATE

Brothers and Sisters: Please mark your calendars with these important dates so you will be able to join in on your lodge activities.

February 20th	Regular Lodge Meeting
May 1st	Day at the Races – (Golden Gate Field – Horse Races)
May 8th-10th	Dixon May Fair-Beer and Margarita Booth

TABLE DECORATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY PROVIDED BY
BRENDA MOSSA AND HADRIAN HOLOMBOE



CRAB FEED JANUARY 25, 2020

Our Crab Feed will be here in a few weeks and the tickets are in high demand. If you have any tickets not sold and collected for please call Carol Urban at 425-7805. We currently have a waiting list for tickets and would like to accommodate as many as possible.

Membership Roster Update



Look for the membership roster circulating during the January meeting. This will be an opportunity to update and correct your personal information. If a cell number is your primary contact number, please add it. If you would like to have your e mail address available to other members please add your e-mail address. If you would like to have your mailing address/physical address removed please make a note on the roster. If you are unable to attend the meeting call Mark Rossi at 209-404-0692 or email at mercadoman1@gmail.com to update your listing. Thank you for your help in keeping our membership roster current.

FOOD BANK 2019

Congratulations to our members who volunteer at the Food Bank. We had a great year. We set a few records and sorted 3,514 pounds in January (11 members), February 2,939 pounds (10 members), March 4,000 pounds (12 members), April 2,436 pounds (9 members), August 3,312 (10 members), November 2,000 (8 members) and in December 3,630 (12 members). Our total for the year was 21,831. A special thanks goes out to Richard Biblolanke who is not a member but always joins us in this community project. As you can see a lot was accomplished by a few of your Lodge members so let's set a goal for 2020 with more members pitching in and helping. With your help we could easily do 30,000 pounds next year. Call Joy Bruno at 332-5623 for information and to sign up to help.



WHO AM I?



I am a true California Native born in a little town called Mountain View with a population of around 4,000 people. Today the population has grown to 83,000. I was the youngest of three siblings having one brother and one sister. My parents moved to Fairfield when I was four years old and I have lived here ever since. My Italian heritage is thru my spouse whose family is from Tuscany. We have been married for 61 years and have four children. We are blessed with ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren. I have been a member since 1981 and am proud to be able to say I am a Charter Member. Although I did not serve in the military, I did serve my community working for the school district for twenty-three years. I have had the pleasure of traveling to Italy, France, Canada, New York, New Hampshire, Vermont and up and down the State of California. I enjoy reading, walking, and going to the movies. A favorite pastime is playing cards with friends from the Sons and Daughters of Italy. I have held two office in our Lodge, Trustee and Recording Secretary. An interesting fact about my life not shared by many is I was a kidnap victim. In 1971 an escaped felon from the Solano County Jail jumped into my car and demanded to be taken to Vallejo. I had my two young children in the car. Fortunately, a local resident saw what was happening and notified the police. Several hours later we were rescued by the Highway Patrol in Vallejo. Do you know Who I Am??? Check out the hints below.

ITALIAN AMERICA MAGAZINES



We should all be receiving the newest (winter) edition of the Italian America Magazine within the next two to three weeks. We are proud to say our Lodge will be well represented in this issue. With that in mind please be sure to remember once you are finished reading your copy bring it to one of our meetings so we can share it with the community. Please do not cut out the address label as it makes it difficult for us to put our Sons and Daughters Of Italy label on them. We will block out your address label with a magic marker prior to sharing your copy. If any one would like to drop copies off at their favorite medical, dental or any place with a waiting room just contact Joe Niccoli, Frank Mossa or Don Craddock.

HINT #1: Do you remember
hearing people say “ Geez
L_____!!!



HINT #2: You wine lovers should know
this.....Charles J. _____AKA“Carlo”
is famous for this Carlo _____ table
wine sold in gallon glass jugs.

In need of transportation for meetings or activities?
Contact Don Craddock at 372-5151, or email atoothmkr@comcast.net.



Happy January Birthdays

Diane Crow-Agana 1st
Vincenzo Frugoli 4th
Anthony Merlonghi 14th
Bobbie Martinez 15th



Susan Cahan 25th
Laure DeVincenzi-Nichols 26th
Ava Nichols 31st
Devin Nichols 31st

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.



CHRISTMAS WINNER EVERY DAY DRAWINGS

A great time was had at our Annual Christmas Party and our final drawing was held for our Christmas Drawing. Sixteen of our Lodge members lined up and drew the winning tickets. Congratulations to all our winners. Here is a list of the lucky winners:

Dec 16th	Sandra Butler	Dec 24th	Jill Lillie
Dec 17th	Frank Mossa	Dec 25th	Jerry Firpo
Dec 18th	David Rico	Dec 26th	Pam Boes
Dec 19th	Joy Bruno	Dec 27th	Kristal Hernandez
Dec 20th	Adam Barnes	Dec 28th	Helen Barker
Dec 21st	Lena Craddock	Dec 29th	Frank Rossi
Dec 22nd	Dawn Craddock	Dec 30th	Pat Galli
Dec 23rd	Frank Rossi	Dec 31st	Ernie Loomis

SUNSHINE

Hi All:

Hope your Christmas was full of memory making moments. Cards sent in December were to:

Linda Feins Get well

Josephine Agosta Get well



May 2020 be a healthy, happy year, full of new adventures, joys and blessings!

Sending my best wishes to everyone!

Sharon Rico

Sunshine



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