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Gennaio 2024

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

I am hoping you had a safe and joyful holiday season. I can't believe how quickly December blew by! Here we are embarking on a new year, 2024! Our lodge hosted the Senior Center Holiday luncheon on Thursday, December 7th. Lori Rossi along with Frank Mossa, Lynn Gallagher and Hannelore Baffico prepared a wonderful meal for over 140 guests. We also had a team of members decorating tables and serving guests: Don & Jeanne Cradduck, Juanita Stopponi, and Jerry Firpo. All of you did a wonderful job at this worthwhile service project/Senior Center Fundraiser.

Two weeks later on December 21st we had our annual lodge Christmas party potluck. Thank you to Lauretta Graham for coordinating the potluck and providing the beautiful table decorations. Special thanks to Lori Rossi for shopping and bringing all the lodge supplied items. The food was excellent, no one went home hungry. We had a guest entertainer, a local singer, Hayley Green who was very well received by our members. Our own in-house musician Riccardo Marracino played the piano and accompanied Hayley on quite a few Christmas songs. It was a very nice event. If you didn't make it, you missed a good one!

January is an important month for our lodge. Our lodge was founded on January 16, 1983, so this month we will be celebrating our 41st Anniversary. Congratulations Northern Solano Lodge #2534! As we celebrate our 41st Anniversary let's take a minute to reflect on our wonderful accomplishments and give thanks to our Charter Members and all the members who have contributed to our lodge's success.

On January 27th we host our annual Crab Feed. This is our largest fundraiser and it takes all hands-on deck to help pull it off successfully. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased by contacting Carol Urban at (707) 334-0611. We are in need of raffle prizes and dessert auction items. Please contact Lauretta Graham if you are able to donate an item, (707) 365-1818 or lgraham457@aol.com. If you can help with set up, clean up, or ticket sales at the event please call me at (209) 404-0692 or mercatoman1@gmail.com.

As we start this new year and celebrate our lodge's 41st anniversary let's double down on our efforts to bring in new members. New members are vital to our lodge's continued success. They infuse us with new enthusiasm, new ideas and many more hands to help with our projects. Cheers to a healthy and prosperous 2024 for you, your families and our lodge.

Buon anno a tutti,
Mark

Buon Compleanno di Gennaio

Vincenzo Frugoll 4th
Miles Engelhart 7th
Anthony Merlonghi 14th
Roberta Martinez 15th
Laverta Harris 23rd



Susan Cahan 25th
Laure DeVincenzi-Nichols 26th
Cameron Williams 29th
Ava Nichols 31st
Devin Nichols 31st

Buon Anniversario

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

Attivita di Gennaio

- Jan 11th The Book Club will meet at Brenda Mossa's home at 1 p.m. The book this month is "Lady Tan's Circle of Women" by Lisa See. New members are welcome. For more information call Brenda Mossa at 707-399-7195
- Jan 15th Please RSVP by Jan 15th for our monthly meeting so our kitchen crew will know how much food to prepare. Please RSVP by calling 707-365-1818 or emailing Lauretta Graham at lgraham457@aol.com.
- Jan 16th Food Bank. For more information please contact Joy Bruno at 707-422-3391
- Jan 18th Our regular Lodge meeting will be held at the Adult Recreation Center starting at 6:00 pm with dinner being served at 6:30 pm followed by a short business meeting. Don't forget to bring a raffle prize. The proceeds from the raffle offset the cost of the meal.
- Jan 27th Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser



TABLE DECORATIONS FOR LODGE MEETINGS



The decoration team for the month of January is Brenda Mossa and Hannelore Baffico

SUNSHINE

Please remember to contact Joy Bruno if you know of any member that might need to be sent a card. Call Joy Bruno at 707-422-3391 and leave a message or email her at joy.b@comcast.net.

Get Well cards to Salvatore Acosta
Jana Huston.



CRAB FEED FUNDRAISER



Donations for the raffle prizes are needed for the Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser. You may donate gifts, gift cards or money to purchase items and deliver them before January 16th. Please contact Laretta Graham at 707-365-1818 or email Lgraham457@aol.com with your donations.

Tickets are available. Contact Carol Urban at 707-334-0611 or email curban44@aol.com.

Volunteers are needed to work at the crab feed. Please contact Mark Rossi at 209-404-0692 or mercatorman1@gmail.com





I was born in Santa Cruz, California and have lived in California for most of my life. My Italian heritage comes from both sides of my family. My father's family is from Bergamo, Italy and my mother's family is from Sicily. My grandfather on my father's side of the family came to the United States in 1906 and my mother's family followed a little later.

I served in the Army for 23 years, retiring as a Staff Sergeant in 1996. My military service took me to Texas, Georgia, Arizona, New Mexico, Vietnam and Thailand. I also worked at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard as a pipefitter until it closed.

I moved into my house in Fairfield in 1978 while I was still in the military. Soon after, I met my lovely neighbor. Luckily for me, she became my wife in 1981. I have a stepson and two grandsons. My wife and I love to travel. I have traveled in the United States extensively and visited almost all of the states in Mexico and all the Canadian provinces. After visiting all 50 states, I became a member of the All Fifty Club.

I have happily retired from two careers, the military and civil service. I have been a member of the Sons and Daughters of Italy (SOI) for almost 17 years. I enjoy the fellowship opportunities the SOI has to offer. As a retiree, I enjoy volunteering at the local food bank with SOI and at the Friends of the Library Bookstore in the Civic Center Library. As a numismatist, I serve as President of the local coin club. I am a gun collector, a bocce player, an avid reader and I love animals, especially cats.

Do you know Who I Am?

Hint #1: My first name is the same as the name of the main character in It's a Wonderful Life. The part was played by James Stewart in the 1946 Christmas movie.

Hint #2: I have a four-syllable name. The first hint is for the sound of the first syllable of my last name. Fill in the blank to the phrase "My secret was kept under _____ and key" and you will have the beginning of my name.

Hint #3: For the third syllable, fill in this phrase often attributed to our nation's first president (Bonus Hint: Who I share my first name with) – "I cannot _____ a lie".



Sons & Daughters of Italy Northern Solano Lodge #2534 Annual Crab Feed

When: Saturday, January 27th 2024
Where: Adult Recreation Center
1200 Harry Price Drive, Fairfield
No Host Cocktails 6:00pm, Dinner 7:00pm
Cost: \$75 includes one complimentary glass of wine,
beer, soda or water.

Please join us for an evening of fun, good food, friends, and fundraising. All you can eat, Salad, Pasta, Bread, Crab and Dessert. Live Dessert Auction, Raffle and a Silent Auction.

For tickets contact Carol Urban at 707-334-0611





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