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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Buona Pasqua to you and your families. I hope each of you were able to enjoy the Easter holiday with family and friends. This is a beautiful time of the year as we transition into spring and soak in the lush green hills and the scattering of gold and purple wildflowers. If you are a gardener, like my father, you've already prepared the soil for planting and most likely have your tomatoes in the ground. This is a beautiful time of the year and we have much to be thankful for.

At our March Lodge meeting we welcomed two new members, Joan McLain and Michelle Renzi. Welcome to our Lodge; we look forward to getting to know you and having you as active members of Northern Solano Lodge.

Big thanks to Lori Rossi, Laina Englehart, Lynn Gallagher & Ellie Cheechov for preparing the food for the Luck of the Irish Dinner. Also, thanks for the small army of Northern Solano Lodge members, David Rico, Jerry Firpo, Don Cradduck, Joy Bruno, Gloria Terry, Mariann Contento, Sandra Ritchey and Hannelore Baffico, who served the dinner. Pat Anderson and the ARC Staff were very complimentary of your efforts. Pat wrote an article for the ARC Trumpet (ARC newsletter) about Northern Solano Lodge's efforts and the success of the dinner. Great job Northern Solano Lodge Members!!!

We are in the midst of scholarship season. The Northern Solano Lodge Scholarship committee will be reviewing applications and selecting four worthy students. We will be inviting this year's scholarship recipients to our May meeting so that we can meet them and hear about their plans for college. This is always a very moving and inspiring meeting.

Northern Solano Lodge Trustees will be meeting on Tuesday, April 2nd to audit the Lodge financials. This meeting will be followed by a Lodge Board Meeting at 5:45 PM. The Board meetings are open meetings so if you are interested in attending, please let me know. This is a great way to see some of the inner workings of our lodge.

For our April Lodge meeting we will have a guest speaker from the Napa Lodge, "Napa Nick", who was a tunnel rat during the Vietnam War. We have included his bio in this issue of the La Voce. We will also be celebrating the beginning of the 2024 baseball season by having a Baseball Theme Night. Sport your favorite team colors by wearing their jersey and hat. Riccardo will lead us in the seventh inning stretch sing along. Play Ball!!

Mark

Buon Compleanno di Aprile

Louise Rossi 4th
Laverne Maxwell 5th
Tami Posani Dennis 5th
Vince Scoccia 6th
Mark Rossi 6th
Alex Hambright 8th
Joanne Calcaagno Beltran 10th
Lauretta Graham 10th



Helen Barker 14th
Frank Berardi 15th
James Shephard 15th
David Rico 16th
James Allen 20th
Nancy Page 23rd
Leonardo Spacco 26th

Buon Anniversario

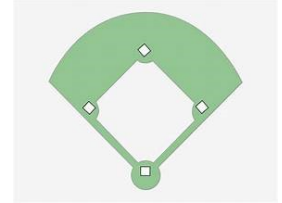
Happy Anniversary to all members who are celebrating this month. Please let Mark know about your special occasion so we can share with your Lodge Brothers and Sisters.

Attivita di Aprile

- Apr 10th** Out to lunch bunch will meet at Vacaville's Black Bear at 1230 p.m. Please contact Pam Boes for more information at 707-448-7176
- Apr 15th** Please RSVP by April 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.
- Apr 16th** Food Bank. For more information please contact Joy Bruno at 707-422-3391
- Apr 18st** 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.
- April 24th** Card night will be at Juanita Stopponi's home at 6 p.m. For more information please contact Juanita at 707-422-1921 or email her at juanita5230@sbcglobal.com. Everyone brings food to share before we play cards. If you like to play cards, please join us for a fun evening with food, drink, and good fun.
- Apr 25th** The Book Club at Louise Rossi's home at 1 p.m. The book this month is "The Little Wartime Library" by Kate Thompson. New members are welcome. For more information call Louise at 707-425-2621.



TABLE DECORATIONS FOR LODGE MEETINGS



The decoration team for the month of April is Mark Rossi . Wear your favorite Baseball team shirts, hats or colors.



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 card was sent to Maria Reginato

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Get your tickets now for a chance to win money up to 31 times in the month of May. Each ticket holder is entitled to 31 chances to win. After each ticket is drawn it is reentered into the drawing.

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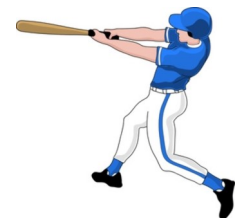
Ticket price is \$10.00

Tickets are available to sell from Laretta Graham. Please contact her by calling 707-365-1818 or e-mailing Laretta Graham at lgraham457@aol.com.

REMINDERS FOR THE APRIL MEETING

Don't forget to represent your favorite team at the meeting this month. Join in the fun with Popcorn and Cracker Jacks to start off the new baseball season.

Napa Nick will be speaking at the meeting. His biography is on page 5.



The winner of the monthly free membership drawing was Laverne Maxwell. Congratulations!



I was born in Amman, the capital and largest city in Jordan. I lived about 70 miles from the Mediterranean Sea. My Italian connection is just as a neighbor across the sea. A three-hour flight can take someone to the toe of Italy. For the more adventurous, a 38½ hour drive of approximately 1,775 miles through Jordan, Syria, Turkey and ferry ride from Greece gets you there too.

I have lived in California over 35 years. When I moved to Fairfield, I liked it and stayed. I enjoy the Fairfield community. I am single and have two grown children. My son and daughter both live in California. I've supported my family doing clerical work and hope to retire in approximately two years. To date, my travels have taken me to Michigan, Ohio, and Texas in the United States and I have visited Egypt, Turkey, Italy, England and Portugal. When I retire I'm hoping to do a lot more traveling and move closer to one of my kids.

Before Covid, I volunteered at Kaiser, taught Sunday school at the church I was attending and served on the board. I enjoyed crafting but don't do it much anymore. I like reading and playing cards and enjoy hosting the Sons and Daughters of Italy (SOI) card group a couple times a year.

I have been a member of SOI for 12 years. During that time, I've enjoyed the camaraderie in a wide variety of activities. I have served on the board as a Chaplin and Historian. I also help with fundraising activities including wreath sales, bar tending and more.

Do you know who I am?

Hint #1: I share the same first name as _____ Kennedy, the only surviving child of John and Jacqueline Kennedy.

Hint #2: My last name has 11 letters and an insect in it. Think "snug as a ____ in a rug" for the insect.



“Napa Nick” Sanza’s Biography

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Right out of high school Nick Sanza entered the U.S. Army 2nd and 15th Infantry, 3rd Division working in teletype and in decoding/crypto. He served during the Cold War in the Berlin Border Patrol in Wildflecken at the East and West German boarder and three other tours of duty.

Nick’s family had four generations in the U.S. Army: His grandfather rode with the Rough Riders during the Spanish-American War; his father is the last driver for General George Patton from the beaches of Normandy to the outskirts of Berlin during World War II; and his son was a sniper in Special Forces during the Iraq and Afghanistan conflict and gave his life for his country.

Prior to Nick entering the film and television industry, he played semi-professional football for the farm team of the Oakland Raiders. Later he became a professional scout for the Memphis Showboats, which was part of the United States Football League, setting up mini camps for NFL agents.

Nick Sanza is known in the entertainment industry as “Napa Nick”. He started in the film and television industry with the television series Falcon Crest (CBS) as a second unit production manager, location scout and script development. During his time with Falcon Crest from 1982 to 1989 he also was a stuntman and stunt coordinator for Francis Coppola Productions, Paramount Studios, Castle Rock Production (Rob Reiner), NBC, CBS, Universal Television Productions and Dick Wolf Productions.

When Falcon Crest went off the air, Nick became a production manager, location manager and stuntman for over 60 national commercials and “Movie of the Week” for ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox and Universal Studio Television Productions.

In 1992 Barbara Walters, working for ABC, hired Nick as a production manager and location manager to set up a television special for ABC’s 20/20 spotlighting Julia Roberts who was filming in the Napa Valley in a feature film called “Dying Young”. Two months after this special was aired, Nick was hired as a producer and investigative journalist for ABC’s Good Morning America. This is the main show for Nick, but occasionally he produces for Primetime, World News, Night Line and the Academy Awards (Oscars).

At the present, “Napa Nick” and his partner, Cassandra Cooper have developed two new TV series. Their current production is “Beyond the Front Lines – Stories From Real American Heroes”, which will be shot in Washington, D.C. and Pearl Harbor with surviving World War II veterans telling their stores of the front lines from the Pacific against the Japanese and the German Nazis in Europe.

The other TV show still in development is called “Wine and Grind Adventures”, which will be shot in the Hawaiian Islands and major and exotic world-wide locations where top movies were shot. This show will be shot at Sony Studios and Hollywood locations.

Our production company is called Matriarch Multimedia based out of Paramount Studios

POST CARDS FROM ITALY

Hi everyone!

Mi presento, sono Alessandra, la vostra traduttrice!

Sebbene infatti io e Agnese concordiamo sui contenuti delle cartoline assieme il mio è spesso un lavoro unicamente di supporto.

Let me introduce myself, I'm Alessandra, your translator!

In fact, although Agnese and I agree on the contents of the postcards together, mine is often only a support job.

Ho 27 anni, abito a Venaria Reale, in provincia di Torino, ma come Agnese sono nata ad Arezzo. Ho vissuto tre anni a Bologna studiando cooperazione, poi mi sono trasferita dove al momento vivo per specializzarmi in antropologia. E in religioni, come anche in intelligenza artificiale.

I am 27 years old, I live in Venaria Reale, in the province of Turin, but like Agnese I was born in Arezzo. For three years, I lived in Bologna studying cooperation, then I moved to where I currently live to specialize in anthropology. And in religions, as well as in artificial intelligence.

Sono una persona molto curiosa, da quando ho 17 anni ho preso parte a vari progetti di volontariato e ho cominciato a viaggiare. Sono stata in alcuni stati europei, Medio Oriente, Asia, Africa e recentemente ho anche avuto modo di conoscere una parte del continente americano.

I am a very curious person, since I was 17 I have taken part in various volunteer projects and started travelling. I have been to some European states, the Middle East, Asia, Africa and recently I also got to know a part of the American continent.

Al momento infatti mi trovo in Brasile, sto svolgendo un anno di Servizio Civile Universale a Juazeiro in Bahia. Mi occupo di diritto alla salute e lavoro in un Centro di Terapie Naturali. Oltre a questo faccio ricerche sulle religioni afro-brasiliane e sulle strategie di resistenza delle comunità tradizionali.

In fact, I am currently in Brazil, doing a year of Universal Civil Service in Juazeiro in Bahia. I deal with health rights and work in a Natural Therapies Centre. In addition to this, I research Afro-Brazilian religions and the resistance strategies of traditional communities.

Per me scrivervi ogni mese rappresenta un'opportunità unica di connetterci pur essendo lontani. Condividere assieme ad Agnese la storia del nostro paese e le nostre tradizioni è un piccolo privilegio di cui sono grata e che spero di riuscire a portare avanti.

For me, writing to you every month represents a unique opportunity to connect despite being far away. Sharing the history of our country and our traditions together with Agnese is a small privilege for which I am grateful and which I hope to be able to carry forward.

Per il momento un caloroso saluto!

For now, warm regards!

Alessandra



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Ciao Fratelli e Sorelle,

If you love Italian wine, would like to enjoy some unique Italian varietals, and are interested in learning about how Italy influenced wine making in the Napa Valley, please come to Dall' Italia a Napa – a wine education and tasting event hosted by the Sons & Daughters of Italy in America – St. Helena Lodge No. 2077 on Saturday April 13, 2024.

Local experts Dan Petroski, founder/winemaker at Massican Wines, and Bob Biale, founder of Robert Biale Vineyards will highlight Italy's impact on our local viticulture and discuss the links between varietals in the two regions. Attendees will also be able to explore this convergence of old and new worlds by tasting carefully curated pairs of Italian and locally grown wines incorporating the same varietals: Tocai Friulano, Ribolla, Greco, Falanghina, Fiano, Primitivo, and Zinfandel. This is a great opportunity to learn about an important connection between Italy and Northern California and to experience the beauty of some wonderful wines! Delicious antipasto will also be served.

The event will be held at the Carnegie Building, 1360 Oak Avenue, St. Helena, California and starts at 3:00pm. Tickets are \$50 for Lodge members/\$60 for non-members and can be purchased through Eventbrite by clicking on link or scanning the QR code below:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dall-italia-a-napa-from-italy-to-napa-tickets-867067802137?utm_experiment=test_share_listing&aff=ebdsshios



If you have questions, trouble with the link, or otherwise are unable to purchase tickets through Eventbrite, email or call me (kcoleman@nutihart.com, 415-533-2920).

Hope you can make it April 13 for what will be a fun and informative program! And please feel free to forward this invitation to any of your family and friends that you think might be interested in joining us.

A presto!

--Kevin Coleman, Lodge President

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