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MAGGIO 2024

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all the members that participated in our Baseball Theme night at our April meeting. Our own in-house musician Riccardo Marracino led us in the seventh inning stretch with "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." We had a guest speaker. We listened to a riveting life story from Napa Lodge Member Nick Sanza who served in the Army as a tunnel rat during the Vietnam War.

Congratulations to all the winners of the scholarship fundraiser "May Winner Everyday". See the detailed list of winners in this issue. Thank you to all the members, family and friends that participated in the drawing. A big shout out to all the members who showed up on May 1st to draw the winning tickets!

At our May meeting we will have an opportunity to meet the 2024 Northern Solano Lodge Scholarship recipients and their families. Our Scholarship Committee is busily preparing a memorable evening for all. Meeting these talented hard working young adults is always very inspiring.

What makes our lodge so fun and active? It's you, our members! Have you ever considered being part of the leadership team? What talents or skills do you have that you could share with your fellow lodge members? We are looking for additional help with lodge marketing, communication and membership. Your participation is not limited to a talent or skill; many times we just need help from setting up the hall, to putting things away after a meeting, to loading the kitchen equipment and returning it to storage. Many hands make light work.

During the May Lodge Meeting we will be discussing the 2024 Grand Lodge Convention, which will be held in Concord, CA. The Convention is June 27, 28, and 29. We will be sending three delegates to the convention. Since the convention is so close, this would be a great opportunity to attend one of the days and experience what goes on at convention.

Just a reminder that in June you will all be receiving an invoice for your annual dues. All dues will now be on a July 1 through June 30th billing cycle.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers and grandmothers in our lodge.

Warm regards,
Mark

Buon Compleanno di Maggio

Kay Locatelli	6th
Caroline Abughazaleh	9th
Sue Trapani	14th
Don Craddock	23rd
Matt Hernandez	25th



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 Maggio

- May 13th Please RSVP by May 13th for our monthly meeting so our kitchen crew will know how much food to prepare. Please RSVP by calling 707-365-1818 or emailing Laretta Graham at lgraham457@aol.com.
- May 16th 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.
- May 21st Out to lunch bunch will meet at Suisun's Maverick Crepes N More at 1230 p.m. Please contact Helen Barker for more information at 707-428-6093
- May 21st Food Bank. For more information please contact Joy Bruno at 707-422-3391
- May 22nd Card night will be at Caroline Abughazaleh's home at 6 p.m. For more information please contact Caroline at 707-425-8242 or email her at caroline.abughazaleh@gmail.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.
- May 30th The Book Club will meet at Kay Locatelli's home at 1 p.m. The book this month is "West with Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge. New members are welcome. For more information call Kay at 707-422-2518.



TABLE DECORATIONS FOR LODGE MEETINGS

The decoration team for the month of May is Rory Nichols and Laure DeVincenzi Nichols



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 were sent to Ray Simons

David McKenzie

George Locatelli

Joel Feins

Lauretta Graham

A sympathy card was sent to Juanita Stoppini



Fun Day for Seniors

In case you haven't heard, the Senior Social Group is hosting a Fun Day for Seniors on May 14, from 11 am – 2 pm in Assembly Hall at the Adult Recreation Center (flyer attached) and it's FREE. There will be food, fun, fabulous music, and friends to socialize with. You must RSVP by calling 707-428-7556. Space is limited and we are running out of tickets so if you haven't done so already, call today to reserve your spot. If you have questions, please call, or email the group at seniorsocialclub@yahoo.com. Please see attached flyer on page 7.

The winner of the monthly free membership drawing was Bill Colombano. Unfortunately Bill was not present to win.



I was born in San Francisco and am a lifetime resident of California. My paternal grandparents came to San Francisco, California from the Genoa area of Italy and my maternal grandparents came from the Piemonte/Novarra area near the Swiss border. My parents, like me, were born and raised in California. My grandfather's family has a museum in the town of Sassello that is dedicated to their family history. We were privileged to visit the museum in October 2023. It is an incredible archive of family documents and related materials. We thoroughly enjoyed the time we spent with the museum staff and were treated exceptionally well upon our arrival.

As a youngster I remember my maternal grandparents taking me to the Verdi Club in San Francisco for the Italian Lodge dinners. Even though I didn't speak the language and had no idea what was going on during the business portion, the dinners were fun events. Everyone enjoyed them and it was a "big deal" for me to get to go.

I have been married 36 years and have two sons and four grandchildren. Interestingly, all the grandchildren are males too. Sadly, no girls!! I am blessed with an absolutely fantastic and loving family. We moved to Fairfield in 1994 to be closer to family.

I have a Bachelor's of Art degree in Legal Studies and seven designations including a fellowship with the Insurance Institute of America. I retired after 52½ years in the insurance industry. My wife and I enjoy traveling and have been to Italy, the Mediterranean, the Rhine area of Europe, the Caribbean, Mexico and most of states in the U.S. including Alaska. We really enjoy cruising especially spending time on ships and taking local excursions that allow us to absorb the ambiance of the countries we visit. In 2024, we are looking forward to a trip to Norway and a cruise to Alaska.

My wife and I have been members of Sons and Daughters of Italy for nearly two years and enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship, as well as the ongoing opportunity to learn more about my rich Italian heritage. I am an avid model railroader and enjoy building, collecting and working with models. While currently inactive, I have an ongoing membership with the volunteer Civil Air Patrol at Travis Air Force Base. I also enjoy time with my family and fellowship within my church.

Do you know Who I Am?

Hint #1: I share the same first name as the famed author, _____ King. Some of his books are The Green Mile, Pet Sematary, Carrie and The Shining.

Hint #2: For my three-syllable Italian last name, think about how the speed limit of I-80 is now 55 miles ___ hour and add a shortened version of random.

The April Who Am I winner was Dominic Difabio identifying the mystery candidate Caroline Abughazaleh.

2024 Northern Solano Lodge Scholarship Recipients

Jack Barnes, recipient of the Anselmo Canova Jr Memorial Scholarship, is a senior at Angelo Rodriguez High School. He plans to attend San Francisco State University in the Fall of 2024 to pursue a degree in International Business. He is honored to be a scholarship recipient as this scholarship will financially assist him to achieve his dreams.

Best wishes to Jack!



Elijah Shackelford, recipient of the Rose Simon Memorial Scholarship, is a senior from Armijo High School. He plans to attend UC Santa Barbara in the Fall of 2024 to study Data Science. He currently serves as Associated Student Body Treasurer for his school's leadership program, stating his favorite part of the program is celebrating diversity and inspiring underclassmen with his enthusiastic personality.

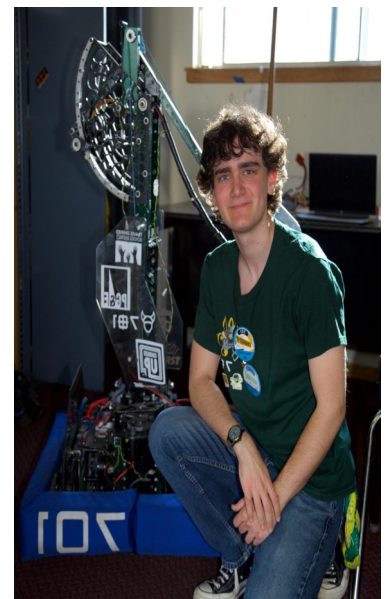
Best wishes to Elijah!



Levi Abbate, recipient of the Guido Colla Memorial Scholarship, is a senior from Vanden High School. He plans to attend UC Santa Barbara in the Fall of 2024 to pursue a career in Mechanical Engineering.

He is passionate about robotics and with his skills and determination, no doubt he will do well.

Best wishes to Levi!



2024 - May Drawing Winners

Ticket #	For Date	Amount	Winner
16	1-May	\$25	Dwane Beattie
66	2-May	\$25	Lynn Gallager
80	3-May	\$25	John & Joanne Grasso
221	4-May	\$30	Frank Mossa
35	5-May	\$30	Carmel Swanson
460	6-May	\$25	Anna Summerford
417	7-May	\$25	David MacKenzie
366	8-May	\$25	Pam Boes
6	9-May	\$25	Carol Silva
20	10-May	\$25	Stephanie Kuidis-Firpo
258	11-May	\$30	David Nickel
95	12-May	\$250	Jean Downey
438	13-May	\$25	Sandra Reece
90	14-May	\$25	Lauretta Graham
38	15-May	\$25	Kelli Germeraad
74	16-May	\$25	Lyndsey O'Dwyer
207	17-May	\$25	Rolf Urban
167	18-May	\$30	Taylor Falati
231	19-May	\$30	Loren Bruno
50	20-May	\$25	Dan Chapman
44	21-May	\$25	Lucia Bogacki
98	22-May	\$25	Angela Caserza
427	23-May	\$25	Madison Chavez
201	24-May	\$25	Jordan Falati
163	25-May	\$30	Rich Silveira
5	26-May	\$30	Alex Firpo
280	27-May	\$200	Sandra Bowen
40	28-May	\$25	David Trimmingham
384	29-May	\$25	Tami Dennis
21	30-May	\$25	Roy Pimentel
70	31-May	\$25	Alejandra Webb



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Invited!*

THE SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB

PROUDLY PRESENTS A

Senior Social Gathering Fun-Day

Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 11:00 AM till 2:00 PM

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Have-Fun Meet New Friends Event

Food ~ Door Prizes ~ Entertainment

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email: seniorsocialclub@yahoo.com



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