



### Northern Solano Lodge #2534

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Federal Legislatures and State Legislators recognize October as Italian American Heritage and Culture Month. It's a month to honor the culture, contributions and achievements of Italians and Americans of Italian ancestry. The current 1st Lady of the United States, Dr. Jill Biden, is the 1st First Lady of Italian descent in our Country's 248 Year history. We will be celebrating Italian Heritage Month with our Columbus Dinner Fundraiser on October 12th followed the next week by our regular lodge meeting. Let's continue to do our part to keep our incredible Italian American history alive.

Thank you to Ann & Mark Sievers from Il Fiorello Olive Oil Company, who were our guest speakers at our September Meeting. Their presentation about olive oil and the making of olive oil was very informative. They even brought samples! They have extended an invitation to our lodge to come and do a tour of their facility. More will be coming on timing for our field trip. Thanks to Lodge Trustee Laure' for coordinating our September Speakers.

On Saturday, October 12th, Northern Solano Lodge will be celebrating Italian American Heritage Month with a Columbus Dinner Celebration. This is one of our largest annual fundraisers. The proceeds from this event enable us to continue our community service projects and community giving. Please contact Carol Urban at (707) 344-0611 to purchase your tickets. We could use some additional help with the set-up, clean up and the selling of raffle tickets. Please call or email me if you are interested in helping. (209) 404-0692 – [mercatoran1@gmail.com](mailto:mercatoran1@gmail.com).

Thank you to Joy Bruno and Jerry Firpo and the entire Northern Solano Food Bank Team for presenting Solano Contra Costa Food Bank with our donation. All Food Bank donations received in the month of September were being matched by an Angel donor.

During our regular lodge meeting in October we will begin the process of nominating members to the Leadership Team. The term of your current leadership team ends at the January 2025 meeting. Have you ever considered being a part of the leadership team? New members are welcome and encouraged! Please call, text or email me if you would like more information or would like to fill one of the open positions. At this point, all positions are open. See a list of duties and positions in La Voce.

Happy Halloween!!!

Mark

## Buon Compleanno di Ottobre

Tracie Falati 1st  
Ellie Cheechov 6th  
Margaret Davis 9th  
Lucille Beeler 11th  
Gerald Firpo 13th  
Andrea Smithson 13th  
Rory Nichols 13th  
Jordon Falati 13th  
Rich Barker 14th



Chantol Williams 16th  
Bella Lucia Williams 22nd  
Dominic DiFabio 22nd  
Olga Perez 25th  
Maria Reginato 29th  
George Locatelli 29th  
Pam Boes 29th  
Linda White 29th  
Rosemarie Archer 30th  
Lucia Holmboe 30th

## 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 Ottobre

- Oct 11th** Card night will be at the Fairfield Adult Recreation Center from 4 PM to 8 PM. For more information please contact Juanita at 707-422-1921 or email her at [juanita5230@sbcglobal.com](mailto: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.
- Oct 12th** Columbus Pasta and Meatball fundraiser will be held at the Adult Recreation Center.
- Oct 14th** Please RSVP by Oct 14th for monthly meeting so our kitchen crew will know how much food to prepare. Please RSVP by calling 707-365-1818 or emailing Laurretta Graham at [lgraham457@aol.com](mailto:lgraham457@aol.com).
- Oct 17th** Our regular lodge meeting will be held at the Adult Recreation Center starting at 6:00 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. 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.
- Oct 22nd** Food Bank. For more information please contact Joy Bruno at 707-422-3391
- Oct 24th** Out to lunch will meet at 1230 pm at BJ's in Vacaville. For more information please call Pam Boes at 707-448-7176.
- Oct 30th** The Book Club will meet at Kay Locatelli's home at 1 p.m. The book this month is "The Berry Pickers" by Amanda Peters. 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 October is . Joy Bruno, Rose Marie Archer and Lynn Gallagher. Don't forget to sign up to next year's schedule to decorate the tables for the dinner and meeting. Please sign up with Juanita. She has many items in the storage locker to use for decorations.



## 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](mailto:joy.b@comcast.net).

A get well card was sent to Betty Victor

## 2025 SOI BOARD NOMINATIONS

Dear Northern Solano Lodge Members,

Our lodge is gearing up for the upcoming nominations for the elected board positions that make up our Leadership Team. We invite each of you to play a key role in shaping the future of our beloved organization. Your involvement is crucial; it strengthens our mission and enhances the community spirit that makes Northern Solano Lodge such a special organization. We are actively seeking enthusiastic members to step forward for all positions, as well as volunteers for our various committees. Your unique talents and perspectives can truly make a difference! By volunteering for board positions or committees, you not only contribute to our collective success but also gain invaluable experience, build lasting friendships, and deepen your connection with your fellow Brothers and Sisters.

Remember, without your support, our success is diminished, but together, we can achieve great things! We wholeheartedly encourage you to consider this opportunity to become a member of the Leadership Team.

Fraternally yours,

Northern Solano Nomination Committee

The winner of the monthly free membership drawing was Cynthia Boykin-Ferry. Unfortunately Cynthia was not present to win.



## Duties of the Elected Officers

**President:** Executive leader of the Lodge. Duties are to convene, preside, and direct all meetings of the Lodge and its Executive Council; to regulate the acts of the Council and to see that the laws and decrees of the Grand Lodge are respected.

**Vice President:** Direct assistant to the President and in his/her absence, assume the rights and duties of the office of the President.

**Immediate Past President:** Experience acquired during term as President provides assistance to the new President. Still remains as an officer of the Executive Council of the Lodge.

**Orator:** Responsible for the law in the body of the Lodge and to see that the Laws are observed. Orator will call to the attention of the President any transgression. With authorization from the President, upon own initiative or upon the requests of the members, will prefer charges in writing against the violators of the Laws of the Order.

**Recording Secretary:** Record the minutes of the meetings and take care of correspondence of the Lodge and fulfill other duties given by the President. Recording Secretary is responsible for the archives of the Lodge.

**Financial Secretary:** Collector and the accountant of the Lodge. Collect dues from the members, issuing receipts to them. At every meeting, must report to the Lodge the amount of collections and the disbursements of the day. Members are to be notified when in arrears of their duties.

**Treasurer:** Have the responsibility of the treasury of the Lodge. No later than three (3) days after receipt, deposits with the amount received are to be deposited in the designated bank by the Lodge and execute all payments according to the laws.

**Trustee:** Trustees are the guardians of the financial interests of the Lodge and as such, must examine financial books at least every three (3) months and provide a written report to the Lodge.

**Master and Mistress of Ceremony:** Prepare the hall for the meetings and fulfill all the functions prescribed by them by the ritual or by the Local Lodge President.

**Historian:** Helps compile and keep records of the lodge history, through pictures and electronic files.

**Guard:** The guard is the keeper of meeting. Manages the flow of people entering and exiting during the meeting. Assists with communication (microphone) as needed during the meeting.

### **Term of Office**

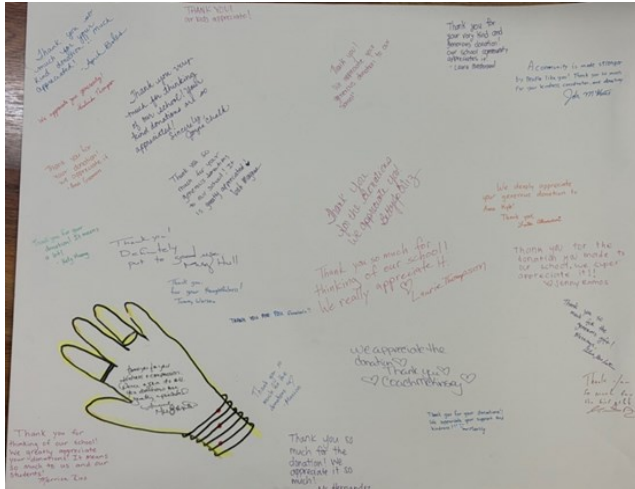
The Term of office for each officer is for two years starting in January of 2025 and ending in January of 2027.

The Executive Board will meet once a monthly, in addition to our regular lodge meeting.



## A thank you message from the teachers and staff at Anna Kyle

I forgot to bring this poster to the last meeting. My favorite comments are “Thank you so much for thinking of our school! We really appreciate it”, “It means so much to us and our students!”, “We deeply appreciate your generous donation to Anna Kyle!” and they will be “put to good use.” This year’s school supply drive was great effort from everyone that was involved.



24th annual...

# Rancho Solano Holiday Boutique

Clubhouse at Rancho Solano Golf Course

3250 Rancho Solano Pkwy, Fairfield 94534

**Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024**

**10 am to 4 pm**

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- \* Free sign-up for Door prizes!

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INFO: 1+ (707) 646-9006 ~ [Brenda@BrendaMossaEvents.com](mailto:Brenda@BrendaMossaEvents.com)



I was born in Santa Monica, California but was raised in Costa Mesa and happily call it home. I have lived in California most of my life. I am a 100% Italian. My family is from three regions: Lombardia, Liguria, and Emilia Romagna. I was raised in a very rich traditional Italian-oriented environment with a twist of Americana.

The only exception to living in California was time living out of state courtesy of the United States Marine Corps because I married a career Marine. Prior to marrying my husband, I worked at Toyota Motor Sales, Incorporated Headquarters as a Marketing Analyst and a Policy and Procedures Administrator when it was located in Torrance, California. Toyota has since left the State for Texas. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration/Marketing from California State University Long Beach.

Moving to Solano County wasn't really a choice. After my husband retired after 22 years of military service, he found a "second career" in Northern California. We chose to settle in Vacaville and have not regretted it. However, sometimes the triple-digit heat reminds me of our duty station at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Marine Corps Base in Twentynine Palms. I'm not a fan of triple-digit heat. I'm married, celebrating 22 years this past September, with two young adult children. They are fraternal boy/girl twins and are currently attending college.

I've been a member of the Sons and Daughters of Italy for about six years and have held several positions (Mistress of Ceremonies, Vice President and Trustee). I enjoy our lodge, especially when we gather for either a meeting or a social outing.

I enjoy traveling, whether it be a cross-country drive or traveling abroad. Speaking of which, a trip to Italy is planned for 2025! I enjoy swimming and reading, love to figure skate, and immerse myself into "all things autumn" – think East Coast which I miss. I'm currently enrolled in college (again) studying American Sign Language. God willing, I hope to certify in it.🇺🇸

Do you know who I am?

Hint #1: I share my first name with famous TikTok and YouTube Stars, Soccer players and Swimmers but you probably have never heard of any of them. Instead, this clue will have to do. My name means laurel tree and is a feminine form of the English name Laurence.

Hint #2: I have a double-barrelled last name. Sounds powerful, right? You may ask, whaaaaat? Welcome to the educational portion of Who am I? According to Wikipedia it's a type of compound surname, typically featuring two words that are often joined by a hyphen.

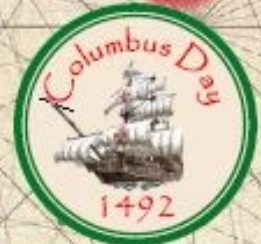
The September Who Am I winner was Laure DeVincenzi-Nichols identifying the mystery candidate Roy Pimentel.



*Sons and Daughters of Italy in America*

# Northern Solano Lodge

#2534



## Columbus Day Dinner Fundraiser

Adult Recreation Center

1200 Harry Price Dr., Fairfield, CA 94533

**Saturday October 12, 2024**

No Host Cocktails

6:00 PM

Dinner

7:00 PM

**Pasta – Meatballs – Salad – Dessert**

Adults \$45.00

Children (12 & under) \$22.50

**Dessert Auction ★ Raffle ★ Silent Auction**

For tickets contact

Carol Urban: 707-334-0611 or [curban44@aol.com](mailto:curban44@aol.com)

Please leave a message.

**Bring your friends, enjoy an evening out with a true Italian dinner.**

**Hope to see you there!!**

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This is the time of the year for us to start the Al & Pat Galli Wreath Fundraiser. We are doing it online like we did last year, so please do not hesitate to call Caroline @ 707-425-8242 if you need any help.



Holiday  
Fundraiser

## Northern Solano Lodge 253



**Classic Spray**

**\$28.00**

Matches the Classic Wreath, and may be used by itself, or, it is often seen gracing either side of a garage or entryway pillars with the Classic Wreath gracing the entry door to the home. The Classic Spray uses a combination of Balsam Fir, Cedar, and Pine, and is trimmed with the same elements as the Classic Wreath.



**Cranberry Splash Spray**

**\$32.00**

Using natural balsam Fir boughs, the Cranberry Splash Spray is trimmed with the same elements as the Cranberry Splash Wreath. While the Spray may be used by itself, it is often seen gracing either side of a garage or entryway pillars with the Wreath gracing the entryway door to the home.



**Victorian Spray**

**\$30.00**

This unique Holiday decoration is handcrafted using a combination of Balsam Fir, Cedar, and Pine, and is decorated with the same elements as the Victorian Wreath. This Spray is often used in concert with the Victorian Wreath to create a matching Holiday theme for the home or can also be used by itself.



**Wintergreen Spray**

**\$32.00**

Using a combination of Balsam fir, Cedar, and Pine, the Wintergreen Spray is trimmed with the same elements as the Wintergreen Wreath. Combine it with the Wintergreen Wreath to complete a perfectly matching Holiday theme for your home or display it alone.

The spray can be ordered online as an individual item, but the attachment is for a package of 5. They used to offer a package of 6 Sprays, but have reduced the order to 5. If you are interested, please let me know at your earliest opportunity. The order of 5 needs to be for the same type of spray and I can have it shipped directly to you as a full order.



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