



Northern Solano Lodge #2534

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all the members who worked to make this year's Columbus Dinner Celebration a success! We had approximately 100 people in attendance. Senior Class members from the Public Safety Academy did a fantastic job serving our guests. Our guests really seemed to enjoy the accordion music provided by Sheri Crawford. The carrot cake provided by Nick Rodrigues owner of Famous Creations was auctioned off for an astonishing \$400!

An event like this is only achievable when we all work together as a team. Special thanks to our kitchen staff for preparing the wonderful meal, the set up and cleanup crews, the dessert and raffle auction prep crew, our bartenders, drink and raffle ticket sellers and all who purchased tickets. Job well done!!!

Veterans Day is November 11th. In recognition of our lodge members and family members who have served our great country in the Armed Forces and all Veterans, we will have a Veterans memorial display. We are asking lodge members to bring in pictures of their loved ones who have served in the Armed Forces so we can recognize them. The Adult Recreation Center will be participating in the Fairfield Veterans Day Parade and are inviting all the clubs that meet at the ARC to participate. Joy Bruno will be coordinating Northern Solano's participation. Please contact Joy if you are interested in being in the parade. @joy.b@comcast.com or (707) 332-5623.

At our November meeting we will also be nominating and electing new members to the Leadership Team. The new term starts in January of 2025 and goes through December of 2026. We do have openings for President, Master of Ceremonies, two trustee positions and a historian. If you are interested in serving on the leadership team, please reach out to me at (209) 404-0692.

There is still time to participate in the Albert & Pat Galli Holiday Wreath Fundraiser. All orders are completed online. If you need additional information, please contact Chairperson Caroline Abughazaleh @ (707) 425-8242

We will be holding our annual Christmas toy drive and teaming up with Toys for Tots. We will send out an email with more information as we receive the details. You can bring unwrapped gifts to our November meeting.

On December 5th our lodge has a service project for the Adult Recreation Center. We will be preparing and serving the meal at the ARC's Holiday Luncheon. We need your help; look for a sign-up sheet at our November meeting.

Our annual lodge Christmas party will take the place of our regular lodge meeting in December. The lodge Leadership Team is still working on the food details. We will have more details shortly. We will have entertainment from Hayley Green, a local singer, as well as our in-house musician Riccardo. The Christmas party is a great way to come together during the holiday season, celebrating as a family and giving thanks for all that we have accomplished in 2024.

Wishing all of you a Happy Thanksgiving, Mark

Buon Compleanno di Novembre

Lorri Yount 1st
Eleanor Morse 9th
Carol Urban 10th
Joe Niccoli 10th
Hadrian Holmboe 10th
Ralph Petty 13th
Robert Pendleton 14th



Sean Houston 15th
Juanita Stopponi 16th
Anna Summerford 16th
Shirley Watkins 22nd
Dee Dee Carrasco 23rd
David McKenzie 27th
Ron Trapani 29th

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 Novembre

- Nov 8th** 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. 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.
- Nov 18th** Please RSVP by Nov 18th for 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.
- Nov 19th** Food Bank. For more information please contact Joy Bruno at 707-422-3391
- Nov 19th** Out to lunch will meet at 1230 pm at Dynasty Restaurant's at 2401 Waterman Blvd., Fairfield. For more information please call Helen Barker at 707-418-6093.
- Nov 21st** 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.
- Dec 6th** The Book Club will meet at Brenda Mossa's home at 1 p.m. The book this month is "Book of Lost Names" by Kristen Harmel. New members are welcome. For more information call Brenda at 707-399-7195.



TABLE DECORATIONS FOR LODGE MEETINGS



The decoration team for the month of October is Laretta Graham and Shirly

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.

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.

Fraternaly yours,

Northern Solano Nomination Committee

The winner of the monthly free membership drawing was Roy Pimentel Congratulations Roy.





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 monthly, in addition to our regular lodge meeting.

TOYS FOR TOTS



Toys for Tots officially kicked off on October 15th. Members can bring monetary donations or new, unwrapped toys to donate to our November meeting. The Toys for Tots campaign runs through December 20th. For anyone who is not able to come to the meeting they can contact me and I can coordinate a time to pick up the donations.

Please contact Rory at Roryusmco3@gmail.com or 760.835.4176

24th annual...

Rancho Solano Holiday Boutique

Clubhouse at Rancho Solano Golf Course

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10 am to 4 pm

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Please bring a canned good or unwrapped toy for donation bins :-)

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





I was born in Oakland, California and grew up in Vallejo. My family moved to Vacaville when I was 13. I have lived in Solano County all my life except for when I was away at college. In 1963, I moved to Vacaville and have lived there ever since.

When I was about eight years old, like most of us remember, we played baseball in the street. It was far enough away from the houses that we weren't too worried about hitting one. Once when I hit the ball, it went through our front window. I went in the house to get in trouble. My father, who had played a lot of baseball, just looked at me and said, "You hit the ball that far!?" He was so proud of me, that I didn't even get in trouble!! Later I heard him call the insurance company and he just told them that a little kid hit a ball through his window!

My Italian heritage hails from Northern Italy. Our family names are Leardini and Pellegrini. My mother was born in San Giovanni, Emilia Romagna, Italy. My grandfather was from Católica, Emilia Romagna, Italy. When my grandfather and his brother came to America, they settled in Crockett, California. I have fond memories of my Italian upbringing on the hill sides of Crockett.

I am single and have a son, Kent, who is a Colusa County Supervisor and a captain in the volunteer fire department in Williams. I also have one grandson, Hudson, who just turned one. I am a retired elementary school teacher. I mostly taught second, third and fifth grades in the Vacaville Unified School District. I was also a mentor teacher. For a very brief time, I was an art teacher in the Fairfield Unified School District.

I have been a member for the Sons and Daughters of Italy for 21 years. My parents and son were members first. My son joined in 2002 after he was awarded a SOI scholarship and I joined a little while later. I have served on the board many times in the past but health issues keep me home mostly nowadays.

I have traveled quite a bit within the United States. My favorite places to visit in the past were the New England area and Wyoming. My son recently took me to Italy to visit the town my grandparents were from. Our family runs a hotel in Católica and when we went to it was off-season and no one was there. I stopped a lady on the street and asked her if she knew them. She immediately took out her phone, called one of them, then handed me her phone! I loved Italy and felt I didn't get to spend enough time there. I was very much at home there and if I was younger, I just might go live there.

Do you know who I am?

Hint #1: I share my first name with TV's Mork and Mindy co-star _____ Dawber.

Hint #2: My last name rhymes with pros, goes, nos and toes.

The October Who Am I winner was Louise Rossi identifying the mystery candidate Laure DeVincenzi-Nichols .

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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.

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