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MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT FRANK MOSSA

Dear Members and Friends,

As we welcome the beautiful month of May, we look forward to gathering once again for our monthly meeting. Spring is in full bloom, making it the perfect time to reconnect, celebrate our heritage, and enjoy the many activities our lodge has to offer.

May is a special time to honor mothers and the important role they play in our lives. Here in the United States, Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of May. In Italy, La Festa della Mamma is also celebrated on the second Sunday of May, but it carries its own unique charm focusing more on extended family traditions and time spent around the table.

We warmly invite you to attend our May meeting, where we will have the special honor of introducing this year's scholarship recipients. We are proud to award four scholarships to outstanding students in our community. These young individuals represent the future and reflect the values of our Italian-American heritage. Please join us in celebrating their achievements and welcoming them as our guests.

Throughout the month, we encourage everyone to participate in our ongoing activities:

Bocce – Enjoy friendly competition and time outdoors

Book Club – Join us for lively discussion and great reading

Card Night – A fun and social evening for all skill levels

Out to Lunch Bunch - Try new restaurants and get to know your fellow Lodge members

Food Bank volunteer morning – Once a month service project giving back to the community

These gatherings are a wonderful way to stay connected, meet fellow members, and keep our traditions alive. Check out dates and times under Attività di Maggio section of this newsletter.

Our next Fundraiser is on October 24th...sharing our warm hospitality with the community and honoring Italian-American Heritage Month. It's not too early to make donations for the Silent Auction, Raffle Basket items or sign up to bring a dessert for the Dessert Auction. Let's make it the best one yet! Lauretta Graham (LGraham457@aol.com) is the contact person. She can provide you with a letter to businesses with the Lodge's non-profit tax ID number.

You are always encouraged to invite friends and family to attend a meeting to see what we're all about! New members are the lifeblood of any organization and ours is no exception. It's been great to see a lot of new members the past few months and more to come, thanks to you!

We look forward to seeing you at the May meeting and at our many events throughout the month. Your participation is what makes our lodge such a vibrant and welcoming community.

Tanti cari saluti...Frank Mossa

Buon Compleanno di Maggio

Kay Locatelli	6th
Saskia Lembesis	7th
Caroline Abughazaleh	9th
Don Cradduck	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 7th** Board Meeting at 530 p.m. in the ARC Conference Room.
- May 8th** Card night will be at the Fairfield Adult Recreation Center from 4 PM to 8 PM. For more information please contact Jerry Firpo at 707-678-2455 or email him at jfirpo@jps.net. 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 18th** Please RSVP for the 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
- May 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.
- May 26th** Out to Lunch Bunch will be at Black Bear in Suisun City. Please contact Helen Barker at 707-428-6093
- May 26th** Food Bank. For more information please contact Saskia Lembesis at 707-631-1829.
- May 29th** The Book Club will meet at Brenda Mossa's home at 1 p.m. The book this month is "The Last House on the Block" by Diane Chamberlain. New members are welcome. For more information please call Brenda at 707-399-7195

TABLE DECORATIONS FOR LODGE MEETINGS



The decoration team for the month of May is Laure Nichols, Kristina Cilia and Shirley Firpo.



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.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS ITALIAN HERITAGE NIGHT

We have the opportunity to team up with the Napa Sons & Daughters of Italy to attend the SF Giants Italian Heritage Night at Oracle Park.

Game Day is Tuesday July 28, 2026 and first pitch is at 6:45 PM. Opposing team is the Milwaukee Brewers.

The ticket cost is \$70. Tickets are in Section 207 & 205 Club Outfield.

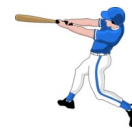
A commemorative T-shirt is included with your ticket purchase.

We will need to arrange our own transportation. Most likely the Vallejo Ferry will be the best option.

Tickets need to be reserved by 4/30 and paid by 5/15.

All tickets will be distributed through the MLB app.

Please RSVP by 30 Apr 2026 if you are interested in attending.



The winner of the April monthly free membership drawing was Ken Gallagher. Congratulations Ken.

Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, Northern Solano Lodge 2026 Scholarship Recipients



Ethan Brandi, recipient of the Joe Della Zappa Memorial Scholarship, will complete his senior year at Vacaville High School this June. In the fall of 2026, he intends to embark on studies in Technology, focusing particularly on Computer or Software Engineering at the University of Nevada, Reno. His interest in this discipline stems from its integration of logic, creativity, and tangible societal contributions. He aspires to establish a career that not only provides stability, but also enables him to contribute to his community through innovation, mentorship, and service.

Congratulations, Ethan!

Aiden Buffa, recipient of the Anselmo Canova Jr. Memorial Scholarship, is gearing up to graduate from Armijo High School this June. In the fall of 2026, he will begin his college experience at San Diego Mesa College then transfer to San Diego State University to major in Business Administration with a focus on Finance. His professional aspirations include Entrepreneurship and Financial Advising. Involvement within athletic activities and the Boy Scouts of America has allowed him to enhance his leadership abilities, which has subsequently fueled his enthusiasm for the business sector.

Congratulations, Aiden!



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Lukas Cilia, recipient of the Vincenzo LaNovara Memorial Scholarship, is set to graduate from Vacaville High School this June with plans for the fall of 2026 to pursue a major in Environmental Sciences/Meteorology at San Jose State University, while also enrolling in the Air Force Detachment 045 at the same institution. After completing his college education, Lukas aims to serve his country as an officer/2nd Lieutenant, with aspirations of becoming a pilot in the United States Air Force.

Congratulations, Lukas!

Sophia Hines, recipient of the Richard Tracy Memorial Scholarship, will complete her final year from Rodriguez High School this June. She will kick off her college journey in the fall of 2026 at the University of California, Davis. With a strong interest in math, she plans to study Industrial Engineering and Business. Her passion for math, fascination with operations, and talent for organization will help her build a career that merges engineering processes with business strategies in her future.

Congratulations, Sophia!



Mother's Day Bunco & Brunch

*C.Colombo Lodge #1315
Sons & Daughters of Italy*



Saturday, May 9, 2026

Doors open at 10:30

Brunch starts at 11:00

Games start after brunch

Tickets

\$25.00 advance sale

\$30.00 at the door

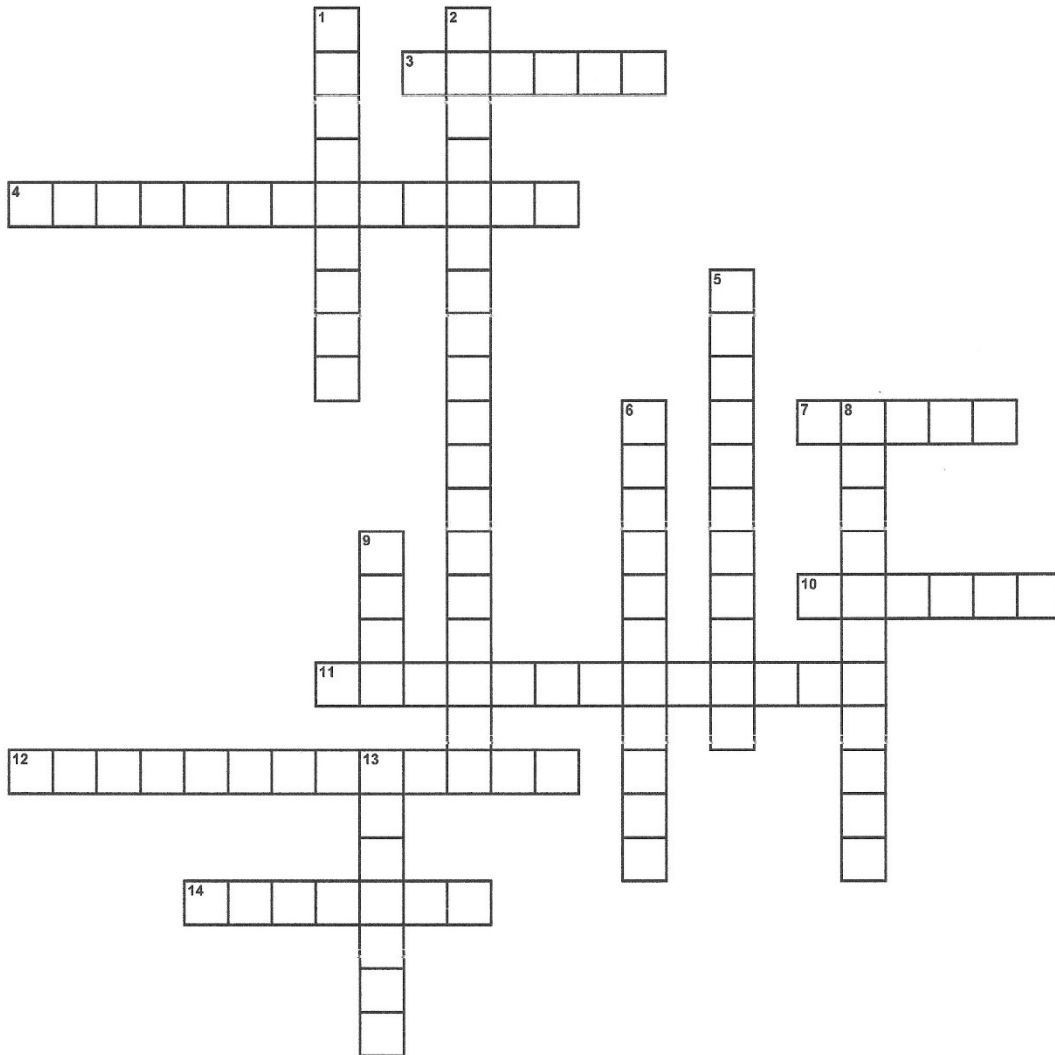
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Moose Lodge
12 Moose Way
Pittsburg, CA

Contact Pam Bustos for tickets (925) 642-8658

Prizes for: most wins, most buncos, most losses and 2nd & 3rd place

ITALY



Across

- [3] You would travel round this city in a gondola.
- [4] The volcano that destroyed pompeii.
- [7] A food that italy is famous for.
- [10] Italy's largest island.
- [11] The climate of italy.
- [12] The part of italy that is colder and more affluent.
- [14] The mountain range in northern italy.

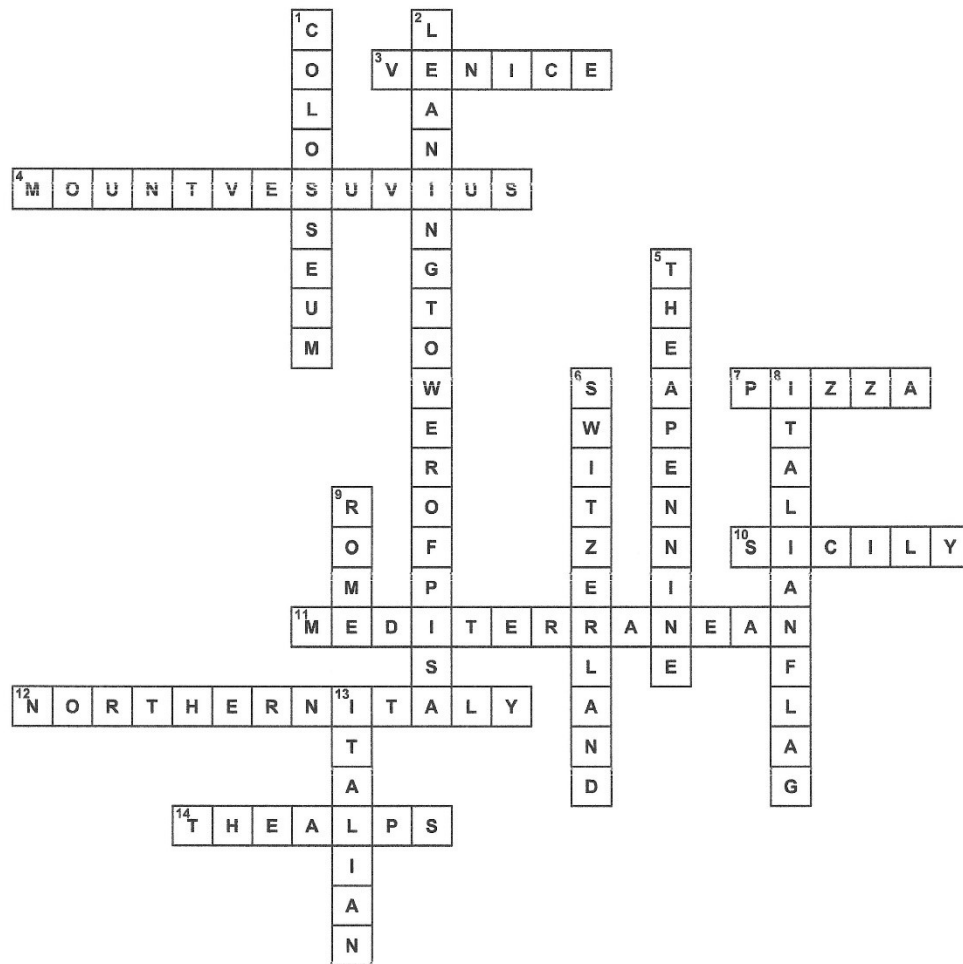
Down

- [1] A landmark in rome, where fighting occurred.
- [2] The famous landmark in pisa
- [5] The mountain range situated down the middle of italy.
- [6] One of the countries that borders italy.
- [8] The colours red, white and green make up this.
- [9] The capital of italy.
- [13] The language they speak in italy.

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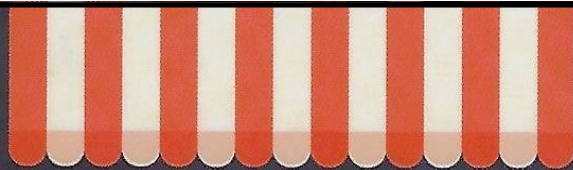
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