

Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America

Shasta Lodge #2453

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La Fratellanza MAY 2019



NEW MEMBER INITIATION



At our General Meeting in May we were very happy to initiate new member, Donna Brown, to our Shasta Lodge family. Donna's proponent is Charlotte Bailey. Donna's Father, Henry Agostini, was born in Poggio Felipe, Italy so Donna joins us as an associate member. She is semi-retired. We look forward to getting acquainted with Donna.

We also had a motion made to buy two fence panels to help pay for the fencing at South City Park. Since the fence has been in place the park is a much nice place to go and play bocce.

It is now safer for families to take their children, too.

Speaking of South City Park, the Redding Colt 45s open their season on May 24th against the Santa Rosa Rosebuds. On opening night the AMR helicopter will bring Preston Sharp to the ball field with the ball for the opening pitch. Veterans will be honored that night. Then on Saturday night, Dignity Health will be giving out Tiger Field/Colt 45s T-Shirts to the first 500 people. And then on Memorial Day, the CHP will bring out the large flag and unfurl it on the field prior to the game. The local first responders will be honored that day along with veterans. Come out to the ball park for an evening of fun.

May has been relatively quiet at the lodge, however many of you helped the Asphalt Cowboys with their annual Pancake Breakfast at Roaring Gulch. The cowboys have sent their thanks for all who showed up to help. See some photos on page 5.

The bocce league was rained out for the fourth time so the City is in the process of trying to get teams scheduled for make-up games. If you have not been contacted by your team captain, please check to see if you have been scheduled. The senior league played two games this past week and will play two more on May 30th.

We are still looking for a few more people who want to go on the Giants Bus Trip to see the NYMets on July 21st. Please let Carole D know asap if you are interested in going.

There will be a work party soon to go thru the long tables and see which ones we will keep and which ones we will try to sell. We will let you know when they will be available if you are interested in buying one of

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

JUNE

Redding Community Guild Meeting, Wednesday June 5th

General Meeting, BBQ Potluck Initiation of New Members Monday, June 17—6:15PM

Grand Lodge Convention Reno, NV Weds. June 26 - Sat. June 29

JULY

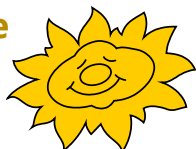
Redding Community Guild Meeting Weds. July 3rd

General Meeting & Potluck Monday, July 15th - 6:15PM

San Francisco Giants Bus Trip Sunday, July 21st.



Sunshine Report



President Jim's

Greetings Sisters and Brothers of Shasta Lodge,

Crazy May, the month, is here. One doesn't know whether to wear a t-shirt and shorts or rain gear these days. One or 2 days of 90-degree weather then, here it comes, blustery wind and rain! It's fairly typical weather for the month of May in Northern California and we should all be used to it. Summer will soon be here and that brings along with it a whole different bunch of complaints. Such is life in our beautiful area and we love it!

Monday, May 27, is Memorial Day. There will be a ceremony at the Igo Veterans Cemetery honoring the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country. The ceremony begins at 6:00 PM, usually with a flyover, local high school band performance, bag pipers, laying of wreaths and several speakers. Plan to attend if you can.

Thursday, May 30, the traditional Memorial Day, a ceremony will be held at the Veterans Memorial Grove located at the Redding Civic Auditorium at 11:00 AM. The ceremony includes patriotic songs, pipers, several speakers and laying of wreaths in honor of our fallen military heroes. A complimentary lunch will be

served immediately following the ceremony.

Shasta Lodge plans on presenting a wreath at both of these events. I hope some of you will be able to attend and participate in the presentation.

Enjoy the Memorial Day weekend!

Until next time.

CIAO,
Jim Nobili
President

Jayden Rose, daughter of Lisa and Rob, graduates from Ca state university, May 18th...Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Congratulations Jayden.

Most of you know our long term member **Al Massa** passed away. Our condolences to his family. See the article on page 7.

Our condolences go out to the families of all these friends who passed away in April and May.

Our State 1st Vice President **Arlene Nunziati** lost her mother a few weeks ago.

One of our friends from Bocce, **Monty Turner**, who attended a lot of things at our lodge, also passed last month.

Denise Crane lost her mother-in-law recently also.

Two former members also passed away, **John Cleckner** and **James Rotta**.

If you have any sunshine news, please call our "Sunshine Lady" **Liz LaMarre** and let her know so she can send cards, call, etc. **515-5485** or email liz_lamarre@yahoo.com.



Shasta Lodge Golf

Allen's Golf will now have Shasta Lodge golf on Tuesday each week with tee off at 10:00AM.

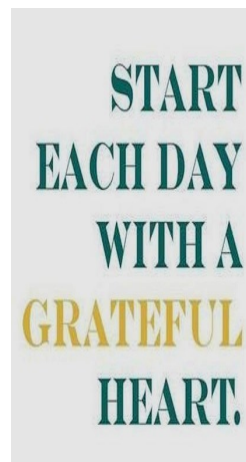
The cost is \$10 for 9 holes of golf plus a hot dog or beer.



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Flashbacks...

Photo of Joe Soltis, Billie Soltis, Kim Chamberlain and George Winship.

Kim presented Joe with the Ambassador for Peace medal from the Patriots and Veterans Affairs. Republic of Korea.



- Bob Gullixson - 6/14
- Orlin Hatfield - 6/19
- Larry Hughes - 6/22
- Dave Jannuzzi - 6/20
- John Ohler - 6/2
- Madison Pulice - 6/14
- Charles Ryan - 6/23
- Jessice Toombs - 6/20
- Bobbe Vincent - 6/27
- Ron Zufall - 6/15

CONCERT TO BENEFIT REDDING SCHOOL OF THE ARTS.

There will be a concert on June 29th at Redding School of the Arts, all proceeds benefit the School.

Lou White will be performing alongside the pianist who served in the Navy Band with him back many years ago. This will be an enjoyable evening full of music covering many different styles from Rachmaninoff and Mozart to Gershwin, Brubeck and Benny Goodman. We will even describe the musical metamorphosis of Paganini's Caprice from hundreds of years ago to present time, like Spock says, "Fascinating!!"

Hope to see you there, and hope you hear us there.

For Tickets please call Lou or Kathleen White 530-359-2078, or call Pat Karch 510-1903, or go to Redding School of The Arts at 955 Inspiration Place. Suggested donation is \$15.

NAME BADGES

Name badges are coming! Who's who in the Shasta Lodge of the Sons and Daughters of Italy? Magnetic name badges will be available to order at the MAY General meeting at a cost of \$5. Name badges will have our organization, lodge, and your name imprinted for easy name/face recognition at meetings and events! More information and a sample will be available at the May meeting.



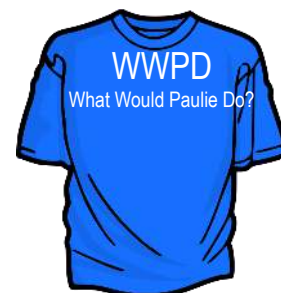
Happy June Anniversary Mike and Melanie Burke

June 24th

PAULIE'S APPAREL

We are happy to announce that Paulie's Apparel is back in business. Paul Monette has agreed to order shirts for lodge members. It is now necessary to purchase your shirts from our shirt printer, so please see Paul for what you would like to have. And remember that he needs time to place your order, have printed and get it back to you. Please check with him at the general meetings, or phone him at:

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News from the Redding Community Guild

Thanks to all of you who attended our spaghetti feed fundraiser on April 14th. By any measure, it was a successful and fun event. Our raffle was great with many great donations from friends in local businesses and some homemade items from our members.

Everyone wanted to win the toy chainsaw that was donated by our friends, John and Louann Roberts, owners of Al's Saw Shop. One 4 year old boy, in particular, had his eyes on it. He and his 2 older sisters have been attending our annual event since they were all babies. They love the spaghetti and meatballs and the homemade desserts. They really enjoy the raffle and they have helped me, by pulling the tickets, for the last several years. Larry and Sheila Cissney attended and "Lucky" Larry noticed the youngster eyeballing the chain saw. Larry handed him the "lucky" ticket and told him to go put that ticket into the can for the saw. Unfortunately, the family had already left when that lucky ticket was pulled for the saw. Following Larry's instructions, I contacted the Mom and gave her the saw for her son. Well done Larry.

Well done, also, to all of our Guild members who cooked, baked, poured, served and cleaned in order for use to generate the necessary funds to provide 2 well deserving local students with \$1,000 scholarships each. Thank you all for your hard work.

Our group of Guild members holds a short meeting every first Wednesday of the month, starting at 9:00 am at the Redding Community Guild. You may know the facility as the Sons of Italy Hall. You are invited to be our guest at any meeting. Have a cup of coffee and a donut and see what we are all about.

John Tasello
President Redding Community Guild

Our Redding Community Guild Scholarship's were awarded to two outstanding West Valley High School students, Brandon Plowman and Connor Wayne. These students were chosen from 12 applications that we received. We were able to award the two \$1,000 scholarships in thanks to all who worked, donated and attended our annual fundraiser...thank you all!

Rita Mandina
Scholarship Chairperson

Agenda

GENERAL MEETING, BARBECUE DINNER
Monday, June 17th, 2019

Potluck at 6:15PM Meeting 7PM

At our General Meeting in June, we will have a potluck barbecue by your council members. The council will provide and cook hamburgers and hot dogs with buns and condiments. We are asking for potluck dishes of sides, chips, salads, desserts. Also maybe fresh tomatoes, onions, etc.

At our May meeting, we drew the names on the project board and \$125 was won by Bob Gullixson and also Jim Nobili. Jim donated \$50 of his winnings to the scholarship fund. Charlotte Bailey's son Alan was with her from Vancouver BC and won \$30 in the 50/50 drawing which he also donated to the scholarship fund. Thanks to both Jim and Alan.

We will be starting a new project board at the June meeting. Please buy your square on the project board. You might win one of the next two \$125 cash prizes.

IT'S YOUR LODGE, COME JOIN THE FUN!!



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Spring City Bocce Leagues

We are now in the process of making up games due to being rained out four weeks. Please contact your team captain to let them know when you are available to play.

This is a great league. There are newbies and experienced players and you still never know who is going to win. It is worth your time to come to South City Park and watch some good (and some not-so-good) games.

Bring your chair and a beverage of your choice and come have a good time. See you there.



Left top: Rose Nobili and Liz LaMarre with the Redding Colt 45s mascot Homer. They were volunteering at the opening night gave. Left Bottom: Rose and Larry Shuman volunteering at the Asphalt Cowboys Pancake Breakfast during Rodeo Weed activities.

Upper Right: Gerry Carroll and Sharon Roberts attending the Redding Rodeo. Bottom Right: Paul Monette and Julie Warren also attending the Redding Rodeo.

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GO FOR THE GREEN!!

Since February 2007, we have had all members names in a drawing held at each general meeting.

In March Randy Brix's name was drawn and he was not there and did not win the \$30. In April name was drawn and was not there and did not win the \$35, and in May Greg Agresta's name was drawn and he was not there and did not win \$40. We will draw for \$45 in June.

If your name is drawn and you are there, you get the money, so "be there" or miss your chance to win.



FINAL NOTICE

San Francisco Giants Bus Trip



Sunday, July 21st vs the New York Mets

Our trip is booked and we NEED TO FILL THE SEATS.. We will be seated in the same section as last year at club level but a few rows closer to the field. The cost will be \$145 per person. We need to know if you wish to go **no later than June 1st**. After that we will return the extra tickets to the Giants.

Please call Carole D at 241-4342 or 604-7626

Chaplain's Corner

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven.

A time to give birth and a time to die; A time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted.

A time to kill and a time to heal; A time to tear down and a time to build up.

A time to weep and a time to laugh; A time to mourn and a time to dance.

A time to throw stones and a time to gather stones; A time to embrace and a time to shun embracing.

A time to search and a time to give up as lost; A time to keep and a time to throw away.

A time to tear apart and a time to sew together; A time to be silent and a time to speak.

A time to love and a time to hate; A time for war and a time for peace.

RECYCLE PROGRAM

John DiMatteo has been recycling our cans and bottles since August 2009 . We have raised \$8789.89 to date. That's a great amount for 9 1/2 years.

Congrats and Thank You to John.

John is now saving the pull tabs from aluminum cans, too. These include soft drinks, pet food, etc. Please help by saving these too. They are easy to remove, just put in a small plastic bag

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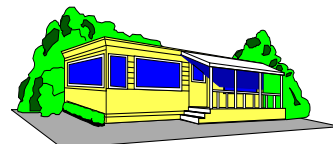
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My Dad, Al Massa

My dad's life began in a time period we find unrecognizable. In 1916, when my father was born in Breezy Hill, Kansas, babies often died as infants, children died of typhoid fever from drinking water on school outings and young fathers died of pneumonia. These were the days when an orange was a Christmas present, and toys were made from scraps found in someone else's debris pile. I know this because these details were in the stories my dad told me about his childhood.

My dad's father, an immigrant coal miner, died of pneumonia when Dad was 3, leaving behind Dad, his two brothers, and an expectant wife. Attempting to provide for her family, his mother—a seamstress—remarried 2 times and finally resettled in Chicago, Illinois, in 1927. These years were difficult. In 1928, his mother married Leo Kaiser, a carpenter and woodworker. Pa Kaiser was a good man who treated my dad as his own son.

During the depression, Dad left school after 10th grade and joined the CCCs—Civilian Conservation Corps—and went to Idaho. Here he began to seek after God and was baptized in a small, rural Catholic church in Pierce, Idaho while stationed at a camp nearby, on the Green River. He and other young men worked at removing diseased trees, clearing brush and making trails in the national forest.. Returning to Chicago in 1934, he worked in a tannery and an auto shop before enlisting in the army in 1937 where his first post was in Monterey, California, in the 11th Calvary, A Troop as soldier 44 . His favorite horse was Virgo. During this time he was one of the soldiers in the movie Seargent Murphy with Ronald Reagan.

After 3 years Dad returned to Chicago where he met a blue-eyed Italian beauty named Angela Serafini and eloped with her. He reenlisted and was sent to Texas. In 1942. Dad and Mom moved around the world together. They lived in Georgia, Texas, Indiana, Maryland, Illinois, California, Japan and Germany. While fighting in WWII Dad was shot in the ankle and was awarded the

Purple Heart. He later served in Korea. During his time in the Army he was part of the cavalry, worked as a cook, earned honors shooting with many cadre units, ran various motor pools in Georgia, Japan, and Germany, and taught automotive repair to service men and then to students at the prestigious Culver Military Academy. After 27 years of serving his country he retired from the military in 1965.

Dad moved us to California in 1968 where he worked at Shasta Dam as a guard and mechanic before retiring in 1978. During his time at Shasta Dam, he started the tradition of a Shasta Dam Thanksgiving meal for all of the employees, a tradition which continues today.

My dad spent his retirement having coffee at McDonalds every morning at 5:30 with a group of his buddies and serving others. With the Knights of Columbus, he cooked Sunday fund-raising breakfasts and started a Christmas Day Dinner for anyone in need of a warm meal and company, a tradition which still continues. As a member of the Sons of Italy, he cooked many fundraising meals and helped provide education on Italian heritage with his friend Historian Frank Rose. With his group of buddies, he helped widows with home maintenance, provided wheel chairs and other medical equipment free of charge to those in need, and generally kept everyone entertained with his jokes.

"How are you feeling, Al?"

"With my fingers."

Even the hospice nurse knew to expect a joke. He left a legacy of 4 children, 13 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and friends literally everywhere he went, because if he did not have a friend when he arrived somewhere, he had made one by the time he left. They all remember him for his jokes, his constant positive energy, his ability to figure out how things work and how to fix them, and his love of helping others. At 102, when he left his life, he left the world better than he found it.

My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action/
(1 John 3:18)



THE QUEST

EVERYONE HAS A STORY. For our family, it is the story of immigration and assimilation. A story which involves a quest to discover how we got here, and what happened before to make us who we are now.

A QUEST IS ALL ABOUT SEEKING SOMETHING IMPORTANT, AND IT OFTEN INVOLVES A JOURNEY.

Researching our family heritage can be an all-consuming challenge. If we had only asked questions of our parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles; if only.

When the time finally arrives, when something deep inside demands that we uncover who these people were and where we all came from, our sources are all too often unavailable to us. For some families that have remained intact, knowing all their generations of cousins, etcetera, the questions aren't as daunting.

For some families, like ours, familial history may be spread across continents, cultures, languages, and great expanses of time, the proverbial quest to answer these questions and connect with others of our same last names can seem insurmountable.

My Mother-In-Law, 'Ethel' (Euphemia), had two sisters that married two Lucchetti brothers who immigrated to America from Italy around the late 1800's and early 1900's. They lived and worked on ranches in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties. My Father's parents, who was also a Lucchetti, had immigrated to San Francisco around the same time.

Nonno was the foreman at the Buri Buri Ranch, a large vegetable farm in Colma, South of San Francisco, and eventually they settled in Mountain View. They were all farmers to the core.

In the May issue of "IL LEONE," under 'Sponsors,' there were two individuals who shared the same last name as my Mother-In-Law's maiden name, Pardini. It occurred to me that our extended Italian family couldn't be the only ones seeking information about others that we could be related to, and even from the same obscure places in Italy.

To my way of thinking, my Husband's cousins were my cousins, and not just because of our marriage. Somewhere, deep down I "just knew" that we were truly from the same place and they were connected to my grandparents.

In 1975 I told Nonna that we were planning a trip to Varese and Cavizzano. She was in disbelief and said, "No, no one has ever gone back."

I recently started planning to return to Varese Ligure, La Spezia, and specifically Cavizzano where Nonna was born and raised. But the idea that I needed to know for certain that these two families were indeed one was overwhelming. The quest was on!

As in any good story, there were tangible clues--scrawled notes taken down over 50 years ago. When talking to my Nonna, or Auntie Julia, or my Mother-In-Law and Father-In-Law, there was concrete evidence, and all I had to do was unscramble the hieroglyphics--the meaning of the diagram, our extended family tree, which I had been told was the key to connecting the two Lucchetti families. It all had to do with the brothers; one, two, or three generations back. That was the challenge at the heart of my quest.

As of today, there is confirming documentation that our two families, for generations, came from the exact same place, Cavizzano (Campo), located several miles from Varese Ligure. They share most of the same names; Lucchetti, Figone, DeVincenzi, Gotelli, Ghiorzo, Biasotti, Leonardini, Pezzi, Picetti, Giannecchini, and Cavagnaro. The close-by towns/villages of Bedonia, Scurtabo, Cassego, Tevigio, and Carranza are also interlaced. According to one source, the Mayor of Varese is (or was) a Lucchetti.

Our story won't end by adding names, dates, places, and relationships to a chart, but rather will be documented in film by my nephew, Alan Lucchetti. Alan has been working in the film and television industry for nearly twenty years, both as an Emmy nominated photojournalist in TV news and as a documentary filmmaker. He has worked on eight documentary films, including one titled Our Story: Italian-Americans in Utah, which recounts the stories of the miners and railroad men, farmers and stone masons who came to live and work in Utah. It delves into Italian cooking and music, faith and family, and how the Italian culture was carried with these immigrants to America. <https://www.deseretnews.com/article/700234157/Our-story--KUED-documentary-looks-at-Italian-Americans-in-Utah.html>

Alan will interview the families here in Northern California, and if we are successful in locating my Mother-In-Law's Pardini and Giannecchini families in Pascoso, Pescaglia, near Lucca, and our now combined Lucchetti families in and near Cavizzano, Varese Ligure, La Spezia, Liguria, Italy, we will have made the connection not just on paper but with the faces, names, and voices of our families, the triumphs, struggles and sacrifices of our ancestors, to share with future generations.

Sharlien Lucchetti Harrington
May 2019

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