



# La Fratellanza

*Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America*

*Shasta Lodge #2453*

*4850 Cedars Rd. PO Box 994107 Redding, CA 96099*

**SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2024**

**THANKSGIVING-MEMORIAL  
DINNER**

**SATURDAY, NOV. 9th, 2024**

**Social Hour 5PM**

**Memorial Service 6:00PM**

**Dinner 6:30PM**



Our annual Thanksgiving-Memorial dinner is a dinner to honor our deceased members. It is a traditional turkey dinner prepared by the officers of the lodge for the members. We will have a social hour from 5:00-6:00PM. At 6PM we will have a memorial service to remember our deceased members. Dinner will be served following the memorial service.

This year the dinner will be \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. The money raised from this dinner goes directly into our scholarship fund. Last year we raised over \$2000 which helped with the scholarships presented in May.

Dinner is by reservation only. No reservations will be taken after November 4th. If you make a reservation and cannot come, please call to cancel. Please call Carole D. at 530-604-7626 as soon as possible to make your reservations.

**DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 4TH** Don't miss this Great dinner!



## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS NOVEMBER

### THANKSGIVING MEMORIAL DINNER

Saturday, November 9  
Memorial Service 6:00PM  
Dinner 6:15PM

### General Meeting

And Potluck Dinner

Monday, November 18th

Potluck - 6:15PM Meeting - 7PM

Second round of nominations for  
2025-2026 Officers will be held

## DECEMBER

Redding Grange Meeting

Wednesday, December 7th - 9am

## DECEMBER CATERING EVENTS

SIRS Christmas Luncheon - 12/11

Classic Car Club Christmas Party - 12/15

General Meeting and Annual Cookie

Exchange Monday, Dec. 16th - 7pm

Election of 2023-2025 Officers

**\*\*CRAB FEED TICKET SALES\*\***

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

### JANUARY 2025

Redding Grange Meeting

Wednesday, January 8th - 9am

Police Explorers Dinner

Thursday, January 16th.

Back Country Horsemen's Dinner

Saturday, January 18th.

### FEBRUARY 2025

CRAB FEED

Friday and Saturday

February 7th & 8th

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Sons and daughters of Italy were represented at a recent Heritage Fair in Redding. The lodge and Frank Rose provided flags and table coverings, and Pat Karch manned the booth, assisting those who were interested in researching their heritage. If you have questions about your distant relatives, feel free to contact Pat at (530)510-1903

# SUNSHINE REPORT



We lost a great friend in August. Jim Lamanna passed away just the day after his birthday. Jim had been a lodge member since the lodge opened about 44 years ago. Our sincere condolences to Cara Lamanna Schuler and her husband Jeff. Jim had served as our president for more than twelve years, and will surely be missed by all.

Larry Cissney recently had a 5 way heart bypass. He is finally home and continues to recuperate. Sheila Cissney has been having bouts of vertigo and is being treated at the Rose Center. Their daughter Dana is finally Feeling better after about 7 months of illness.

Rose Shuman recently had a pacemaker and is feeling much better. Sharlien Harrington has had multiple surgeries and been in hospital nearly two months. She is at Vibra.

Gerry Carroll recently had a knee surgery to repair a torn meniscus. She is now recuperating.

Steve Delben broke his ankle before Paesano Days and is still on crutches and just now able to put a little weight on his foot.

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](mailto:liz_lamarre@yahoo.com).

## President Jim's Message



Greetings to all the Sisters and Brothers of Shasta Lodge, Allow me to begin by thanking you all for a successful Paesano Days.

As we enter the final quarter of the year, we begin our busy Holiday season with catering events and our annual Crab and Chowder Feed in February. We will certainly need help with coming events. I'm certain many of you will step up and join in the fun. This is a great way to share time and get to know you fellow members.

I want to remind you all that this is an election year. We have begun nomination of officers at the October meeting for round one and conclude the nomination process at the November meeting. We have posted the nomination process in this edition of the newsletter. Please take a moment to read it. We will try to keep the process simple and moving quickly while maintaining some semblance of order. We hope to have a good turnout for the meeting as this is important to all members. You will be selecting the next administration for Shasta Lodge.

I hope to see you all very soon. Until then Ciao!  
Jim Nobili



## November is a month of remembrance and thanksgiving.

REMEMBRANCE...We remember and honor more than one million men and women who lost their lives defending America in wars from the Revolution to the global war on terrorism. We respect and thank those men and women who have served and are currently serving our country in the military. Their sacrifice and service affords us the many freedoms we enjoy. Say THANK YOU to a veteran today for services rendered.

THANKSGIVING...Lord, thank you for today. Thank you for all the ways you bless us every day. Bless our children, our veterans, our communities and our country. May we always know we are blessed by the feel of your hand on our shoulder. May we always have a "thankful" heart. Amen.

Printed in the Shasta Lodge Newsletter in November 2014, written by then Chaplain, Elrose Caruso.

Happy Thanksgiving



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| <p><b>Shasta Lodge Officers</b></p> <p><b>President</b><br/>Jim Nobili - 243-4127</p> <p><b>Vice President</b><br/>John DiMatteo - 215-1333</p> <p><b>Past President</b><br/>Carole Dellaragione - 241-4342</p> <p><b>Orator</b><br/>Jim Giacomelli - 223-9316</p> <p><b>Recording Secretary</b><br/>Sharon Roberts - 221-0720</p> <p><b>Financial Secretary</b><br/>Carole Dellaragione - 241-4342</p> | <p><b>Treasurer</b><br/>Sharon Pember - 530-921-2605</p> <p><b>Sentinel</b><br/>Jean-Marie Carr - 306-6134</p> <p><b>Mistresses of Ceremonies</b><br/>Diane Piazza - 229-9389<br/>Telly Vinci - 530-604-8347</p> <p><b>Trustees</b><br/>Steve Delben - 224-9524<br/>Kathleen Duval - 916-215-0380<br/>Leonard Duz - 241-3068<br/>Bob Gullixson - 222-6826<br/>Paul Monette - 351-3456</p> | <p><b>Historian</b><br/>Frank Rose - 247-3844</p> <p><b>Chaplain</b><br/>Charlotte Bailey - 244-1607</p> <p><b>Committee Chairs</b></p> <p><b>Bar Manager</b><br/>Jim Nobili - 243-4127</p> <p><b>Building Maintenance</b><br/>John Tasello - 365-5978</p> <p><b>Recycle</b><br/>John DiMatteo - 215-1333</p> <p><b>Sunshine</b><br/>Liz LaMarre - 515-5485</p> | <p><b>7-Shirts &amp; Hats</b><br/>Paul Monette - 351-3456</p> <p><b>Web Mistress</b><br/>Sharon Roberts - 221-0720</p> <p><b>Scholarships</b><br/>Jeanne-Marie Carr - 306-6134</p> <p><b>Bocce</b><br/>Jim Giacomelli - 223-9316<br/>John Tasello - 365-5978</p> <p><b>Paesano Days</b><br/>John Tasello - 365-5978</p> <p><b>Catering</b><br/>Carole Dellaragione - 241-4342</p> |
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**START EACH DAY WITH A GRATEFUL HEART.**

### NOMINATION OF OFFICERS – SHASTA LODGE #2453

The nomination of officers is an important process in our lodge and will be held in a calm and respectful manner. Members seeking an office on the Shasta Lodge Council, should ask a member in good standing to nominate them. All nominations should come from the floor to keep the members involved in the process. This would not allow current officers to nominate one another. Once a member has been nominated for an office, the President will ask the nominee if he/she accepts the nomination for the stated position. If the response is yes, the Recording Secretary will record the name in the file and the Electoral Chairperson will write the nominee's name on the display board specifying the position.

A person seeking office may self-nominate if so desired. There is no reference in the bylaws saying that members may not do so; however, being nominated by a fellow member is preferred.

Do NOT nominate someone who has NOT asked or given permission to do so. This is unfair to a fellow member who may not be expecting to be nominated and a poor use of time.

Apart from the Historian and Chaplain, all positions require a nomination. The positions of Historian and Chaplain are each appointed at the discretion of the incoming President. The Immediate Past President position on the Council is automatic if he/she wants to serve in that role. In the event the Immediate Past President ceases to take part in the Council, for any reason, the previous Past President shall succeed to the office as a matter of right.

Those members or current officers wishing to be nominated must be present during the nomination process. In the event a member seeking an office cannot be present, a letter of intent must be sent to the Lodge President prior to the meeting commencement time of 7:00 PM of the October and/or November meetings. Letters received after 7:00 PM of the November meeting will NOT be accepted.

There will be two rounds of nominations. The first round will take place during the October membership meeting. Once the nomination process is over, the Lodge President

will ask for a motion to close the nomination of officers for the current meeting and to continue at the November membership meeting.

Round two will take place during the November membership meeting. When the nomination process is completed, the Lodge President will ask for a motion to close the nominations. Once the motion has been made, seconded, and approved, the nomination process is officially closed. Nominations will no longer be accepted.

The December membership meeting will include the election of officers. The Recording Secretary will have ballots prepared with names of the candidates and the position they seek. The candidates that are unopposed will NOT appear on the ballot; they will assume the responsibility of office by acclamation.

The Lodge President will select an Electoral Board to dispense the ballots and count the votes after the ballots have been completed. The Electoral Board will be composed of a chairperson and two examiners. Any member who is a candidate for office will not be appointed to the Electoral Board.

In a recent decision by OSDIA National Headquarters, Social Members are now eligible to hold office in a local lodge. The exception being, President, Vice President, and State Delegate.

Jim Nobili, President

### RECYCLE PROGRAM

John DiMatteo has been recycling our cans and bottles since August 2009. The total of recycling for October is 112.36 and 2024 year to date is \$1,113.04. We are now at \$13,511.85 That's a great amount for 14+ years.

Be sure to bring you plastic bottles and aluminum cans to the lodge to be recycled. John sorts all this at his home. Would be helpful if you would take caps off plastic bottle and separate them from the aluminum cans and glass bottles. Wine and alcohol bottles can now be recycled but they need to have the original label still on the bottles.



### OCTOBER

Theresa Elford - 10/7  
Rose Gandy - 10/20  
Pat Gardetto - 10/1  
Diane Piazza - 10/12  
James Richards Russo - 10/2  
Tony Rossetta - 10/20  
Nancy Wright - 10/23

### NOVEMBER

Renee Bishop - 11/2  
Joni Branstetter - 11/25  
Dennis Compomizzo - 11/17  
Dawn Hume - 11/6  
Jack Luntey - 11/29  
MaryEllen Maddox - 11/20  
Lorna Manuel - 11/8  
Fran Mazet - 11/1  
Jim Nobili - 11/9  
Rose Nobili - 11/14  
Don Porter - 11/21  
Frank Rose - 11/10  
Tony Thomasy - 11/19

### DECEMBER

Cole Anderson - 12/1  
Mitch Mandina - 12/2  
Gary Memeo - 12/15  
Rob Rose - 12/31  
Rosemarie Shuman - 12/21  
Eathen Watson - 12/4

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION. PLEASE SEND YOUR ARTICLES OR PHOTOS TO ME AT [mscturner@aol.com](mailto:mscturner@aol.com). Or you may phone me with information to 241-4342 or 604-7626. thank you, Carole D.



### GO FOR THE GREEN!!



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

In May, Clarice Caporusso's name was drawn and she was not at the meeting. In June Charlotte Bailey's name was drawn and she won \$35. In July Telly Vinci's name was drawn and she won \$25. In August Leonard Duz's name was drawn, in September Gerald Re's name was drawn and in October Rob Paoletti's

name was drawn. They were not at the meeting so in November the drawing will be for \$40.

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

### 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.



### Chaplain's Corner

Greetings Everyone -

Well, it's kind of wind-down time here in October - a very successful Paesano Days are behind us, and we're looking forward to fall, the season that brings us vibrant autumn colors and blessed cooler weather (I know I'm looking forward to soup!!).

It's a season for thankfulness and gratefulness - so many things for which to be grateful and thankful. Let's name a few -and I'm sure you have many more. We'll start with family - bound together with love and forgiveness, food on our table, clothes on our backs, wonderful friendships, health, the ability to go and do what we wish and last, but surely not least, that we are living here in the United States of America!!

My prayer for our autumn/fall season is that we continue to thank our Lord for His many blessings to us, and may each of you continue to be blessed beyond measure in this autumn season.

Blessings,  
Charlotte Bailey, Chaplain



### WIN THIS CORD OF OAK WOOD

Only 50 tickets will be sold at \$20 each

1 Cord of Oak wood, split and ready for your stove or fireplace.

The drawing will be held at the Sons and Daughters of Italy's Thanksgiving/Memorial Dinner on Saturday, November 9th, or when all the tickets are sold.

If you do not have the need for the wood, this would be a great gift for someone who needs it. Your ticket could win you a nice gift for a friend..

You need not be present to win.

For tickets please call Jim Giacomelli at 530-209-3653

Proceeds will benefit the Sons and Daughters of Italy Building Maintenance Fund.



### The 2024 Redding Salvation Army Stuff the Bus Toy Drive and Food Drive

will take place on Thursday, December 5th, 2024 from 12 AM-11:59 PM PST. The event will be held at Les Schwab located on Hilltop Drive in Redding.

John DiMatteo will have a barrels at our general meeting on November 18th,. Please bring NEW unwrapped toys.or nonperishable Let's fill our barrels from our lodge.

**NEWS FROM THE REDDING GRANGE #446**

The Redding Grange and Shasta Lodge have gone green! That would be our roof, of course. I don't often notice the roof of a building or home, but I am impressed with the look of our hall every time I drive up to our property. The roofing project included repairing several areas of wood that suffered from rot and adding a whole new layer of plywood. The shingles are of the highest quality and, as you see, look terrific with the colors of our hall. This was an important, necessary, and expensive project made possible by the great relationship between the Redding Grange and Shasta Lodge. Both organizations shared equally in the \$60,000 total cost of the project.

We just finished participating in the annual nationwide Dictionary Project. Starting in 1995, the goal of the project is to assist students in becoming good writers, active readers, and resourceful learners by providing them with their own dictionaries. These dictionaries are made specifically for students 9-15. Redding Grange, like the other organizations, purchases and distributes them to our local third graders at the beginning of their school year. Redding Grange distributed 222 this year for a total of 4,371 dictionaries distributed since we started in 2006. I encourage you all to go to the Dictionary Project website and learn more about this important project.

John Tasello, President Redding Grange

*Agenda***GENERAL MEETING & POTLUCK DINNER  
November 17th****Dinner 6:15PM Meeting 7PM**

We will have a potluck dinner at 6:15pm and the meeting at 7pm. Kathleen Duval and Sharon Pember will be in charge of the potluck.. **Please** call Kathleen at 916-215-0380, or Sharon at 530-921-2605 and let them know what you will be bringing, or see what they need.

We will have our second round of Nominations for the Officers for 2025-2026. If you plan to run for office, please have somebody prepared to nominate you. Please see page 3 for more information.

You can also buy \$5 squares on our Project Board. You have a chance to win one of two prizes of \$125. The other \$250 goes for a lodge project to be determined. Let's get another board filled so we can draw the names at our meeting before Christmas.

And speaking of Christmas, we will be decorating the hall for the Holiday Catered Parties. If you would like to help, please come down around 9AM on December 1st to help put up the trees, etc.

**IT'S YOUR LODGE,  
COME JOIN THE FUN!!***Sons and Daughters of Italy, Shasta Lodge #2453***CRAB AND CLAM CHOWDER FEED 2025****Friday and Saturday, February 7th and 8th, 2025****Doors open - 5:30pm****Antipasto - 6:30pm Dinner - 7pm****\$75 per person****Antipasto, Bread, Salad, Chowder  
and CRAB****All you can eat****Great Raffle with lots of prizes and baskets.****John and Cheryl DiMatteo will be in charge of ticket sales****beginning at the general meeting on****Monday, December 16th at 6pm. (no earlybird ticket sales!)**

Our annual Crab and Clam Chowder Feed will be held on Friday, February 7th and Saturday, February 8th, 2025. We are hoping that all of our members will step up to help at least one night. We need help with We are hoping that all members will step up to help at least one night. We need help with setting tables, making appetizer plates, preparing salads, bread and cleanup.

If you can help set tables and decorate the hall on Friday morning, please call Sharon at 530-221-0720. Sharon could also use gift certificates for things like meals, haircuts, car washes, etc. for the raffle each night. If you can help with serving on Friday and Saturday evenings, please call Carole at 530-604-7626. She will also need some help with appetizer plates on Friday and Saturday mornings from 9-10AM. We will also need help with clean-up both nights.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS EVENT** Paul Monette, Chair**SCHOLARSHIPS  
IN 2025**

It's not too early to start the in-house Scholarship application process now! Qualifications and requirements are on our website at <https://reddingsonsofitaly.com/> under "scholarship." If you need LODGE volunteer hours (20 required March 31st), there are various activities coming up at the lodge to help you fulfill them. Junior members have priority for scholarships.

Saturday, Nov. 9th: Lodge Thanksgiving/Memorial dinner  
Wednesday, Dec. 11th - SIRS luncheon catering  
Saturday, January 18th - Back Country Horsemen dinner  
Friday & Saturday, Feb. 7th & 8th - Crab Feed  
Contact Carole D. To assist with catering at 530-604-7626

You may also help with lodge recycling by contacting John DiMatteo at 530-604-7382, and lodge facilities' maintenance with John Tasselo at 530-356-9213.

Should you have any questions, please contact scholarship chair: Jeanne-Marie Carr at 530-306-6134

### PAESANO DAYS 2024

Thanks to some really good weather and the hard work of many of you, we had a very successful event. Our ticket presales were good and contributed to our serving about 900 dinners on Friday night. For those of you who didn't see our new convection oven donated by a local friend of the lodge, you probably tried the delicious garlic bread that returned to our menu this year. The food court was very busy on Saturday, and sold out most food by about 3pm.

Hats off to those folks involved with ticket sales, cooking, and serving of food and beverages, the bocce tournament, the raffle and the setting up for and cleaning up after the event. A special thanks to Mike Giacomelli for arranging the Car Show which brought in about 180 cars on Saturday.

Prior to Friday's opening there was a whole lot of work being done at the park, on the courts and at the lodge. Members obtained raffle prizes, worked at the park and on the bocce courts, flyers and postcards were distributed, equipment was inventoried and made ready for transport, supplies were ordered, vendors were signed up, raffle baskets were created, and cannoli were made. We want to thank all of you that sold dinner tickets in advance. That is so helpful in our ordering of supplies and to our bottom line. And thanks to Lulu's for selling a lot of tickets this year.

Due to you dedicated members who helped we give kudos and especially to our chair John Tasello who had a daunting task pulling it all together, we made one of our best profits ever.

We are all looking forward to another great event in 2025.



Just one view of the crowds lined up for dinner at Paesano Days on Friday night.



Jim and Rose Nobili with daughters Andria and Brandi at Paesano Days.



Above view of just a few of many cars for show at Paesano Days. Below one of the winners at the show.



Brandi Anderson Nobili in Liz LaMarre's Mustang at Paesano Days.

# Happy Thanksgiving





**NEW MEMBERS INITIATED JUNE 2024**

**Darrell Pizzagoni** joins us sponsored by Ryan Prins. He is of Italian descent and owns the oldest barbershop in Redding.

**Allison Campbell "Allie"** recently moved here from Chico. She is attending college in Arizona via online program. She is hoping to transfer to Simpson University. She was sponsored by Telly Vinci and has already done quite a bit of volunteering at Shasta Lodge.

**Jack Luntley** joins us sponsored by Bob Gullixson. Jack is the former owner of San Francisco Deli. He and his wife Brenda are also already joining us by volunteering at our events.

**Gerald Re "Jerry"** was sponsored by Dennis Compomizzo and is retired from CalTrans. He and his wife are hoping to become active members soon.

**NEW MEMBERS INITIATED OCTOBER 2024**

**Josephine Aranda "Jo"** joins us sponsored by Wayne Facca. Jo is a retired administrative assistant. Both her maternal and paternal grandparents were Italian.

**Lisa and Fred Alexander** join us sponsored by Pat Karch. Lisa is a program director at Hilltop Springs senior living. Fred is retired. They have nine children, Fred and the children recently gained dual citizenship with Italy.

**Rhoda Arnold** joins us sponsored by Liz LaMarre. Her grandparents were Italian.



**Do Italians Celebrate Halloween??**



Yes, but in Italy, the closest traditional holiday to Halloween is LaFesta di Ognissanti (All Saints' Day) celebrated on November 1<sup>st</sup>. This day honors saints and those who have passed away. While Halloween focuses on spooky fun and costumes, All Saints' Day is more about remembrance and reflection.

But, yes Halloween is celebrated in Italy, and it's becoming more popular each year! While it hasn't been a traditional holiday like in some other countries, many Italians, especially younger generations, enjoy the fun of dressing up, trick-or-treating, and attending parties.

While many cities celebrate Halloween, Rome tends to be one of the best places to experience the holiday, other cities like Milan and Florence also host exciting events so you can find some fun wherever you go. In Rome you'll find haunted houses, costume contests, and themed parties. Many bars and clubs have special Halloween nights, and families often participate in trick-or-treating in neighborhoods that celebrate the holiday.

In Italy, you can find a variety of treats that add a festive touch to the celebrations. Traditional sweets like *Pan dei Morti* (Bread of the Dead) are popular and bakeries often offer pumpkin themed pastries or cookies decorated with spooky designs. You'll also find a mix of American-style candies, like chocolate bars and gummies, in shops during the season.



**AWARDS PRESENTED**

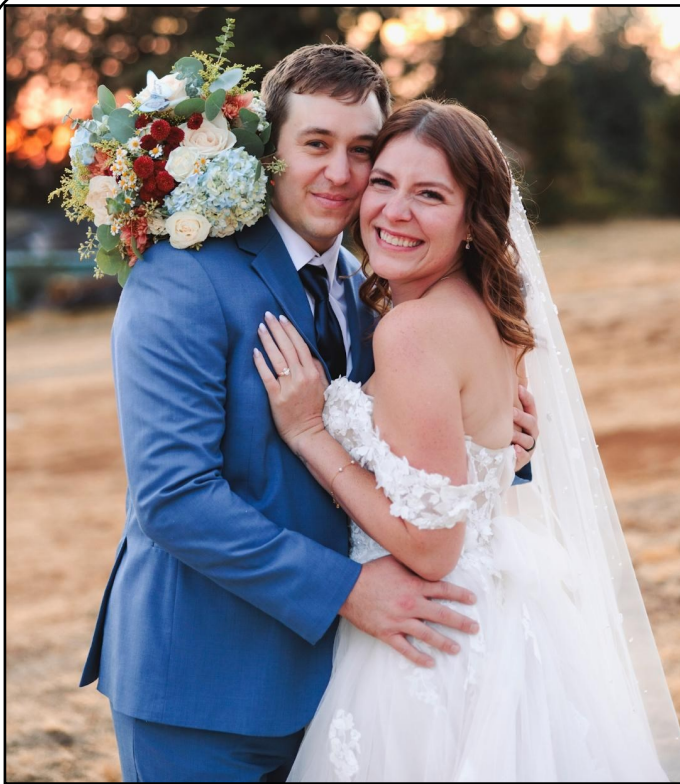
**Shasta County Correctional Officer John Zufall**, who risked his life in an attempt to save a fellow diver at the bottom of Shasta Lake, received the Medal of Valor from Gov. Jerry Brown and Attorney General Kamala Harris in Sacramento, Calif. on Monday, Sept. 15, 2014.

John was also presented with the Medal of Valor presented by the California Peace Officers Assn. in Long Beach this past Monday.

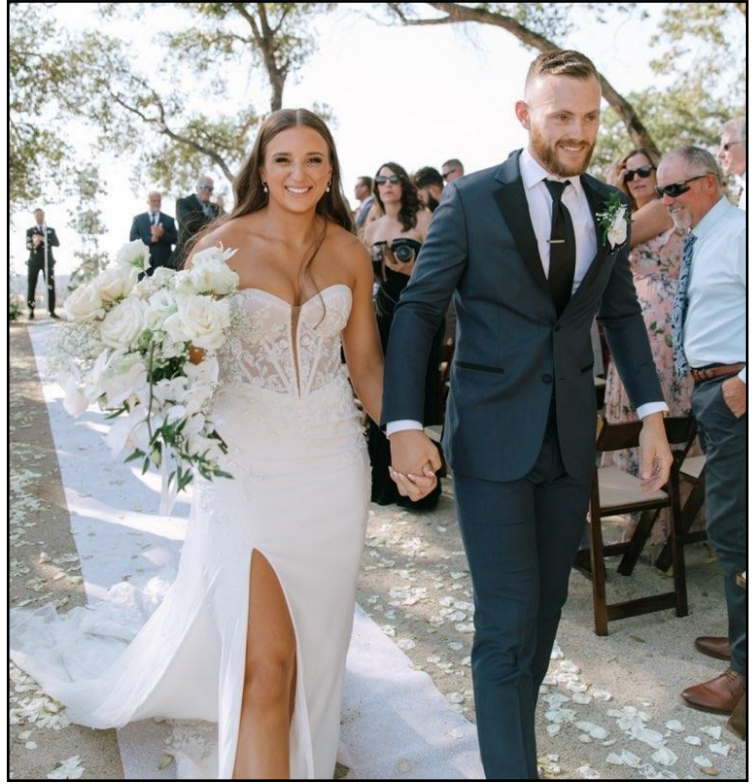
Congratulations on the much deserved awards John.



We lost a good member this past year. As I was browsing thru the old newsletters I found this article honoring John in the October 2014 newsletter. Thought it worthy of repeating for Veterans Day. John was also a veteran. We miss you John.



Former Junior Member Morgan Giacomelli married his new wife Emily on Sunday September 15th. Congratulations to the newlyweds. Morgan is currently stationed at Robins Air Force base in Georgia.



Former Junior Member Jessica Toombs married Bailey Odell on Sunday, September 22nd. Congratulations to the Newlyweds. They both live and work in Redding.



At our General meeting in August, Jim Nobili presented our state deputy with a State Deputy belt buckle put together by John Tasello with a cowboy buckle that had belonged to Jim Lamanna.



Above: Photo from our trip to Weed for their 100th birthday celebration. John DiMatteo, Charlotte Bailey and Don Porter with our friend from the Grand Lodge, Joy Bruno.



Left: Friends and family attend the Great Italian Festival in Reno on Columbus day 2024.