

C. Colombo Lodge #1315

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Lodge News

May 8th Meeting News

At the Sons and Daughters of Italy, C. Colombo Lodge #1315's ("SOI") meeting scheduled on May 8, 2019, Carol Esposito, President of SOI, started the meeting with the proceedings.

Guests

There were no guests attending this meeting.

New Members

There were no new members or applications presented.

Membership Dues

Reminder: It's that time of year again. Membership dues have been mailed out and due upon receipt. If you have any questions or need to make payment arrangements, please contact Rosanne Orland at (925) 783-8315.

For every new member you bring in, your name will be placed into a raffle. At the end of the year (December), SOI will pick a name and the winner will get their membership dues paid by the lodge for the following year. So, let's get moving and bring in new members to share our Italian culture and our mission. Contact Carol Esposito or Lisa Navarro for new member applications.

Committee Updates

In our May meeting, the following committees presented the results or plans of their events:

Scholarship Committee: Sue Coniglio reported that four (4) students were selected to receive this year's SOI Scholarship. The Scholarship dinner will be held on June 12 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available to purchase for \$10 per person, contact Sue at (925) 427-2357 to get your dinner tickets. There will not be a formal SOI meeting, but the School Supply drive starts on June 12 so remember to bring your donations to the Scholarship dinner. Thank you.

Charities Committee: Lisa Navarro, Vice President, announced that the next Charities Committee meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Lisa's home.

Lisa also explained to SOI what the Charities Committee does. The committee receives \$2,000 from SOI's annual budget to donate to

Upcoming Events *Prossimi Eventi*

May/potrebbe

- 8th Regular Meeting
 - Turn in Cooley's Cans
- 11th Mother's Day
Bunco/Brunch

June/giugno

- 12th Scholarship Dinner
Starts at 6 p.m.
 - No Meeting
 - School Supply Drive Starts
- 27th-29th SOI Convention
- TBA Relay for Life

July/luglio

- 4th Antioch 4th of July
Parade
- 10th Regular Meeting
- TBD SOI's 95 Year
Anniversary Dinner

August/agosto

- 14th Dinner Meeting –
Starts at 6:00 p.m.
 - Convention Report

September/settembre

- 11th Regular Meeting
- 4th Polenta Dinner
- TBD Bingo
- TBD Heart of Oakley
Festival

October/ottobre

- 9th Dinner Meeting -
Starts at 6 p.m.
 - Toy Drive Kick Off
 - See's Candy Fundraiser

November/novembre

- 13th Regular Meeting
- TBD Cucidati Cookie
Contest
- TBD Christmas Cards for
Veterans

December/dicembre

- 11th Christmas Potluck

different community needs for food drive, coat drive, school supplies, cards for the veterans and other needs of the community when necessary. The committee decides what charities to donate to and how much money and coordinates the effort to collect food, coats and school supplies. Lisa also encouraged SOI members to participate and to see her to join in this effort.

Mother's Day Bunco Brunch: The Mother's Day Bunco Brunch was held on Saturday, May 11. The money raised from the Bunco Brunch will be divided to the following: \$150 to the Youth Group for the State Convention and the remaining amount will go to the Relay for Life fundraiser.

Cooley Cans: Carol announced the Cooley Cans were due at the May meeting. If anyone forgot their Cooley Cans, contact Rosanne Ortland, Financial Secretary, at (925) 783-8315 to make arrangements for getting the cans to her.

Food Drive: Lisa read a letter from the Contra Costa Food Bank and reminded everyone to remember people who are in need and how lucky we all are. The food bank also takes monetary donations.

School Supplies: Lisa also announced the school supplies start in June and the deadline is the July meeting. Lisa will email everyone the specific list of school supplies needed for this effort in the very near future. Carol Esposito volunteered to shop for anyone who needs help.

Sunshine Committee: Carol reported on behalf of Anna Lucido, a "Get Well" card will be sent to Nana Mary Lucido and Chris Galindo and "Thinking of You" cards will be sent to Donna Stone, Bruna Del Chiaro, Leo & Alex Fontana, and Jeanne Overton. A condolence card will be sent to Gary Schoo for the passing of his mother.

Unfinished Business

Lisa is still looking for someone to chair the 4th of July Parade, the application deadline is mid-June. The Chair only needs to fill out the application and turn it in and coordinate a committee to work at the parade. She also needs a chair for the October dinner meeting. After discussion, a new member, Nancy Borgess, volunteered to chair the October dinner meeting. A big "Thank You" to Nancy for getting involved, your participation is greatly appreciated.

Dennis Clarke presented a beautiful framed "Memory of Sons of Italy" picture signed by SOI members to Edna Esposito in appreciation of all her hard work when she was President of SOI, C. Colombo Lodge. Edna was extremely grateful and full of emotions for this surprise. Edna also thanked everyone and said she was successful due to the membership's participation in the events rendered under her reign.

New Business

Carol Esposito presented the proposed By-Law changes that are coming up for vote at the State SOI Convention this year:

Please note: If you are interested in chairing or participating on a committee, please contact Carol Esposito.

Committee Meetings Riunioni Del Comitato

**Scholarship Committee Mtg TBD
Charities Committee Mtg TBD**

May Birthdays/ potrebbe Compleanni

1st Donna Stone
10th Paulette Lagana
18th Dennis Clarke
22nd Christina Ortland
29th Gerry Cardinale

Member Anniversary's/ Membro Anniversario

May/potrebbe

15 Years as a member:
Katy Castro

11 Years as a member:
Gabriele Jeppeson-Belleci

9 Years as a member
Ed Esposito
Edna Esposito

3 Years as a member:
Francesca Lucido

1. There is a request to change the three (3) districts from North, Central and South to two (2) districts North and South only.
2. There is a proposal to remove the Emeritus position, it is an honorary position.
3. The next proposal was regarding State Officers and State Trustees.
 - a. Trustees can be in a position in their local lodge
 - b. State Officers cannot be in office of their local lodge.
4. State Officers, currently there are six (6) state trustees and the proposal is to change it to three (3) state trustees of the Grand Lodge Council.
5. SOI Members asked about the sale of the Grand Lodge building in San Francisco. The Grand Lodge is sitting on prime real estate property and no meetings are being held there. It was voted on last year to sell only if there is a net profit of 5 million dollars (\$5,000,000). This issue will be discussed again at the convention in July. This is also the year of elections for the Grand Lodge.

Good for the Group:

- Sue Coniglio bought two (2) new storage racks for the SOI storage unit. Sue did a beautiful job organizing the storage unit. A big "Thank you," to Sue, for a great job.
- Lisa announced that Amelia Nevis could not attend May's meeting because she is being honored as the runner up for "Teacher of the Year" by the Antioch School District. Congratulations, Amelia for being a dedicated teacher. We need more teachers like you in this world.

Italian Events/Cultural Corner:

- 1) **The Sons of Italy Diablo Valley Lodge #2167 has their summer BBQ on June 2, 2019 at the Viano Vineyards** on Morello Avenue in Martinez. The public is invited. This is a catered event by Steel Smokin' BBQ of Pleasant Hill. Wine may be purchased at Viano Vineyards. **The event starts at 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Lunch will be served at noon. Reservations are required and seating is limited. This is an "adults only" event. **The price is \$30 per person.** For reservations, contact Anne Mobley at 925-788-8824 or whiterabbit531@sbcglobal.net.
- 2) **Festa Italiana will be held on Sunday, June 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds located at 413 E. Lockeford Street in Lodi. General admission is \$10 per person but if you get your tickets ahead of time the cost is \$8 per person. Here is the link to go get your pre-sale tickets:
<http://festa-italiana.com>

Italian Saying for the Month

La famiglia è la patria del cuore.

Meaning:

Home (or in this case, family) is where the heart is.



Italian Joke for the Month

YOU KNOW YOU ARE ITALIAN WHEN

HardcoreItalians.com

-YOU DON'T TASTE GARLIC WHEN PEOPLE SAY THERE IS TOO MUCH

-USED TO BE HIT WITH A WOODEN SPOON

-WERE AS TALL AS YOUR GRANDMOTHER BY THE AGE OF 7

-CAN'T TALK WITH HANDS IN YOUR POCKETS

-HAVE MORE THAN ONE FREEZER IN YOUR HOUSE

-EXPECT SUGARED ALMONDS TO BE AT ALL WEDDINGS

-YOU OWN AN ITALIAN HORN



Italian Recipe for the Month

Tiramisu

Level: Easy
Total: 40 min
Prep: 30 min
Cook: 10 min
Yield: 8 servings

Ingredients

6 large egg yolks
3/4 cup sugar
3/4 cup whole milk
Four 8-ounce containers mascarpone cheese, at room temperature
1 1/2 cups espresso or strong coffee, at room temperature
1/2 cup brandy or cognac
30 to 32 crisp Italian ladyfingers (savoiardi)
1/4 cup Dutch-process cocoa powder

Bittersweet chocolate, for shaving

- 1) Line an 8-inch-square baking dish with plastic wrap, leaving a 3-inch overhang on all sides. Fill a large bowl with ice water.
- 2) Make the custard: Whisk the egg yolks and sugar in a heatproof bowl set over a saucepan of barely simmering water (do not let the bowl touch the water) until the sugar dissolves. Slowly whisk in the milk and cook, whisking constantly, until the custard is light and foamy, about 10 minutes (a thermometer inserted into the mixture should register 170 degrees F).
- 3) Remove the bowl from the saucepan and set in the bowl of ice water; whisk until the custard is cool, about 1 minute. Put the mascarpone in a large bowl. Fold the custard into the mascarpone with a rubber spatula until almost combined, then whisk until just smooth (do not overmix or the custard will be grainy).
- 4) Combine the espresso and brandy in a shallow bowl. One at a time, dip the ladyfingers in the espresso mixture until soaked but not soggy; arrange 2 rows of about 5 biscuits each in the baking dish. Spread one-third of the mascarpone custard over the ladyfingers. Repeat with a second layer of espresso-dipped ladyfingers, arranging them in the opposite direction. Top with another one-third of the custard.
- 5) Repeat with the remaining ladyfingers, alternating directions. Spread the remaining custard on top and dust with the cocoa powder. Cover with plastic wrap; refrigerate at least 4 hours, or overnight.
- 6) Invert a plate on top of the tiramisu, then flip the tiramisu with the plate. Remove the baking dish and plastic wrap. Invert a serving plate on top of the tiramisu and flip again so it is cocoa-side up. Remove the remaining plastic wrap. Shave curls of chocolate on top with a vegetable peeler.

To add articles or information to the SOI Newsletter, please feel free to contact:

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Inspiration or Sympathy Cards, please feel free to contact: Anna Lucido at annalucido@icloud.com

Our True Colors! lol

What the Italian flag stands for:

