

C. Colombo Lodge #1315

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Lodge News

December 11th Meeting News

The Sons and Daughters of Italy, C. Colombo Lodge #1315's ("SOI") meeting scheduled on December 9, 2020, is canceled due to the continued State Regulations being implemented for the Coronavirus pandemic. Here is a special message from Carol Esposito, President of SOI:

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Holidays! I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. As we come to the end of the year, I want to thank the current board members for their service over the past two years. I have enjoyed working with you and believe we have worked together to continue to preserve our Italian history within our community. Also, I feel we have made changes that will allow our lodge to keep moving forward in these ever-changing times. I know no one expected us to have our last year be so distanced, but we have stayed supportive of our lodge to help keep it strong. This will allow for an easy transition to the members that have taken a new board position. I look forward to working with the new 2021-2022 board.

I want to say a special Thank You to my Vice President, Lisa Navarro, you have been nothing but supportive to me as my first term as President. You have helped organize and chair many functions throughout the years and I know you will continue to volunteer with our lodge. Your past service of Vice President for myself and the Past President Edna, has only helped to make our lodge stronger and grow. I thank you for being such a huge supporter of our lodge!

Thank you to Zelda and her helpers for making Thanksgiving cards from our lodge and delivering them to the veterans. In these times, I feel it is especially important to show compassion to one another. I hope you all remember to reach out to one another, have some light conversation or even sending a little note can brighten someone's day.

As always, I hope everyone is staying safe and well. If anyone needs anything, please reach out to me.

Wishing everybody a very Happy Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

Carol Esposito, President, C. Colombo Lodge #1315



Upcoming Events Prossimi Eventi

December/dicembre

- 9th Christmas Potluck - **Canceled**
TBA Deliver Christmas Cards to Veterans –
21st Christmas Social – via Zoom (Internet)

Please note: If you are interested in chairing or participating on a committee, please contact Carol Esposito at (925) 978-3956.

Committee Meetings Riunioni Del Comitato

All Committee Meetings are canceled due to COVID-19



Merry Christmas



Christmas is upon us and it has been an incredibly challenging year. One of the best things that has come out of this year, is our faith. Christmas is a reminder to love and enjoy our family. A lot of us celebrate the birth of Christ and we give gifts to our loved ones to express our love for each other. Christ loves us all and expects us to be giving, kind, loving and forgiving. This was his gift to all of us. That said, I hope all of you are amongst your loved ones and know that you are each other's gift. If I learned anything from this past year, my family and close friends are my most cherished gifts from Christ and I so appreciate every blessing he has bestowed upon me.

Italian's have a rich and special way of celebrating Christmas. Their love for cooking and baking makes the holiday so special and brings the family and friends together to share memories and love for each other. This was my experience growing up in a predominately Italian neighborhood in Pittsburgh. There was some yelling involved too, especially when someone was caught cheating playing Tripoli or Pedro but quickly turned into laughter and joke telling.

This year will be different for most of us. We are all being encouraged to keep our holiday celebrations to a minimum due to COVID but the great thing about today is the technology (another blessing) we have so we can zoom or facetime our family and see them virtually. This year will be different, but it will still bring the same gift, our love for one another.

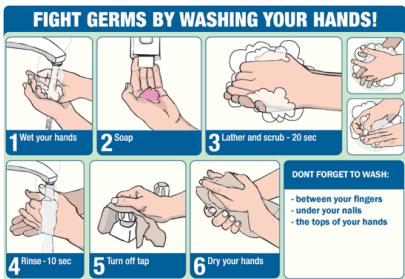
May all of you have a blessed and wonderful Christmas.
Yours truly, Pamela Bustos.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Mark your calendars! **December 21st at 7p.m.**, SOI is having our **Annual Christmas Social** via **Zoom** this year. More details will be provided closer to the date.

COVID-19 Update:

Your actions save lives. People can spread coronavirus even if they do not show symptoms. Remember to stay safe and wash your hands. Continue to social distance at least 6 feet and wear a mask when you are out getting your essentials or taking a walk. We love you all and praying for everyone to have good health and a happy life.



Flu season is here

Simultaneous outbreaks of flu and COVID-19 will drain the state's health care resources. Getting a flu shot protects you and your family. Go to the following website to find where you can get your flu vaccine: <https://vaccinefinder.org/find-vaccine>, or CVS and Costco are providing the flu vaccine as well.



COVID-19 Vaccination Planning

The Regional Stay Home Order, announced December 3, 2020, will go into effect within 24 hours in regions with less than 15% ICU availability. It prohibits private gatherings of any size, closes sector operations except for critical infrastructure and retail, and requires 100% masking and physical distancing in all others. The order will remain in effect for at least 3 weeks and, after that period, will be lifted when a region's projected ICU capacity meets or exceeds 15%. This will be assessed on a weekly basis after the initial 3-week period. The Bay area is at 25.30%. Learn more about this order by going to [www>About COVID-19 restrictions - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](http://www>About COVID-19 restrictions - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response (ca.gov))

But there is light at the end of the tunnel. Several vaccines have been presented for approval by the FDA within the next few weeks and more information about distribution of the vaccine will be forthcoming. Authorities are stating that we should be seeing better times within the next 3 months. Fingers crossed. Keep washing those hands and wearing your masks and stay safe.

Committee Updates

SOI Board: SOI is sending their congratulations to the following 2021-2022 Board Members:

President: Carol Esposito

Vice President: Rosemarie DiMaggio

Recording Secretary: Edna Esposito

Financial Secretary: Rosanne Ortland

Treasurer: Judith McMahon

Orator: Cathy Nelson

Masters of Ceremony: Dennis Clarke

Mistress of Ceremony: Walaine Hankins

Guard: Gary Shoo

Trustees: Katy Castro, Ernie Dinelli, Sue Coniglio, Janet Castillo

Spooktacular Halloween Boo Grams: Lisa Navarro, Vice President, provided an update on the Halloween Boo Grams Fundraiser. It brought in \$436.50. Thank you, Lisa for your hard work and dedication to SOI. It is deeply appreciated.

Pasta Feed Take-Out Dinner Fundraiser in January 2021: Keep an eye out for more information to come in the near future about SOI's Pasta Feed Take-Out Dinner Fundraiser. Lisa Navarro is chairing this event so more to come.

December Birthdays/ dicembre Compleanni



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| 2 nd | Ernest Dinelli |
| 6 th | Isabella Navarro |
| 9 th | Patrice Shipe |
| 10 th | Emily Bruno |
| 14 th | Francesca Lucido |
| 15 th | Pamela Bustos |
| 18 th | Sophia Navarro |
| 20 th | Edna Esposito |

Member Anniversary's/ Membro Anniversario



December/dicembre

50 Years as a member:
Irene Hippe

13 Years as a member:
Gloria Martin

Your participation in these fundraisers is greatly appreciated and will help us to keep our lodge running so we can all see each other when this Pandemic is over. So please do what you can and remember small gifts are just as important as the big gifts and always appreciated.

Donations for the Holidays: You can make a difference for a family in need who lives in your community during the holiday season by contributing to Toys for Tots. Organizations like Toys for Tots coordinate toy donation drives, so children can receive a few new popular toys, books, and other gifts during the giving season.

Toys for Tots is a nationwide charitable organization, organized by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, whose offices coordinate donations in each state. Toys for Tots gifts are given directly to individual families, as well as to nonprofit organizations that assist people in need.

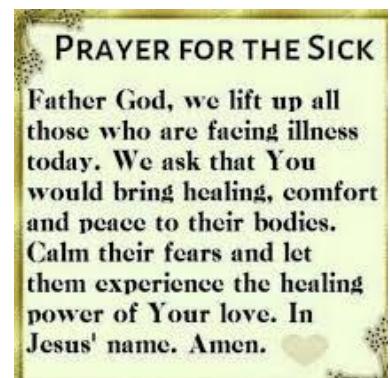
A local Marine in your community is in charge of organizing the Toys for Tots campaign. Toys for Tots collections occur from October through early December. To donate, purchase a new, unwrapped toy for a child between the ages of newborn and 16, go to <https://www.toysfortots.org/donate/locate.aspx/> to get drop-off locations near you.

Sunshine: Edna Esposito sent a condolence card to Mary Lucido and Phyllis Aiello-Bruno's family for the loss of their beloved mother, Nana Carmela Rose (Di Sarro) Aiello. Nana Aiello made the beautiful costumes for the Tarantella dancers (her great granddaughters) who performed at the Cucidati Contest each year. Nana Aiello had many talents and was an expert seamstress and made wedding dresses when she lived in New York. SOI extends their sincerest sympathy for their loss to Mary and Phyllis and family.

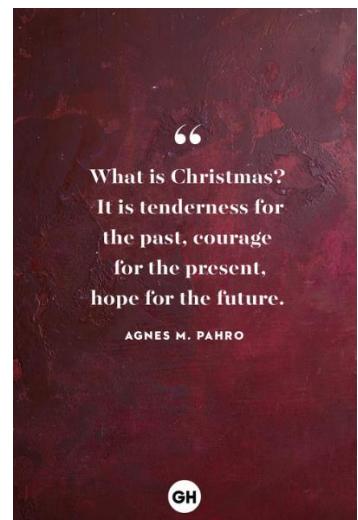
Edna also sent a condolence card to Angelo Ibleto for the loss of his brother, Arturo (Art) Ibleto, who was the Past State President. Art was also known as the Pasta King and lived in Sonoma County.

Good for the Group:

- Zelda Lefrak was the chair of the "Give thanks to our Veterans" card making committee. The committee made adorable turkey cards for all the veterans at the VA Hospital. The 100 cards were delivered by Zelda a few days before Thanksgiving. The committee was comprised of Lisa Navarro, Sue Coniglio, Mary Ann Smith, Judith McMahon, Rosemarie DiMaggio and Rosanne Ortland. Also, the same committee will be making Christmas Cards to be distributed to the Veterans sometime before Christmas.
- The Sons of Italy Western Foundation is having a daily ticket drawing for the month of February. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Tickets are on sale now until February 5, 2021. They will have daily drawings with the following prizes:



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- 24 Daily Prizes of \$25.00 (month of February)
- \$100.00 on 2/2/21 (Ground Hog Day)
- \$200.00 on 2/12/21 (Lincoln's Birthday)
- \$250.00 on 2/14/21 (Valentine's Day)
- \$200.00 on 2/22/21 (Washington Birthday)

If you would like to purchase a ticket, please contact Edna Esposito (925) 779-1969.

- Pam Bustos got a head start on her Christmas decorating and baking. The Cucidati contest has inspired her to include this Italian Christmas cookie and treasure as one of her signature holiday cookies to give out to family and friends for Christmas. SOI has been a reminder that our Italian heritage is such a gift and to keep the traditions going.

If anyone has anything to add to "Good for the Group," please contact Pam Bustos at (925) 642-8658 or pam.bustos2136@gmail.com.

Italian Events/Cultural Corner:

Colombo Club/Friends of Isola delle Femmine is having an event, "That's Italian" Dinner & Musical Show on **May 8, 2021 5:00 p.m.** at the Colombo Club 5321 Claremont Avenue, Oakland, CA (No Host Bar), \$75 per person. Funds raised will support Student & Young Professional Study/ Work Exchange Programs and Cultural Events.

Menu:

Antipasto, Colombo Club family style dinner, garden Salad, French Bread and Butter, Meat Ravioli, Italian Swiss Steak in rich tomato and mushroom sauce, potatoes, vegetables, including dinner wine and Colombo Club Dessert and coffee. Vegetarian entree: Eggplant Parmesan.

Entertainers:

Leandra Ramm Coniglio, Nicky D, Lou Esposito II & Jim Coniglio and Josie Esposito and many more.

No tickets sold at the door. Friends of Isola delle Femmine is a non-profit organization and your donation is tax deductible: Tax ID: #84-2733322, to get more information and how to get tickets, go to their website at www.friendsofisoladellefemmine.org.

Fratello Marionettes presents "The Frog Prince" on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. (This is an on-line event). Join us virtually for a puppet show like no other! This classic tale of the selfish princess and the enchanted frog promises stunning acrobatics, a wicked witch, a handsome prince, and much more! No registration is required. You may view the pre-recorded video on the Contra Costa Library's **Facebook page or YouTube channel** on the day of the event. The recording will remain available for one week. Go to www.fratello marionettes The Frog Prince - YouTube

Summerset Singers have another performance posted on YouTube. Go to <https://youtu.be/yPoTUuagCrA> to hear them perform BELIEVE. They love singing this beautiful uplifting song and hope it will add a smile to your day.

Italian Saying for the Month

Natale con i tuoi, pasqua con chi vuoi

Meaning:

This expression means that we should spend Christmas with our parents and our family.



Italian Joke for the Month



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Italian Recipe for the Month

Zucchini Slice

An Original Recipe by Lorraine Elliott

Preparation time: 20 minutes

Cooking time: 55 minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon oil
- 2 onions, peeled and finely chopped
- 10.6ozs bacon, rind removed, finely chopped (you can sub bacon with feta if you want to make it vegetarian)
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and finely chopped
- 500g/1.1lb zucchini, grated and spread out on paper towels
- 2/3 cup corn kernels
- 1 cup self-raising flour
- 1 cup grated cheese
- 4 eggs
- 1/4 cup parsley, roughly chopped
- 2-3 red chilies, chopped (optional)
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- Pinch of sugar

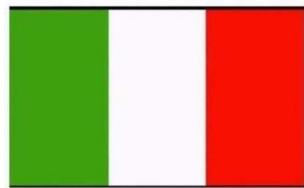
Step 1 - Preheat oven to 180C/350F and line a 20x30cms rectangular tin on the base and sides with parchment. Heat a frying pan on medium high heat and sauté bacon and onion until cooked through and liquid evaporates. If you are making this vegetarian just cook the onions and crumble in the feta with the zucchini.

Step 2 - Place the garlic, zucchini, corn, flour, cheese, parsley, chilies in a large bowl. Whisk the eggs and milk together and add this to the bowl along with the cooked bacon and onion, salt, pepper, and sugar. Mix until combined and then spread out into the prepared tin. Bake for 40 minutes.

www.Zucchini Slice @ Not Quite Nigella

Our True Colors! lol

What the Italian flag stands for:



- OREGANO
- MOZZARELLA
- TOMATO SAUCE

I HAVE A CONDITION THAT PREVENTS ME FROM GOING ON A DIET...

I GET HUNGRY.



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