

C. Colombo Lodge #1315

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Lodge News

August 14th Meeting News

At the Sons and Daughters of Italy, C. Colombo Lodge #1315's ("SOI") meeting scheduled on August 14, 2019, Carol Esposito, President of SOI, started the meeting with the proceedings. The meeting followed a lovely summer dinner with Italian music, chicken Cesar salad, French bread and sorbet.

Guests

There were two (2) guests, Anita Greerty and Charles Paduano, at the August 2019 meeting.

New Members

There was one new member application presented for Charles Paduano and his initiation will be held in September 2019.

Committee Updates

Charities Committee: Lisa Navarro reported that we doubled our contributions for the school supplies donated to Fremont Elementary School. There were 50 back packs along with supplies donated this year. The Custodian accepted the donation and was thrilled for the students. Lisa posted it on Facebook and thanked everyone for their contributions.

95th Anniversary Dinner: The 95th anniversary dinner for C. Colombo Lodge #1315 will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at the Antioch Women's Club located at 509 G Street in Antioch. Limited tickets are available so call Rosemarie DiMaggio at (925) 432-3648 to get your tickets. The tickets are \$25 per person and they are serving Polenta for dinner.

Sunshine Committee: Get well cards will be sent to Walaine Hankins, Lanette Clark, and Nana Mary Lucido. A condolence card will be sent to Joe Lombardo's daughter.

SOI 83rd Grad Lodge of California Convention:

Carol Esposito reported on the Sons and Daughters of Italy's 83rd Grand Lodge of California Convention held in June 2019 at the Atlantis Hotel in Reno Nevada.

Some of the highlights include:

Bylaw changes where voted on and none of them passed.

Upcoming Events Prossimi Eventi

August/agosto

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

September/settembre

- 11th Regular Meeting
14th Polenta Dinner – C. Colombo Lodge #1315's 95th Anniverary
TBD Bingo

October/ottobre

- 9th Dinner Meeting – **Starts at 6:00 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

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

Committee Meetings Riunioni Del Comitato

Charities Committee Mtg TBD
Polenta Dinner Committee Mtg TBD
Cucidati Committee – 9/9/2019

- o There will be (3) districts.
- o There will be (3) vice presidents.
- o There will be (2) trustee's per district.
- o The queen amartis will remain the same.

Thursday Night was the night. The theme was Star Wars. Some of the delegates dressed in customs. It was a fun night.

The delegates voted for the elections before the meetings started. The results where are follows:

- o State President - John Costa
- o State Delegates - Mark Rossi, Pamo Ricci, Joesph Somini, Annette Porter, Andy Pampuro
- o First State Vice President- Barbara Weisniewski
- o Second State Vice President - Pauline Richmond
- o Third State Vice President - Sadie Tamburine
- o State Orator - Mark Vaona
- o State Recording Secretary - Lori Rossi
- o State Finanancial Secretary - David Lavezzari
- o State Treasurer - Al Trentini
- o State Trustee North - Bill Murphy, Ray Bini
- o State Trustee Central - Pam Buldo, Mary Jane Cambria
- o State Trustee South - Hank Lowinger, Manny Finazzo
- o Arbiters - Mark Rossi, Pam Rici, Joe Simone, Annette Porter, Andy Pampuro
- o National Delegates - Maria Pignati, Arlene Nunziati, Al Girolami, Bill Murphy, Sadie Tamburine, Pauline Richmond

The Western Foundation announced that there will be two golf tournaments in the north and south this year for fundraisers.

State President, John Costa, introduced a guest speaker, Caroline Cocciard, who spoke on the Mona Lisa Painting and Leanordo's Knots. Leanordo's Knots is a book she wrote about Leanordo intertwining knots on his paintings.

Mark Rossi presented the membership awards to the following lodges.

- o 1st place: Centinela Valley Lodge
- o 2nd place: Saddleback Valley Lodge
- o 3rd place: Napa Lodge

Eva Lavezzari spoke on the new pageant rules which are already in place. Having young men join the court and changing the name for Queen's pageant to Royal pageant. There will be a pageant next year. The fundraiser will start in October, all contestants need to be registered by then. If there are any C. Colombo Lodge Junior members interested in running, please let

August Birthdays/ luglio Compleanni

- 4th Lisa Paniaqua
- 9th Gianna Cardinale
- 16th Karen Cardinale
- 24th Mary Noia
- 25th Joe Coniglio
- 25th Zelda LeFrak-Belleci
- 27th Isabella Lucido
- 30th Leonard DelChiaro
- 31st Judy Prieve-Gutierrez

Member Anniversary's/ Membro Anniversario

August/luglio

8 Years as a member:

Walaine Hankins
Michael Mariodon

Carol Esposito, President know. You can reach Carol at (925) 978-3956.

It was reported that the sale of the building for the Sons of Italy Lodge in San Francisco will be put on hold due to the current property market. It was found that the building would not sell at the \$5 million amount previously agreed upon. The building's current market value is only \$3.5 million. The building currently makes enough money to cover the expenses through the rental income. This will be revisited in the future.

The discussion of the loss of membership and lodges was discussed, and it was determined that membership really falls on the local lodges. Nancy Broder talked about ideas for building SOI's membership by presenting business cards with Carol Esposito's name and position so anyone can call Carol to get more information on joining our lodge.

Friday night was entertainment night. Everyone was entertained by Aaron Caruso. He was a variety act, singing and making jokes. It was an enjoyable evening.

Brian Watson introduced the kids that were part of the Little Lions at convention. He then presented gifts to all the lodges that donated money.

Hugh Ricci was honored with the Janet Cappello Member of the year award. Hugh is a member of the Cristoforo Colombo Lodge in Reno. The donations to the different charities were announced by the lodges.

Newly elected officers were initiated into office.

State President, John Costa, took office and thanked the delegates and committee chairs for a great convention.

State President, Lynn Lawrence Murphy, announced that next year's convention would be in Concord, Ca. C. Colombo Lodge #1315 will be hosting next year's convention, and everyone is encouraged to attend to listen to the speakers. Tickets are expensive but worth it. It is an honor for our lodge to be chosen for this event and we will need member participation for signing in attendants and greeting guests.

State President, John Costa, closed the meeting and convention. Friday Night everyone enjoyed the Black and White Ball.

It was at this event that Scholarship Chair, Rosemarie Vanderhaar, awarded special scholarships to five worthy and brilliant students.

Italian Saying for the Month



Italian Joke for the Month

Why are so many Italian men called Tony?

When they ship them over from the Old Country, they stamp 'To N.Y.' on them.

To add articles or information to the SOI Newsletter, please feel free to contact: Pamela Bustos by email at pamela2136@att.net or call at (925) 642-8658.

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

The Shasta lodge expressed their gratitude for SOI's donation that was given to help their members who were affected by the fire.

New Business:

Pam Bustos announced the Cucidati Contest Committee will meet on September 9 and requested members to join the committee to plan this year's event. Charlie Paduano is entering the contest so good luck to Charlie. The members were encouraged to join in the fun and enter their family recipes to compete for this year's honorable award. There will be a money prize along with bragging rights.

Good for the Order:

- New member, Nancy Borges, talked about the October Dinner meeting and handed out flyers to everyone. The dinner menu will include Ravioli with Meat Sauce, Green Salad, Cheesy Garlic Bread, Dessert, drinks. The dinner will cost fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per person and tickets are available for sale now through September. Nancy can be contacted by email at nborges51@hotmail.com or via phone (925) 698-1509. Nancy also handed out a sign-up sheet for the October Dinner Committee.
- Sue Coniglio let everyone know that Walaine Hankins is doing great and can't wait to get back and she's thinking of everyone.
- Mary Lucido announced that John Costa, President of the Grand Lodge asked Mary to join the Grand Lodge Committee to help them produce social media to target the younger generation. Contact Mary if you have any suggestions.
- Janet Castillo announced she was on the Bocce team and had a great time and encouraged members to join.
- It was Irene Hippe's 80th birthday and she won the 50/50 – Congratulations, Irene and Happy 80th Birthday!



Italian Events/Cultural Corner:

- 1) **C. Colombo Lodge #1315's 95th Anniversary Dinner.** Polenta Dinner will be served on September 14 at the Antioch Women's Club located at 509 G Street in Antioch. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and tickets are \$25.00 per person. Tickets are limited so call Rosemarie DiMaggio at (925) 432-3648 to get your tickets.

Italian Recipe for the Month

Chicken Cacciatore

Level: Easy	Total: 55 min	Prep: 15 min	Cook: 40 min	Yield: 4 servings
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Ingredients:

4 chicken thighs
2 chicken breasts with skin and backbone, halved crosswise
2 teaspoons salt, plus more to taste
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, plus more to taste
1/2 cup all-purpose flour, for dredging
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 large red bell pepper, chopped
1 onion, chopped
3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
3/4 cup dry white wine
1 (28-ounce) can diced tomatoes with juice
3/4 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth
3 tablespoons drained capers (or green olives¹)
1 1/2 teaspoons dried oregano leaves
1/4 cup coarsely chopped fresh basil leaves

Directions:

Sprinkle the chicken pieces with 1 teaspoon of each salt and pepper. Dredge the chicken pieces in the flour to coat lightly. In a large heavy saute pan, heat the oil over a medium-high flame. Add the chicken pieces to the pan and saute just until brown, about 5 minutes per side. If all the chicken does not fit in the pan, saute it in 2 batches. Transfer the chicken to a plate and set aside. Add the bell pepper, onion and garlic to the same pan and saute over medium heat until the onion is tender, about 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Add the wine and simmer until reduced by half, about 3 minutes. Add the tomatoes with their juice, broth, capers and oregano. Return the chicken pieces to the pan and turn them to coat in the sauce. Bring the sauce to a simmer. Continue simmering over medium-low heat until the chicken is just cooked through, about 30 minutes for the breast pieces, and 20 minutes for the thighs.

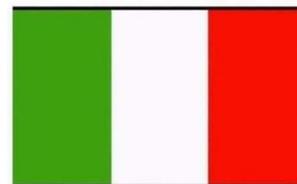
Using tongs, transfer the chicken to a platter. If necessary, boil the sauce until it thickens slightly, about 3 minutes. Spoon off any excess fat from atop the sauce. Spoon the sauce over the chicken, then sprinkle with the basil and serve.

<https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/giada-de-laurentiis/chicken-cacciatore-recipe-1943042>

1) [Green olives are in my personal recipe, Pam Bustos](#) 🍷

Our True Colors! lol

What the Italian flag stands for:



-  OREGANO
-  MOZZARELLA
-  TOMATO SAUCE