

Novembre 2010

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Presidents Message

Novembre 7, 2010

Brothers and Sisters, Buona Sera,

Hard to believe the holidays are upon us already. This could only mean we are getting ready for our annual Christmas party. This event is sold out every year and every year the polenta and sausage just keeps getting better.

A few of the officers will be calling members to get a head count. Christmas party will be on December 2nd. Watch for the flyer. If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact Bob Schneider.

Your officers are hard at work getting the new budget together and starting to make plans for the 2011 Spaghetti Feed along with putting together a great anniversary dinner dance. We could sure use some help on anyone of the functions.

Last month dine out at Sicilian Café was great. Our members filled the back room of the restaurant and the food was fantastic.

Thank you James for a wonderful dinner.

I want to thank Roseann Bradley for the great job she has done this year with the dine outs.

November meeting is election of your new officers. Please contact Elmer if anyone is interested in running for any office.

I want to thank Jeanne Smith, your recording secretary, for compiling all the job descriptions of each office for us at the last meeting. Laurie and I will not be at the next meeting as we will be Italy. I apologize for missing the meeting. John Jefsen, your vice president, will take my place for the November meeting. Please show your support and vote for your new officers at the next meeting.

November is also initiation of new members. See you at our meeting on November 18th for some good wine good food and good friends.

Respectfully,

President, Michael Smith



Lodge Officers

President	Michael Smith	682-5641
Vice-President	John Jefsen	892-2848
Immed. Past President	Elmer Silvera	342-1630
Orator	Rocky Santulli	895-0359
Recording Secretary	Jeanne Smith	898-8112
Newsletter	Roseann Bradley	343-1050
Financial Secretary	Debbie Rossi	345-7911
Treasurer	Rita Brunelli	893-2639
Historian	MaryAnn Silvera	342-1630
Trustees	Don Smith	898-8112
	Ken Mackey	895-8545
	Sal Aiello	876-0728
	Cathy Lucido	566-0130
MC	Michelle Mokres	894-6049
	Dominic Chiricosta	589-5597
	Bob Schneider	345-1461
	Chaplain Roseanne Chiricosta	589-5597
	Taste of Italy Sales Michelle Mokres	894-6049
	\$100 Raffle Tickets Stella Ricci	343-1 071
	Cultural Chair Wm Dantona	894-5639
	Sunshine chair MaryAnn Silvera	342-1630

An Afternoon at the Abbey

About 30 members and friends went to Vina on Saturday and had a guided tour of the Monastery and the building of their Chapter House.

They are building a replica of the original monastery in Spain from the stones that William Randolph Hearst bought but never used for his "castle."

The stones have been sitting in San Francisco at Golden Gate Park for many years and through years of negotiation, the Sacred Stones came to Vina and the building of the Chapter House began.

Many fundraisers and donations are needed to complete this house and it is expected to be completed within a year or two.

Donations of 10.00 were collected by the members/friends who attended.

Our Lodge was able to collect enough money to sponsor a Sacred Stone (\$360.00)

When it is finished, Vincenzo Bellini Lodge will have their name posted on a stone "forever."

The Monastery also has a vineyard called The New Clairvaux Winery. We all had several wine samples plus everyone brought appetizers to have a nice lunch. A fun time was had by all. ~D. Rossi



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tom Armosino

Galin Capineri

Patrick Halin

Lilith Iversen

Michele Mokres

Yvette Sanfilippo

Maryann Silvera

Thank You

Carla Velador

For your generous

Donation of \$500 to the

Vincenzo Bellini Scholarship Fund

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Sons Of Italy

Vincenzo Bellini Lodge #2519

Membership Meeting

Sons of Italy – Vincenzo Bellini Lodge #2519



Membership Meeting – October 21, 2010

Meeting called to order by President Michael Smith at 7:20pm

Roll Call of Officers: Excused absences noted were, Orator, Rocky Santulli; Trustee, Ken Mackey; and Trustee, Jackie Schneider

Nominations for new Lodge Officers: Nominations were held for all Officer positions. There were pages available describing the duties of each position. Final nominations and the election will take place at our November meeting. It will be possible to write in candidates on the ballot at the November meeting.

These persons were nominated for the following positions on the Board. (*i* = **incumbent**)

President: Michael Smith *i*
Vice President: John Jefsen *i*
Orator: Rocky Santulli *i*
Recording Secretary: Jeanne Smith *i*
Financial Secretary: Debbie Rossi *i*
Treasurer: Rita Brunelli *i*
Historian: Mary Ann Silvera *i*
Trustees (5 positions): Sal Aiello *i*
Cathy Lucido *i*
Ken Mackey *i*
Michele Mokres
Henry Pasquinelli

Don Smith *i*

Jackie Schneider *i*

Master of Ceremonies: Franco Di Lorenzo

Mistress of Ceremonies: Galena Di Lorenzo

Sentinel (Guard): Joe Azzarito

Ralph Huntsinger

Bob Schneider *i*

Cultural Presentation: Rita Brunelli brought a book to share describing her mother's native town in Northern Italy of Monte Corto. The town is located in the Apuana Mountains about 45 minutes North of Venice. The book talks about the people from Monte Corto who immigrated to the United States over the years including Rita's mother and other members of her family. The book contains a photo of Rita at age 8 during one of her many visits to her family's native town. She has been able to maintain strong ties with her family in Italy.

The Minutes from the September 2010 Meeting were approved as published in our Bellini Notes.

New Member Applications: We have no new member applications at this time

Communications: Invitation to Work Training Center Turkey Dinner to be held on Wednesday, November 10th at Manzanita Place, Elks Lodge, from 5:00 to 8:00pm. Adults \$15.00, Kids \$10.00 under 5 are free, Seniors are \$10.00. 534-8922

Thank you from Catholic Ladies Relief Society for 30 lbs. of food, donated on October 3rd.

Thank you from the Sacred Stones Project at the Abbey of the New Clairvaux for donation/purchase of a stone imprinted with the name of our Lodge.

Thank you from Shasta Lodge for participating in their Annual Golf Tournament by sponsoring a hole.

Invitation from the Milano Lodge for a Fashion Show to be held on November 14th in honor of Al Affinito and Joe La Bana. Tickets are \$80.00 each.

We received a donation of \$500.00 towards our Scholarship Program from Carla Musa!

Financials: Financial Secretary, Debbie Rossi and Treasurer, Rita Brunelli gave us an update on our current financials.

Financial Audit: Trustee, Don Smith announced that the audit conducted on October 7th showed no irregularities in our financial books.

Roseann Bradley who does the Bellini Notes is requesting members to submit articles or stories that would be of interest in the newsletter.

Roseann's email is Bradleyfam5@msn.com

Committee Reports:

Michael Smith congratulated Mary Ann Silvera on her contributions to the Il Leone.

Sunshine: Mary Ann Silvera is requesting that members call her instead of Michael Smith when you have Sunshine news.342-1630. Reno Ricci is feeling much better and is getting tired of sitting around.

Lou Checci is feeling better finally after knee replacement. Vincenza McDaniel has had knee replacement surgery. Rosanne Chiricosta is feeling much better.

Stella Ricci's "\$100.00 Raffle" Tickets are still available. Please contact Stella Ricci or Debbie Rossi for tickets.

The Chico Air Show John Jefsen declared the Airshow a great success this year. He received many compliments on our food and service. He has some thoughts to improve our 2012 participation.

Chico Palio: Yvette Sanfillippo and Michele Mokres worked across town at the Palio while the Airshow was underway. Mya Mokres and her young friend represented us in the "Horse Race" this year. They created a very colorful horse and although these tiny girls were competing with some real athletes, they did not come in last!

Wine Tasting at New Clairvaux: Debbie Rossi arranged a Wine Tasting and tour at New Clairvaux Winery. It was on, Saturday, Oct 2nd at 10:45am. We also had a very nice potluck lunch.

The SOI Western Foundation Golf Classic: The Golf Classic was another triumph for Michael Smith. He received an award on behalf of our Lodge for 12 years of participation in this event. Michael also got a hole in one in the meatball putting contest!

Christmas Party: Bob Schneider is the Chairperson for this event. Mark your calendar and get your families together for Thursday, Dec 2nd. Don't forget your raffle item!

The Dine-Out is at Sicilian Café on Friday, October 29th. Let Roseann Bradley know if you plan to attend.

New Business

The officer's Meeting will take place on Thursday, November 4th at Bob and Jackie Schneider's house.

Good of the Order

Raffle winners!

50/50 Raffle – \$15.00 to Richard Noerenberg and \$10.00 to Yvette Sanfillippo

Stella's \$100.00 Raffle – Yola Checci

State Deputy Comments:

Elmer Silver to Shasta Lodge: The latest activities at the Shasta Lodge was their 9th Annual Spaghetti Feed and an upcoming Craft Fair.

Sal Aiello to Paradiso Lodge: They are busy planning for the Annual Polenta Dinner Show. This event will take place on November 13th. Social hour begins at 5:30 PM and dinner will be served at 6:30.

Paradiso Lodge also received a plaque for their participation in the Western Foundation Golf Tournament.

Jim Lamana, Our State Deputy:

First of all Jim said he was amazed at how much ground was cover in the meeting!

He is a member of the "A-Team", their only purpose is to cook at charity fund raiser for children and the elderly. They recently raised nearly \$10,000!

Shasta Lodge is currently planning a Thanksgiving dinner in honor of their deceased members. Also, they are planning a Christmas Craft Fair.

Jim said he had a great time at the Airshow and the Golf Tournament.

He also congratulated Roseann Bradley for the wonderful Bellini Notes she puts together for us each month, and also Mary Ann Silvera for the great job she does with her article in the Il Leone.

Adjourned 8:25pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jeanne Smith, Recording Secretary

RAFFLE TIME

*Raffle Tickets for the
\$100 raffle for the next year
are on sale now @ gen. meetings
OR Call Stella Ricci 342-1071*

Sunshine & Flowers

*When you have news to share
Call MaryAnn 342-1630*

November Calendar

of Events



Nov. 4 Officer's Meeting

Nov. 11 Veteran's Day

Nov. 18 Reg. Mtg/Potluck
Vote for New Officers

No Dine-Out This Month

Happy Thanksgiving

Dec. 2 Christmas Party

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW LODGE OFFICERS

Nominations for new Lodge Officers will be accepted at the Membership Meeting on Thursday, October 21st and Thursday, November 18th. Voting will take place immediately following final nominations at the November 18th meeting. Please spend a little time considering a nominee for any position, you can nominate yourself as well.

All prospective candidates must be members in good standing. In order to be eligible to be elected Lodge President or Lodge Vice President a member must have served an entire term, in a subordinate position on the council of any lodge. To qualify for all other offices a candidate must have been a member of the Order for at least 6 months prior to nomination. Lodge Presidents can only serve for three (3) consecutive two (2) year terms so long as there are other qualified candidates. All other Lodge Officers can be elected for unlimited terms. A listing of current Lodge Officers is published in the Bellini Notes.

Descriptions of each Officer's duties will be posted at both meetings, or please call Jeanne Smith at 898-8112 for this information.

Please Scroll down to locate your Ballot.



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Ballot for Lodge Officers 2011-2012

November 18, 2010

Blank spaces provided for each position for last minute nominations and write-in candidates.

President	Michael Smith		Trustees (vote for 5)	Sal Aiello	
				Cathy Lucido	
				Ken Mackey	
Vice President	John Jefsen			Michele Mokres	
				Henry Pasquinelli	
			Jackie Schneider		
Orator	Rocky Santulli		Don Smith		
Recording Secretary	Jeanne Smith		Master of Ceremonies	Franco DiLorenzo	
Financial Secretary	Debbie Rossi		Mistress of Ceremonies	Gaylene DiLorenzo	
Treasurer	Rita Brunelli		Sentinel (Guard)	Joe Azzarito	
				Ralph Huntsinger	
				Bob Schneider	
Historian	Mary Ann Silvera				

This is your Ballot.

Please bring this page to the
General Meeting on November 18.

OR

Prior to November 18, 2010

You can mail it to;

Rocky Santulli


3198 Clear Lake Dr

Chico, Ca. 95973

2011 Calendar of Events

January	February	March
<p>Jan. 6 Officer's Meeting Jan. 20 Reg. Meeting/Potluck Jan. 28 Dine-Out</p> 	<p>Feb. 3 Officer's Meeting Feb. 14 Valentine's Day Feb. 17 Reg. Meeting Feb. 25 Dine-Out</p> 	<p>Mar. 3 Officer's Meeting Mar.13 Daylight Savings Time begins Mar. 17 Reg Meeting/Potluck, Mar. 27 Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser No Dine-Out</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">April</p> <p>Apr. 7 Officer's Meeting Apr. 4 Easter Sunday Apr. 21 Reg. Meeting/Potluck, Apr. 29 Dine-Out</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">May</p> <p>TBA Dinner Dance May 5 Officer's Meeting May 9 Mother's Day May 19 Reg. Meeting/ Potluck Installation of new members May 27 Dine-Out May 30 Memorial Day</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">June</p> <p>June 2 Officer's Meeting June 16 Reg. Meeting/Potluck, Last \$100 drawing June 19 Father's Day June 22-25 State Convention June 24 Dine-Out</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">July</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">No Meetings!</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">August</p> <p>Aug. 4 Officer's Meeting Aug. 118 Reg. Meeting/Potluck TBA Family Picnic Durham Park No Dine-Out</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">September</p> <p>Sept. 1 Officer's Meeting Sept. 15 Reg. Meeting/Potluck New \$100 drawing begins TBA Chico Palio Sept. 30 Dine-Out</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">October</p> <p>Oct. 3 Golf Tourney Oct. 6 Officer's Meeting Oct. 10 Columbus Day Oct. 20 Reg. Mtg/Potluck Oct. 28 Dine-Out Oct. 31 Halloween</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">November</p> <p>Nov. 3 Officer's Meeting Nov. 6 Daylight Savings Ends Nov. 11 Veteran's Day Nov. 20 Reg. Meeting/Potluck Initiation of new members Nov. 24 Thanksgiving No Dine-Out</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">December</p> <p>Dec. 1 Officer's Mtg. TBA Christmas Party Our Divine Savior Hall 566 Lassen Av. Chico (children, family & guests) Raffle donations for United Way No Reg. Meeting, No Dine-Out</p> 

Vincenzo Bellini Lodge meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month
At St. John's Church Hall-5th & Chestnut Streets, Chico
6:00-6:30p.m. Social Hour
6:30-7:30p.m. Potluck Dinner
7:30-8:30p.m. Program & Meeting



Sons of Italy

Annual Christmas Party

For all Members, Family & Friends

Thursday December 2, 2010

Our Devine Savior Church Hall 566 E. Lassen Av. Chico

5-6 pm No-Host Social Hour

6 pm Polenta & Sausage Dinner

Pizza for the Kids

\$10 for Adults

Children 10 years & under free!

Everyone, Please bring an unwrapped gift to donate for the raffle!

7 pm 'ish Santa arrives!

Please RSVP to Jackie or Bob Schneider 345-1461

This is a popular event, we encourage you to invite family and friends but we need to know the number of attendees so we can be prepared with plenty of food!

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Who provide assistance to needy families in Butte County.