



SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY

Watsonville Lodge #2016

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Well, its hard to believe that the summer is over, I think Mother Nature didn't get the message! Fall or Autumn is here! That means October is Italian American Heritage Month! Italian American Heritage Month is celebrated every year to honor and recognize the centuries of achievements, successes, and valuable contributions of Italian immigrants and Italian Americans. It occurs in October to overlap with the federal holiday of Columbus Day, which is celebrated on the second Monday of each October. Italian American Heritage Month was first celebrated in 1989 by a special proclamation of both Congress and President George H. W. Bush.

Over 5 million Italians immigrated to the United States between 1820 and 2000. Currently, there are over 26 million Americans of Italian descent residing in the United States. This makes Italian-Americans the fifth largest ethnic group in our nation. Each year Italians around the country take time to celebrate their heritage, history, and culture with festivals and parades. The largest parade occurs on Columbus Day in New York City and has over 35,000 marchers!

Italians began their migration to the United States in the 1880's and continue even today; but for very different reasons. Early on they came for the opportunities of a better life and leave behind poverty. Today they arrive for their careers and enjoy what they can contribute and what we offer.

Who actually discovered North America?

The voyages of Christopher Columbus opened the New World. Genoese navigator and explorer Giovanni Caboto (known in English as John Cabot) is credited with the discovery of continental North America on June 24, 1497, under the commission of Henry VII of England.

Everyone has credited Columbus for the discovery of the United States but as you can see by the statement above it was Giovanni Caboto. On August 6, 1497, almost precisely five years since Christopher Columbus had first set sail for the New World, his Venetian rival John Cabot navigated his tiny ship Matthew back up the River Avon to the English port of Bristol, and rode at speed to London to give the king the news of his extraordinary discovery on the ...

The primary sponsor of John Cabot's voyages to the Americas was Henry VII of England. Henry's goals were two-fold: promote English influence in the New World and locate a western passage to

the wealthy trading centers of the Far East. In addition to Henry, though, Cabot also raised money from Italian bankers.

He passed in 1499 or 1500 after many successful expeditions to North American including Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.



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Santa Rosalia Festival – Festa Italia Monterey – Update

If you missed our last meeting, we spoke about our presence at the Festa. The entertainment was first class. We had a perfect viewing table and the best part our Sons & Daughters of Italy Salinas Lodge (which is now closed) were at the table next to us! The food selection was plentiful, but they sold out of Arancini (Italian fried risotto balls) on Saturday. The Bocci games played on and they had a large audience. Our favorite Italian band, Anthony 'Nino' Lane band kept people on their feet dancing the afternoon away. Anthony asked us for the date of our 2025 July BBQ, which I emailed him. Dave Marzetti from KMBY (Sundays with Sinatra show) emceed and performed. Dave has been very generous to our Lodge by making announcements of our lodge happenings. He announced our July BBQ and also introduced us at the Festa.

We were approached by Joe Cardinale, chair for the Festa, he wanted to know if we would like to be a sponsor next year. We brought it up at the meeting and it was agreed we would sponsor.

I want to thank, Martha and Dominic Muzzi, Frank Locicero, Kendra Cleary and Eric Costello who joined Bob and me at the event.

That said....*Avanti 'til next year!*



Our menu this month is: TBA (When I receive our entrees from Busy Bees I will pass it on to you.
Salad
Dessert

A RESERVATION MADE...IS A RESERVATION PAID.

Members \$20 ... Guests \$25

Please make your reservations by Monday Oct 14 at 5pm.

You will MAY NOT receive a reminder call ---- Cheryl, Silvia, Gina and I will be on vacation prior to October 14.

You can always call and leave a messagenumber are below

Martha at 831-722-1869




Future Planning- Events

October 17- I would like to make our October 17th meeting lets celebrate our Italian Heritage
 - We are also taking nominations for officers . The positions are President, Vice/Assistant President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Correspondence Secretary, Orator, Mistress of Ceremonies, Trustees . If you are interest please let me know.

November 21- We will have a dinner meeting to celebrate Thanksgiving and decide the donations to selected non-profits.

December 19 (Fr. Al's & MY BIRTHDAY) Christmas Celebration Dinner and Raffle

Sunshine 

Melissa is our Sunshine Lady, if you know of a member who is under the weather, or needs a card to perk them up, please let her know 775-846-6529

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Treat or Trick (Italian translation)