



Order Sons of Italy in America

## MODESTO, CALIFORNIA LODGE

*Specific activities for particular Italian holidays and general crafts for the rest of the year:*

### In January:

**La Calza della Befana**, the Befana's stockings, made by cutting stockings shapes out of cardboard, decorating them with stickers or drawing and filling them with little treats or toys

### In February:

**Maschere di Carnevale**, Mask for Carnival. We cut out masks in different shapes and decorated them; **Maschere di creta**, Clay Masks painted by the kids; **Arlecchino** figurine out of cardboard, with moveable legs and arms to look like a puppet

### In April:

**Uova di cioccolato**, Chocolate Easter Eggs. Handmade chocolate eggs with a little surprise inside that the kids decorated with icing and sugar candies.

**Nidi**, nests made of cereals and marshmallows with small chocolate eggs inside

### In May:

**Biglietti per la Festa della Mamma**, cards for Mother's Day and a small gift for the moms, like a wooden box decorated with flowers through the decoupage technique; handmade bath salts; paper flowers

### In June:

**Biglietti per la Festa del Papa'**, cards for Father's Day and small gifts for the dads like key chains

### In October:

**Caravelle di Colombo**, Columbus' caravels; the **Mappa**, the map showing the route that Columbus followed, aged using tea bags and crayons. Children came in **costumes for Halloween** and members gave them treats

### In November:

**Thanksgiving crafts**, like corns made of jelly beans and other materials

### In December:

**Palle di Natale**, Christmas plastic balls decorated with different materials; **Palle di neve**, Snow Globes made of jars; **Santa Claus**, visited the kids, giving them little toys; **Caroling** at nursery homes, **Cards** made for them, **Nativity** showcase

### Other activities:

Children played instruments that they learn to play at school; Mosaics coasters, Italian Flag made of colored rice; necklaces made of colored pasta; and so on...