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*90th  
Annual*

Scholarship Award Banquet

&

Columbus Day Celebration

*October 7, 2023*

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## 90th Annual Columbus Day and Scholarship Awards Banquet

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### Program

Master of Ceremony ..... Bob Brama  
Presentation of Scholarship Awards ..... Peter Scalise  
Guest Speaker ..... David Valentini  
Prayers ..... Dennis Plack

### Menu

Garden House Salad with choice of Italian or Ranch Dressing  
▪  
Fresh Baked White & Wheat Dinner Rolls with Butter  
▪  
Prime Rib Carving Station  
Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast drizzled with gravy  
▪  
Honey Glazed Carrots  
▪  
Seasoned Baby Red Potatoes  
▪  
A Variety of Fresh Baked Cookies, Bars and Chocolate Mousse Cups  
▪  
Coffee / Hot Tea / Iced Tea / Milk

*Their homeland in southern Europe was the center of Western civilization for almost 1,500 years. The most daring seamen of the Middle Ages, they were among the first to touch our shores. In fact, our country owes its name "America" to an explorer from this group. The greatest period of their immigration to America began after 1880. Eventually, over five million of these people came to settle in the United States. They and their descendants have enriched life in America with notable contributions in science, music, art, politics, athletics, and entertainment. They have also introduced many foods to this country that have enriched the American cuisine. Who are these people?*

**The Italians in America**

**Our 90 Years of Celebrating Columbus...**

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# Please Welcome Our Special Guest

## David L. Valentini



I grew up in Chisholm, Minnesota which is in the heart of the Mesabi Iron Range. My parents were Bruno and Rosie (Altavilla). I have two sisters, Diana and Debra, and two children, Gino and Isabella. I have a large extended family on both the Altavilla and Valentini sides. My mom is the youngest of eight siblings. The Altavillas are excellent cooks, winemakers, and very fun. Our community was a melting pot of ethnic people: Italians, Slovenians, Croatians, Finns and a sizable Jewish community.

Our family restaurant, Valentini's, was established in 1934. My grandmother, Justina Valentini, founded the restaurant with the help of her two sons, Bruno (my father) and Nello (my uncle). Justina ran the business at a time when it was rare for a woman to own or manage a business. She

was the godmother of Chisholm. She ran a service-oriented business where the customers were treated like royalty. She would personally visit every guest at their table while they were dining. Justina was also very generous and would help new business owners financially to get their business off the ground. Justina was highly respected, both personally and professionally. My mom and my auntie Dionella each had significant roles in the success and reputation of Valentini's. Rosie was the main cook and ran the kitchen. Dionella ran the prep operation where our food was prepared fresh daily. The prep kitchen was a cast of fabulous characters. Dionella, Paul and Florence Maurturano, Roms Lautizi, Shirley Kuberka, Jazzo Valentini, Rudy Vitali, Robert Valentini, Billy Kne, and Julio Vitali. They made homemade noodles, gnocchi, ravioli, sausages, meatballs and porchetta. My Auntie Di asked her neighbor, Stan Kubeska – a math teacher at Chisholm High School – to estimate how many miles of noodles she made in her career. I am not sure how he made his calculations but Stan estimated the noodles would stretch from Chisholm to California. Auntie Di balked at that answer, stating her noodles would stretch at least as far as Italy.

All that great food was cooked by Rosie and her kitchen crew. My mom brought the Altavilla family cuisine to the Valentini kitchen. Rosie was simply a fabulous cook! She made the most delicious sugo (red sauce) that rivals any sugo anywhere! Add in her carbonara and the best chicken cacciatore on the planet and you have the best of Valentini's.

My dad, Bruno, ran the bar. He was an Iron Range fixture. All new, young business owners would come to him and my uncle Nello for advice and their nod of approval. Bruno was an Iron Range historian and the greatest joke teller – delivering his jokes with various accents. It only made sense because the bar's "regulars" had various accents! Sometimes the atmosphere in the bar was absolutely hysterical. Also, Bruno remembered and knew everyone by name when they walked through the doors. People would come to Valentini's for both the food and entertainment.

My Uncle Nello owned Valentini's Office Supply and worked for the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB) along with his work at the restaurant handling banquets.

Today, Valentini's in Chisholm is owned and managed by Paul, David and Cindy Marturano and Rob and Jessi Russo. Many important events on the Range from political fundraisers to family reunions take place at Valentini's.

Valentini's in Duluth was opened by my cousin, Carol Valentini, in 2008. Carol also owns a food truck and a catering business, and a kiosk at the Duluth Event and Convention Center. Carol has been repeatedly named the Duluth business woman of the year. Carol makes sugo just as good as Rosie used to make it! Please visit Valentini's in Chisholm and Duluth when you venture north.

### IRON RANGE HISTORY

Italian immigration to the Iron Range in northern Minnesota played a significant role shaping the region's culture and labor force during the late 19th and 20th centuries. This immigration was driven by economic opportunities in the mining and logging industries. Starting in the late 1800's, Italian immigrants, largely from southern Italy, arrived seeking employment in the iron ore mines and timber operations that characterized the Iron Range. These new citizens faced challenges due to cultural differences and language barriers but eventually established a vibrant community that left a lasting impact.

Italian immigrants brought with them a strong work ethic and skills that were vital in the development of Iron Range industries. They labored in the mines, as lumberjacks, and in related support roles.

The influence of Italian immigration is still visible in the Iron Range today. Families with Italian roots have become integral parts of local communities, contributing to the region's diverse cultural landscape. Festivals, traditions and cuisine from Italy have become interwoven with the broader identity of the Iron Range. This history of Italian immigration stands as testament to the enduring impact that immigrant communities can have on the social, economic and cultural fabric of a region.

After high school in Chisholm (go Blue Streaks!), I continued my education at the University of Minnesota and then went on to earn my law degree at Hamline University.

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## LAW CAREER

Before entering private practice, I spent ten years as a prosecutor at the Minnesota Attorney General's Office. I went on to work with the firm of Burstein and Rothstein to handle a product liability case – the infamous Dalkon Shield case, which was a defective intrauterine birth control device. From there, I went on to form a partnership with Jerry Miller, Miller and Valentini, and we worked together for five years handling plaintiff's personal injury and criminal defense cases.

My law firm, Valentini Law, P.A., is a criminal defense law firm in downtown Minneapolis, which I founded in 1991. I have more than 45 years of experience as an attorney and have worked hard to earn a reputation as one of Minnesota's top defense attorneys. I have repeatedly been recognized for my work and commitment to my clients and I am the recipient of awards from Best Lawyers in America, Minneapolis & St. Paul Magazine Super Lawyer, Minnesota Monthly Best Lawyer, and Top 40 Criminal Defense Lawyer. I could never have been successful without a fabulous support staff, Deb Unger, Kori Lee and Kay Morris, and attorneys John Lucas, Derek Hansen, Pete Martin among others.

I am an active member of multiple legal organizations and I am the current president of the Minnesota Association for Criminal Defense Lawyers. I am the Treasurer (for life, I think) of the Minnesota Society for Criminal Justice and I am also on the Board of the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital.

I want to thank the Italian-American Club for its generosity and support of Smile Network International. Smile Network was founded in 2003 and is run by Kim Valentini. Smile Network performs life-changing surgical operations to repair cleft lips and palates on some of the poorest children on the planet. In the past 20 years, Smile Network has performed 4500 surgeries on five continents and in 13 countries. Smile Network is now also providing free oral healthcare for Native American communities in the United States.

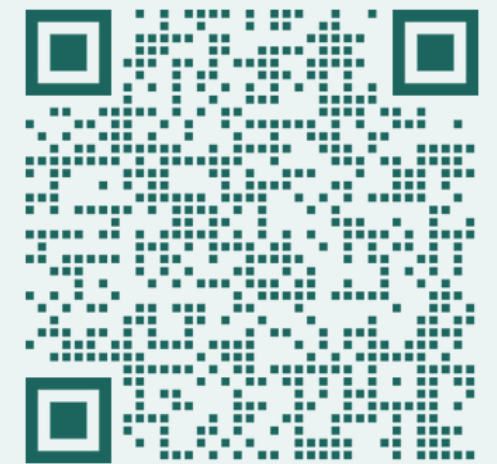
I am honored to be chosen as the Italian-American Club's speaker this year. You are very brave to hand a microphone to a lawyer!



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What School have you applied or been accepted : \_\_\_\_\_

What Degree do you hope to earn : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

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1. **Must have a 2.75 GPA or Better ( Submit Transcript with this Application )**
2. **Must be a US Citizen**
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4. **Must be accepted by College, University or Trade School**
5. **Must be High School Graduate or Undergraduate or Higher Learning Institution**

With this Application, submit a brief description of your intentions, other activities or achievements, and the reason for applying for this Scholarship. To be considered, this Application must be received by **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024** at the address below. **No Application will be accepted after March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.** If selected, you will be notified by May 2024.

**Please include a Photo of yourself with your Application.**

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### Special Recognition - **Reverend Lawrance J. Malley (1909-1985)**

*First pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Italian Church from 1938 to 1977*

# 2023 Eighty Scholarship Award Recipients

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The Members of the Italian American Club would like to congratulate all of the 2023 Scholarship Recipients.

We wish you the best of luck in the future and congratulate you on a job well done.

*Keep in touch! We would like to hear from you as the years go by.*

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*Marina Boley*



*Natalie Bollensen*



*Christie Brama*



*Nolan Anderson*



*Brian Anderson*



*Jineth Azpurua/Lotero*



*Savina Brinda*



*Justin Brooks*



*Emma Carmichael*



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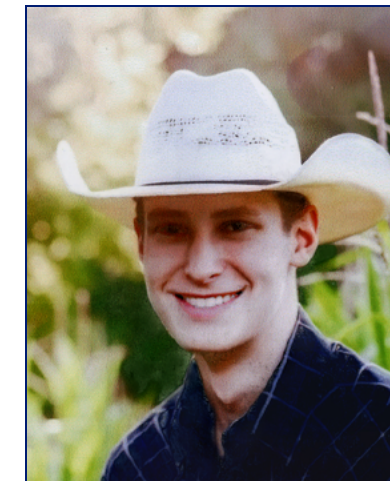
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*Sophia Beaulieu*



*Thomas Coombe*



*Nicholas Craemer*



*Sophia Czupryna*



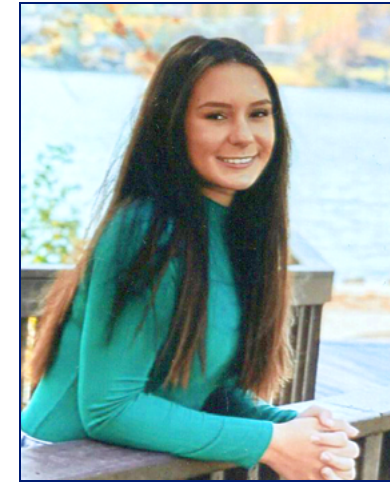
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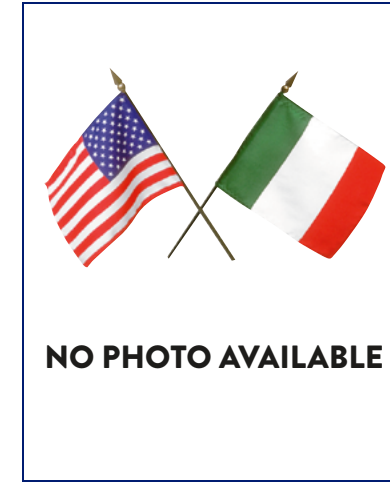
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*Julia Favorite*



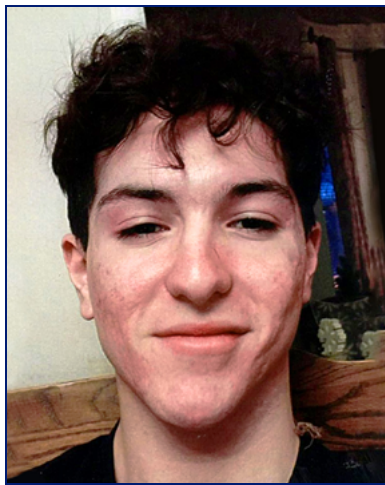
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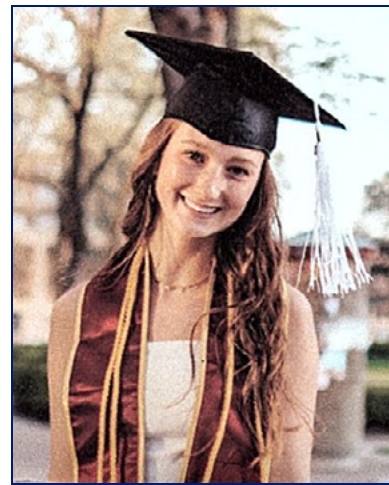
*Peyton Himley*



*Alexa-Jane F Hoidahl*



*Vincent Favorite*



*Abigail Ferraro*



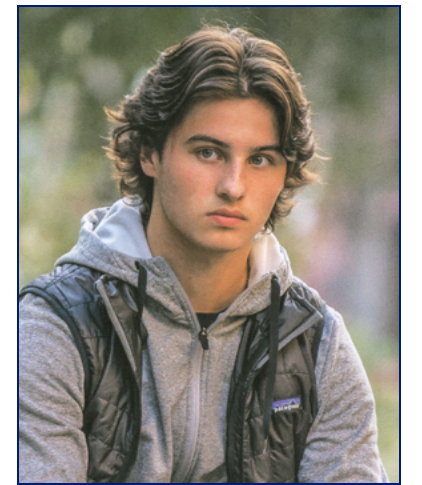
*Mary Freas*



*Gavin Holm*



*Andrew Hunt*



*David Hunt*



*Sophia Gaddini*



*Katelyn Garbow*



*Rebecca Goral*



*Josie Hupp*



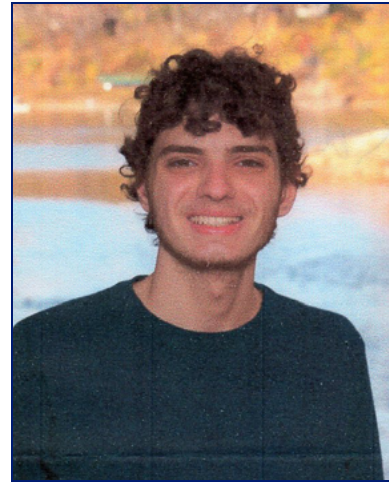
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*Michael Jensen*



*Ariana Jesh*



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*Jenna Livingston*



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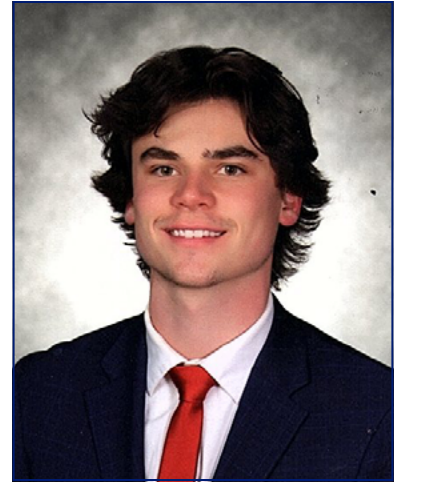
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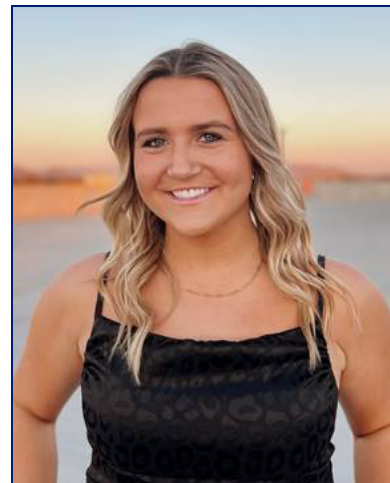
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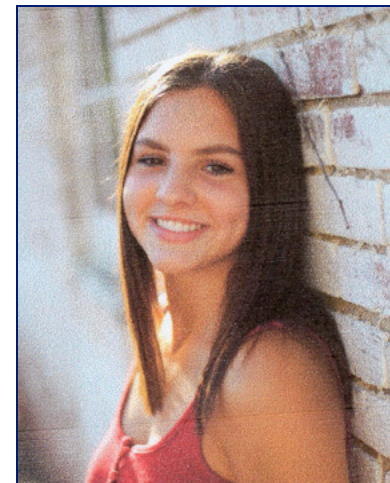
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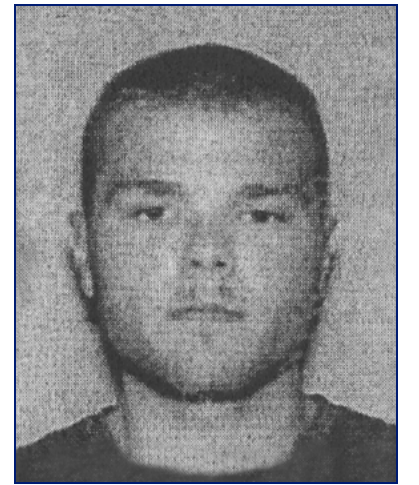
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*Ella Olson*



*Mackenzie Omeara*



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*Vincent Miller*



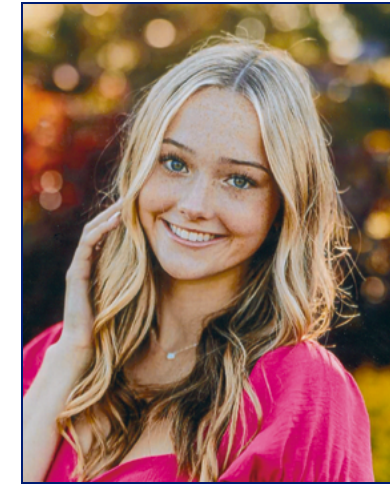
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*Jackson Montague*



*Joelle Peterson*



*Ava Prigge*



*Audrey Quackenbush*



*Ethan Mus*



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*Samuel Rodriguez*



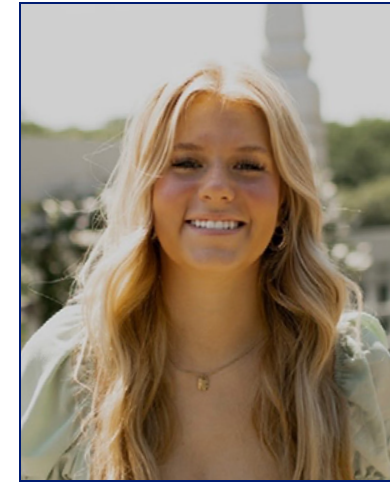
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*Stanley White*



*Peytn Skevchuk*



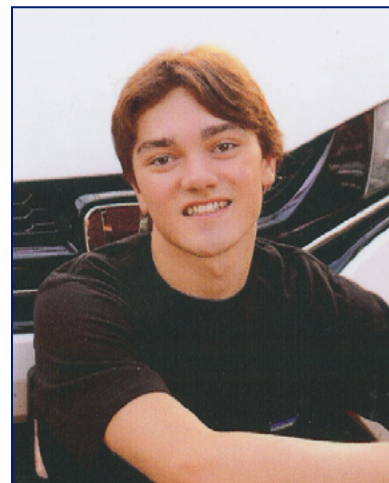
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*Charlie Stoeckel*



*Victoria Thompson*



*Andrew Tischleder*



*Sophia Villella*



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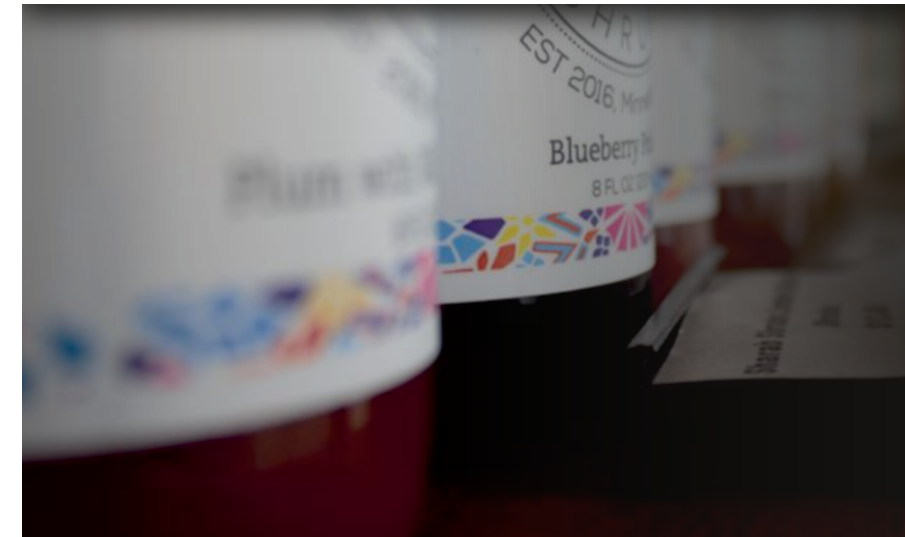


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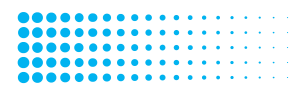
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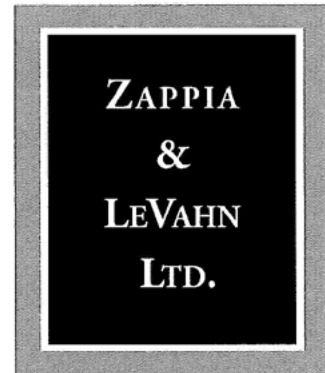
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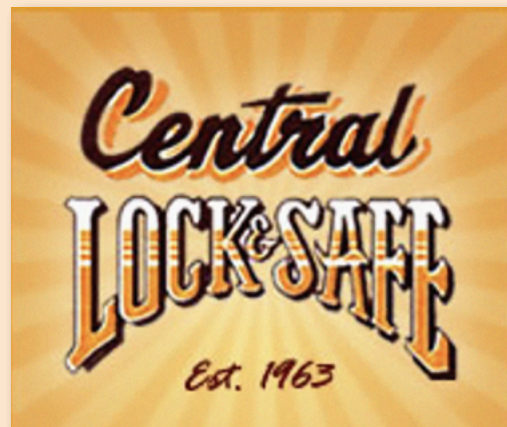
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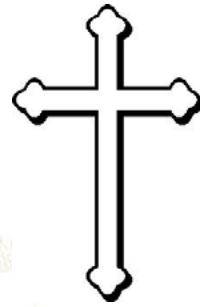


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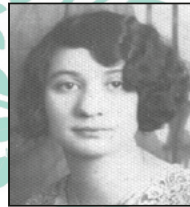
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