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## NO FEBRUARY MEETING

Date:  
Time:  
Agenda:

### Officer's Meeting:



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Leoni and Nardini families for preparing and serving another delicious Annual Polenta Dinner at our membership meeting on January 10th. It was truly enjoyed by the over 60 people who attended. Hopefully, they will continue this great tradition next year.



Please support the efforts of our Lodge Queen Annamarie Tesoriere and her committee in their various efforts to raise the necessary funds to successfully win the Grand Lodge of California Queen Contest. You can help by buying tickets for the Grand Lodge Raffle. Tickets are only \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Contact Annamarie or her Grandparents, Tony & Louise Tesoriere for tickets.

Prizes are:

1st Prize: \$3,000, 2nd Prize: \$2,000, 3rd Prize: \$1,000, 4th Prize: \$500 and 5th thru 10th Prizes are \$100 each. The drawing will be held at the Queen's Coronation on Friday, June 29, 2018 at the Grand Lodge Convention in Ontario, California.

Fraternally,  
Charles "Chuck" Sant'Agata, President



[ITALIAN WORD OF THE DAY](#)

## SWEETHEART SERENADE DINNER

Sons & Daughters of Italy  
Hfd. Lodge #1543 presents  
**Sweetheart Serenade Dinner**  
Benefiting Valley Children's Hospital

Catered by Heights Catering  
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## ADS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER IL GIORNALETTA

**THE PAYMENT FOR ADS ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE.** The business-card



type ads appear in our newsletter all year long. These funds help to provide stamps, etc. for mailing out the *Il Giornaletto*. Please send your payment of \$40.00 for the year to Jackie Giacomazzi, 9550 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hanford, CA before March 15. (deadline). If you would like to make changes to your ad, please provide a new business card.

## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS



Applications are available at your local high schools for the Hanford Sons of Italy Scholarship. If you are qualified, please get the necessary applications completed with your high school's scholarship office. Remember, students also must write at least a 300-word essay entitled: "What My Italian Heritage Means to Me." The Grand Lodge scholarships are also available. Your high schools should have their applications. If not, check with the Grand Lodge Website to obtain the necessary forms. **Deadline: March 1, 2018. See Jackie Giacomazzi if you have any questions.**

## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR YOUTH



Congratulations to Youth Member **Tristin Webb** for her recent donation to Wig for Kids with Cancer. Tristin recently donated fourteen inches of her beautiful hair which will be made into custom hairpieces for children. Many children suffering from cancer lose their hair due to treatment.

Tristin also received the Hero Award from her junior high school for consistently showing HERO behavior (Honor, Excellence, Respect & On Task). George and HazelAnn Christin are very proud of their great granddaughter.



Youth member **Kent Sheldon** was featured on Channel 30 Action News, explaining about the arena at the new Hanford High Joint Union High School farm and learning lab. The Hanford Joint Union High School District celebrated the grand opening of a state of the art school farm and learning lab. The new lab will allow students to home their animals at the location for fair or breeding projects. This project was 15 years in the works.



## THROW BACK MOMENT

This picture was taken at the 1979 convention in Visalia. "Three Coins in the Fountain" was the theme. Lisa Nardini was Hanford Lodge #1543 Queen and took 2nd place, winning title of "Miss America" in the State Queen Contest and rode on the Sons of Italy float in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena on New Year's Day 1980.



*Left to right: Angelo Nardini, Eleanor Leoni, Debbie Nardini, Lisa Nardini, Bill Leoni, Lucille Leoni Nardini, Mark Nardini. [Click on Picture to enlarge.](#)*

## NEWSLETTER

Do you have something you would like to share in our Newsletter? Please send information to Vickie Baldini at [vickiebaldini@gmail.com](mailto:vickiebaldini@gmail.com).

These general guidelines are to be followed: (1) Relates to the Lodge (about a member or activity); (2) If it's about another Lodge, it must be to support them or doing something that will help our Lodge, and (3) Something related to Italian heritage in the USA or

Italy. We would love to have pictures and information that spotlights our youth and any throwback pictures that is the history of our Lodge.

## SAVE THE DATE

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018—UNITED LODGES OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY.** HANFORD LODGE IS HOSTING THIS EVENT TO BE HELD AT THE KINGS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S MEETING HALL IN GRANGEVILLE. MARK THIS DATE.

Tony Tesoriere and Michael Leoni will be co-chairing this event with a pasta and meatball luncheon. We would like all members to join us for lunch.

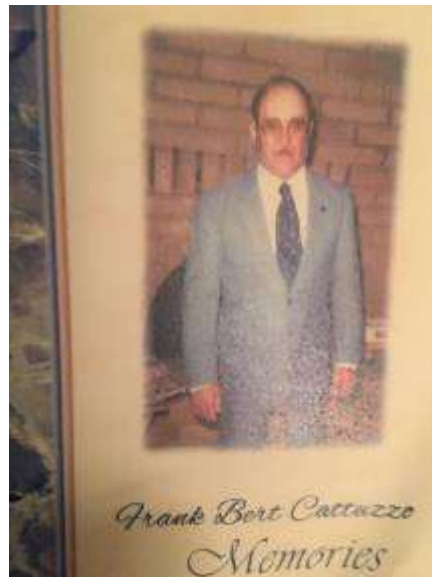


## SUNSHINE

After many years serving as our Sunshine Chair – Lilia Giacomazzi (104 ½ years young) made the decision to give up her position of Sunshine Chair to “someone younger”. If you ever received one of Lilia’s cards with a personal handwritten message, you received a real treat. Thank you, Lilia, for your many years of service to our Lodge in so many capacities. You will always be our lodge “First Lady” and a true inspiration and mentor to many in our lodge. We love you very much and look forward to seeing you at our meetings when the weather gets better.

Our new Sunshine Chair is Vicki Tos 362-0542. Please let her know if you are going to have surgery, there has been death in your family or something newsworthy has happened. We care and want to know.

## FAREWELL BROTHER FRANK CATTUZZO



We were saddened to learn of the loss of our dear brother Frank Cattuzzo. Brother Frank joined the lodge on January 25, 2000. He attended meetings and Lodge events when he was able to physically. He was a faithful supporter of the Lodge. Frank was born on September 5, 1932, and passed away on Wednesday, January 10, 2018. He retired from Commercial Harvesting and served in the United States Army in the Korean Conflict. Our condolences go out to our Lodge members – Frank's brother Jimmy and his family, as well as Frank's nephew Gino, his wife Lisa and family. Thank you to Tony Tesoriere and HazelAnn Christin who performed the ritual at the graveside service held on January 18<sup>th</sup> at Oak Grove Cemetery in Laton. Farewell brother Frank, you will be missed.

## THANK YOU

Dear Brothers and Sisters: I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation for all the love shown to me during my recent knee replacement surgery. Thank you for the prayers, visits, cards, calls, texts, flowers and gifts and other kind gestures. I still have a couple more weeks of therapy, but I am doing very well. I would also like to thank Brittney. May God bless each and every one of you. Love, Janis Hansen

To the members of Hanford Sons of Italy: Richard and I would like to thank you for your thoughts and gift. Sincerely, Richard & Terri Martella

## DRAWINGS

365 Grand Lodge Fundraiser  
10/27 **HazelAnn Christin** \$25.00



## LODGE MEETING JANUARY 10, 2018 POLENTA DINNER





## BIRTHDAYS

Ashlyn	Weaver	2/2
Debbie	Nardini	2/5
Charles (Chuck)	Draxler	2/9
Erik	Smith	2/12
Frances	Dias	2/16
Kaitlin	Hatfield	2/21
Tyler	Strutz	2/21

Did we miss your birthday?  
 Let Janis Hansen know at 582-4731 or  
[jahansen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jahansen@sbcglobal.net)



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## OUR LODGE QUEEN



*Annamarie Tesoriere*



*Annamarie at the Hanford Christmas Parade*

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Hanford Fraternal Hall  
January 10, 2018*

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 by President Chuck Sant'Agata

President Sant'Agata thanked the Leoni and Nardini for the wonderful polenta dinner with fixings

**Roll call** – All officers were present

A moment of silence was held for Past State President Joseph LaBanca

**Introduction of Guests:** Susan Agnello, Ernie Bertaina's wife Gladys and her sister Mariam Camey, Alyssa Leoni's boyfriend Anthony Flores, and Louise Tesoriere's cousin Sharon Parolini Colby

**Minutes:** The minutes from the month of November were approved as posted

**Applications for new members:** None.

**Communications:** The following communications received were read.

- Enrico Caruso Lodge newsletter
- Letter from the Grand Lodge regarding Bylaw Changes
- Statement from the Chamber of Commerce
- Letter mailed to State Recording Secretary from President Sant'Agata submitting our two by-law proposals

**Financial Secretary:** The bills were read by Carol Todd and approved to be paid.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jackie Giacomazzi displayed a graph of our income and expenses. We were in the black about \$1,000 for the year ending 2017. She reviewed the Treasurers reports for November 2017 and December 2017.

**Trustee Report:** Pat Scialo reported the books will be audited for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter prior to the next meeting.

**Committee reports:**

**Sunshine:**

Our new Sunshine Chair Vicki Tos stated she had nothing to report. Let her know if anyone is ill or having surgery.

**Charities:** No report

**Refreshments:** Louise Tesoriere thanked the Nardini and Leoni family for the excellent dinner. She needs a chair for March. If she does not receive a volunteer it will be a potluck. Debbie Nardini gave a report on the history of the polenta dinner. It was started many years ago by Bill and Eleanor Leoni and Joseph Bertaina. It

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was started back again by Frank Leoni and Gloria Fabbri. It is a labor of love continued by the Leoni and Nardini family.

**Scholarship:** Jackie reported all recipients have turned in their information and the monies have been distributed.

**Newsletter/webpage:** Jim reported he will no longer be doing two newsletters. The newsletter will be in PDF format. You may print it off the webpage.

**Activities:** No report

**Travel:** Louise Silacci reported unfortunately, we were 2 persons short on the trip to Italy of having our own tour group, so we will be going with another tour group. The number of days for the tour was also extended.

**Heritage and Culture:** No report. A new chair is still needed.

**Facebook/Newsletter/Instagram:** No report

**Old Business:**

- Lodge Queen Annamarie Tesoriere gave a report about her activities. A fund-raising raffle was being held tonight. She thanked those who supported the raffle and helped her with the raffle. She will be having a yard sale on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Donations are being accepted. Come out and support her. She will have a booth at the Sweetheart Serenade Dinner.
- President Sant'Agata stated his report for the December United Lodges meeting was in the newsletter.
- HazelAnn Christin chair reported on the progress with the Sweetheart Serenade. We guaranteed 175 persons. Janis Hansen is the ticket chair so check with her to get tickets. We need everyone's help to sell tickets. HazelAnn also asked us buy tickets and attend this fundraiser. It will be a very nice dinner for \$30.00. We will have the same entertainment. The money goes to Valley Children's Hospital which is a wonderful charity we have been supporting for over 40 years.
- Jackie Giacomazzi gave a report on the Christmas party. There was a good turn out and she felt it went well. Everyone enjoyed Santa's visit. Unfortunately, the picture sent to the Il Leone cut out some of the children as they made the picture a square. She thanked Tony and Louise for their help as well as Danny Dattola who donated the food.

**New Business:**

- Louise Silacci reported on the two by-law proposals submitted by our Lodge. One eliminated payment to Past State Presidents for attending Grand Lodge Conventions. The other was to allow Grand Lodge Chairpersons the ability to vote at Grand Lodge Conventions without having to be a delegate from their Filial Lodge.
- President Sant'Agata reported on the March 11<sup>th</sup> United Lodges meeting being hosted by Hanford Lodge. It will be held at the Kings County Historical Society Building. The co-chairs are Michael Leoni and Tony Tesoriere who will be doing a home cooked meal. More information will be in the newsletter.



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- The Lodge received the Grand Lodge 365 drawing tickets. HazelAnn Christin moved that our Lodge purchase 4 tickets. The motion was seconded by Louise Tesoriere. The motion carried. Louise Silacci still has a few tickets left to sell. See her after the meeting if interested.
- President Sant'Agata stated since we are having the Sweetheart Dinner a week earlier than our regular meeting date because of Ash Wednesday we will not have a meeting in February. Everyone please come support the dinner and have a fun evening.
- The Chamber of Commerce bill was reviewed. It was moved by HazelAnn Christin to continue with the Chamber. The motion was seconded by Louise Tesoriere. The motion carried.

**Good of the Order:**

- Janis Hansen thanked Britney Little for the wonderful job she did as acting Recording Secretary in her absence.
- Newlyweds Richard and Terry (Scialo) Martella were presented a gift from the Lodge.
- Jaclyn Allen stated she had a very successful spaghetti dinner in Bakersfield. It was good to be at the meeting. It brought back memories of when she was a Youth Member and Lodge Queen. It is difficult to make the meetings since she lives in Bakersfield, but she always feels so welcomed when she comes.
- State Deputy Ralph Agnello was glad to be at the meeting. He had been sick as well as teaching a forensic physiology class. He thanked the Leoni and Nardini family for the wonderful polenta dinner. He always enjoyed attending our meetings.
- State Trustee Louise Silacci stated she would be attending the next Grand Council meeting in March. Let her know if we have any issues, concerns or questions you would like her to bring up. She is here to represent our District. The Grand Lodge is having another meeting on the sale of the Grand Lodge building. She will let us know the results. Louise made all her officially assigned visitations and has enjoyed traveling to other lodges. Now she can just visit the lodges and have fun. She stated she was very proud of our Lodge with our membership participation and activities.

Ernie Bertaina was recognized for his birthday. Happy birthday was sung to our members.

The name drawn for the attendance drawing was #109 who was Lisa Nardini Young. As she was not present the drawing next month will be \$25.00.

The Opportunity Drawing was not held.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32

Respectfully submitted,

Janis Hansen  
Secretary

Charles Sant'Agata  
President

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