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## DECEMBER MEETING

Date: **DECEMBER 11, 2019**

Time: 6:00 pm

Agenda: Lodge Christmas Party. The Lodge will provide Pizza for our December Lodge meeting and Christmas Party. Members are asked to bring a plate of cookies for Dessert!

Officer Meeting: December 11<sup>th</sup>, Fraternal Hall, 4:30pm-5:30pm before Lodge Meeting.



[Last Month Meeting Minutes](#)



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I want to thank every member and guest who attended our Thanksgiving feast in

“Italy”, for a great dinner and meeting. So fun to see a full house and lots of younger ones running around, who will one day take over my office as President. Also, pleased to show President Larry Dutto from the Roma Lodge, how a real meeting is run.

Thinking about our beautiful Italian backdrops from our last meeting, I just had to Google Italian traditions from Christmas, and this is some of what I discovered:

- Nowadays, 'Babbo Natale', the Father Christmas, brings presents to children on Christmas Eve. But as in true Italian style, gifts are exchanged only on January 6 that is the day of Epiphany. Then 'la befana', an old lady, comes in search to the houses for search of the Christ Child.
- Most Italians give and receive gifts on the 12th day of Christmas.
- Attending midnight mass and eating a meatless dinner on Christmas Eve is an important part of Christmas in Italy. In parts of southern Italy, families eat a meal of seven fishes.
- The Yule Log is important in Italian homes, and many families keep it burning nonstop until New Year. In Tuscany, a huge log is set on fire, during the Festival of the Log.

Now back to business, the deadline for the submission of Bylaw changes and/or revisions to the current Bylaws is coming up. Submissions must be postmarked by Friday, January 31, 2020. It's time to start writing down your thoughts to bring up for

discussion. If approved they will be presented to the delegation at the 2020 84th Grand Convention in Concord, CA

Please join us with your entire family for Pizza, Cheer and a very special visitor on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

Ciao,  
Louise Silacci – President



## CHRISTMAS PARTY

*By Jackie Giacomazzi*

Once again, the Hanford Lodge will host a Christmas Party on December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Hanford Fraternal Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. A “pizza party” will be featured, as well as lots of candy for young and old alike. “Santa” will be arriving to present gifts to the little ones!!

This year we are asking **members and guests to dress in “UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATERS” to add to the festivities. Children may attend in their favorite PAJAMAS.** We want to make this a fun night for all!!

**PLEASE CALL ME IF YOU ARE BRINGING A CHILD SO I CAN MAKE SURE SANTA KNOWS!!!! 559.584.7433 OR 559.816.0707**



## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

*By Jackie Giacomazzi*

Applications for scholarships will soon be posted at the high schools. Make sure your seniors take advantage in applying for the Hanford Lodge Scholarship, as well as the Grand Lodge Scholarship. Requirements for the Hanford Lodge Scholarship: Student

must be an active **member of our Lodge for at least four (4) years and must have at least a 3.0 grade point average.** Besides completing the high school’s application, the member must write an essay on **“What My Italian Heritage Means to Me.”** (at least one typewritten page, double spaced). This year our Scholarship Fund will give scholarships in memory of **Lilia Giacomazzi**, as presented by the Colombo-Stella Lodge #1149 of Fresno (Mille grazie for their most generous donation) and our very dedicated member, **HazelAnn Christin.** **BE SURE TO CHECK THE GRAND LODGE WEBSITE FOR ITS APPLICATION!!**

I would like to acknowledge the following who have contributed last month to our Fund in memory of HazelAnn: **Teresa & Ray Picollo, Leroy & Joann Beecher, Robert & June Pinkham, Randy & Roslyn Miles, Danny Dattola, Ralph & Suzie Agnello, Tony & Louise Tesoriere, Carol Todd & Jackie Giacomazzi.** Thank you all so much!!

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

*By Jackie Giacomazzi*

At our November meeting, we were honored to accept several new members into our Lodge:

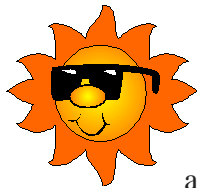
**Daniel & Kelsi Belezzuoli & their son, Vincent; and Julie Belezzuoli, her husband, Kyle Hathaway & their sons, Korban & Hudson.**

**Welcome to all!!**

# UNITED LODGES OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

*By Jackie Giacomazzi, Secretary*

THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE UNITED LODGES IS CANCELLED. The next meeting will be March 8 hosted by Enrico Caruso Lodge of Visalia. Watch for more information soon. MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!



## SUNSHINE

*By Debbie Nardini*

**Jennifer Hansen Sheldon**

is back to work full-time after having a lumbar discectomy on her back. Way to go Jen!

**Carol Todd** was missing in action at the November Thanksgiving meeting because she was under the weather, but is feeling much better now and getting back to her old self.

## 90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY



## COOKBOOK

Cookbooks are still available and they make wonderful Christmas presents for only \$20.00. They are available at the next meeting or you may contact any of the

committee members. Chair - Joan Ambrosini Little and committee members: Jackie Giglio Giacomazzi, Anntoinette (Toni) Natali, Patricia (Pat) Scialo and Louise Marie Silacci.

## HAPPY 70<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY JANIS!

TANTI AUGURI A TE!



Janis Hansen had a 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration



## LODGE WINNERS

The name drawn for the attendance drawing was **Jan Howison**. As she was not present, the amount will be \$60.00 next month.





# LODGE NOVEMBER 2019 MEETING



[Picture Movie November Meeting](#)

## PAST CHRISTMAS PICTURES



## BIRTHDAYS

Suzanne	Venturino	12/1
Stace	Leoni	12/2
Jaydin	Pineda	12/2
Lilianna	Cuddalore Patta	12/3
George	Christin	12/8
Antoinette (Toni)	Natali	12/13
Jamie	Counter	12/19
Kyle	Counter	12/19
Louise	Silacci	12/20
Nelda	Brewer	12/21
Lorraine	Mattos	12/23
Linda	Hatfield	12/24
Ashley	Alvarez	12/26
Maria	Davis	12/27
Anthony	Christin	12/29

\*\*Our apologies to **Robin Harbor** whose name was inadvertently left off the birthday list. It was November 17<sup>th</sup>, happy belated birthday Robin.

Did we miss your birthday?

Let Janis Hansen know at 582-4731 or

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**HANFORD SONS OF ITALY**  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**DECEMBER 11, 2019**

**HANFORD FRATERNAL HALL**

**6 P.M.**

**PIZZA PARTY**

**CHRISTMAS PUNCH**

**EGG NOG**

**CANDY TABLE**

**MEMBERS, PLEASE BRING FAVORITE COOKIES**

**SANTA WILL HAVE GIFTS FOR KIDS  
FROM BIRTH THROUGH 8TH GRADE**



**DRESS: WEAR "UGLY CHRISTMAS  
SWEATERS"**

**(PRIZE AWARDED FOR UGLIEST)**

**CHILDREN MAY WEAR FAVORITE PAJAMAS**



**RSVP BEFORE DECEMBER 1 IF YOU ARE  
BRINGING A CHILD--SANTA DOESN'T WANT TO MISS ANYONE!!!**

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