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DECEMBER 2022

MEETING: DECEMBER 14, 2022

WHERE: HANFORD FRATERNAL HALL

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

ON THE AGENDA: Arrival of Santa!!

RSVP A MUST!!! 559.584.7433 or
816.0707 jackiegiacomazzi@gmail.com

DRESS: If you have an “ugly sweater” or “not-so-ugly sweater,” wear it!!

REFRESHMENTS: PIZZA! Christmas cheer etc. Members are asked to bring your favorite Christmas cookies, etc.

OFFICER’S MEETING: December 7, 2022 at President Michael’s home:
4:00 p.m.



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All:



I want to thank everyone who worked tirelessly on the spaghetti dinner fundraiser. Success would be a good term to describe our event—monetarily, publicly and fraternally. This event was profitable. Our

take-out spaghetti dinner showed our local Italian lodge to the community in a positive light. This event brought together our young and old members to work together through fellowship. Congratulations to all!!

We have a new slate of officers to be installed at the January meeting; please plan to attend. Polenta will be the star of the menu. At the Thanksgiving meeting, we had delicious food, officer elections, and initiation of new members.

The Christmas meeting is special for the kids. Our meeting will be on December 14th, our normal Wednesday meeting night at 6 p.m. There will be drinks and celebrations of Christmas along with the possibility of a Santa sighting.

Ending on a sad note: Carol Watson, President of the Rodolfo Valentino Lodge of Clovis, passed away. Services were held on Friday, November 18th; many Grand Lodge dignitaries attended. She and her family have been the heart of the Clovis Lodge. She worked with the Grand Lodge, many local lodges, as well as the entire Clovis community all her adult life. She is already missed.

See you in December. Have a great Thanksgiving. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season from me and mine to you and yours.

Fraternally yours,
Michael

NOVEMBER MEETING NOTES

Our Thanksgiving Dinner/meeting in November was enjoyed by all in attendance. Many thanks to Chair, **Louise Tesoriere**, and all members who brought the turkeys and all the trimmings for a delicious meal.



Initiation was held with State 1st Vice-President, Pauline Richmond, and Michael Leoni presiding. Those initiated: **Donna Galletti, Sandra Galletti, Thomas Loliva, Madalyn Ogburn, Carlos Gallardo and son James, and Audrey Hathaway.** Welcome aboard!!!



Elections of officers for the upcoming 2023-2025 were held; the results were as follows: **President, Michael Leoni; Vice-President, Janis Hansen; Recording Secretary, Annette Nicely; Financial Secretary, Carol Todd; Treasurer, Jackie Giacomazzi; Orator, Tony Tesoriere; Guard, Thomas Loliva; Trustees: Pat Scialo, Vicki Tos, Toni Natali, Mycaela Leoni, and Louise Tesoriere. Mistresses of Ceremonies, Open.** This will be a good two years!!



CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 14TH

Please plan to attend the upcoming Christmas Party. **A fun time is in the offing for both children and adults alike.** Santa will arrive with treats for the Jr. members 8th grade and younger. **Parents must RSVP so Santa can bring a treat for each child!!!** (Contact Jackie—see info on first page) Our resident “engineer,” **Tony Tesoriere**, will have his favorite model train set up available for the kiddos (and adults

too) to enjoy. The evening should be great fun for all!! Carol singing too!!



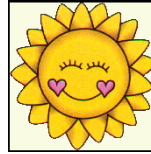
SPAGHETTI DINNER/SAUCE SALE

All the bills are not in as yet, but the fundraiser went very well. Thanks go to **Michael Leoni**, Chair, and to all the members (and junior members) who worked on this event (Lots of new and younger members got involved). Without you, it would not have been possible to bring our great meal to our community!!!

UNITED LODGES

By Jackie G.

December 11, 2022. Old Spaghetti Factory in Fresno. 11:30 a.m. Order from the menu. Fresno Lodge (Colombo-Stella) hosts. If you would like to go, let me know asap. Donations are asked in the form of gift cards to the Marjoree Mason "safe house"!



SUNSHINE & CLOUDS

By Debbie Nardini

Each year the Soroptimist Club of Hanford, presents its "Festival of Trees." (November 19) Beautifully decorated trees with gifts underneath, are given away in a "Chinese-type Auction". **Janis Hansen** was the lucky winner of a beautiful tree and Nativity set. Several of our members attended and were all delighted to see Janis' beaming face as she accepted her prize!!



Matt Gomes, on the last leg of his very adventurous 2022 hunting trip, tagged this buck in Colorado. He's got a freezer full of deer meat with one deer from each of the states in which he hunted: California, Arizona, and Colorado. When are you having a BBQ, Matt?



SCHOLARSHIPS

It is time to start filling out scholarship applications for the 2023-24 school year. At many high schools, applications are taken as early as January. If you are a member of the Hanford Sons of Italy and

- 1) Are entering a 2-year or 4-year college or university;
- 2) Have at least 3.0 grade point average;
- 3) Have been a member for at least four (4) years;
- 4) Have helped with a fundraiser at some time during your membership—you are eligible to apply for our \$1000.00 Hanford Sons of Italy Memorial Scholarship.

If you do not attend high schools in the Hanford High School District, contact me for an application. 559.584.7433 or 816.0707—jackiegiacomazzi@gmail.com A transcript of your grades and an essay entitled “What My Italian Heritage Means to Me” must be included with your application. Completed applications must be sent to me (Jackie Giacomazzi 9550 6th Avenue, Hanford, CA 93230) by **March 1, 2023**.

JANUARY MEETING

January 11, 2023

Mark your calendars and be ready to enjoy some great **POLENTA** presented to you through the efforts of the **Leoni and Nardini families**. This is their family tradition carried down through the years from their grandmothers and grandfathers. We will miss Ernie Bertaina. He was always present to enjoy this dinner with his relatives and “fratelli.” **Installation of Officers will be on the agenda!!**



BIRTHDAYS

BUON COMPLEANNO TO ALL!!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Suzanne Venturino
- 2 Stace Leoni
- 2 Jaydin Pineda
- 3 Lilianna Patta
- 8 George Christin
- 13 Antoinette (Toni) Natali
- 18 Vincent Belezzuoli
- 20 Louise Silacci
- 21 Nelda Brewer
- 23 Lorraine Mattos
- 24 Linda Hatfield
- 26 Ashley Alvarez
- 27 Maria Davis
- 29 Anthony Christin

If you would like something printed in this newsletter, please let me know. jackiegiacomazzi@gmail.com, or 559.584.7433 or 559.816.0707



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!!

Sons & Daughters of Italy of America – Hanford Lodge #1543

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Michael Leoni called to order the Hanford Lodge #1543 meeting at 7:00 p.m., followed by the invocation and pledge of allegiance. Minutes approved. Officers, members, and guests in attendance: Pauline Richmond, State 1st Vice President, Visalia Lodge members, and extended families.

II. MEMBERSHIP INITIATION

President Leoni, and 1st Vice President Richmond commenced initiation of new members: Carlos Gallardo, *child* James Gallardo, Donna Galletti, Sandra Galletti, Thomas Loliva, Madalyn Ogburn, and *child* Audrey Hathaway.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Lodge#1543 floor opened for nominations, voting, and election of officers, as follows:

Mike Leoni *President* reconfirmed; Janis Hansen *Vice President*; Annette Nicely *Recording Secretary*; Carol Todd *Financial Secretary*; Jackie Giacomazzi *Treasurer*; Tony Tesoriere *Orator*; Thomas Loliva *Sergeant of Arms*; Trustees: Pat Scialo, Vicki Tos, Toni Natali, Mycaela Leoni, and Louise Tesoriere. Master/Mistress of Ceremonies positions (open).

IV. REPORTS

Financials provided by Carol Todd, and Treasurer's report by Jackie Giacomazzi.

V. ACTIVITIES REPORT

Thanksgiving Meal - Shared by all members prior to meeting. Turkey provided by Tony & Louise Tesoriere and Carol Todd.

Scholarships - Jackie Giacomazzi presented eligibility requirements for receiving academic scholarships. Student(s) must be an active member of the Hanford Lodge for 4 years or more; must have a 3.0 (B) grade point average, and must have provided help to the Lodge sometime during their membership, and submit a written composition entitled "What My Italian Heritage Means to Me."

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Spaghetti Dinners/Sauce Sales for Oct 30th a success with final totals available next meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Party is open for discussion for date, time, and place. Considerations for having event at Fraternal Hall, same date as next general meeting: Wednesday, Dec 14, 2022, 6 p.m. *Polenta Dinner & Installation of Officers* planned for Wednesday, Jan 11, 2022, 6 p.m.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Pauline Richmond, State 1st Vice President honored members and guests with her gratitude for Turkey meal and encouraged words for future success for the Hanford Lodge.

IX. CLOSING – Meeting adjourned



Annette Nicely, Recording Secretary



**UNITED LODGES OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
CLOVIS, FRESNO, HANFORD, TULARE, VISALIA**

MEETING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

11:30 a.m.

HOSTED BY: COLOMBO-STELLA LODGE #1149

WHERE: THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY

1610 E. Shaw

Fresno, California

Order from selected menu items—separate tabs!

PLEASE RSVP

TO: Olivia DeLiddo, President

559.312.5151

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By Wednesday, December 7, 2022

**In the spirit of Christmas,
donations will be accepted for the Marjaree Mason Center's "safe house"
In the form of gift cards to: Target, Walmart, Dollar Tree, CVS, Walgreens**



For further information, you may contact Jackie Giacomazzi, Secretary

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