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FEBRUARY MEETING

Date: **FEBRUARY 12, 2020**

Time: 6:00 pm

Agenda: Regular meeting and finalizing details for 'Sweetheart Serenade'

Finger Foods: A-L (such as chips & dips, crackers, bread & butter, cheese, etc.), M-Z (such as sliced meats, salami, vegetables for dipping, popcorn, olives, pickles, etc.)

Officer Meeting: (President, Vice President, Orator, Secretary, Treasurer & Trustees) will be at 5 pm, February 12th, one hour prior to the regular meeting.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Allora! With 2020 vision, I can see that #1543 is on track for a banner year.

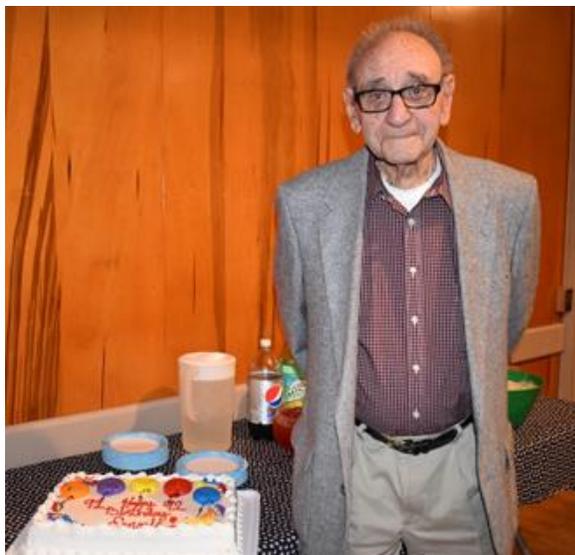
Congratulations to our eight new 'family' members.



Also, what better way to start our year off than that of the annual Leoni/Nardini polenta dinner.



I know I speak for all Hanford Lodge members, that this treat is the highlight of our yearly meetings. And what could be better than topping it off with a 92nd Birthday celebration for our very own member, Ernie Bertaina!



Now down to business. If you have something to say or want to change something that #1543 has been doing, we are not mind readers. We need YOU to inform US what it is that you would like to say or do. At our February meeting, there will be a discussion that was tabled from January's meeting, as to whether we stay at Fraternal Hall for our meetings or move to Kings County Historical Society Hall. If you have any opinion at all, please come and tell us personally. Once it has been voted on, I do not want any more discussion until contracts are up. One final note, I know I speak for the entire #1543 family, we wish our Queen Anna Marie, best of luck as she gears up for her final set of finals in Nursing School at West Hills College.

Provaci, Louise Silacci, President



[PICTURES JANUARY LODGE MEETING](#)

SWEETHEART SERENADE “A NIGHT OF AMORE”



We are still looking for volunteers from our lodge members or driven/mature high school students still looking for those “volunteer hours” for graduation, to help with either working or help setting up our big event.

Sell, sell, sell. We need to push those ticket sales anywhere and whenever you can. Think of it as a great ‘Valentine, Anniversary or Birthday gift’.

If you cannot attend this event, that's ok. Just give a \$25 donation to Debbie Nardini and she will purchase a great raffle gift, as we once again will be holding a raffle as part of the proceeds will once again be going to our yearly Children's Hospital donation.

So, pencil in Saturday, Feb. 15th, 2020. Dinner will be at 6PM at the Fraternal Hall in Hanford. The menu will consist of the Famous Nardini salad, Venturino soup, Leoni homemade bread, ravioli and chicken, topped off with Mycaela's hand stuffed cannolis.

Tickets are \$50 each or \$350 for a table of eight. Feel free to call Michael Leoni for tickets or more information.

UNITED LODGES OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Meeting: **March 8, 2020** - Hosted by Enrico Caruso Lodge of Visalia
Place: Ryan's Place, 3103 South Mooney Blvd. Visalia, CA 93277, \$20/person
Time: 11:30 A.M.

Please RSVP before March 2, 2020 to:
LARRY ROMANAZZI--559 804 9024
PAULINE RICHMOND--558 731 4035



GRAND LODGE 365 TICKETS

If you are interested in purchasing tickets for 2020, just contact the Grand Lodge office and they will be happy to mail them to you. Remember, there is a winner every day and once your name is drawn, your name goes back into the pot to be drawn again on another day. Such a deal!

FEBRUARY FESTIVALS AND HOLIDAYS IN ITALY

Carnevale, Italian carnival, tops the list of February festivals all over Italy. In Catania, Sicily, the big festival is for Saint Agatha's Feast Day, the second largest religious procession in the world. Most other February festivals are in the first part of the month, before the start of Lent.

Carnevale is one of the most popular festivals in Italy. Carnevale comes 40 days before Easter, so the date changes each year (and festivals can sometimes start in January). The biggest Carnevale celebrations last for several weeks. Although Venice and Viareggio have the most well-known celebrations, Carnevale is celebrated all over Italy in a variety of ways. Some of the more unusual Carnevale celebrations are the orange-throwing battle in Ivrea, Albanian celebrations in Calabria, and a Roman carnival in the Aosta Valley.

Saint Agatha's Feast Day — Catania, Sicily; Saint Agatha, a martyr who died in 252 CE at age 15, is the patron saint of Catania, Sicily, and an exciting festival held in her honor in Catania. The two-day procession, said to be the second-largest religious procession in the world, begins February 4. Following a mass at dawn, the statue of St. Agatha that houses her relics is placed on a *fercolo*, a 40,000-pound silver carriage, that will be pulled up Monte Sangiuliano by 5,000 men. The huge festival lasts for two days and two nights. As with most Italian festivals, there is also plenty of eating and drinking and a huge firework display at the end.

February 3 is a minor celebration everywhere in Italy. **Saint Biagio is the saint of the throat.** It's a tradition to eat leftover panettone with a glass of wine to bless your throat. In some places, Saint Biagio Day is celebrated with parades, music, a special mass, or bonfires. In Mugnano di Napoli, near Naples, there's a massive firework display as it's the home of one of the biggest fireworks companies in Italy.

Almond Blossom Fair in Agrigento, Sicily, is a weeklong festival from the first through the second Sunday in February. The fair is combined with an International Folklore Festival with music, singing, parades, puppet shows, and open-air performances. Traditional Sicilian sweets made with almonds and almond paste are served. Balconies are decorated with flowers, and people often wear colorful costumes. The finale includes a Sicilian cart parade and fireworks.

Valentine's Day, February 14, is not celebrated as fanatically as it is in the United States, but lovers do give lots of flowers and candy. The Umbrian town of Terni, who claim Saint Valentino as their patron saint, celebrate with a torchlight parade.

Feast Day of Saints Faustino and Giovita, February 15, is a big festival day in Brescia, located in northern Italy. The day is filled with music, vendors, and food, followed by a huge firework display at night.

Saint Joseph's Eve, February 18, is celebrated in Rocca San Casciano in the Emilia Romagna region of northern Italy. This includes a big parade followed by a competition between the two districts to see which one can build the biggest bonfire. Of course, there's also food and wine.

San Remo Song Festival, held in San Remo, the, *Festival della canzone Italiana*, is a huge five-night competition amongst Italian singers. Started in 1950, the San Remo Song Festival has made many Italian singers and songs famous. The song festival is currently held in mid-February rather than in March as it was in the past.

Olive and Bruschetta Festival, the third Sunday of February, is celebrated in the Umbrian town of Spello. Farmers parade on

decorated tractors and there's music, dancing, and food.

But as you can see with all our members lined up, the Leoni/Nardini polenta dinner is a much larger attraction!



Newest member of Hanford #1543's first polenta dinner



COOKBOOKS

We still have cookbooks for sale at the bargain price of \$20. What a great Valentine gift for your significant other. "Here you go dear, pick out a meal and I will cook it for you"! Contact Joanie, Pat, Jackie or Lulu and we will find you a book.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Attenzione!! Junior members who are graduating this year!!! Don't forget to apply for the Hanford Sons of Italy Scholarship. Fill out the application provided by your high school and ...add to it an essay entitled: What My Italian Heritage Means to Me. Our scholarships this year will be **\$1000.00**. You must be a member of our Lodge for at least four (4) years and have at least a 3.0 grade point average. We will be waiting to receive your application. Deadline is March 1. The Grand Lodge also has scholarships. Check with its website for further information.



ADS IN OUR NEWSLETTER

The Ads will remain \$40.00 per year. Please send your donation to me: Jackie Giacomazzi, 9550 6th Avenue, Hanford, CA 93230 **made payable to Hanford Sons of Italy**. If you want changes, let me know. This is your way of helping us get the Newsletter to our members who do not have email. Mille grazie!

SUNSHINE

By Debbie Nardini



Charles (Chuck) Sant'Agata is still recuperating at home with Home Health Care providing medical services.

Here's to a speedy recovery for **Jill Caviezel**, as she mends from a surgical repair of a muscle. It takes a lot to keep Jill down but doctors' orders are for her to take it easy for a bit.

Congratulations are in order for **Jennifer Hansen Sheldon**, as she received the distinguished honor of being recognized as "2019 Director of the Year" for Adventist Health Central Valley Network. As a long time, dedicated employee at Adventist Health, Jennifer puts her whole heart into her job and truly cares about the patients and their experience.



BIRTHDAYS

Ashlyn	Weaver	2/2
Debbie	Nardini	2/5
Erik	Smith	2/12
Frances	Dias	2/16
Tyler	Strutz	2/21
Harper	Little	2/23
Jayce	De Ruiter	2/25
Graig	Friebe	2/25

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