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FEBRUARY 2022

MEETING FEBRUARY 9th

DINNER: 6:00 P.M.

**ON THE MENU: PIZZA... Please RSVP
So we know how many pizzas to order!!!**

**OFFICERS MEETING:
FEBRUARY 2, 2022**

**PLACE: Home of President Michael
Leoni. 315 W. Earl Way, Hanford
Phone: 559.212.8773**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy, Happy New Year!!

Thanks to everyone who came to the Annual Polenta and Stew Dinner meeting. We honored Ernie Bertaina as the longest in-good-standing member of our Lodge. He is 94 years old; it was good to see him and his family. To be honest, I don't think Ernie has ever missed a Polenta Feed. It was also good to see Louise Silacci, Past President, at the January

meeting. We had a chance to give her a gift to show our appreciation for her years as President. Louise, we hope to see you more at our meetings!!

Special thanks go out to Dan Belezzuoli for the short Italian lesson he gave us at the meeting. Chi, che, quando, dove, perche. It was a fun lesson, Dan. Thanks so much.

There will be an officer's meeting at my house on February 2 at 4:00 p.m.--Officers, I hope to see you there. The regular Lodge meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on February 9. We are having pizza, so come and enjoy food and fellowship.

Our youth could still benefit from a designated **youth leader**. Our Italian culture and the Lodge's future is in the balance with our youth. This is important and beneficial to our youth as well as rewarding to whomever will take this position. In closing, I also want to thank Jim Venturino and Jackie for getting the newsletters out. Good job!!

POLENTA AND STEW DINNER AND MEETING, JANUARY 12

Many, many thanks to President Michael Leoni who cooked the dinner in his own kitchen to save us the cost of the kitchen!! To keep his family's tradition alive, Michael generously presented us with a wonderful meal. We appreciate all you do for us, Michael!!



We also were able to honor our **outgoing President, Louise Silacci with a little gift.** It has been a difficult year for all of us to attend meetings; we were so glad to see her at our January meeting. I hope she will

come back soon to give us her support and knowledge from her years as president.



SUNSHINE AND CLOUDS

We have learned that so many of our members have been down with Covid-19. We hope that you all have a speedy recovery. **STAY SAFE!! STAY HEALTHY!!** Please continue to keep our members in your prayers who have had recent surgeries or other health issues. We treasure you, so stay healthy!!



As President Michael mentioned in his “Message”, **we honored Ernie Bertaina for his 70+ years of membership in the Hanford Lodge and for his 94th birthday.** (His birthday was the day after our meeting). We presented him with a cake and sang “buon compleanno” to him!! We wish him many, many more birthdays.

ITALIAN LESSON

What a fun teacher we have in **Danny Belezuoli!!** Danny presented us with some words he thought we should know! I hope he will be around at our upcoming meeting to see if we remember those words while adding new ones to our vocabulary. It was fun to watch as his son, Vincent, tried to help with the presentation!!





DUES ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE

Carol Todd is sending out bills to all members: \$80.00 regular members; \$65.00 associate members and social members; \$40.00 80+ with 20 years membership in our Lodge; \$6.00 junior members. Please pay as soon as possible as we have to make our payment for the quarter to the Grand Lodge. Most of the dues that you pay go to the Grand Lodge, we keep a very small amount for our general use.

SCHOLARSHIP TIME

Jackie Giacomazzi, Chair



Again, I urge all junior members who are eligible for our scholarship to get an application from your local high schools. If you do not live in Kings County, call me for an application. Required: at least four (4) years membership in the Hanford Lodge; grade point average of at least 3.0.; attending a 2- or 4-year college or university; fill out the application and submit to the Hanford Lodge by March 1, 2022. Call me if you have questions. 559.584.7433 or 559.816.0707 (Jackie g). I am very happy to announce that I have distributed the last payments of our scholarships! Gianna and Chloe are doing great at college!!

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BIRTHDAYS

BUON COMPLEANNO TO ALL!!

FEBRUARY

- 1 Ashlyn Weaver
- 5 Debbie Nardini
- 9 Jennifer Sheldon
- 12 Erik Smith
- 16 Frances Dias
- 21 Tyler Strutz
- 23 Harper Little
- 25 Graig Friebe
- 25 Jayce DeRuitter

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

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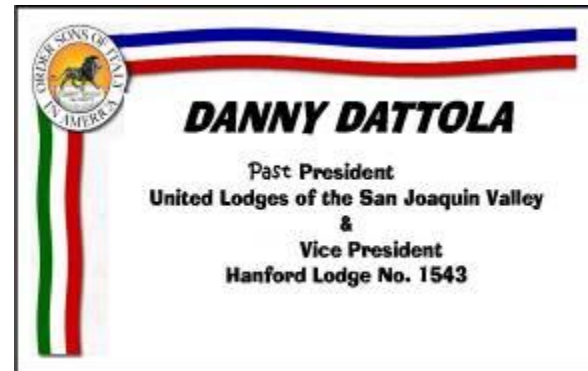


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