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JANUARY MEETING

Date: **JANUARY 8, 2020**

Time: 6:00 pm

Agenda: Regular Lodge Meeting with, Annual Stew and Polenta dinner hosted by the Leoni and Nardini families. Mike, Mark, and Debbie are cooking this wonderful dinner for the Lodge. A delicious hot meal for a cool Winter day. Members need only to bring their appetite. Please join us.

Officer Meeting: January 8th, Fraternal Hall, 4:30pm-5:30pm before Lodge Meeting.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Felice Anno Nuovo,

Saying goodbye to 2019 and greeting 2020 is exciting. As President, I will ensure our meetings will be enticing. As the saying goes, "Out with the old, in with the new." Being a 30-year member, I'm here to tell you that's not true! As proud Italian Americans, you are valued very much, so let's work on membership and keep everyone in touch. A family (#1543) that works, eats, plays, travels and sings together, is a family that debates but respects, supports and stays together.

Looking forward to that second Wednesday of every month, not matter what the age, when we gather, one and all, to celebrate our heritage.

Just one last word, well, maybe two: I did not win the "Ugly" sweater contest! I won the "wear you attire with attitude" contest. Everyone and I mean EVERYONE, including United Lodge members, are invited to the annual Leoni – Nardini stew and polenta dinner they put on every January meeting, as we initiate our new members and welcome them into our family.

Ciao,
Louise Silacci



CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Jackie Giacomazzi



Again, the party was a great success with over 50 members in attendance. I co-chaired the event with

Louise Tesoriere, and **President Lulu Silacci** was our major "elf" helping to make sure the decorations went up with finesse. Loads of pizza, eggnog, apple juice and cookies were consumed during the evening. I set up a "candy bar" that was also enjoyed by all. An "**ugly sweater**" contest was a highlight of the party. The judges had a hard time deciding, but chose **Lulu Silacci** after a long deliberation. Each contestant

had to model in front of the audience. I believe if Michael Leoni would have stayed around for the competition, he would have definitely been a strong contender!! **Annette Nicely** added to the fun by leading Christmas Carols; Santa showed up as we all sang “Jingle Bells;” he listened to each child’s wishes for Christmas as he gave them a gift. Thank you, Queen Annamarie Tesoriere for helping Santa. A big “grazie mille” to all who participated, especially those who stayed to clean up! Happy New Year to all!!!

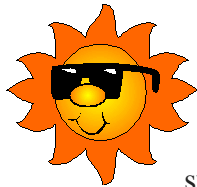


SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

By Jackie Giacomazzi

Applications are available at the Scholarship Office at the high schools. Remember, for our Lodge scholarship, a senior must have been a member for at least four (years) and have earned at least a 3.0 grade point average. Applicants must also add an essay to the application entitled: “What My Italian

Heritage Means of Me.” March 1 is the deadline, but get it in early. Also, check out the Grand Lodge Scholarships. The applications will be available at the high schools too. If it is not, let me know. March 1 is the deadline for that one too. We have several additions to our Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of HazelAnn Christin with donations from: Sid Tambourine & Sadie Koehler; Joy Bruno, Pete & Rosie Cervantes; Mark & Debbie Nardini; Aldo & Pam DeRose. We thank them all so much for the donations.



SUNSHINE

By Debbie Nardini

December seems to be a popular month to have surgery, whether planned or not!

Cheryl Bertaina Lehn had surgery to fuse four herniated discs with titanium in a Fresno hospital & then went onto rehabilitation. She is home taking it easy & Dad, Ernie Bertaina, is breathing a sigh of relief now!

Suzanne Venturino had a total right hip replacement & is now home & getting around with a cane. Husband Jim says she is now the Bionic Woman, having had her left hip replaced four years ago. Can't keep Suzanne down for long!

Days after enjoying herself at the Hanford Lodge Christmas party, **Jennifer Hansen Sheldon** ended up re-herniating a disc in her back & found herself back in surgery before the weeks end. She will be on a "Time Out" from work & all extracurricular activities until 2020!

Happy New Year & Cheers to healing in 2020!

90th ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK



Cookbooks are still available. Call Joan Little, Toni Natali, or Jackie Giacomazzi, they will be happy to sell you one or more!!



LODGE WINNERS

Winning is always fun!
Some of us are always lucky!
Tony Tesoriere took home

\$100.00, **Michael Leoni** - \$40.00 and
Danny Dattola - \$10.00 (always a winner)!!



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SWEETHEART SERENADE SAVE THE DATE

Chairman Michael Leoni



Sweetheart Dinner is February 15th, 2020 everyone is encouraged to participate. It will be a ravioli dinner with nightclub type entertainment. Call Michael Leoni (212-8773) for tickets and to help. The tickets will be \$50 each and if you buy a table of 8 it will be \$350.00 Whether working or participating in the festivities, your support is appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS

Nicki	Garrone	1/4
Jessica	Aguirre	1/6
Salvador	Alvarez	1/8
Chaya	Gomes	1/8
Christina	Hageboeck	1/8
Serena	Alvarez	1/10
Kelsi	Counter	1/10
Ernest	Bertaina	1/13
Lisa	Webb	1/15
Vicki	Tos	1/17
JoAnne	Savicki	1/20
Paul	Christin	1/21
Gino	Cattuzzo	1/27
Bodhi	Cuddalore Patta	1/27
Tyler	Lourenco	1/27
Makenzie	Kelly	1/30
Domenic	Mercurio	1/31

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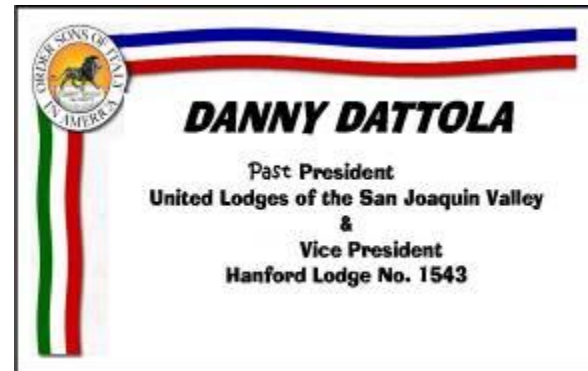


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