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## JANUARY 2022

### MEETING JANUARY 12th

**DINNER: 6:00 P.M.**

**ON THE MENU: POLENTA & STEW**  
**PRESIDENT MICHAEL LEONI IN CHARGE**

**OFFICERS MEETING: OFFICERS WILL BE CONTACTED**



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Merry Christmas to All!!

Are we all ready for Christmas yet? Well, I'm not. I hope this note finds you all well, enjoying the Holidays and ready for the New Year.

The United Lodges met at the Historical Society meeting hall in Grangeville last Sunday; Jackie, Louise and Tony did a phenomenal job setting up the meeting hall with flags, trains, music and Christmas decorations. Tony (and Michael too) made lunch—pasta with sausage and

Jackie made salad and dessert. Helpers included Joyce Sant'Agata, Carol Todd and Vicki Tos. All had a great time!

The other Lodges are getting back on their feet—having meetings, cultural events, and fundraisers.

We had no meeting in December, but the January Polenta Feed is ON!! I hope to see you all there. We want to hear what everyone's plans are for the New Year. Good Cheer and Great fellowship are on the docket. Love to hear about everyone's Christmas gatherings.

The Grand Lodge did not have the interest they needed to have a Queen contest, so there will not be one this year. I understand the Grand Lodge State President Barbara Wisniewski is reluctant to raise dues. Our support of the Grand Lodge events and fundraisers are going to be important.

As of now, the Grand Lodge Convention is to be in Anaheim in June 2022. An in-person convention will be more likely to accomplish things. Lodge membership, the Grand Lodge building, and community representation from affiliate Lodges will most likely be the major topics discussed.

Please talk with me if you have any ideas about possible Hanford Lodge events, culture, or fundraisers. Again, I hope to see you all at the January Polenta dinner—it is going to be delicious!!

Fraternally yours,  
Michael

## POLENTA FOR JANUARY

*Jackie Giacomazzi*

Many thanks to Michael Leoni for continuing the tradition of having polenta and stew in January. **We would like to have an RSVP from members attending so that we will have enough for all to enjoy.** Contact me, please. It is very important for us to know how many are coming for cooking and setting up, okay?

## UNITED LODGES MEETING

*Jackie Giacomazzi*

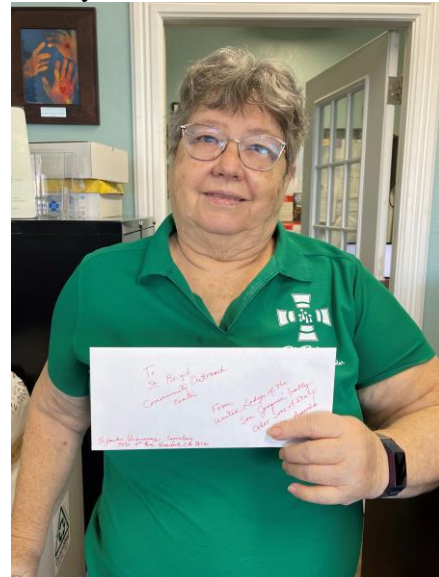
On December 12, 2021, our Hanford Lodge hosted the United Lodges of the San Joaquin Valley for a luncheon meeting held at the Kings County Historical Society Hall.

Tony & Louise Tesoriere, Michael Leoni and I were the committee. Tony and Michael prepared some delicious rigatoni and sausage for all to enjoy. Louise Tesoriere and I worked on putting salads together & we served three different flavors of ice cream topped with a biscotti for dessert. (Michael treated us all to his homemade sourdough bread)

About 20 members of the United Lodges were in attendance (All five Lodges were represented). We had lots of help serving the sit-down dinner from Joyce Sant'Agata, Carol Todd, and Vicki Tos.

I want to thank all these members who worked very hard to put on a very nice luncheon. Because we hosted this meeting, we were able to select a charity for Christmas giving. With the generosity of those in attendance, we were able to give \$600.00 to St. Brigid Community Outreach

Center to be used in their Christmas giving to the needy.



At this meeting, we learned that Visalia is gearing up for a 95th anniversary, and Fresno is planning a 100th anniversary in 2022. We must all make plans to help them celebrate.

The next meeting of the United Lodges will be hosted by the Roma Lodge of Tulare in March, 2022. Dues of \$200.00 from each Lodge will be collected at the March meeting so the United Lodges may give \$1000.00 to the Valley Children's Healthcare to be used for genetic and metabolic research.





## SCHOLARSHIP TIME

Don't forget to apply for our Hanford Sons of Italy Memorial Scholarship. Deadline is March 1; but start working on your applications soon. If you do not live in Hanford, call me for an application (559 584 7433).

Remember, graduating students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average in high school & must be a member of the Hanford Sons of Italy for at least four (4) years. Remember to look at the Grand Lodge website if you are interested in applying for their scholarships!!

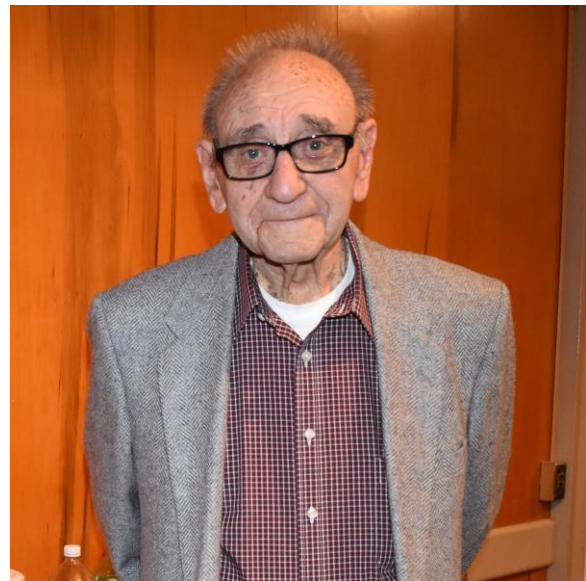


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## ERNIE BERTAINA A BIG SHOUT-OUT TO THIS LONG TIME MEMBER!!!



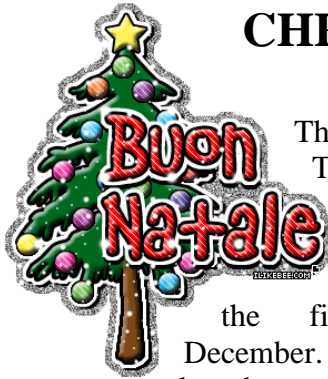
**Ernie Bertaina** has a birthday coming up on January 13, 2022—one day after our meeting.

He was born on January 13, 1928!! He is the oldest (young at heart) member of the Hanford Lodge!!! He joined the Lodge on April 13, 1950. This 93-year-old has also been a member for over 70 years. He has



been in the Hanford Lodge longer than anyone else!!!

We appreciate you, Ernie, and we hope you will be able to join us for a polenta and stew meal on January 12, 2022. Buon compleanno & auguri!!!



## CHRISTMAS FUN!!

The Roma Lodge of Tulare had a drive-thru dinner-for-two ravioli and chicken dinner the first Sunday of December. Pat Scialo and I bought tickets for this fundraiser. Before we picked it up, we enjoyed a "ham & yam" dinner prepared by their Lodge members and were on hand to see some darling talent performed by their junior members (40 in all)!!



## SUNSHINE AND CLOUDS



**BEST WISHES TO THE TESORIERE FAMILY ON THE BIRTH OF JAMES CHARLES GALLARDO!!**

On November 30, **Annamarie** and Carlos Gallardo welcomed their son James Charles into the world in Hanford weighing in at 9lbs. 3oz. Best wishes to grandparents, Richard & Yvette, Great-grandparents, Tony & Louise, and Great-grandparents, Charles & Anna Williams, and many aunts & uncles. We will be signing him up as a SOI member real soon.

## “MEMBER GETS “WHITE COAT”



**Francis Tesoriere** has been a student at Loma Linda University for the past couple years. On December 9, he received his “white coat” in a ceremony attended by his family in Loma Linda. Francis is now a student Nurse Practitioner!! Good luck, Francis!

**KEEP MEMBERS IN YOUR PRAYERS**  
**Cara Giacomazzi Fernandez** and **Mark Nardini** still need your prayers for a speedy recovery. Also, put our neighbors in Visalia on your prayer list too!! **Pauline Richmond** and **Judi Buldo** are both having health issues & need our prayers too.



## BIRTHDAYS

**BUON COMPLEANNO TO ALL!!**

### JANUARY

- 1/04 Joseph Johnston
- 1/08 Chaya Gomes
- 1/08 Christina Hageboeck
- 1/10 Serena Alvarez
- 1/13 Ernest Bertaina
- 1/17 Vicki Tos
- 1/20 Joanne Savicki
- 1/21 Paul Christin
- 1/27 Gino Cattuzzo
- 1/30 Makenzie Kelly
- 1/31 Domenic Mercurio

If you would like something printed in this newsletter, please let me know.  
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