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JANUARY 2023

MEETING: JANUARY 11, 2023

WHERE: HANFORD FRATERNAL HALL

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

ON THE AGENDA: INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (OFFICERS BE PRESENT)

DINNER: POLENTA AND STEW (ALA LEONI AND NARDINI FAMILIES)

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

OFFICER'S MEETING: January 4, 2023 at President Michael's home.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, Folks!



Here's wishing all of you a healthy and prosperous New Year. Winter celebrations

are special: Thanksgiving, the Birth of Christ, and the New Year; a chance to change for the better. I hope we all can make and keep our resolutions (try not to make them too hard!

The January meeting will feature Installation of Officers, and of course, Polenta and Stew!! We need to discuss the possibility of having a Spring sauce and take-out spaghetti dinner.

The Christmas meeting was well attended and Santa was the "star" of the festivities. I want to thank Jackie Giacomazzi and Louise Tesoriere for chairing the "pizza party" and also all those who brought the delicious desserts. I enjoyed the eggnog!!!

Fraternally yours,
Michael

CHRISTMAS PARTY NOTES

By Jackie Giacomazzi



Oh, what fun we had!! Santa Claus showed up just as the capacity crowd was finishing pizza, punch, eggnog and delicious desserts provided by members!! Many thanks to **Louise Tesoriere** for helping me chair the event. The bright-eyed junior members each sat on Santa's lap and told him what they wanted for Christmas. **Annette Nicely** added to the festivities by leading the group in Christmas Carols. I provided a table filled with an array of confections, etc. to satisfy children and

adults alike! I believe a highlight of the decorations was an array of pictures of our children with Santa from 2008!! Watching the kiddos grow through the years is something special to see!! A big “thank you” to all those who attended to share this fun night! **(If you would like a picture with Santa that I took at the party, please let me know and I will send it to you by email!!)**



POLENTA DINNER



Be prepared to enjoy the polenta and stew prepared by the **Leoni** and **Nardini families**. This is their yearly treat to our members and guests as a tradition passed down from their parents, grandparents etc. We thank them for their generosity and hard work putting this dinner together. **Please RSVP so they will know how much to prepare!!**

UNITED LODGES

Sunday, December 11, 2022. The meeting was held at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Fresno hosted by the Colombo-Stella Lodge. Over 30 were present. **Michael Leoni, Tony and Louise Tesoriere, Joyce Sant’Agata, and Jackie Giacomazzi** represented the Hanford Lodge. There were some questions that the group wanted answered pertaining to the sale of the Grand Lodge building in San Francisco and also about fines for not having all delegates present at the Convention. The secretary was asked to send a note to President Barbara requesting some answers. (It was done a few days later)! We are waiting for a reply! ***As a side note: The Hanford Lodge group got home just in time for Jackie to witness the most phenomenal hailstorm ever which carpeted the ground like snow!!

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The 2023-2025 Officers are:

President:	Michael Leoni
Past President:	Louise Silacci
Vice-President:	Janis Hansen
Recording Secretary:	Annette Nicely
Financial Secretary:	Carol Todd
Treasurer:	Jackie Giacomazzi
Orator:	Tony Tesoriere
Guard:	Tom Loliva
Trustees:	Patricia Scialo
	Antoinette (Toni) Natali
	Vicki Tos
	Mycaela Leoni
	Louise Tesoriere
Mistresses of Ceremonies:	Open



SUNSHINE & CLOUDS

By Debbie Nardini

Congratulations to **Annamarie**

Tesoriere Gallardo for receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from the University of Ohio. She will be working toward her master's degree soon.



Get well wishes to five-year-old **Gianna Gomes** who had her tonsils removed on December 20th.



HANFORD LODGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS: PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS PLEASE NOTE

If qualified Junior Members are not attending local schools, please let me know and I will send them our local application.

jackiegiacomazzi@gmail.com 559.584.7433 or 816.0707. **Qualifications: Must be a member for at least four (4) years; high school senior applying to attend either a community college or a 4-year college or university; 3.0 gpa; must have helped with a fundraiser at some time during membership; must write an essay (one typewritten page) entitled, "What My Italian Heritage Means to Me." Scholarship \$1000.00.

WEDDING BELLS RING IN NOVEMBER

Best Wishes to **Mr. & Mrs. Tom Loliva** who exchanged vows in a ceremony held in Exeter, California. We wish you much happiness as you start your lives together.





BIRTHDAYS

**BUON COMPLEANNO TO
ALL!!**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Joseph Johnston
- 8 Chaya Gomes
- 8 Christina Hageboeck
- 10 Serena Alvarez
- 17 Vicki Tos
- 27 Tyler Lourenco
- 27 Gino Cattuzzo
- 30 McKenzie Kelly
- 31 Domenic Mercurio





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