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**UPCOMING WATSONVILLE LODGE EVENTS:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Place</b>
Thurs., Sept. 21	6:20 pm	Dinner & Program	Watsonville Women's Club
	7:15 pm	Meeting	12 Brennan St., Watsonville
Thurs., Oct. 19	6:20 pm	Dinner & Program	Watsonville Women's Club
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**IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE!**

*OUR MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE THURS. AUGUST 17, 2017, AT THE WATSONVILLE WOMEN'S CLUB, 12 BRENNAN ST., WATSONVILLE. DINNER WILL BE AT 6:20 P.M. OUR PROGRAM WILL BE A MOVIE, "PRISONERS IN PARADISE", ABOUT THE ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR WHO WERE HOUSED IN THE U.S. DURING WWII. THERE WILL BE A VERY BRIEF BUSINESS MEETING FOLLOWING THE MOVIE, DURING WHICH WE WILL ACCEPT NOMINATIONS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS DONATIONS. THESE MUST BE LOCAL NON-PROFITS WHICH DO NOT GET GOVERNMENT FUNDING OR GRANTS. IF YOU WISH TO NOMINATE AN ORGANIZATION, PLEASE BE PREPARED TO TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT IT. WE WILL ALSO DISCUSS OUR LATEST FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, OUR UPCOMING EVENTS, AND POTENTIAL EVENTS WE MAY BE INTERESTED IN SPONSORING AND/OR ATTENDING.*

*WE HAVE CONTRACTED WITH A NEW CATERER FOR OUR MEETING DINNERS. KEN SCHWAN OF MONTEREY BAY CATERING HAS BEEN AROUND FOR MANY YEARS, AND IS VERY WELL KNOWN AND POPULAR IN WATSONVILLE. THE COST IS A LITTLE HIGHER, AND WE MUST GUARANTEE 35 ATTENDEES, BUT WE BELIEVE THIS WILL NOT BE A PROBLEM WITH OUR INCREASED MEMBERSHIP. WE WILL NOW KNOW OUR MEMUS 3 - 4 MONTHS IN ADVANCE, WE WILL HAVE A SERVER TO ASSIST AS NEEDED, THE CATERER WILL BE PROVIDING THE PAPER PLATES, AND HE IS BETTER ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE THOSE WITH FOOD ALLERGIES OR SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS. DINNERS WILL BE \$15 FOR MEMBERS, \$17 FOR GUESTS. THIS STILL INCLUDES 1 FREE DRINK TICKET EACH. ADDITIONAL DRINKS WILL BE \$2.00 EACH. TAKE-OUTS WILL BE \$5.00 EACH. SEPTEMBER'S MENU WILL INCLUDE MIXED LOCAL GREENS W/CHOICE OF 2 DRESSINGS, ROASTED ITALIAN SAUSAGES WITH PEPPERS AND ONIONS IN MARINARA SAUCE, PENNE PASTA WITH OLIVE OIL SAUCE, SOUR DOUGH DINNER ROLLS & DESSERT. OCTOBER'S DINNER WILL OFFER A CHOICE OF TWO ENTREES: TORTELLINI ALFREDO OR RAVIOLIS WITH MEAT SAUCE, ROMAINE HEARTS WITH MOZZARELLA BALLS, BASIL, TOMATOES, SWEET ONIONS & BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE, STEAMED FRESH BROCCOLI, TOASTED GARLIC BREAD & DESSERT. NOVEMBER & DECEMBER SOUND JUST AS GOOD OR BETTER! REMEMBER DIANA MUST HAVE THE COUNT BY MONDAY BEFORE THE MEETING, ALONG WITH ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. CALL HER AT 831-724-1816.*

The initiation of our new members in October will be presided at by our Grand Lodge's First Vice President, Arlene Nunciati, and our newly elected National Supreme Lodge President, Vera Girolami. Both are well known to us; they attend many of our social events. Vera served 2 terms as our California Grand Lodge President. We are very honored to have them joining us, and we hope all our members will have a chance to meet and mingle with them.

We have some very interesting events coming up: On October 9, the 148<sup>th</sup> Annual Italian Heritage Parade and Bazaar in North Beach, San Francisco; we are discussing attending. We will also discuss a Lodge trip to Chuckchansi Casino. Our January meeting we will be hosting a mixer for the Pajaro Valley Chamber of Commerce. Casey is in charge, and has some wonderful things planned. Our annual Calamari Dinner scholarship fundraiser is scheduled for February 17, 2018; that is always a great event, and sells out early. Our officers are trying to make our lodge more active with fun events to please us all, and it looks like they're doing a great job!

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Mon., Sept. 4: Labor Day
- Mon., Sept. 11: Patriot Day
- Fri., Sept. 22: First Day of Autumn
- Mon., Oct. 9: Columbus Day
- Tues., Oct. 31: Hallowe'en



**FILIAL LODGE MEETINGS:**

Lodge	Event	Date	Time	Place
Salinas Lodge 2082	Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	7:00 pm	Madonna del Sasso Church Hall 320 E. Laurel Dr., Salinas
Monterey Lodge 2003	Business Meeting	3rd Tuesday	6:00 pm	Black Bear Diner 2450 Fremont St., Monterey



**BUON COMPLEANNI!** September honorees include Frank Nigro, Ginny Yappert, Dick Cecil, Elena Tufo, Ralph Jacobs, Gina Gallucci, our newest member Louis Arcarese, and our super Junior members Luca Di Grazia, Taylor Noonan, Ellie Loustalot & Julianna Miraglia-Castillo. October birthday celebrants are Marsha Marani, Paolo Zuffanelli, Vittorina Howell, Elyse Biggs, Roger Serpa, another wonderful Junior member Ben Brenkwitz, and our youngest Junior member, Dominick Castillo, who will be 7 years old. Happy birthday, all! If I missed anyone, humble apologies.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Brothers and Sisters,

Sept is here and we move into Autunno (Autumn). Our calendar is full the next coming months. We ended August by Gina, Diana and I attending Festa Italia in San Jose. It was a delightful day spent eating delicious Italian food and enjoying and opera aria and walking among booths of Italian items. Not to mention the heat!!! This past weekend Gina and I attended Festa Italia Santa Rosalia in Monterey. What a wonderful event! Great food, music and kinship. . . put it on your calendar for next year.

This month we will be viewing a documentary at our meeting. The title is "Prisoners in Paradise". It's a documentary revealing the story of Italian soldiers taken prisoner by our American troops during World War II, and their experience of being brought to the US for incarceration.

The Board met on Monday night, and we discussed many matters regarding the Lodge. At our last meeting a discussion about our dinners was brought to the forefront. Our members asked us to find a caterer who would give us a menu prior to the meeting night. Your officers heard you. We have contacted and discussed our desires with Monterey Bay Caterers, Ken Schwan. He was able to guarantee a menu and is willing to work with us as our new caterer. Our dinner menu will now be available prior to the event. He will also prepare our Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. We thank Sherry for catering our previous dinners and wish her the best. We also voted to raise the dinner prices to Members - \$15; non-members - \$17. The after dinner take-homes are now \$5.

At our October meeting we will have the initiation of all of our new members. If you have not experienced a Sons and Daughters of Italy initiation into membership, you have missed a very wonderful event. We hope all our members will attend.

Respectfully,

*Janeij Malatesta Leonardich*

President

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