

*Order Sons of Italy in America  
Hanford Lodge No 1543  
Hanford Fraternal Hall  
April 10, 2019*

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. by President Louise Silacci.

President Silacci thanked the families who contributed to the wonderful dinner.

**Roll call** - Roll was taken with the following officers excused: Joan Little, George Christin.

**Introduction of Guests:** We welcomed Susan Agnello, Dave Clevinger, and (? matt's wife, missed her name) Tesoriere

**Minutes:** The minutes were corrected as pointed out by Louise T. to reflect "going to the Grand Council meeting" and not going to "Grand Lodge".

**Applications for new members:** None at this time.

**Communications:** The following communications were read:

- Visalia Lodge newsletter

**Financial Secretary:** Carol Todd read the bills to be paid. Hearing no objections, the bills were ordered to be paid.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jackie Giacomazzi gave the report for the balance on hand.

**Trustee's Report:** Pat Scialo said they would be set to give the report at the next meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Sunshine:** A card was sent to Carol Todd. Debbe Nardini gave updates on HazelAnn and George Christin, stating they are now recuperating at home. Matthew Tesoriere is recovering from back surgery for a herniated disc. Past President Charles Sant'Agata injured his hand in a recent fall. Doctors are not sure what's ailing Ernie B(last name), but he is scheduled to see an ENT doctor soon. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.
- **Charities:** Dave Clevinger spoke to the lodge about the King's Gospel Mission and the work they do for the homeless in our community. As Joan Little was not present, President Silacci presented him with the \$1,000 donation.
- **Refreshments:** Louise Tesoriere thanked the members for bringing the dishes tonight. Next month will be potluck.

- **Newsletter/Webpage** – Jim Venturino reported the deadline for the newsletter will be the 20<sup>th</sup>. Please send any articles to either Jim or Janis before that time. The minutes also will no longer be part of the mailing that goes out, but they will be available on the website as well as printed out for members to peruse at the next meeting.

### **Old Business:**

- **New Regalia:** The new regalia is still in the process of being shipped.
- **Queen Rules:** Past queen families need to get together to go over the new queen rules, preferably before convention.
- **90th Anniversary Dinner September 21, 2019:** President Silacci informed us entertainment has been secured for the dinner and she is still looking for pictures featuring lodge members with a history of four or more generations in the lodge. Please get those pictures to her as soon as you can.

### **New Business:**

- President Silacci asked for suggestions for new fundraisers, such as teaming up with restaurants. Louise Tesoriere suggested getting together with Matthew Tesoriere when he presells tickets for 4th of July fireworks.
- Next month's board meeting will be on the train to Fresno, ending with dinner at the Shepherd's Inn. Tickets are \$15 and all members are invited to attend, though the board will be in a separate area from the members to conduct the meeting. Please contact President Silacci if you would like to attend.
- Debbie reported all the meatball tickets had been checked out by the officers, but there were still sauce tickets available to sell if any members wanted to sell them. If you cannot sell all of the tickets you've checked out, please contact Debbie or Joan Little so they can redistribute them to someone else. The sale is on May 3rd from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

### **Good of the Order:**

- Jackie Giacomazzi informed members of their "Business of the Year" award.
- Louise Tesoriere spoke about their family's history with the Sons of Italy, going back as far as a great-great-grandfather.
- Ralph said he was sorry to miss the initiation of our new members last month. He told the lodge to keep up the good work and thanked us for inviting both him and his wife Susan.

Birthdays were read by Louise Tesoriere

The attendance drawing will be held next month with the amount going up to \$10.

With all spaces filled, the opportunity drawing was held this month, with Jim Venturino winning \$100, Mike Leoni winning \$40, and Louise Tesoriere winning \$10.

The meeting was adjourned at p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Louise Silacci*

Brittney Little  
Recording Secretary

Louise Silacci  
President