

***Order Sons of Italy in America
Hanford Lodge No 1543
Hanford Fraternal Hall
March 13, 2019***

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Louise Silacci.

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

Roll call - Roll was taken with the following officers excused: State Deputy - Ralph Agnello.

Introduction of Guests: We welcomed State Head Trustee Central - Pauline Richmond, as well as all the families who turned out for the new members initiated this meeting.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as posted.

Applications for new members: Robin Harbor and Nickie Vigilante were unanimously approved by the membership present.

Communications: The following communications were read:

- Visalia Lodge newsletter
- Thank you card from State Queen Brianna Simon

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: Head Trustee Pat Scialo gave her report of their audit and the books are in order. She also informed the lodge of the budget the trustees had come up with and noted we need to do some fundraising.

Committee Reports:

- **Sunshine:** Cards were sent to Hazel Ann Christin and Lucy Dominico.
- **Charities:** Due to a scheduling issue, the donation will be given to King's Gospel Mission next month.
- **Refreshments:** Louise Tesoriere thanked the members for bringing the dishes tonight. Next month a sausage and meatball sub will be served.
- **Scholarship:** Jackie Giacomazzi has not received any new applications for scholarships from Hanford High as of yet, though she has received a few from Lemoore High.

- **Youth Group:** The youth group is still looking into adopting olive trees. President Silacci offered her two olive trees.
- **Newsletter/Webpage** – Jim Venturino reported the deadline for the newsletter will be the 20th. 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:** President Silacci ordered new regalia from the Grand Lodge for a total of \$450 and it will be picked up this weekend.
- **Sweetheart Serenade February 16, 2019:** Michael Leoni reported a success and was incredibly pleased by the turnout. He thanked everyone who helped out. The cooks did a fantastic job with the dinner, though next year will likely feature a simpler menu to make things less stressful.
- **90th Anniversary Dinner September 21, 2019:** The theme for the dinner is “Un Piatto Di Memorie” or in English, “A Plateful of Memories.” This dinner also coincides with the Grand Council meeting.

New Business:

- New members initiated tonight included: Kayden Counter, Jayce DeRuiter, Delores Friebe, Craig Friebe, Gianna Gomes, Robin Harbor, Madeleine Jackson, Wyatt Jackson, Dominico Johnston, Joseph Johnston, Molly Fagundes-Johnston, Kixton Meeks, Jackson Virgadamo, and Nickie Vigilante. Welcome, new members!
- Joan Little suggested compiling a new cookbook as a form of fundraising. It will feature all Italian recipes, compiled of recipes from our previous books as well as new ones.
- The Queen Committee will be revamping the rules regarding the Queen contest.
- President Silacci asked the members their opinions on when our sauce sale should be held, no earlier than the beginning of April and no later than the end of May. Joan Little said she’s been getting a lot of requests for a sauce sale. Tony Tesoriere pointed out the Historical Society will be having a spaghetti dinner sale on April 26th, and the weekend before that is Easter. Past President Charles Sant’Agata proposed a May date instead, something before Mother’s Day and perhaps on a Saturday. Jackie Giacomazzi suggested selling meatballs as well as sauce since people ask after the meatballs so often. They would be pre-sold with tickets just like the sauce. Debbie Nardini made a motion to hold a meatball and sauce sale, and Nancy Allen seconded it.

Good of the Order:

- Tony Tesoriere reported he'd given the trailer a new jack stand.
- Queen Annamarie Tesoriere told us her 2nd semester of the nursing program is going well. Due to her new schedule, however, she will not be able to attend the next two meetings.
- State Head Trustee Central - Pauline Richmond informed us she'd received a call from Hazel Ann Christin, who said she would see us soon. She thanked everyone for the lovely dinner and thanked President Silacci for the honor of including her in the initiation ceremony. She and President Silacci will be going to the Grand Lodge, so if you have any questions or concerns please let either of them know.

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 Janis Hansen winning \$100, Danny Dattola winning \$40 - which he then donated to Valley Children's - and Michael Leoni winning \$10.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Silacci

Brittney Little
Secretary

Louise Silacci
President