

*Order Sons of Italy in America
Hanford Lodge No 1543
Hanford Fraternal Hall
May 8, 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 dinner.

Roll call - Roll was taken with the following officer being excused: George Christin. Ralph Agnello, State Deputy, was also excused.

Introduction of Guests: We welcomed Gayle and Dan Certini, Judy Buldo, Ashley, Diane and Jeff Waymire, and State Trustee Central Pauline Richmond.

The minutes were approved as posted.

Applications for new members: None at this time.

Communications: The following communication was 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: Head Trustee Pat Scialo gave her report of their audit. The books are in order.

Committee Reports:

- **Sunshine:** Debbie Nardini reported HazelAnn and George Christin as well as Ernie Bertaina are all recuperating in their homes. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers. Mycaela announced her sister is expecting.
- **Charities:** Joan Little reported the sauce and meatball sales were both a success. Debbie added Richard Martella will pay half of the meat cost. Thank you Richard!
- **Refreshments:** Louise Tesoriere thanked the members for bringing the dishes for tonight's potluck. Next month will be a potato bar organized by Nancy Allen.
- **Scholarship:** Jackie introduced the two scholarship recipients Kent Sheldon and Ashley Waymire. Kent plans to study animal science for a career in equine chiropractics, and Ashley will also be studying animal science for a career as an agriculture teacher. Congratulations to both of you and good luck in your studies!
- **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. It is grad season, so if you have any graduates. Send him the information and/or pictures.

Old Business:

- **New Regalia:** The new regalia is still in the process of being shipped.
- **Convention:** The convention packages are complete.
- **Queen Rules:** President Silacci will be calling a meeting prior to next month's meeting.
- **90th Anniversary Dinner September 21, 2019:** President Silacci informed us entertainment has been secured for the dinner. 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.
- **Donation Day:** A motion was put forward by Janis Hansen to donate \$100 to the Little Lion State Youth Program. Louise Tesoriere seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion passed. Another motion was put forward by Jackie Giacomazzi to donate \$100 to the Il Leone, with Tony Tesoriere seconding. With all in favor, the motion passed.
- **Q&A:** President Silacci attended the Roma Lodge meeting where State President John Costa answered the questions people wanted to ask.

New Business:

- The Valley Children's presentation is on May 14th at 11:00 a.m. State Trustee Central Pauline Richmond stated anyone who would like to attend is encouraged to do so. It is a very good presentation for a wonderful cause. She will be presenting a donation on behalf of the United Lodges. Lodges in the San Joaquin United Lodges will present their checks. You may give any personal donations to President Silacci if you are not attending the presentation. President Silacci mentioned our lodge will also be presenting a check and put the amount to a vote. Jackie Giacomazzi moved that the donation be \$1540, comprised of monies from our own donation funds, the raffle at the Sweetheart Serenade, and from a donation from Vice President Danny Dottola. Janis Hansen seconded the motion, and the motion passed with all in favor.
- The United Lodges of the San Joaquin Valley will be hosted by the Hanford Lodge on June 9th. It features a home cooked lasagna dinner and will be held at Kings County Historical Society meeting room.

Good of the Order:

- Louise Tesoriere read a small excerpt in Italian about her grandmother, who grew up in a town about five miles away from where Lilia Giacomazzi grew up.
- Tony Tesoriere said that no matter how far apart Italian people may be spread, they are always a close-knit community.
- Jackie Giacomazzi announced Immediate Past President Charles Sant'Agata was honored with a "Top Dog" Award sponsored by California State University, Fresno. This award is given to alumni who have given their time, talents and treasures to the University. The awards dinner will be held in September at the Savemart Center in Fresno.

- State Trustee Central Pauline Richmond apologized for arriving late. She thanked everyone for the meal. Pauline also gave her congratulations to Kent and Ashley, saying she was proud to have them represent Italian heritage. She also congratulated us on the success of the sauce and meatball sales and congratulated Immediate Past President Charles Sant'Agata on his award from Fresno State.
- Pauline also attended the Q&A with President Silacci and commented that State President John Costa was very calm and sincere in his answers. She stated he stayed after the event to answer more questions and stated all of his answers will be put into writing.

Birthdays were read by Louise Tesoriere

The name drawn for the attendance drawing was Mia Giacomazzi. As she was not present the amount will be \$35.00 next month.

As not all of the spaces were not filled, the opportunity drawing will be held next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Silacci

Brittney Little
Recording Secretary

Louise Silacci
President