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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Date: **September 12, 2018**

Time: 6:00 pm

Agenda: Regular Meeting

Chair: Mycaela Leoni. Lodge will provide sandwiches and chips. Members are to bring any type of salads. Dessert will be provided.

Officer Meeting: September 5th at 5:00pm at Giacomazzi home.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Instead of my President's Message, I will present to you my 2018 Sons & Daughters of Italy California Grand Lodge Convention Report as one of our Lodge's three State Delegates. I think you will find it enlightening.

My wife, Joyce and I attended the SDOI 82nd Annual California Grand Lodge Convention in Ontario, California at the Hilton Doubletree Inn and Convention Center from June 27th thru June 30th, 2018.

On Wednesday, June 27th at 8:30 a.m., I attended the Grand Council meeting where I presented our lodge's proposed Amendment to Article 13 to eliminate the per diem expenses currently provided to Past State

Presidents attending the Grand Lodge Convention and the reasons why the per diem expenses should be eliminated. After much discussion, and when at the last minute I received a message from the National Orator stating that because the National Lodge continues to grant per diem expenses to its Past Presidents, the local Grand Lodges must continue to do the same, our proposed Amendment was withdrawn. Also, the Grand Council voted to deny our proposal to allow Grand Council Committee Chairpersons to have a vote on matters brought to the floor of the Convention

At the final General Grand Lodge Session, after much discussion, a recommendation and motion by the Future of the Grand Lodge Building Committee was presented and which stated, "The delegates of the Grand Lodge of California authorize the Grand Council to sell the Grand Lodge Building on the condition that the proceeds from the sale net a minimum \$5 million dollars.", a secret ballot vote of the delegates present was held, and by a three fourths vote the sale of the Grand Lodge Building was approved!

Other events at the Convention that I attended were:

- A. All the General Sessions where Reports of the various Committee Chairs were made and voted on and approved and other routine business items discussed. The reports are in the Convention Report Book, I have

a copy, and you are welcome to review it.

- B. Theme Night – “Great Gatsby - Roaring Twenties” was held on Thursday, June 28th and featured vocals and music for dancing by the Sparks Sisters. They were “Great”! Also, many of those attending were dressed in Twenties attire, and the food was delicious.
- C. Friday, June 29th, the Royal Pageant was held and featured the presentation of the outgoing Grand Lodge Queen and her court, and the new 2018-2020 Grand Lodge Royal Court. Our new Grand Lodge Queen is Visalia’s Lodge’s, Brianna Simon. The runner-up and now Miss America – is Hanford Lodge’s own, Annamarie Tesoriere.
- D. Saturday, June 30th, the Black & White Ball took place, and everyone was in Formal Attire. The food was excellent, the Queen and her court were presented, and then the Annual Scholarship presentations were made, with the recipients giving brief thank you speeches. Dancing followed.

My overall impression of the Convention is that it was the best organized and run convention of the Grand Lodge I have attended. Every session ran smoothly under the leadership of our President, John Costa; every event was perfectly planned and executed and the entertainment was superb! My only complaint was that our rooms were a great distance from the hotel’s Convention Center.

Congratulations to the Convention Co-Chairs, Immediate Past President, Lynn Lawrence Murphy, State Recording Secretary, Lori Rossi and their Committee for a job well done!

For your information, the next California Grand Lodge Convention will be held in Reno, Nevada at the Atlantis Hotel from June 27th thru June 29th, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Sant’Agata, SDOI Hanford Lodge #1543 President and State Delegate



SUNSHINE

by Vicki Tos

Lilia Giacomazzi sends loads of thanks to all who wished her well on the occasion of her 105th birthday. She had a great time celebrating her birthday!

CONGRATULATIONS GO OUT TO



President Chuck Sant’Agata and wife Joyce, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Grand Lodge Convention in Ontario.



Lilia Giacomazzi who celebrated her 105th birthday on July 21st (her actual birthday is the 23rd). Jackie, Gina, Cara, Dino and Mia Giacomazzi all participated in making the party for Lilia a great success. The room was beautifully decorated in flowers for our “Sunshine – Lilia”. She was surrounded by a roomful of family and friends. Lilia is such a blessing to so many people as well as a wonderful role model. Doesn’t she look beautiful! She truly lit up the room.



Dino Giacomazzi who turned 50 in July. Mama Jackie submitted this baby picture of you Dino.

George and HazelAnn Christin who celebrated 60 years of “wedded bliss” in August.



The Giacomazzi Dairy, celebrating 125 years of continuous milk production, received the prestigious California State Agricultural Heritage Award at the State Fair in July sponsored by the State Fair and many others, including Zenith Insurance, whose agents at Bacome Insurance in Hanford nominated the family for the award. Founded in 1893 with 10 cows in the herd, the dairy now has 1000 cows and 1000 acres of land and is managed by Dino Giacomazzi, a 4th generation family member. (The 5th generation is waiting in the “wings”)



Jennifer (Hansen) Sheldon our former Lodge Queen and Grand Lodge Queen was recently appointed the RN Director tasked with creating a stroke program in Hanford.

For 19 years, Jennifer Sheldon has been caring for patients going into and recovering from surgery. Now, as RN Director at AHHF, she'll have the opportunity to focus on stroke patients and create a stroke program from the ground up. "I've always been an advocate for our patients," says Jennifer, "so to create a center where our patients could be treated here, locally, would be wonderful." The center could open as early as next year and would be the first in the Central Valley.



Jarilyn Weaver had three of her entries chosen for the Kings Art Center Summer program.



Francis Tesoriere just recently took and passed his State Boards to become a Registered Nurse. He is currently working in the ER at Kaweah Delta Hospital in Visalia.

Francis is a recent graduate from California State University Bakersfield and obtained his Bachelor of Science in Nursing in May.”

GIACOMAZZI'S ARE HONORED AT JUNE DAIRY MONTH DINNER

by Jackie Giacomazzi



On Friday, June 29, 2018, the Giacomazzi Dairy Family was honored at the June Dairy Month Dinner in Hanford at the Civic Auditorium. Each year the June Dairy Month Committee chooses a dairy family who they feel as made a contribution to the community as well as the dairy industry. This year the Giacomazzi Dairy was chosen as it celebrates 125 years of continuous milk production. Lilia was selected as the

Distinguished Dairywomen as she celebrates her 105th birthday. Gina Giacomazzi Hageboeck introduced her Nonna, Lilia, giving a brief story of her life. Cara Giacomazzi Fernandez introduced her brother, Dino, giving him many accolades for continuing the business through the 4th generation. Dino ended the talk by presenting a video he produced with his sons, Miro and Gio as the commentators, highlighting the generations of the family.



The event featured tables decorated by various local businesses with take-home items advertising their perspective business. Also, on the agenda for the evening was the District 7 Dairy Princess Contest. As co-chair of the Princess Committee, I was happy to watch our Princess and Alternate charm the audience! Our own Junior Member, Kassidy Sheldon is a “milk maid” and helped serve milk to the crowd. I was so pleased to see many Lodge members in attendance to help us celebrate the day. Mille grazie for your support!!





HANFORD LODGE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

by Jackie Giacomazzi

I have recently added \$305.00 to the Fund in honor of Lilia Giacomazzi's 105th birthday donated by: Danny Dattola, Gloria Fabbri, Mark & Debbie Nardini, and Tony & Louise Tesoriere. Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

HOTDOG ROAST/SWIM PARTY, AUGUST 5, 2018

by Jackie Giacomazzi



Mille grazie to all those who attended this event held at the Giacomazzis. Swimming began at 3:00 p.m. with the Tesoriere family in the pool. The weather cooled off to a mere 98 degrees F, and a pleasant breeze greeted us as we sat to enjoy hotdogs with all the trimmings. The quarter-pounder

hotdogs made a big hit, as did all the wonderful salads and desserts provided by all the members in attendance. We were honored to have Gianna Benedetti, the Roma Lodge Queen and State Miss California, join our Queen Annamarie, and State Miss America who were a part of the winning bocce team. Many thanks to Richard Tesoriere and his family who cooked the "dogs" and to those who stayed afterwards and helped move all the tables and chairs back to their spots in Lilia's garage. Without these unsung heroes this event would not be possible. (You know who you are!!! You are always there to help out!!!)





CHANGE OF DATE FOR SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL TAKEOUT AND SAUCE SALE

Please mark your calendars for November 11, 2018 for our annual Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner and Sauce Sale, take-out from 12 to 3 pm. Our first-time chair Mycaela Leoni, will be chairing the event along with her wingman and dad Michael Leoni.

The date was changed as the tour dates were changed for the Sons and Daughters of Italy Group going to Italy. They will be returning on October 27th which is the day before our

usually scheduled dinner. Several of the usual workers will be on the trip.

The tickets are ready to distribute at the September meeting. We need everyone's help to make this fundraiser a success. Remember this is our only fund raiser for this year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of Lodge Officers will be held in November. The nominating committee was appointed by President Charles Sant'Agata. The committee consists of: Charles Sant'Agata, Louise Silacci, Michael Leoni, HazelAnn Christin and Tony Tesoriere. They will be making recommendations in October and elections will be held in November. Should you wish to run for an office please contact one of the members above.

UNITED LODGES SAVE THE DATE

Please mark your calendars for September 9, 2018, in Visalia. It will be hosted by the Enrico Caruso Lodge at their hall. Meeting time is at 11:30. Hope to see you there.

CONVENTION PICTURES





82ND GRAND OSIA CONVENTION JUNE 28 – 30, 2018 ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The following is my report on our Grand Convention. I must start out by telling you that being “up front” looking out, is COMPLETELY different than being in the audience looking “up”. But I am extremely happy to report that President John Costa did not have to use his ‘duct tape’ on me and I did not receive one single fine. So, I must have done something right this year.

My perception of this year’s convention was that it ran smoothly, and delegates were respectful of one another. Of the last-minute issues that came up (and there were plenty), they were handled swiftly and quietly behind the scenes, as to not disrupt the convention and we have sisters Lynn and Lori to thank for that.

I really don’t know where to start my report, so I’m going to start with the one thing that took me by surprise every day, of the 124 State Delegates, only 111 showed up. My first year at convention, there were 132 Delegates and that was only four years ago.

Yes, we are losing members, but when our local lodges vote and pay for delegates to represent them, they should be there. Please consider this when you vote again for who will be representing you for the next two years. It is such an educational experience, spread the wealth. Consider asking members who have never been before. Maybe even brand-new members that are eager to learn more about our order. Possibilities are endless, let’s not get into the trap that “*Well, they have been before and know what to do...*”

While on the subject of “numbers”, the composition of Grand Lodge Districts came up on the floor. North has 40% of the membership, while the South only has 23%. We understand it is not equal, but the Grand Council welcomes all alternatives to ensure equal representation. If we can work together towards a ‘fluid’ solution, maybe, just maybe, we can move forward to forming one unified voice for Italian-Americans.

It has been a very hard year with all the officials trying to take away our heritage and our Columbus Day. There has been a united front to group together with other clubs to be aware of different events we all have and to work together to preserve our heritage.

The new membership system still has some issues to work out, but by August, we should be able to use that and only that. Your “per capita” report will look a little different but will have all the same information.

Next year’s convention will be Wednesday, June 26 – Sunday June 30th at the Atlantis Hotel in Reno. If you are not a delegate, think about attending a session or two anyway. Every little bit of information helps.

This year, the report of the Judiciary Committee was short and to the point. All questions were answered, even those presented as a 'Resolution'. Motion to have Grand Lodge Committee Chairs allowed to vote, did not pass by voice vote. I have a copy of all resolution items as addressed by Judiciary Committee and will be happy to share them with you. In short, answers ranged from: a) These items can be considered at a future Convention if properly proposed in a timely manner. b) These items can be brought up during "For the Good of The Order".

Scholarship Committee received 156 applications and awarded 36. Medical Charities Chair, Michael Carroll, had some outstanding speakers this year and I hated being up front because as hard as I tried 'NOT' to cry, just couldn't hold back some tears after hearing their stories. Next year I am going to sit in the audience.

As for Hall Rentals, 5051 Mission, reported in 2017 there were 22 events with \$40,000 in rent collected by the Grand Lodge. All expenses for the maintaining the building are now covered by rents and there is a surplus. Although improvements have been made, pending maintenance work still needs to be completed. Cost unknown currently. This is as good of a place as any to inform you that it was voted on and approved (by 2/3's majority) to authorize the Grand Council to sell the Grand Lodge Building on the condition that proceeds from the sale NET a minimum of \$5 million dollars and that no member or past member of the Council will profit from such a sale.

Andy Pampuro has retired from Editor of the Il Leone, so if you are interested, please check out the next issue for specifics in applying for that position. Also, you can get

your Il Leone on line if you do not want to have it delivered to your residence. Just let the office know so they can remove you from the mailing list.

Joe LaPorta was voted on and approved to be the third and final board member of the Western Foundation. He has many fundraising resources and activities in mind for the Foundation. Welcome Joe.

Now from one of my favorite parts of the convention.... trying something new. The Grand Council Officers were tasked with coming up with Fund Raising Ideas, so I came up with "Tie One On" apron/tie contest in honor of the year of "Italian Cooking".





The contest brought in just under \$1,500. Once the three winners took their cuts, the Youth received almost \$400 and the general Fund made exactly \$500. The youth members painted theirs on site and even gave us a short fashion show as they presented President John with his personalized apron and BBQ utensils. Anna Graeber, who won

the tie contest and had four other entries but sold her garments and donated the funds to the Barry Kirshner Wildlife Foundation and Mardell Domenici & Lou Siebel charity “Be Perfect Foundation”. It is a foundation in honor of Lou and Ted’s son. The foundation works with people that have spinal cord injuries due to their accidents.

Finally, it was time to say thank you Queen Mary and welcome our new Grand Lodge Queen, Queen B (as she has approved being called), Queen Brianna Simon. We were also very proud of our beautiful Lodge Queen Annamarie Tesoriere who was crowned Miss America.

Fraternally,
Louise Silacci
State Trustee - Central



QUEEN CONTEST MEMORIES

Our Queen Annamarie was crowned Miss America at the Royal Pageant. It was a wonderful experience which she will never forget. Annamarie is busy with school right now but will have her report for the next newsletter.



PICTURES OF QUEEN CONTEST
2018



BIRTHDAYS

Gina	Hageboeck	9/3
John	Tesoriere	9/3
HazelAnn	Christin	9/4
Jarilyn	Weaver	9/4
Danny	Dattola	9/5
Charles	Williams	9/11
Ralph	Agnello	9/12
Mycaela	Leoni	9/14
Joan	Little	9/15
Lina	Jones	9/18
Blake	Scialo	9/19
Carol	Todd	9/22
Ava	Capozzi	9/26
Gio	Giacomazzi	9/27
Rachel	Medina	9/29
Kixton	Meeks	9/30

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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting of the United Lodges will be hosted by

ENRICO CARUSO LODGE #1463

Sunday, September 9, 2018

Place: Visalia Sons of Italy Hall

4211 W. Goshen Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291

Cost: \$20.00

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Menu: "Cheesy" Chicken with all the trimmings.

***RSVP by: September 5, 2018 to President Larry Romanazzi**

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jackiegiacomazzi@gmail.com 559 584 7433

We will also have our Board Raffle to add to the donation for the

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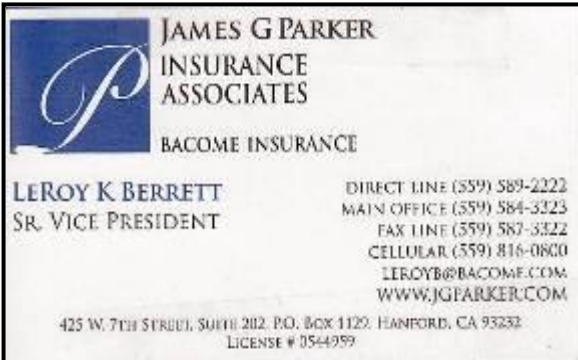
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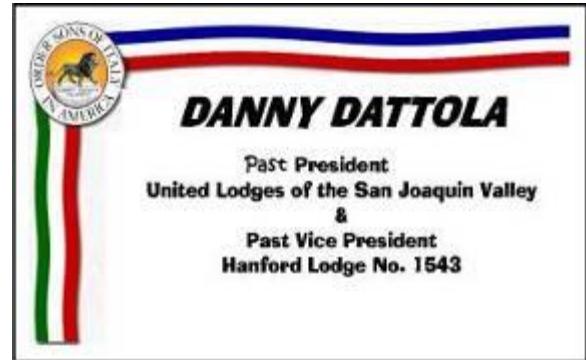
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