

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by President Louise Silacci.

President Silacci thanked everyone who contributed to the wonderful dinner.

Out of respect for our veterans and their families, a moment of silence was observed..

Roll call - Roll was taken with the following officers being excused: Carol Todd, George Christin, and Ralph Agnello.

Introduction of Guests: We welcomed guests Larry Dutto, President of Roma Lodge, and Hailey Steigal and her family. President Silacci thanked them for coming and thanked Hailey for the beautiful wall decorations depicting famous landmarks of Italy.

Minutes:The minutes were approved as posted.

Applications for new members: We received an applications for Daniel, Kelsie, and Vincent Belezzuoli and Julie Belezzuoli-Hathaway, Kyle Hathaway, Korban Hathaway, and Hudson Hathaway. Hearing no objections, their applications were approved.

Communications: The following communication was read:

- Thank-You letter from State President John Costa
- Thank-You letter from Brianna Simon

Financial Secretary: All bills have been paid and all membership dues are in.

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

Trustee's Report: The report has been completed for the last quarter.

Committee Reports:

- **Sunshine:** Debbie Nardini reported Jennifer Sheldon on her back recently and is already back to work. Louisa Nardini has lung cancer and is starting chemo and radiation treatment. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.
- **Charities:** Nothing new at this time.
- **Refreshments:** Louise Tesoriere thanked Joan Little for organizing the Thanksgiving dinner and for everyone who brought food. Next month is our Christmas party, which will be a pajama party for the kids and an ugly sweater party for the adults, and pizza will be served.
- **Scholarship:** Janis Hansen spoke with Joann Counter, who requested people give donations to the scholarship or charity fund in memory of Bob Counter.

- **Newsletter/Webpage:** Please send any updates and photos to Jim Venturino, Vickie Baldini, or Janis Hansen so they can include them in the monthly newsletter.
- **Cookbook:** The books are printed and ready for sale at \$20 per book. We've sold \$2,000 worth so far.
- **Sauce and Dinner Sale:** Joan Little reported 415 quarts of sauce were sold, reaching a total of \$2,504. Mike Leoni reported the gross total from the dinner sale was about \$4,420.
- **Sweetheart Serenade:** Mike Leoni stated the dinner will be on Saturday, February 15th. Ravioli and chicken will be served along with soup and salad, and he's thinking of doing cannolis for dessert. There will be live entertainment. Tickets are looking to be around \$45-\$50.

Old Business:

- **United Lodges:** Jackie Giacomazzi reported the December meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be on March 8th.

New Business:

- Last year we voted on individually supporting a Queen instead of as a lodge. We will still name a queen and they will go to the contest, but the lodge will not pay the expenses.
- Queen Annamarie Tesoriere will be graduating from West Hills College nursing program this next semester. The program is having a fundraiser for their graduation ceremony on February 6th. It will be at the West Hills College Arena and a table for 8 costs \$400.

Good of the Order:

- Roma Lodge President Larry Dutto thanked the lodge for the invitation and informed us about a charity called Garden of Innocence, which provides burial services for abandoned children.
- Joan Little thanked President Silacci, Louise Tesoriere, and Nancy Allen for bringing the turkeys tonight as well as everyone else who brought food. She also thanked President Silacci, Nancy Allen, Toni Natali, and Louise and Tony Tesoriere for decorating.

Birthdays were read by Louise Tesoriere

The name drawn for the attendance drawing was Jan Howison. As she was not present the amount will be \$60.00 next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Silacci

Brittney Little
Recording Secretary

Louise Silacci
President