

*Order Sons of Italy in America
Hanford Lodge No 1543
Hanford Fraternal Hall
February 12, 2020*

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by President Louise Silacci.

President Silacci thanked everyone who contributed to the wonderful dinner snacks.

Roll call - Roll was taken with the following officers being excused: Charles and Joyce Sant'Agata, Joan Little, Brittney Little, George Christin and State Deputy Ralph Agnello.

Minutes: Approved as posted by unanimous vote.

Applications for new members: None at this time.

Communications: The following communication was read:

- Enrico Caruso Lodge newsletter

Financial Secretary: Carol Todd read the bills to be paid. Hearing no objections, the bills were ordered to be paid. Approximately 50% of the dues have been paid for 2020.

Treasury 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 Charles Sant'Agata is recovering from a blood infection and Charles Williams is recovering from a knee replacement. Mycaela Leoni reported that her sister Heather Rathwick had a baby girl in January.
- **Charities:** It was approved that at the April meeting, \$1,000.00 will be donated to the Kings County Commission on Aging Council to help with its Adult Day Care Center in Lemoore.
- **Refreshments:** Louise Tesoriere thanked members for helping out tonight. Next month the refreshments will include soup and salad.
- **Scholarship:** Jackie Giacomazzi reminded everyone that scholarships are due on March 1 with the high schools; we should have at least two this year.
- **Newsletter/Webpage:** Please send any updates and photos to Louise Silacci so she can include them in the monthly newsletter.
- **Cookbook:** Pat Scialo informed us there are around 76 books left to be sold.
- **Sweetheart Serenade:** Michael Leoni stated the dinner will be this Saturday, still looking for a few more servers, go out and sell those tickets. As of today, counting on at least 125 to show.

Old Business:

- **Meeting Locations:** The motion to table this item was brought back to the floor by Jim Venturino. Discussion about pros and cons of both locations: Hanford Fraternal Hall and Kings County Historical Society meeting hall. After voting, motion passed 14 to 5, with one abstention, to stay at the Fraternal Hall.

New Business:

- State Trustee, Mary Jane Cambria, will be making her official visit at the April meeting.
- The April meeting will also feature a guest speaker from the Alzheimer's Foundation in Bakersfield. The dinner meeting will start at 5:30 PM, with the meeting starting at 6 PM at which time she will give a 20-minute presentation. Following that, we will be presenting Pam Chin the donation for the Kings County Commission on Aging Council.
- There was discussion on whether to rejoin the Hanford Chamber of Commerce. Debbie Nardini volunteered to check into the price and some type of guarantee that we would get something in return for our membership, unlike years past.
- We will be putting an ad in the Convention Book but will hold off until the paperwork is sent out with pricing.
- Attending the convention this year in Concord will be Michael Leoni, Charles and Joyce Sant'Agata. If Joyce can't go, Danny Datolla will go in her place. The lodge will be reimbursing travel upon completion and paid hotel bill, will be needed in order to get your check this year.
- Nine members expressed interest in attending the United Lodges meeting, Sunday, March 8, 2020, hosted by Enrico Caruso Lodge of Visalia.

Good of the Order:

- Mathew Tesoriere will be getting his Master of Arts in Coaching and Athletics Administration degree.
- Francis Tesoriere is working on his Doctorate in Nursing
- Annamarie Tesoriere will be getting her Nursing Degree from West Hills College.

Birthdays were read by Louise Tesoriere. None were in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Silacci

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President