

*Order Sons of Italy in America
Hanford Lodge No 1543
Hanford Sons of Italy Youth Group
Hanford Fraternal Hall
January 8, 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.

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: Danny Dattola, Charles Sant'Agata, Toni Natali, Joyce Sant'Agata, Mycaela Leoni, and Ralph Agnello.

Minutes: A change in wording was requested regarding the lodge's new policy for the Queen contest.

Applications for new members: We received 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:

- Flyer for Saddleback Valley Lodge's Festa di Carneval
- Enrico Caruso 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: The report has been completed for the last quarter.

Initiation of New Members: Tonight we initiated eight new members: Vincent, Kelsi, and Daniel Belezzuoli; Kyle, Korban, and Hudson, and Julie Belezzuoli Hathaway; and Levi Tesoriere.

Committee Reports:

- **Sunshine:** Debbie Nardini reported Cheryl Lehn had back surgery and is back home and doing well. Jennifer Sheldon had surgery on her back recently. Lisa Nardini Young is still going through cancer treatments and the mass in her lung has shrunk. Suzanne Venturino had a hip replacement. Past President Charles Sant'Agata was in the hospital with pneumonia and other health complications. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.
- **Charities:** Nothing new at this time.

- **Refreshments:** Louise Tesoriere thanked Michael Leoni and Mark Nardini for the polenta dinner and thanked Debbie Nardini for helping set up. Next month will be a potluck dinner.
- **Scholarship:** At present the lodge offers \$500.00 scholarships to qualified Junior Members who are graduating seniors, with a \$250.00 gift from the General Fund. Jackie Giacomazzi proposed the Lodge offer \$1,000.00 scholarships payable from the Scholarship Fund without taking money from the General Fund. Tony Tesoriere made the motion and Louise Tesoriere seconded, and it passed unanimously.
- **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:** Pat Scialo informed us there are around 110 books left to be sold.
- **Sweetheart Serenade:** Michael 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 \$50 each, and a table for eight will be \$350. Please see Michael Leoni if you would like to sell tickets or put up flyers.

Old Business:

- **New Meeting Locations:** President Silacci reported the Fraternal Hall wants to raise the hall rental by \$15, but the trustees talked them down to \$5. Tony Tesoriere brought up the Historical Society as an alternate location: it would be half the price of the Fraternal Hall, a little more if we want full use of their kitchen, and has adequate parking. As our sauce and dinner sales will still be held at the Fraternal Hall, Jim Venturino brought up the prices for renting the Fraternal Hall would go way up as opposed to the rate we have now. More information is needed before a decision can be made.

New Business:

- The Historian Book is moving to a digital format! Keeping the physical books has become a storage issue, so they will now be kept on an external hard drive.

Good of the Order:

- Roma Lodge President Larry Dutto thanked the lodge for the invitation and dinner. Roma Lodge is having a meeting on February 3rd and he encouraged us to come join the meeting as well as to sell our cookbooks and Sweetheart Serenade tickets. Roma Lodge is also having their 90th anniversary celebration on April 19th at noon in the TDS Hall in Tulare. In November he told us about charity called Garden of Innocence, which provides burial services for abandoned children, and there will be a ceremony at the Visalia Cemetery on February 1st.

Birthdays were read by Louise Tesoriere

The name drawn for the attendance drawing was Kristine Scialo. As she was not present the amount will be \$65.00 next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Silacci

Brittney Little
Recording Secretary

Louise Silacci
President