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NOVEMBER 2022

MEETING: NOVEMBER 9, 2022
6 PM: HANFORD FRATERNAL HALL

THANKSGIVING DINNER:

We will celebrate the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday by having a potluck, featuring a menu complete with turkey and all trimmings. Members signed up at the last meeting to provide a dish. If you did not attend the last meeting and would like to provide a dish, please do so.

PLEASE RSVP TO LOUISE TESORIERE so we can prepare accordingly. (559) 670.4991-584.7664
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ON THE AGENDA: Initiation of new members. Election of officers for 2023-25 term

OFFICER'S MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT MICHAEL'S HOME. 4:00 P.M.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello, everyone,

I hope you get a chance to enjoy this Fall with warm weather!

We definitely had a good meeting in October. The food and fellowship were amazing! Thanks to Louise Tesoriere and all the members who helped with the dinner. I want to thank **Daniel Belezzuoli** and family for bringing the pumpkins they grow to share as a fundraising project for the Lodge. The pumpkins made the room have that extra Fall feeling!!

The spaghetti dinner is coming up! Please find a way to help out!! Sell tickets! I'll be making calls to everyone to see what days you can help (Saturday, October 29th and Sunday, October 30th).

Our November meeting is always well attended with the turkey plus all the wonderful fixings. This year we are having elections for new officers and we will initiate new members. Come celebrate Thanksgiving, participate in elections, and welcome new members!

I would like to express my deepest regrets to the Little family on the passing of Joan. Did you know that she was born the day our

Lodge was started? She was the “**Hanford Lodge Baby**”. Joanie was a Trustee for many years for our Lodge. She encouraged giving back to the community. She always found ways to locate local charities worthy of our support and develop a partnership. Joanie worked endlessly for many other organizations also. She will be missed so much.

See you at the Spaghetti Dinner/Sauce Sale and the November meeting.

Fraternally yours,
Michael

SPAGHETTI/MEATBALL DINNER/SAUCE SALE: OCTOBER 30, 2022

LAST CALL to buy tickets and/or come out and help put on this fundraising event! This is our only fundraiser for the year, so we need your help to make it successful.

OCTOBER MEETING

By Jackie Giacomazzi

Michael was right (in his President’s Message) about the food and fellowship being amazing!! In October, we celebrated “Italian Heritage Month.” All the main dishes were some types of Italian style dish. (Thank you, Officers!) Needless to say, the side dishes and desserts left nothing to be desired!! We were so honored to have two new “Italians” join us and sign up to be members. **Thomas Loliva** of Hanford (teaches at Golden West in Visalia) and **Madalyn Ogburn** of Lemoore (a student at COS in Hanford). We welcome them into our fold!!! Initiation will be held at the November meeting. My front porch was happy that Daniel Belezzuoli brought his

beautiful pumpkins to our meeting to sell!! Thanks so much for this profitable donation!



ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

A committee made of several Past Presidents presented a slate of names as new officers for the 2023-25 term.

President: Michael Leoni
Past President: Louise Silacci
Vice-President: Janis Hansen
Recording Secretary: Annette Nicely
Financial Secretary: Carol Todd
Treasurer: Jackie Giacomazzi
Orator: Tony Tesoriere
Guard: Richard Tesoriere
Trustees: Pat Scialo
Toni Natali
Vicki Tos
Mycaela Leoni
Louise Tesoriere

Mistresses of Ceremonies: Donna Galletti
and Sandra Galletti

Voting will take place at the November meeting.

Nominations will be accepted for each office at that time.

SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORING LODGE

Several members attended the memorial services for Leroy Beecher (our Past State Deputy) held in Tulare. Members also supported the Columbus Day Picnic hosted by the Roma Lodge on October 9th. Those who attended had a great time. Michael Leoni brought home a prize for his apple-raisin pie and others were victorious in the raffle!!



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

IN MEMORIAM

By Jackie Giacomazzi



It is with a very heavy heart that I write a note “In Memoriam” for my dear friend, **Joanie Little**. After 2 ½ years of not being able to visit with her because of covid, she had asked me to pick her up to attend the September meeting, where she was to celebrate her 93rd birthday. Well, she became ill and was not able to attend. She passed away on October 9, (one day before I was going to say my “goodbye” to her). I still can’t believe it!! I miss her calls, which were always so cheery and positive. I miss picking her up to take her to meetings with me!!

Joan Ambrosini Little was born to Annibale and Antonia Ambrosini (Annibale was a founder of the Hanford Lodge) on September 15, 1929, in Hanford, California. She tells the story of how she was born the day the Hanford Sons of Italy charter was signed. When her mother died in 1941 (Joanie was 12 years old), she was raised by



her father as a “ranch hand” on their family farm. She graduated from Hanford High School with the class of 1947. Until recently, her class would meet each year for a reunion. She married Warren Little, on October 11, 1957. They built a home, raised three sons (James, Craig, and Brian), while operating City Pharmacy in Hanford. They also operated an outdoor mall known as the “The Little Corner.”

Joanie joined the Hanford Sons of Italy on October 24, 1995. Since that day, she has given her utmost attention to the betterment of our Lodge. She served as a Head Trustee for many years, and created a Charities Account, from which donations were made to local charities. She chaired many Sauce Sales to help fund that account. Through the years, over 100 organizations benefited from her efforts!

In the community, Joanie personally donated to and promoted fundraising activities for a number of organizations including: The Cancer Society (2000 Certificate of Appreciation); Soroptimist International (Lifetime member); Chamber of Commerce (2012 Fred Martella Lifetime Achievement Award); Links for Life, Walk for Life, Daffodil Days; Kings County Historical Society; Kings Symphony Orchestra (Board member for 10 years) and of course, the Hanford Sons of Italy. Not only will there be a void in my life from her passing, but all the other people who she had come in contact with through her many friendships in the community. May Joanie rest in peace!!

Joanie was preceded in her passing by her father, Annibale; her mother, Antonia; her brother, Gene Ambrosini; sisters Millie Crispi, Inez Hite, Irene Natali, Mary Allen and son, James. She is survived by her sons: Craig (Karen); Brian (Denise); ten grandchildren: Keith Little, Steven (Heather) Little, Joe (Nah) Little, Susan Lilly, Brionne (Chris) Jackson, Jared (Amanda) Little, Gene (Joline) Escat, Julianne (Jared) Virgadamo, Brittney Little, and Bailey (Joshua) Willett. She was blessed with nine great-grandchildren: Jayce DeRuitter, Maddy Jackson, Jackson Virgadamo, Jensen Virgadamo, Wyatt Jackson, Harper Little, Koa Escat, Charlotte Willett and Warren Little.

A graveside service will be held October 26, 2022 at 12 noon at the Grangeville Cemetery, 10428 14th Avenue, Armona, CA. The Hanford Lodge is honored to be able to give a final tribute to her at her grave site.



SUNSHINE & CLOUDS

By Debbie Nardini

- **Mycaela Leoni** has been accepted to the dental hygienist program at San Joaquin Valley College. Congrats to Mycaela!
- **Jennifer Sheldon** had surgery on her neck, recovered very quickly and is back to work and walking seven miles a day... You go, Jen!
- **Charles Williams** was in attendance at the October regular meeting after having gallbladder surgery two days prior. He is one tough cookie!!
- **Vincent Scialo** had hip replacement surgery on October 17 and was home that very day in time to watch Monday Night Football!! And.... on the October 20, **Blake Scialo** had all four wisdom teeth pulled!! Good luck, Kristi!! Get ready to be a "nurse."
- **Jackie Giacomazzi** is sporting a splint on her right hand as a result of a cut on her wrist suffered during a recent fall.
- A note from Jackie. **Carol Watson**, President of the Rodolfo Valentino Lodge of Clovis, passed away on October 19. She was a great supporter of the Hanford Lodge. May she rest in peace.



BIRTHDAYS

BUON COMPLEANNO TO ALL!!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Jim Venturino
- 2 Matthew Tesoriere
- 4 Megan Leoni-Henkel
- 4 Levi Tesoriere
- 6 Marieanna Tesoriere
- 14 Marlene Chambers - 80 years young****
- 16 Colton Madruga
- 16 Marshall Madruga
- 17 Janis Hansen
- 17 Robin Harbor
- 17 Sharon Rodgers
- 20 Jennifer Sheldon
- 21 Alyssa Leoni-Flores
- 29 Janet Chennault

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