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OCTOBER MEETING

Date: **OCTOBER 9, 2019**

Time: 6:00 pm

Agenda: We will be celebrating Italian Heritage Month. Officers will be providing the main dishes. If you have not been asked to provide a main dish please bring: A-L salad/side dish M-Z bring dessert.

An Italian Heritage/Culture table will be set up. We invite members to bring an article or family photos to display. Thank you for your support of this fun display.

Chair: Louise Tesoriere

Officer Meeting: To be announced



[Last Month Meeting Minutes](#)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I am writing this message I am preparing to go on our Sons of Italy - Canada and New England Cruise. We are leaving early to

have some fun in New York City. Michael Leoni will be conducting the October meeting in my absence. It has been a whirlwind of a month.

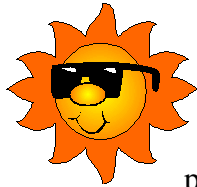
I would like to take this time to thank Suzann and Jaime Counter as well as Jim Venturino who helped prepare an amazing prime rib and ravioli dinner for the Grand Lodge Grand Council. It was delicious and enjoyed by all.



I would also like to thank HazelAnn Christin who did all of the leg work for the 90th Anniversary Dinner and to my co-chair Jackie Giacomazzi who helped to make the event such a great success. Thanks also to Cara Giacomazzi Fernandez and Dino Giacomazzi for the amazing work they did with the slide shows. It was a beautiful

event and I am extremely proud of our Lodge. Please check out the articles on our cookbooks and 90th Anniversary Dinner for more details. Congratulations to the members of our lodge past and present for a wonderful 90 years.

Ciao,
Louise Silacci, President



SUNSHINE

By Debbie Nardini

The family of **HazelAnn Christin** is asking for prayers for HazelAnn who is extremely ill. They thank the Lodge for their support during this difficult time.

Richard Martella is back to normal after surgery in August for hernia repair.

Charles Williams broke his hip and had to have hip replacement surgery. He is doing well.

Janis Hansen is going through physical therapy following a fall in which she broke her arm.



LODGE WINNERS

The name drawn for the membership drawing was MaryAnn Christin as she was not present the amount will be \$45 next month.

365 LODGE WINNERS

July 19th – **Louise Silacci**, August 1 – **Ellen Weaver**, and August 3rd **Deborah Webb**

FAREWELL BROTHER ROBERT (BOB) COUNTER



We were saddened to learn of the passing of our dear brother Robert Counter. Brother Bob passed away on Thursday, July 18, 2019. Bob was active in his community and church, serving in the Knights of Columbus and Sons of Italy (as an Italian by marriage, he dubbed himself Roberto Specaducci.) He was a 29-year member of the Hanford Lodge and a strong supporter of all events.

Bob was very personable and outgoing, and he never met a stranger. He could often be found selling tickets to service organization events, staying well after the sale to chat. He was a devoted family man and loved his family and friends very much.

Our condolences to his wife JoAnn Counter, son Jamie and wife Suzann, grandchildren Kyle and Kelsi Counter and great grandchildren Brayden and Kayden Counter.

Brother Bob you will be missed and will be forever be in our hearts. Farewell dear brother.



HANFORD LODGE #1543 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The 90th Anniversary Celebration of the Hanford Lodge was held at the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia, California, on September 21, 2019. The event was a tremendous success. Committee chair, HazelAnn Christin, made sure all the details were taken care of, even though she was very ill and not able to attend the event. Committee members, Louise Silacci and Jackie Giacomazzi, did an amazing job. The room was very elegantly decorated. The original Lodge banner was on display, as well as many other pieces of memorabilia, including the original minutes from the Lodge handwritten in Italian. President Silacci did an outstanding job as M.C.

Prior to dinner, and while dinner was being served, entertainment was provided by the Rick Del Carlo musical ensemble. A slideshow was also presented derived from Jackie Giacomazzi's collection of photographs taken over the past five years.

Thanks, Cara Giacomazzi Fernandez and family for completing the slideshow and "In Memoriam" video. (Many thanks, also, to Dino Giacomazzi, for his technical expertise making it possible to get the show to the big screen!!) It was a real treat for the eyes. Annette Nicely did a beautiful job singing the National Anthem; and Immediate Past President Lynn Lawrence Murphy gave a very inspiring invocation. The dinner was delicious as was the dessert.

Many honored Grand Lodge officers were in attendance including: State President, John Costa; State 1st Vice President, Barbara Wisniewski; State 2nd Vice President, Pauline Richmond; and State 3rd Vice President, Sadie Tamburine; Immediate Past State President, Carolyn Lawrence-Murphy; State Orator, Mark Vaona; State Recording Secretary, Lori Rossi; State Financial Secretary and Budget and Finance Chair, David Lavezzari; State Trustees-North, Ray Bini and Bill Murphy; State Trustees-Central, Pamela Buldo and Mary Jane Cambria; State Trustees-South, Manny Finazzo and Hank Lowinger; Past State President, Western Foundation Chair and Past President of the Hanford Lodge, Roy Vanoni; Grand Lodge Queen, Brianna Simon; and Miss America Annamarie Tesoriere; Youth Chair, Brian Watson; Webmaster Chair, Anna Graeber; and Garibaldi Meucci Museum Chair, Joy Bruno. We were also honored to have members attend from our United Lodges of the San Joaquin Valley including: Colombo-Stella Lodge #1149 (our Mother Lodge) – President, Olivia DeLiddo; Enrico Caruso Lodge# 1463 – President Larry Romanazzi; Rodolfo Valentino Lodge # 1449 – Brian Watson representing Carol Watson, President; and Roma Lodge #1573 – President Larry Dutto. Past Lodge Queens in attendance were Karli Draxler, Kelsi Counter (Past Grand Lodge Queen) and

Jennifer Hansen Sheldon (Past Grand Lodge Queen).

The picture featured on the cover of the 90th Anniversary Cookbook and Program was created by Hanford Lodge Recording Secretary, Brittney Little. The original painting was presented to her grandmother – our Lodge Baby – Joan Little, who celebrated her 90th birthday at our dinner with her entire loving family. Joanie beamed as the “birthday song” was sung to her in Italian!

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the Hanford Lodge from the National by Lynn Lawrence-Murphy, as well as from the Grand Lodge of California by State President John Costa.

Members honored for the evening were **50 years:** Lorraine Mattos; **35 years:** Mia Giacomazzi, Janis Hansen, Cheryl Lehn, Richard Mattos, Jennifer Sheldon, Bonnie Strutz and Ellen Weaver and **25 years:** George and HazelAnn Christin, Karolina Draxler, Lina-Italia Jones, Jacob Leoni, Stace Leoni, Rochelle Lourenco, Tony Lourenco, and Dolores Scopel. Pins and certificates were presented to the recipients by State President John Costa. A surprise donation of \$500.00 was made by Olivia DeLiddo from the Columbo Stella Lodge #1149 to be used as a scholarship in memory of Lilia Giacomazzi.

Current members recognized for generations in the Lodge were:

Four Generations:

The Giacomazzi Family

Jackie Giacomazzi, Gina, Hanna and Christina Hageboeck, Dino, Julie, Miro and Gio Giacomazzi, Cara, Gianna and Giulia Fernandez, Mia Giacomazzi, Nagendra, Lilianna, and Bodhi Patta.

The Christin Family

George and HazelAnn Christin, Ronald Christin, Jaydin and Adysin Pineda, Trevin and Brielle Brewer, Jeremiah and Ava Capozzi, Deborah, Lisa and Caine Webb, Caitlyn Schales, Tyler, Tristin and Taylee Webb, Suzann, Jamie and Kelsi Counter, Kyle, Brayden, and Kayden Counter, Paul Christin and JoAnne Savicki, Jessica Christin Aguirre, Anthony and Mason Christin and Mary Ann Christin.

The Tesoriere Family

Tony and Louise Tesoriere, Alec and Francis Tesoriere, Richard, Yvette, Annamarie, Marieana, John and Raymond Tesoriere, and Matthew, Nayeli and Levi Tesoriere

Five Generations:

The Ambrosini Family

Joannie Little, Brittney Little, Jayce DeRuiter, Madeleine and Wyatt Jackson, Jackson and Jensen Virgadamo, and Harper Little.

The Leoni Family:

Michael and Stace Leoni, Mycaela Leoni and Kixton Meeks, Megan Leoni, Alyssa and Daniel Leoni, Heather Wilson, Jacob Leoni and Erik and Bryttny Smith.

The Zandona Family

Janis Hansen, Bonnie, Jacob and Tyler Strutz, Danny, Jennifer, Kent and Cassidy Sheldon, Marshall and Colton Madruga, Ellen, Jarilyn and Ashlyn Weaver.

Six Generations

The Leoni/Nardini Family

Mark and Debbie Nardini, Matt, Chaya and Gianna Gomes.

Congratulations to all the members of the Hanford Lodge on celebrating 90 years of greatness. You are why we are here. Thank you for your service and dedication to the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy.

Please look at some of the Anniversary pictures at the end of the Newsletter.



[MOVIE Pictures 90th Anniversary \(wmv file\)](#)



[MOVIE Pictures 90th Anniversary \(mp4 file\)](#)



HOTDOGS AND SWIMMING AT THE GIACOMAZZI'S

Sunday, August 4, 2019, found about 30 members and guests of the Hanford Sons of Italy spending a hot summer day and evening sharing camaraderie together. The Tesoriere family cooled off by swimming before Richard left the group to cook the “dogs.”

Lilia sent us a cool down with a slight breeze by 6:00 p.m. After the Board meeting all ventured out to enjoy the shady lawn area and took part in a wonderful potluck dinner.

Again, the Tesoriere family formed bocce teams and played until dark. (Men against women)!!! The women won!!! They were soooo happy!! Congrats to them.

Mille grazie to those who provided the tasty dishes to accompany the hot dogs and also to those who helped clean up after the event.

90TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK ARE HERE

Our 90th Anniversary Cookbooks – Un Piatto Pieno di Ricordi – A Plate Full of Memories are in and look beautiful. They are filled with recipes both old and new as well as many pictures. They will make wonderful



Christmas presents for only \$20.00. They will be available at the next meeting or you may contact any of the committee members. Congratulations to the committee for a job well done: Chair - Joan Ambrosini Little and committee members: Jackie Giglio Giacomazzi, Anntoinette (Toni) Natali, Patricia (Pat) Scialo and Louise Marie Silacci. Special thanks go out to President Silacci who did all the work with the printers.



SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL DINNER AND SAUCE SALE – OCTOBER 27TH

October is almost here and it's time for our annual take out Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner and Sauce Sale. The chair once again is Michael Leoni. It will be held on October 27th from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you would like to help contact Michael at 212-8773 cell/text. We need all

hands-on deck as this is our only fund raiser for 2019. If you are unable to work, you may help by selling and/or buying tickets.

Spaghetti Dinner Tickets are \$10.00, for tickets contact Janis Hansen at home 582-4731 cell/text 362-8499. **Sauce tickets are \$6.00** contact Joan Little home 584-4477 or cell/text 816-0898 or Jackie Giacomazzi home 584-7433 or cell/text 816-0707.

CONGRATULATIONS IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT SANT'AGATA



Charles Sant'Agata received a very prestigious "Top Dog" Award at a Banquet on September 20th at the SAVEMART Center in Fresno. Congratulations Chuck we are so proud of you!

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR YOUTH



Congratulations to **Chloe Scialo** who completed her 12th year of dance in June.

UNITED LODGES OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

By Jackie Giacomazzi, Secretary

The United Lodges meeting hosted by the **Roma Lodge #1573** of Tulare met on September 8 at Marie Callender's Restaurant in Visalia. All Lodges were present. Pauline Richmond, President, introduced the State officers: Pamela Buldo, new State Trustee - Central and our very own "Miss America" Annamarie Tesoriere. And of course, Pauline is the newly elected 2nd Vice-President of the Grand Lodge. Lou Catallo led the Pledge of Allegiance and David DePaoli gave an inspiring invocation. HazelAnn Christin, Frank Parisi and Carol Watson were mentioned in a special prayer.

As voted on at the last meeting, dues of \$200.00 per Lodge will be due in March. This \$1000.00 will be donated to the Valley Children's Birth Defect Library. No other donations will be necessary.

Comments on the Convention: Larry Dutto thought the Convention in June was run well. Charles Sant'Agata was disappointed as nothing changed (all the By-Law proposals were defeated).

The highlight was that Pauline was elected 2nd V.P. The Grand Lodge Building is not going to be sold!!!

Pauline proposed that all the Lodges get together in May for a Picnic. Not all were in favor.

Lodge Activities: **Clovis:** Isabel Ronzano reported that her Lodge will have a dinner on October 28 at \$15.00 per ticket.

Fresno: Olivia DeLiddo told the group her Lodge will hold its 97th Anniversary Dinner on September 17 at St. Peter's Serbian Church (pasta & sausage). They will be

presenting Hanford with \$500 to be used as a scholarship in memory of Lilia Giacomazzi.

Hanford: Louise Silacci reported that their 90th Anniversary dinner will be held at the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia on September 21 in conjunction with the Grand Council meeting. All are invited to attend. Their spaghetti/meatball dinner and sauce sale will be held on October 27(drive thru at the Hanford Fraternal Hall). During October Italian-American Heritage Month, the group will put up displays at the libraries in both Hanford and Lemoore.

Tulare: Larry Dutto reported that his group will observe Columbus Day with a picnic at the Ag Center Park on October 13. Their Christmas Party will be held the same day at the United Lodges meeting in December.

Visalia: Larry Romanazzi told the group that the renovations in the building they sold have not been completed as yet. They are in the process of organizing their Anniversary Dinner. Nick Notarnicola told of his Lodge's efforts to help earthquake victims in Trona, a little town near Ridgecrest. Nick and Jessie helped to prepare a dinner for about 500 people at the Elks Lodge. Enrico Caruso Lodge, the Roma Lodge and others donated to this event. The next meeting will be held on December 8 hosted by Visalia.



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
Terry	Langiano	9/24
Ava	Capozzi	9/26
Gio	Giacomazzi	9/27
Rachel	Medina	9/29
Kixton	Meeks	9/30
Annamarie	Tesoriere	10/2
Rebekah	Nicely	10/3
Ronald	Jones	10/9
Jacob	Strutz	10/9
Charles	Sant'Agata	10/10
Nagendra	Cuddalore Patta	10/11
Wyatt	Jackson	10/11
Brayden	Counter	10/12
Jill	Caviezel	10/13
Anna	Williams	10/13
Vickie	Baldini	10/14
Ellen	Weaver	10/16
Madeleine	Jackson	10/24
Mia	Giacomazzi	10/25
Tony	Lourenco	10/25
Barbara	Caviezel	10/30



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Let Janis Hansen know at 582-4731 or
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LODGE 90th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 21, 2019



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Hanford Lodge #1543



Annual Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

&

Sauce Sale



Sunday, October 27, 2019

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12 Noon until 3 PM

Dinner Tickets: \$10.00 Donation

Sauce Tickets: \$6.00 Donation

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