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## Meeting of January 13, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Charles Bottarini. A total of 16 members and guests were in attendance. Pledge to the Flag was led by Joe Farrah, and the invocation was given by Dick Johnson. Al Fregosi did the introductions and collected fines. Guests of Giulio Francesconi were Lester Garrison, Terry Adami, Frank Tallarido, and Elsa Chung, President of Chinatown Lions Club. Lion Elsa gave an update on the Chinatown Club, and stated they will be visiting Geneva-Excelsior soon.

## Committee Reports

Al Gentile reported he had no programs scheduled for future meetings, but he has some ideas.

Handford Clews reported he has only 11 tickets left for the Crab Feed based on a 500 seating. He requested that money and unsold tickets be turned in to him by the first meeting in February. Chairman Charles Bottarini is asking Lions for prizes for the raffle, and the ladies to bring hors d'oeuvres to the Crab Feed. Giulio Francesconi reported on the input he had received regarding the proposal to ask patrons of the Crab Feed to bring used eyeglasses with them. He distributed printed notices announcing that patrons will be given a raffle ticket for each pair of glasses they bring with them. The grand prize for this special raffle will be \$100.

Dick Johnson's final report on the Charity Raffle showed a net profit of \$7,571.

Joe Farrah reported that both the Sea Scout Ship Gryphon and the Corpus Christi Men's Club showed no interest in participating in the sale of Youth & Community Activity raffle tickets.

## Program

Al Gentile presented member Larry Farrell as the program speaker. Larry worked for the U.S. Mint from the mid-60s until he retired in 1996. He told the club of the history of the mint's operation in San Francisco, and circulated photos and proof sets. The old mint at 5th & Mission Sts. operated between 1874 and 1936.

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The meeting was called to order by President Bill Graziano. Pledge to the Flag was led by Lyle Workman, and Al Gentile gave the invocation. Actually, we had no flag to pledge to because Al Gentile brought it in to Coit Cleaners for a badly needed cleaning. Did you know that Coit offers this service for an American flag free? Nice going, Al. A total of only 8 members were in attendance for this Past President's Night. Immediate Past President Ward Donnelly hosted the group to wine. The annual ceremony of screwing on the name plate of the IPP to the Past President's Plaque took place. Since it was obvious both Ward Donnelly and Bill Graziano were having

difficulty with the Phillip's screwdriver, Lyle Workman came to the rescue. The aforementioned Ward and Bill blamed the difficulty on impaired vision.

## Committee Reports

Student Speaker Contest Chairman Charley Stuhr reported he has speakers committed from George Washington and St. Ignatius Schools for the February 17th event. He hasn't yet had any responses from the other schools to which he sent out letters.

Charley Bottarini reported everything is under control for the Crab Feed.

Program Chairman Al Gentile reported he has a couple of good programs in mind but hesitates inviting speakers to poorly attended meetings. Does anybody have any suggestions?

Ward Donnelly announced that he has scheduled the date for nomination of officers at 6 P.M., February 24th at his office. All past presidents are requested to participate. He also announced that this month's S.F. Council meeting will be at the Parkside Restaurant hosted by the Marina-North Beach Lions Club on January 27th.

Mystery Lion Sam San Filippo had no victims. Bill Graziano won \$2 in the Attendance Drawing.

## SHORTS

Handford & Margot Clews are in Mexico for a sun and golf break. They will be back on 1/26 for a breather, and then Handford and Joe Farrah will be off to the Reno Hilton for a Super Bowl party.

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

1/19 Michael Spiteri; 1/27 Larry Farrell; 1/31 Frances Spediacci, Ron Faina; 2/2 Jim Kerr; 2/4 Galdo & Pat Pavini; 2/6 Al & Blanche Fregosi; 2/8 Joe & Emily Farrah

## COMING EVENTS

1/23 Millbrae Crab Cioppino; 1/27 S.F. Council Meeting; 2/3 Board Meeting; 2/10 Lunch Meeting; 2/11 Zone Meeting at Sizzler Restaurant; 2/17 Student Speaker Contest (Ladies Night); 2/24 Nomination of Officers; 2/27 Crab Feed