

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
SONS OF ITALY OCEAN CITY LODGE #2474
MARCH 1, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: Vincent Mollicone 7:05 PM

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Ethel Jacobs ABSENT: Vito Potenza. CURRENT MEMBERS PRESENT: Vincent Mollicone, Ethel Jacobs, Gina Busby, Rosemarie Pomilla, Tony Parisi, Jane Bartolomeo, Deborah Reda, Joe Zanetti, Cretia Motsco, Ilene Parisi, Tom Pomilla, John Rubino, Frank Turbino, Jr., Nick Bartolomeo, James Reda, Sal Castorina.

PRINCIPLES OF THE ORDER: Vincent Mollicone

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Jane Bartolomeo Cards were sent to the following members:

Thinking of You Cards to Rosemarie Corless and Frank Celeste

Get Well Cards to Nancy Borreggine, Molly Derick (wife of Skip Derick), Carol Vales, and Rose Leister.

Sympathy Card to Armando and Barbara Graziosi, for the loss of Barbara's sister, Lucy Platt.

OPENING PRAYER: Jane Bartolomeo

FLAG SALUTE: Vincent Mollicone

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING : Minutes approved with the following corrections:

Gina Busby didn't bring dessert.

Nathan Naddio's birthday was corrected to read March 5th.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tony Parisi

Checking Account/Operating – Taylor Bank \$ 42,141.76 **

Checking Account/Merchant – Taylor Bank \$ 7,88.34

Money Market Account – Taylor Bank \$ 7,706.99

Investment Account – WSFS Wealth Investments \$ 28,010.48

****Balance net of funds held in trust for members at Taylor Bank \$ 4,691.76**

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Rosemarie Pomilla

Total Income YTD through 1/31/2018: \$1,321.67

Total Expenses: \$629.97

Net Income: \$681.70

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vincent Mollicone - The trustees performed their quarterly financial review for the last quarter of 2017. All accounts were reconciled and the report was accepted by the Council. The review was done by trustees Ilene Parisi, CretiaMotsco, and Frank Tribuno, Jr.

If you need a Name Badge, please see Nick Bartolomeo and pay him \$10.00 cash. Please print your name exactly how you want it to appear on the badge. They should be ready by the next meeting.

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE: Jim Reda -We have 104 in attendance including 4 guests.

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES: Jane Bartolomeo Desserts tonight were provided by:

Guy DiMatteo, Joe and Carol Scarpitti, Debra Haberstroh, Karolyn Pergola, Sherry Carstairs, Dotty Tumminello, Barb and Paul Mazzei, Bonnie Oliverio, Rose Madden, and Janet Roca. A special thank you to all of you for the delicious treats.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: Gina Busby -Thank you cards were read from Ethel Jacobs and Rosemarie Corless. Mike Corless thanked everyone for the delicious food provided by our "Helping Hands" Committee.

Gina mentioned that she did not bring a dessert for last month and for giving the wrong birthdate for Nathan Naddio. The minutes were amended . Nathan's birthdate is March 5th. If you haven't received the Newsletter, please see her after the meeting. She also needs to speak to specific people about their e-mail addresses that are coming back as undeliverable.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SCHOLARSHIP: No report as Donna Potenza is excused.

SOCIAL: Mary Ellen excused but Vincent Mollione will read her notes.

HARRINGTON CASINO TRIP: Wednesday, March 21, 2018...leaving St. Andrews Parish Center...144th Street and Lighthouse Avenue...Ocean City, MD at 10:00AM and returning at 5:00 PM.

COST: \$25.00 Per Person...First increase we have ever had. Bus transportation costs rising over the years, which we have never passed on...but we finally had to increase the costs. Contact Mary Ellen Arena for reservations. Checks made payable to: Sons of Italy #2474 and mailed to her at 13508 Yellow Banks Court, Ocean City, MD 21842, phone number: 410-250-0048. This is the only date available for the trip...sorryit's the week of the Festival. **We have 10 seats available.**

FESTIVAL: MARCH 24, 2018 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WORKER'S RELIEF STAFF ...AND PARKING ATTENDANTS.

If you are not assigned to a team...and want to work...contact Mary Ellen Arena.

APRIL SOCIAL DINNER– TUESDAY, APRIL 10TH AT JUST HOOKED IN FENWICK, DE. This event is being chaired by Carol Coyle and Lucille Kurtz, 914-329-9038. Dinner will start at 6:00PM and is \$36.00 per person including gratuity. Happy Hour prices will be in effect until 6:30PM.

MENU SELECTIONS ARE:

STARTER: (Choice of one) Wedge Salad – tomato, bacon, pickled onion, crumble bleu cheese

OR Mussels – red sauce, crab, old bay, garlic

ENTRÉE: (Choice of one) Scallops – Vermont cheddar grits, sage & shallot roasted brussel sprouts

OR: Chicken – truffled orzo mac n cheese

OR: Grilled Asparagus Cobb

DESSERT: Tiramisu or Key Lime Pie

BEVERAGE SERVICE: Non-Alcoholic beverages included, Cash Bar for Alcoholic beverages. Happy Hour prices in effect until 6:30PM. Please see the sign-up sheet after the meeting.

NEW ORLEANS TRIP: April 15-22nd, 2018... 8 Days/7 Nights...COST: \$1,500.00 per person. Itinerary and luggage tags will be distributed at St Joseph's Day Festival. We will be leaving from St. Andrew's Parish Center ... 144th Street and Lighthouse Avenue...Ocean City, MD at 7:00AM on Sunday morning....Bus will be there for boarding at 6:30AM. One suitcase per person...Bring a carry-on bag for your overnight stay enroute. **Please park all cars along the last row on parking lot along Lighthouse Avenue... per request from Parish office.**

MAY SOCIAL DINNER: Rosemarie Pomilla will be chairing this event. May 9, 2018 at the Cripple Creek Golf Course, Dagsboro, DE. More details to follow.

JUNE 2018 SOCIAL DAY TRIP....Possible Destinations

- 1. Washington, DC Air & Space Museum/Lunch**
- 2. Longwood Gardens/Lunch**
- 3. Chesapeake City, MD. Maritime Museum/Boat Cruise C & O Canal/Lunch**
- 4. Open for suggestions/Contact Mary Ellen Arena**

**CRAB & SHRIMP FEAST: Saturday, September 8, 2018. Higgins Crab House North
COST: \$45.00 PER PERSON. Includes AUCE Steamed Crabs & Shrimp...Fried
Chicken...French Fries...Cole Slaw...Corn on the Cob...Hush Puppies...Soft Drinks...
Domestic draft beer and house wines. **Taxes and gratuity included. Cash bar available.
Check website for details. Reservations being accepted now with payment due by August
5th.****

**HARRINGTON CASINO TRIP – Date to be announced...possible Wednesday, September
26, 2018.**

**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER SOCIAL DINNER....TBD...Event will be chaired by Joann
Steward and Mary Leoloff. Details to follow.**

**HARRINGTON CASINO TRIP – Date to be announced....possible Wednesday, November
7, 2018.**

**CHRISTMAS DINNER – Mark calendar – Sunday, December 9, 2018....more details to
follow in September, 2018.**

**CHARITY: Mary Castorina- Mary wants to send \$100.00 to G.O.L.D. with the approval
of the Council.**

**PUBLICITY & PROGRAMS: Anna Foulz- Anna has been nominated for a National
Award at the Daughters of the American Revolution (D. A. R.) Commencement scheduled
for March 24, 2018. This is the date of our St Joseph's Day Festival and she apologized
that she will not be able to attend the Festival. Anna has scheduled a speaker for next
month's meeting.**

HELPING HANDS: Anna Rubino Nothing to report

HISTORIANS: Ed Smith presented a list of facts from the 1930 Census. Very informative.

**FUNDRAISING: Sal Castorina- Sal needs someone to do the 50/50 Raffle for the Festival.
Paul Maggio and Mike Corless volunteered.**

**We need to support Nonna's Bakery – Rosemary Gear needs bakery items. Please sign up
after the meeting.**

**The group photo will cost \$10 and be taken at 10:15 AM on Saturday. See George Ward
for details.**

We need more help at the Welcome Desk

TIME LINE FOR THE FESTIVAL :

WEDNESDAY – Cooking at 9:30 AM

THURSDAY - Hall Set-Up 10:00AM

FRIDAY - Station Set-Up & Basket Assembly 10:00AM

SATURDAY - **Workers arrive 10:00AM**
 Group Photo 10:15AM
 St Joseph Blessing 10:45 AM
 Festival Open 11:00AM – 6:00PM
 Hall Clean-Up 6:15PM -?

MEMBERSHIP: Rita Tindall We had four new members sign up this evening – Jean Delcher, Morell Delcher, Paulette Mari and Jill Gordon. The guests were – Nick Colicigno, Ann & Carl Poggiolo, Larry Walton, and Dorothy Morse.

Rita would like to have a Membership Table at the Festival and invite prospective members to the April Meeting.

All members please pick up their new membership cards for 2018 at the back table this evening.

OLD BUSINESS: Vincent Mollicone- Vincent has some Grand Lodge 2018 Super Raffle tickets for sale.

Please contribute to the Food Jar on the back table. This money helps defray the costs of the food provided at our meetings.

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE: Armando Graziosi announced the Lodge will be marching in the parade on March 17th. We need lots of people. Please wear your red SOI shirts and black pants. We will meet at 10:00AM at 59th Street to decorate the float/truck. We need some signs advertising the Sons of Italy. We need two ladies to volunteer to wear the native costumes.

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Dan Cowell. Dr. Cowell presented an interesting talk about Artifacts of Italian Descent. His original name was Corvello but somehow got changed, probably at Ellis Island. He shared memories of his grandfather, who was born in San Matteo and came to America in 1886, and his grandmother, who was born in Genoa. The couple were married in 1890. His grandfather was a tailor. He showed the group a sign, "D. C. RONCA, TAILOR." that belonged to his grandfather. Dr. Cowell was the only child in his neighborhood to own a custom-made Clown Suit. He also had a picture of the Sons of Italy Lodge #688 that continued for 12 years.

CLOSING PRAYER: Deborah Reda

50/50 RAFFLE: Jim Reda \$78.00 **Winner:** Josephine Fortney

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM

NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 5, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

Ethel Jacobs

Recording Secretary

