

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY OCEAN CITY LODGE #2474

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 1, 2018

MEETING BEGAN:7:05 PM

ROLL CALL: ETHEL ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT FOR ROSEMARIE POMILLA, JOHN RUBINO AND FRANK TRIBUNOI, JR., WHO ARE EXCUSED.

PRINCIPLES OF THE ORDER: VINCENT MOLLICONE

OPENING PRAYER: JANE BARTOLOMEO

PRAYER INTENTIONS: ROSEMARY CORLESS, NICK BARTOLOMEO, ANNA RUBINO, CAROL VALES, BARBARA MAZZEI, BONNIE OLIVERIO.

FLAG SALUTE: VITO POTENZA

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: MOTION TO APPROVE BY ANDY MAGGIO AND SECONDED BY ROSEMARY GEAR. MOTION APPROVED.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: VITO - E-MAIL RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP FORMS HAVE BEEN SENT TO MEMBERS WITH E-MAILS AND MAILED TO OTHERS WITHOUT E-MAIL. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOURS.

GRAND LODGE – OUR LODGE WILL BE HOSTING THE GRAND LODGE'S CONVENTION ON JUNE 8, 2019. WE WILL NEED TO FORM A COMMITTEE. PLEASE SEE VITO AFTER THE MEETING IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP.

GRAND LODGE RAFFLE WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER WERE LUCILLE KURTZ, CAROL COYLE, TOM AND ROSEMARIE POMILLA (\$50.00). NICK BARTOLOMEO WON FOR OCTOBER. THE LODGE HAS 2019 RAFFLE TICKETS FOR PURCHASE.

TREASURER'S REPORT: TONY PARISI –A SPECIAL POINT TO THE ASSEMBLY WAS MADE TO BE SURE TO MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "SONS OF ITALY OF OCEAN CITY" (YOU MAY ADD "LODGE #2474" IF YOU WANT). TONY HAS RECEIVED SO MANY CHECKS NOT MADE OUT CORRECTLY, IT IS MAKING DEPOSITS VERY DIFFICULT WITH SO MANY VARIATIONS.

THE LODGE'S EQUITY AS OF OCTOBER 31ST AMOUNTED TO \$68,308.48. THE SUM OF \$10,000.00 WAS TRANSFERRED TO OUR INVESTMENT ACCOUNT AND INVESTED IN A 1-YEAR CD CARRYING AN APY OF 2.5%.

THE MONTH CLOSED OUT WITH \$1,620.90 IN INCOME, \$325.21 IN EXPENSES AND \$1,195.69 IN NET INCOME (SURPLUS).

FOR YTD \$36,996.49 IN INCOME, \$20,019.56 IN EXPENSES, AND \$16,976.93 IN NET INCOME (SURPLUS). THE 2018 BUDGET IS ON TRACK TO FINISH WITH A SIGNIFICANT SURPLUS AND SUPPORT OUR BUDGETED INCREASES FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS DURING THE COMING YEARS.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: ROSEMARIE POMILLA -EXCUSED - NO REPORT.

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE: JIM REDA - MEMBERS: 121 GUESTS: 5

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES: JANE BARTOLOMEO - DESSERTS WERE PROVIDED BY ANNA RUBINO, MARY CASTORINA, DIANA TURNER, PAT SWIFT, ROSEMARY ROGERS, CAROL SCARPETTI, CATHY RUSSO, LINDA CAMPANELLI, CAROL SNAIR, JANET ROCA, AND LYNN WATSON (FOR LAST MONTH'S MEETING).

SYMPATHY CARD TO PAUL MAZZEI & FAMILY ON THE DEATH OF HIS DAUGHTER-IN-LAW.

GET WELL CARD TO BARBARA MAZZEI FOR A BROKEN WRIST.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: GINA BUSBY – GINA READ A THANK YOU NOTE FROM THE SHIRLEY GRACE PREGNANCY CENTER FOR OUR DONATION OF \$250.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SCHOLARSHIP: DONNA POTENZA – A BIG THANK YOU TO PAUL AND BERNICE HARMON WHO ARE RETIRING FROM THE COMMITTEE.

SOCIAL: MARY ELLEN ARENA – THE GOLDEN GIRL'S TRIP, 39 ATTENDED, WAS A FUN TRIP.

HARRINGTON CASINO TRIP NOVEMBER 7, 2018- 4 SEATS AVAILABLE

NOVEMBER 8, 2018 DINNER AT "BOURBON STREET ON THE BEACH" 5:30PM

DECEMBER 9, 2018 CHRISTMAS DINNER AT CLARION HOTEL 5:30PM

\$25.00 FOR MEMBERS \$50.00 FOR NON-MEMBERS

DECEMBER 11, 12, & 13 NYC TRIP – SEE MARY ELLEN AFTER THE MEETING TO PICK UP YOUR LUGGAGE TAGS AND ITINERARY

40TH GALA PLANNING MEETING - JANUARY 11, 2019 AFTER FESTIVAL MEETING STARTING AT 11:00 AM AT ST ANDREW'S PARISH CENTER. BRING YOUR IDEAS

JANUARY 21, 2019 SOCIAL DINNER – LUNA'S CATCUS CAFÉ ON RT 54 NEAR HARRIS TEETER SHOPPING CENTER 5:30PM MARGHERITA SPECIAL THAT NIGHT...SEPARATE CHECKS...SIGN-UP SHEET ON FRONT TABLE

JANUARY 30, 2019 – HARRINGTON CASINO TRIP - \$25.00 PER PERSON - DUE BY JANUARY 15, 2019

APRIL 2019 SOCIAL DINNER TBD – BONNIE OLIVERIO CHAIR – WANTS A CO-CHAIR

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2019 SOCIAL DINNER - TBD CHAIRING – PAT & RICHARD MARCHESIELLO

MARDI GRAS DINNER & PARTY – TENTATIVE – WEEK OF MARCH 4TH 2019

JUNE DAY TRIP – TENTATIVE DATE – WEDNESDAY – JUNE 12, 2019 – MORE INFO TO FOLLOW AT JANUARY MEETING

PROPOSED TRIP TO SICILY, ITALY – 2019 OR 2020 - TOM PERGOLA WILL GIVE PRESENTATION. BUS TRIP TO JFK APPROX 12-13 DAYS COST: \$6,500 P/P. MUST HAVE 40 PEOPLE TO MAKE IT WORK. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

CHARITY: MARY CASTORINA: MARY ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO PICK UP A PAPER ORNAMENT TAG AT THE FRONT TABLE TO HELP THREE NEEDY FAMILIES FOR THIS CHRISTMAS. PLEASE WRAP THE GIFT AND PLACE THE TAG ON TOP AND BRING IT TO OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER ON DECEMBER 9, 2018. IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING THE DINNER, CALL MARY AND SHE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO GET YOUR GIFT.

MARY SHARED WITH THE ASSEMBLY A LIST OF THE CHARITIES THE LODGE GIVES CONTRIBUTIONS AND IF ANYONE HAS A SPECIAL CHARITY, PLEASE SHARE IT WITH HER. THE VARIOUS CHARITIES THE LODGE CONTRIBUTES TO INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING – HOME OF THE BRAVE, JOSEPH HOUSE, KENNEDY KREIGER INSTITUTE, BLESS THE CHILDREN, & WREATHS ACROSS

AMERICA TO MENTION A FEW. SHE ALSO MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT OUR LODGE WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA ON DECEMBER 15, 2018 AT 10:30AM AT THE VETERAN'S CEMETERY.

PUBLICITY: ANNA FOULTZ –NOTHING TO REPORT, EXCEPT THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF HER PROJECTS.

WEBSITE: TOM PERGOLA – NO REPORT

HELPING HANDS: NO REPORT – STILL SEARCHING FOR A CHAIR PERSON.

HISTORIAN: BARBARA & ARMANDO GRAZIOSI – BARBARA INQUIRED TO SEEHOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE USED ANCESTRY.COM OR 23 ME. IT IS FASCINATING TO FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR FAMILY TREE AND ALL THE PLACES YOUR TREE TAKES YOU.

ARMANDO COMMENTED ON HOW MUCH THE SONS OF ITALY HAS GROWN SINCE HE AND BARBARA JOINED. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK ON RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS.

FUNDRAISING: SAL CASTORINA – SAL WILL DISTRIBUTE THE SAUSAGE SALE ITEMS IN THE KITCHEN AFTER THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS FINISHED EATING. BOXES ARE LABELLED WITH YOUR NAME ON THEM.

FESTIVAL: SAL CASTORINA & TOM PERGOLA –SAL THANKED TOM FOR DOINGSUCH A GREAT JOB ON THE FESTIVAL'S FLYER.

TOM ENCOURAGES EVERYONE TO SOLICIT ADS FOR THE PROGRAM FROM THE BUSINESSES THEY PATRONIZE. ¼ SHEET IS \$100, ½ SHEET IS \$200, & FULL PAGE IS \$400. TOM WILL NEED A REQUEST FORM FOR EVERY AD. GO ON-LINE AND DOWNLOAD THE FORMS.

JANET ACKERSON:JANET IS REQUESTING HELP WITH GIFT BASKETS AND SOLICITATION OF GIFT DONATIONS FROM BUSINESSES. WE NEED HELP BEFORE AND DURING THE FESTIVAL AND ALSO BRINGING THE SOLICITATION LETTER TO THE BUSINESSES AND GOING BACK TO PICKUP DONATIONS OR ADS ALONG RT 50 IN WEST OCEAN CITY, OCEAN HIGHWAY IN OCEAN CITY, AND IN BERLIN.

ALSO, WE WILL BE NEEDING WINE AND LIQUOR, BASKETS OR CONTAINERS AND ANY NEW ITEM YOU WISH TO DONATE. IF YOU CAN HELP IN THESE AREAS OR JUST WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A COPY OF THE SOLICITATION LETTER, PLEASE CONTACT JANET ACKERSON AT janet.ackerson@gmail.com OR 302-228-1423. THANK YOU.

MEMBERSHIP: RITA TINDALL –THIS YEAR WE WILL BE RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY E-MAIL. THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE E-MAILS, THE FORM WILL BE MAILED. PLEASE NOTIFY US IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE YOUR RENEWAL.

TONIGHT WE HAVE SEVEN (7) GUESTS –DR. ALBERT & BETTY PERRINO, MINDY NARDONE (JOINED AT THE END OF THE MEETING), DIANE VERZI, DENISE & RICK BRECCHERI, AND LUANN PYKE.

NEW MEMBERS AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2018:

JAMES P. LIPIRA, PATRICIA A LIPIRA, DANIEL L. NARDONE, & MINDY NARDONE.

OLD BUSINESS: VITO POTENZA – ONE OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS, MARIA MORRELLI, HAS REQUESTED THAT THE LODGE DEFER HER MONEY UNTIL NEXT YEAR. SHE HAS RECEIVED SO MUCH SCHOLARSHIP MONEY THAT SHE IS PAID IN FULL FOR THE YEAR. THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DECIDED TO ASK THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE TO REFUND OUR MONEY AND HOLD THE MONEY FOR ONE YEAR. UPON WRITTEN REQUEST FROM MS. MORELLI WITH PROOF OF ENROLLMENT AND STUDENT ID NUMBER, THE LODGE WILL CUT A CHECK TO THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD: VINCENT MOLLICONE - HE IS STILL WORKING ON THE NOMINATIONS.

ANGELO FARONE HAS BEEN ARRANGING THE GOLF TIMES AT LIGHTHOUSE SOUND - \$13 FOR NINE (9) HOLES – HE WILL DISCONTINUE DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST.

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE – FRANK TRIBUNO, JR. HAS AGREED TO CHAIR THIS EVENT, BUT HE WILL BE ASKING FOR HELP WITH DECORATIONS, ETC.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: JOE ZANNETI – JOE ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS INFORMATION ON THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ON A TABLE AT THE BACK OF THE HALL IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED. HE WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER THE ASSEMBLY MEETING IF ANYONE HAS QUESTIONS. DEE MATTHEWS CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LADIES AUXILIARY FOR THE KNIGHTS.

CLOSING PRAYER: DEB REDA

50/50 RAFFLE \$92.00 DR. ALBERT PERRINO

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:25PM

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 3, 2019 WITH GUEST SPEAKER

CAROL ZIMMERMAN

MS. ZIMMERMAN IS FROM THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION IN SALISBURY

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ETHEL JACOBS

RECORDING SECRETARY