

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY OCEAN CITY LODGE #2474

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES – MAY 2, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 PM

ROLL CALL (ETHEL JACOBS): ALL OFFICERS PRESENT EXCEPT JOE ZANETTI, ILENE PARISI, AND JOHN RUBINO WHO ARE EXCUSED.

PRINCIPLES OF ORDER (VINCENT MOLLICONE):

OPENING PRAYER (JANE BARTOLOMEO):

PRAYER INTENTIONS (VITO POTENZA): ROSEMARIE CORLESS, JoANNE FIMMANO, GORDON DONOHUE, JOHN CUSATO, GEORGE MADDEN, CAROL VALES, ANNA RUBINO, ETHEL JACOBS, AND CHRIS SERIO (BROTHER OF ROSEMARIE POMILLA).

FLAG SALUTE (VITO POTENZA):

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (VITO POTENZA): MINUTES WERE DISTRIBUTED BY E-MAIL. ONE CORRECTION TO THE TREASURY REPORT AND ONE CORRECTION TO THE SOCIAL NOTES (6 DAYS). A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES WAS MADE BY MIKE JACOBS AND SECONDED BY DONNA POTENZA. MINUTES APPROVED.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT (VITO POTENZA): THIS IS AN ELECTION YEAR FOR THE LODGE. NOMINATIONS WILL BE MADE IN OCTOBER; ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING AND THE NEW OFFICERS WILL BE INSTALLED AT OUR JANUARY MEETING. VITO IS CHAIRING THE COMMITTEE. IF INTERESTED IN RUNNING, PLEASE CONTACT HIM.

THIS YEAR OUR LODGE WILL BE HOSTING THE STATE LODGE CONVENTION ON JUNE 8, 2019. IN ADDITION TO THE PRESIDENT, OUR DELEGATES ARE SAL AND MARY CASTORINA, JIM AND DEBRA REDA, NICK BARTOLOMEO, TONY PARISI, AND VINCENT MOLLICONE.

VP SHIRTS AND BOCCE BALL (VINCENT MOLLICONE): THE LODGE HAS ACCESS TO TWO (2) FREE BOCCE BALL COURTS AT MILLVILLE BY THE SEA CLUB HOUSE. RT 17 ROXANA ROAD AND ENDLESS SUMMER DRIVE. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT VINNIE FOR MORE DETAILS.

VINNIE WILL BE PLACING AN ORDER FOR NEW RED LODGE SHIRTS WITH THE SOI LOGO. A MINIMUM ORDER OF 24 SHIRTS IS NEEDED. MEN'S SHORT SLEEVE SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE IN SIZES S-M-L-XL FOR \$20 EACH, XXL FOR \$22. LADIES SHORT SLEEVE SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE IN SIZES S-M-L-XL FOR \$20 EACH. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LADIES SHIRTS RUN SMALL SO ORDER A SIZE LARGER OR ORDER A MEN'S SHIRT IN THE APPROPRIATE SIZE. UNISEX LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE IN SIZES S-M-L-XL FOR \$21 EACH, XXL FOR \$23. NO MONEY TO ORDER, BUT PAYMENT IS DUE WHEN YOU GET YOUR SHIRT. PLEASE CONTACT VINNIE DIRECTLY TO PLACE YOUR ORDER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

TREASURER'S REPORT (TONY PARISI): THE LODGE'S NET WORTH INCREASED FROM \$61,479.03 TO \$81,025.93. CURRENT ASSETS:

CHECKING ACCOUNT/OPERATING-TAYLOR BANK	\$21,436.33
CHECKING ACCOUNT/MERCHANT-TAYLOR BANK	8,490.50
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT-TAYLOR BANK	11,519.90

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT (ROSEMARIE POMILLA):

INCOME (LOSS)	\$11,670.79	2019 YTD	\$9,220.14
2019 BUDGET	\$3,500.00	VARIANCE	\$12,720.14

TRUSTEE'S REPORT (CRETIA MOTSCO): THE COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019 TO CONDUCT THE 2019 FIRST QUARTER AND FESTIVAL FINANCIAL REVIEW.

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE (JIM REDA): 101 MEMBERS 6 GUESTS

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES (JANE BARTOLOMEO): A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR BRINGING DESSERTS FOR TONIGHT'S MEETING:

SHARON DiMATTEO, RAY & BRENDA D'ANTUONO, MARY LOELOFF, JEAN TEMPLE, JIM & PATTI LIPIRO, MINDY NARDONE, ROSEMADDEN, BARBARA MAZZEI, AND PATRICIA MARCHESIELLO.

POT-LUCK DINNER: JANE COMMENTED THAT YOU CAN BRING AN ITEM FROM THE LIST OF SUGGESTIONS OR YOUR FAVORITE DISH. PLEASE NO CROCK POTS!! THE MEETING WILL START AT 6:00PM AND DINNER TO BEGIN AT 6:30PM WITH OUR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (GINA BUSBY): GINA READ A THANK YOU NOTE FROM SHARON AND ED SMITH.

DON'T FORGET THE MAGIC SHOW AT DICKEN'S PARLOUR THEATRE ON MAY 9, 2019 6:00 – 6:30 PM SHOW STARTS AT 7:00PM -RT 26 MILLVILLE. DON'T FORGET TO USE THE BOGO CODE FOR TICKETS 2/\$26.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SCHOLARSHIP (DONNA POTENZA) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES. THEY ARE:

**FROM STEPHEN DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL – HOLLY BROOKE NICOLLE
ATTENDING STEVENSON UNIVERSITY**

**FROM SUSSEX TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL – BECKY SUE TRADER
ATTENDING FURMAN UNIVERSITY**

**FROM INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL – KAITLYN MARIE KREISER
ATTENDING UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE**

SOCIAL (MARY ELLEN ARENA):

ASHEVILLE/NASHVILLE TRIP: A GREAT SUCCESS

SUNSET GRILLE DINNER: FOOD WAS GREAT AND GOOD TURN OUT

HARRINGTON TRIP APR 25, 2019: SOLD OUT

MAY SOCIAL MAY 6, 2019 BETHANY BLUES 4:00 – 9:00 PM

JUNE 12, 2019 – AMERICAN MUSIC THEATER IN LANCASTER, PA \$120.00 P/P

CRAB FEAST SEPT 7, 2019: HIGGIN'S CRAB HOUSE NORTH – 128TH STREET & COASTAL HIGHWAY – MONEY DUE AUGUST 15, 2019

OCTOBER TRIP MUSIC/MONUMENTS & MEMORIALS – COST: \$700.00 P/P SIGN UP SHEET AT FRONT TABLE - \$200 DEPOSIT

HARRINGTON TRIP – SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

OCTOBER SOCIAL – OCTOBER 22, 2019 – CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL – THE MARCHESIELLO'S ARE CHAIRING THIS EVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2019 – CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE CLARION HOTEL 5:30 PM

DECEMBER 17, 18, 19 \$800.00 P/P NYC CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL TIMES SQUARE

**POSSIBLE FREE NIGHT LIKE LAST YEAR \$200 P/P DEP \$500 REMAINING P/P
OCTOBER 1, 2019... STOP AT JERRY'S ON THE WAY HOME**

**OCTOBER 11, 2020 - 40TH ANNIVERSARY GALA GALA MEETING WILL BE HELD
NEXT WEEK – MAY 9, 2019**

**SICILY TRIP – TOM PERGOLA - APRIL19 – 1 MAY 2020 - MEETING WILL BE ON
MAY 9, 2019 AT NOON AT THE HALL.....PRICE: \$6,300.00 P/P INCLUSIVE**

**JUNE 27TH SOCIAL – WELCOME TO ITALIAN STUDENTS/MEMBER
APPRECIATION DINNER CATERED BY MIO FRATELLO'S BBQ... NO COST FOR
MEMBERS. A CHARGE OF \$15.00 FOR GUESTS TO DEFRAY THE COST OF THE
DINNER..MEMBERS MUST SIGN UP AT JUNE 6TH MEETING. STARTS AT 5:30PM
WITH SHORT MEETING DINNER AT 6:00 PM**

**JULY 11, 2019 STAR CHARITIES – OCEAN CITY RACETRACK \$25.00.... 5:00 PM
...DOOR PRIZES... ANNA FOULTZ WILL BRING TICKETS TO THE JUNE
MEETING.**

**CHARITY (MARY CASTORINA):MARY PRESENTED A PROPOSAL TO THE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR FOR THE LODGE'S
DONATIONS.**

TO BE PRESENTED TO THE GRAND LODGE AT THE JUNE 8TH CONVENTION:

ALZHEIMERS	\$350.00
COOLEY'S ANEMIA	\$350.00
AUTISM FOUNDATION	\$350.00

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL APPROVAL:

OPERATIONS SEAS THE DAY	\$200.00
BELIEVE IN TOMORROW	\$250.00
MR & MRS RICCIO MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT	\$250.00
PLAY IT SAFE – OCEAN RECREATION	\$200.00
BRANDYWINE VALLEY SPCA- GEORGETOWN	\$100.00

YTD CONTRIBUTIONS ALREADY MADE:

RELAY FOR LIFE	\$200.00
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CHARITY (CONT'D) SUMMARY:

TOTAL OF YTD CONTRIBUTIONS MADE	\$200.00
TOTAL RECOMMENDATIONS	\$2,050.00
TOTAL YTD	\$2,250.00

2019 BUDGET: \$4,000.00

2019 BUDGET BALANCE: \$1,750.00

CHARITY COMMITTEE: MARY CASTORINA, JANET ACKERSON, JOAN DeMARCO, AND JUDY ZANETTI

PUBLICITY (ANNA FOULTZ): ANNA SHOWED PICTURES FROM THE NEWSPAPER OF OUR FESTIVAL. A MOVIE TRAILER OF HER BOOK IS IN THE WORKS AND WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME A MOVIE. ALL THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO STAR CHARITIES.

WEBSITE (TOM PERGOLA): THE HOSTING FEED FOR OUR WEBSITE IS NOW COMPLETED.

HISTORIANS (BARBARA & ARMANDO GRAZIOSI): NO REPORT

“A WAY HOME” (DR DAN COWELL): DR DAN COWELL GAVE A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF “A WAY HOME”. THE ORGANIZATION STARTED IN SUSSEX COUNTY, DE. IT TRIES TO FIND JOBS, CLOTHING, FOOD AND SUPPORT FOR THE EXITING INMATES FROM SUSSEX CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

FUNDRAISING (SAL CASTORINA): SAL ESTIMATES THAT THE PROFIT FROM THE ST JOSEPH’S DAY FESTIVAL WILL BE BETWEEN \$15,000 AND \$16,000.

MEMBERSHIP (RITA TINDALL): WE NOW HAVE 234 MEMBERS. WE ARE STILL CHECKING TO SEE IF THIS NUMBER MATCHES THE PAID MEMBERSHIP LIST. TO ALL THE NEW MEMBERS, PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS. HERE ARE THE NEW MEMBERS: JOE CAMBORNIO, FRANK & JUDY DeLUCCA, AND CHUCK CARNABUCI. OUR GUESTS THIS EVENING WERE SANTO VINCENT AND MARY JO LAVORATA, MARIE COCCI, AND BILL AND DONNA PRICE.

NICK BARTOLOMEO ANNOUNCED THAT OUR GUEST SPEAKER, DAWN HODGE, CHAIRPERSON FOR THE RELAY FOR LIFE, WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THIS EVENING.

**NEW BUSINESS (VITO POTENZA):THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DECIDED TO
TABLE ADDITIONAL REVISIONS TO THE BY-LAWS.**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER (VITO POTENZA):GIADA LIMARDI AND CARRIE LINCH
FROM ASPIRE GAVE A BRIEF TALK REGARDING THE ITALIAN STUDENTS.
THERE WILL BE 79 STUDENTS COMING. THERE ARE 16 EMPLOYERS FOR THE
STUDENTS. FIFTY-NINE (59) WILL BE HERE JUNE 27TH AND 20 TO FOLLOW ON
JUNE 29TH.**

**DR DAN COWELL GAVE ABRIEF FAMILY HISTORY ABOUT HIS GRANDFATHER
COMING TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1888.**

**REMINDER JUNE 6, 2019 POT-LUCK DINNER AT 6:00 PM FOR THE MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES AND THEIR FAMILIES. DINNER AT 6:30 PM**

**THERE WILL BE A BLOOD DRIVE ON MAY 14, 2019 AT COLUMBUS HALL FROM
9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON.**

**ETHEL JACOBS: MEMBER, JOE CUSATO, IS TEACHING AN INFORMAL CLASS
IN LEARNING TO SPEAK ITALIAN. THE CLASS IS FREE AND MEETS ONCE A
WEEK ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 1:30 – 3:00 PM IN DIFFERENT VENUES AND
ONCE A MONTH AT THE OCEAN CITY LIBRARY – SAME TIME ON
WEDNESDAYS. IF INTERESTED, LET VITO KNOW AND HE WILL CONTACT JOE
CUSATO.**

CLOSING PRAYER (DEB REDA)

50/50 \$81.00 ED SMITH

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:35PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ETHEL JACOBS

RECORDING SECRETARY