

**SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY – GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OCEAN CITY LODGE #2474
JANUARY 3, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER: THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM BY
PRESIDENT VITO POTENZA**

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: All members present except Ethel Jacobs and
Joe Zanetti who were excused.**

PRINCIPLES OF THE ORDER: Vincent Mollicone

**PRAYER INTENTIONS: Rosemarie Corless, Jo Ann Fimmano, George Madden,
Carol Vale, Bonnie Oliverio and Anna Rubino**

OPENING PRAYER: Jane Bartolomeo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vito Potenza

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2018 MEETING: Approved as distributed.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- (1) The Trustee’s second and third quarter financial reviews were approved
by the Council in November.**
- (2) Vinnie Mollicone has tickets for the Grand Lodge Raffle and we continue
to get winners from our Lodge. Vito won in November and December,
and Richard Baietti also won. The tickets are \$25 and they will begin to
start drawing them in March, and they are drawn retroactively from
January first. The proceeds from the raffle goes toward the Grand Lodge
Scholarship Fund.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: Tony Parisi

**This was a record year for us financially, thanks due to our fundraising and social
events. Our Current Assets:**

Checking Account/Operating	\$29,691.86
Checking Account/Merchant	\$..9,797.59
Money Market Account	\$..9,865.16
Investment Account	\$34,444.84

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Rosemarie Pomilla

Total Income (Year to Date)	\$43,533.36
Total Expenses (Year to Date).....	\$24,165.81
Net Income (Year To Date)	\$19,367.55

**REPORT OF ATTENDANCE: Jim Reda & Nick Bartolomeo
108 Members plus 2 guests**

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES REPORT: Jane Bartolomeo

The following ladies brought in tonight's desserts: Donna Potenza, Deb Reda, Jane Bartolomeo, Mary Castorina, Sharon DiMatteo, Eileen Salafia, Janet Shellenberger, Patty LiPira, Linda Camponelli, Cathy Russo, and Adrienne Celest. Thank you so much!!

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Gina Busby read cards received from: Janet & Mike Roca (Christmas) and a Thank you note from Justin's Beach House Program for our donation.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Memorial Scholarship – Donna Potenza

There is a change of our name and the current applications are being updated to read Sons & Daughters of Italy Memorial Scholarship. The applications will be sent electronically and mailed to the Guidance Offices of our local high schools. The applications must be returned by the end of March.

2. Social: Mary EllenArena

- a. November Social Dinner was a great success and 60 guests attended at the Bourbon On The Beach Restaurant.
- b. Christmas Dinner at the Clarion was enjoyed by 160 guests. Mary Ellen asked if all wanted to go to the Clarion next year on December 8, 2019 or would they prefer a different location and/or a different menu.
- c. New York City Trip: Everyone enjoyed all the activities on the trip.
- d. Sicily Trip: There will be a meeting to discuss the itinerary, cost, etc. to be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. All are welcome to hear the presentation by Tom Pergola and Mary Ellen.
- e. 40th Anniversary Gala Planning Meeting will be held on January 11th following the Festival Meeting at St. Andrew's.

- f. **January Social Dinner: Monday, January 21, 2019 at Luna's Cactus Café on Route #54, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Margherita Special that evening.**
 - g. **Harrington Casino Trip: Wednesday, January 30, 2019; cost \$25.00 each. Bus sold out...reservation will be held until January 10th when payment is due...after that date, seat will be released....there is a wait list.**
 - h. **Mardi Gras Dinner & Party: March 2019 – details TBD**
 - i. **Asheville/Nashville Trip: April 6 – 13, 2019...8 days/7 nights: cost \$1,550. each. \$2,000 for single, trip balance due by February 15, 2019. Insurance coverage \$69.00 per person..due January 30, 2019.**
 - j. **April Social Dinner – details TBD....chaired by Bonnie Oliverio**
 - k. **June Day Trip – Tentative Date: Wednesday June 12, 2019**
 - l. **September Social Dinner: Chaired by Pat and Richard Marchesiello**
- CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL EVENT INFORMATION AND TRIP WAIVER FORM.**

3. CHARITY COMMITTEE: Mary Castorina

Mary thanked all those who provided Christmas gifts for Worcester Gold and especially Miss Pearl. She asked if anyone had a particular charity that you would like the Committee to consider, please let her know. Please submit your suggestions in writing. Our goals are to select charities within our community. Mary thanked those who helped lay wreaths at the Veterans Cemetery.

4. PUBLICITY: Anna Fultz shared pictures she had taken and then turned them over to the Historians for the record. Anna mentioned that her book is going to be made into a movie.

5. HISTORIAN'S REPORT: Barbara & Armando Graziosi

Barbara requested anyone who had items for the books to turn them into her tonight and she will bring the books next week.

Armando announced that Guy DiMatteo is finally retiring after 60 years, which was met with a round of applause.

6. FUNDRAISING: Sal Castorina

Our Festival will be on March 30, 2019. Friday, January 11, 2019 will be our festival meeting and all captains are expected to attend. A

lot of decisions need to be made so please try to attend. It is time to distribute all the flyers previously distributed, to various shops and businesses in the area. If additional flyers are needed, you can print them from the website.

Tom Pergola explained the process for getting ads for our program. This year we will not be copying business cards. Ads are needed by Mid-February in order to print the programs in time for distribution. There are sample programs from last year, which are available to show prospective customers.

Janet Ackerson will be in charge of building baskets and could use volunteers to help out by going to business and acquiring gift certificates and/or gifts to use in the baskets. Many of these businesses have been helping us out for several years and will be most willing to donate again. Please list the exact name of the Merchants who donate and turn it in to Janet no later than February 15th, to be listed in the program. Introductory Letters and Thank You Letters are also available to give to the Merchants.

Mary Ellen Arena is asking for volunteers who would like to be a relief worker during the Festival. She is taking names and would welcome your offer to help. Please see Mary Ellen.

MEMBERSHIP: Rita Tindall thanked all the members who paid their dues. New Members who joined and were welcomed.

(1)Giuseppe Biancaniello,(2) Victoria Constantino Garzione
(3) Richard Buccheri and (4) Denise Buccheri (5) Larry Walton
Guests: Sergio and Victoria Palazzo were also welcomed

OLD BUSINESS:

(1) Reminder to purchase Grand Lodge Super Raffle Tickets

(2) St. Patrick's Day Parade: Please see Frank Tribuno, Jr. if you would like to help out with the parade, (decorating, walking, helping build and riding the float, generally having a fun time). The date will be on March 16th.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Member Joe Cusato spoke to Vito about getting together and being a team leader for a little conversational Italian group. He was involved in a similar program at a large Italian Parish, Holy Rosary Church in Washington, D.C. If you are interested, there will be further discussion at the next meeting.

Sharon DiMatteo spoke about the Feast of the Epiphany meaning appearing, which is celebrated on January 6th. It also known as the twelfth day of Christmas. It is the celebration of the coming of the Maji as the first manifestation of the coming of Christ to the Gentiles. For many Christians this is the official end of the Christmas season. The Ancient Christian feast day is significant as the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. The 6 Sundays which follow the Epiphany are known as the time of manifestation. The twelfth night also marks a visit to the baby Jesus by the 3 Wise men. This celebration signifies Jesus being shown to the world. This celebration began in the fourth century. According to the Gospel of Matthew, the Wise men followed the star directing them to Bethlehem where they presented gifts of Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh. Gold represents His Royal Standing, Frankincense, His Divine Birth and Myrrh, His Mortality. In Italy, stockings are filled with fruit if you are good or coal if you are not so good. Roast Lamb was traditionally served at the Epiphany.

Vito and Donna thanked everyone for the honor they received as the Distinguished Citizens of the Year.

January 11th will be a special day for Anna Foulz as she celebrates her 93rd Birthday. Congratulations Anna.

CLOSING PRAYER: Debra Reda

50/50 \$77.00 was won by Mary Castorina

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Bartolomeo, Acting Recording Secretary