

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY OF OCEAN CITY LODGE #2474

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES APRIL 4, 2019

MEETING OPENED:7:00 PM

ROLL CALL: (ETHEL JACOBS) ALL MEMBERS ARE PRESENT.

PRINCIPLES OF THE ORDER: (VINCENT MOLLICONE)

OPENING PRAYER: (JANE BARTOLOMEO)

PRAYER INTENTIONS: (VITO POTENZA) ROSEMARIE CORLESS, JoANN FIMMANO, GEORGE MADDEN, CAROL VALES, ETHEL JACOBS, ANNA RUBINO, GORDON DONAHUE, JOHN CUSATO, AND DARRYL TROSTLE (SON OF SHARON SMITH).

FLAG SALUTE (VITO POTENZA)

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: (VITO) MINUTES WERE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH E-MAIL. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WAS MADE BY MARY ELLEN ARENA AND SECONDED BY ANDY MAGGIO. MOTION APPROVED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:(TONY PARISI) THE ST JOSEPH'S DAY FESTIVAL WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL. AS OF MARCH 31, 2019,THE LODGE'S NET WORTH WAS \$61,479.03. CURRENT ASSETS ARE:

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| CHECKING ACCOUNT/OPERATING – TAYLOR BANK | \$16,335.10 |
| CHECKING ACCOUNT/MERCHANT – TAYLOR BANK | 4,992.44 |
| MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT – TAYLOR BANK | 3,103.82 |
| CASH ON HAND | 5,415.00 |

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: (ROSEMARIE POMILLA)

YTD INCOME - \$150.80 YTD EXPENSES - \$2,303.15 * **See amended notes at end of minutes**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (VITO POTENZA) A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO SAL CASTORINA AND TOM PERGOLA FOR THEIR GREAT EFFORTS IN MAKING THE ST JOSEPH'S DAY FESTIVAL A HUGE SUCCESS AND TO ALL OF THE FESTIVAL HELPERS/WORKERS.

TONIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKERS WILL BE GEOFF AND JACKIE FAILLA, FROM THE GRACE CENTER FOR MATERNAL AND WOMEN'S HEALTH (FORMERLY THE SHIRLEY GRACE PREGNANCY CENTER).

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE: (JIM REDA) 102 MEMBERS 4 GUESTS

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES: (JANE BARTOLOMEO) NO REPORT

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: (GINA BUSBY) GINA READ A THANK YOU NOTE FROM DOTTIE TUMMINELLO.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: (DONNA POTENZA) THE LODGE HAS RECEIVED 13 APPLICATIONS. THE COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING ON APRIL 17TH TO SELECT THE NOMINEES.

SOCIAL: (MARY ELLEN ARENA) THE ASHEVILLE/NASHVILLE TRIP – LEAVING APRIL 6 – 13, 2019. DEPART FROM ST ANDREW'S PARISH AT 7:00 AM.

APRIL SOCIAL DINNER – APRIL 23, 2019 5:30 PM SUNSET GRILLE IN WEST OCEAN CITY. SOLD OUT

HARRINGTON CASINO TRIP – THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019 SOLD OUT

MAY SOCIAL DINNER – THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2019 BETHANY BLUES RESTAURANT IN BETHANY BEACH, DE. 4 – 9 PM - SEE SUE BAIETTI FOR DETAILS.

MAY SOCIAL EVENT – THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019 AT DICKEN'S THEATER PARLOUR IN BETHANY BEACH. MAGIC SHOW BY RICH BLOCH. TICKETS \$26.00 FOR TWO (BOGO). SEE GINA BUSBY.

JUNE DAY TRIP – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019 AMERICAN MUSIC THEATER IN LANCASTER, PA. COST: \$120 PER PERSON. SEE SIGN UP SHEET AT THE FRONT TABLE. DEPOSIT DUE MAY 15TH \$60.00.

CRAB FEAST – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2019 HIGGINS CRAB HOUSE 128TH STREET & COASTAL HIGHWAY - \$45.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES: AUCE STEAMED CRABS/SHRIMP/FRIED CHICKEN/HUSH PUPPIES/COLESLAW/CORN ON THE COB/DESSERT/UNLIMITED DOMESTIC BEER/HOUSE WINE/SOFT DRINKS/GRATUITIES&TAXES **RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED WITH PAYMENT BY AUGUST 15, 2019. SIGN UP SHEET AT THE FRONT TABLE.**

OCTOBER TRIP – OCTOBER 13 – 16, 2019 MUSIC/MONUMENTS & MEMORIALS...COST: \$700 PER PERSON – 9/11 MEMORIAL IN PA, ROCK & ROLL

MUSEUM, POSSIBLE WHITE HOUSE TOUR, MUSEUM VISIT, DINNER AT FILOMENIA'S IN GEORGETOWN, AND MORE. SEE SIGN UP SHEET AT FRONT TABLE.

OCTOBER SOCIAL DINNER – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2019 DINNER AT CARRABAS RESTAURANT IN WEST OCEAN CITY. “WINE PAIRING” NOT WINE TASTING. SEE RICHARD & PAT MARCHESIELLO FOR DETAILS.

DECEMBER TRIP – DECEMBER 10, 11,12, 2019 NEW YORK/3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS... POSSIBLE COST: \$800.00 PER PERSON...CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL..THEATER SHOW:”CHER”..BRYANT PARK SHOPPING..TONY DiNAPOLI DINNER... TRIP NOT FINALIZED YET. SIGN UP SHEET AT FRONT TABLE.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – DECEMBER 15, 2019 – CLARION HOTEL BEGINNING AT 5:30PM... MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

SICILY TRIP – APRIL 2020...HOPEFULLY, FINAL ITINERARY AND PRICING WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE MAY MEETING BY TOM PERGOLA.

40TH ANNIVERSARY GALA – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020 AT THE CLARION HOTEL IN OCEAN CITY, MD.

CHARITY COMMITTEE: (MARY CASTORINA) THE COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING IN APRIL. THE AMERICAN LEGION POST WILL BE READING THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO DIED IN VIETNAM FROM THE “WALL” ON MAY 16 – 20, 2019 IN CAPE MAY.

PUBLICITY (ANNA FOULTZ) SHE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME AT THE ST JOSEPH'S DAY FESTIVAL AND MANAGED TO GET HER PICTURE IN THE “OCEAN CITY TODAY” NEWSPAPER ON APRIL 5, 2019.

WEBSITE: (TOM PERGOLA) NO REPORT

HISTORIANS: (BARBARA GRAZIOSI) BARBARA GAVE A FEW INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE SONS OF ITALY:

1905 SONS OF ITALY WAS STARTED; 1911 THE GRAND LODGE OPENED IN NEW YORK; AND THE FIRST LODGE OPENED IN 1914; TO MENTION A FEW.

FUNDRAISING: (SAL CASTORINA) BONNIE OLIVERIO HAS SOME FOOD ITEMS TO SELL THIS EVENING THAT WERE LEFT FROM THE FESTIVAL. THE FESTIVAL WAS A HUGE SUCCESS WITH A RECORD NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING – APPROXIMATELY 1400-1500. THERE WAS \$38,450.00 IN TOTAL REVENUES AND \$14,900 IN EXPENSES PLUS MORE TO COME, ESTIMATED PROFIT OF \$22,000.00. SAL WENT OVER THE INDIVIDUAL STANDS AND MOST

HAD AN INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR – FOOD TICKETS AND SILENT AUCTION WENT VERY WELL. THE BEER/WINE AND CHEESE /SALAMI STANDS DID NOT DO AS WELL.

TOM PERGOLA HAS PLENTY OF PROGRAMS LEFTOVER. PLEASE COME AND TAKE ONE. ALSO, SEND A THANK YOU NOTE TO OUR SPONSORS WITH A COPY OF THE PROGRAM.

JANET ACKERSON MADE A SUGGESTION THAT THE RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE BASKETS BE A DIFFERENT COLOR AND THAT PEOPLE USE THEIR ADDRESS LABELS TO PUT ON THE TICKETS FOR EASIER READING.

MEMBERSHIP: (RITA TINDALL) RITA SIGNED UP 18 PEOPLE AT THE FESTIVAL. SHE MADE PHONE CALLS TO INVITE THEM TO THE APRIL 4TH MEETING, BUT DID NOT HEAR BACK FROM THEM. AS OF TODAY, WE HAVE 232 PAID MEMBERS.

NEW MEMBERS AS OF TONIGHT:

GUY M. AKOB; CHARLES CARNABUCI; JUDITH & FRANK DeLUCCO & JOSEPH TAMBERINO, SR.

GUESTS: MICHELE COVEY; CLAUDIA CIANCE; MARGE & JOE MATTURRO

OLD BUSINESS: THE FOURTH QUARTER 2018 TRUSTEE’S REVIEW WAS COMPLETED AND RECONCILED AND APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

A MOTION PASSED AT OUR MARCH MEETING TO AMEND OUR BY-LAWS REGARDING OUR “GUEST POLICY”. VINCENT MOLLICONE READ THE RESOLUTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND A DISCUSSION FOLLOWED. A MOTION WAS MADE BY DONNA POTENZA TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION AND SECONDED BY GINA BUSBY. THE MOTION PASSED 101 IN FAVOR AND 1 OPPOSED. A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION IS ATTACHED.

GUEST SPEAKERS: OUR GUEST SPEAKERS ARE GEOFF AND JACKIE FAILLA FROM THE GRACE CENTER FOR MATERNAL AND WOMEN’S HEALTH (FORMERLY THE GRACE PREGNANCY CENTER). GEOFF IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND JACKIE IS THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR (NURSE MANAGER). THEY EXPLAINED THEIR MISSION AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

NEW BUSINESS: THE ITALIAN STUDENTS WILL BE ARRIVING IN TWO GROUPS-APPROXIMATELY 75 AROUND MID TO LATE JUNE.THE PLAN IS TO HAVE A CATERED BBQ DINNER FROM MIO FRATELLI’S. AS WE DID LAST

YEAR, WE WILL HAVE A COMBINED STUDENT WELCOME/LODGE MEMBER APPRECIATION DINNER ON JUNE 27, 2019. LAST YEAR MEMBERS WERE CHARGED \$5.00 AND GUESTS \$10.00 TO DEFRAY THE COST OF THE MEAL. MEMBERS NEED TO MAKE RESERVATIONS BY OUR JUNE 6TH MEETING.

ON JUNE 6, 2019 WE WILL HAVE OUR REGULAR JUNE MEETING WITH NO EXECUTIVE MEETING. WE WILL HOST THE SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AT OUR POT LUCK DINNER.

FESTIVAL PICTURES: (GEORGE WARD) GEORGE HAS THE PICTURES FROM THE FESTIVAL. IF YOU WANT A COPY, PLEASE SEE HIM AT THE FRONT TABLE. COST IS \$10.00.

APRIL 13, 2019 THE ANNAPOLIS LODGE IS HOSTING A DANCE FEATURING THE FAMOUS "HUBCAPS" 7:30 – 11:00 PM AT CONSTATINE & HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, ANNAPOLIS, MD. COST: \$30.00 PER PERSON. SEE FLYER AT FRONT TABLE FOR MORE DETAILS.

CLOSING PRAYER: DEB REDA

50/50 \$84.00 MARY LOELOFF

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:30 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ETHEL JACOBS

RECORDING SECRETARY

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MAY 2, 2019

Amended notes

**INVESTMENT ACCOUNT \$38,638.17
THE MONTH OF APRIL WILL BE IN THE BLACK.
Page 1 under the Financial Secretary's Report:
YTD INCOME \$150.80
YTD EXPENSES \$2,303.15
YTD NET INCOME \$2,454.05**