

**SONS OF ITALY LODGE #2474 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MINUTES FOR APRIL 5, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: President Vito Potenza called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Present: Vito Potenza, Vincent Mollicone, Rosemarie Pomilla, Tony Parisi, Jane Bartolomeo, Deb Reda, Joe Zanetti, Lucretia Motsco, Ilene Parisi, Tom Pomilla, John Rubino, Frank Tribuno, Jr., Nick Bartolomeo, Jim Reda, and Sal Castorina. Excused: Ethel Jacobs and Gina Busby.

PRINCIPLES OF THE ORDER: Read by Vincent Mollicone

OPENING PRAYER: Jane Bartolomeo

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Rosemarie Corless and Frank Celeste

FLAG SALUTE: Vito Potenza

MINUTES OF MARCH 2018 MEETING: Approved as distributed

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tony Parisi Tony reported that the Festival broke all records for attendance, revenue, and profit. As the Festival was financially successful, we will be able to fully fund all of 2018's budgeted commitments for scholarships and charities. Our bank and investment account balances as of 3/31/18 were as follows:

Operating Account (net of funds held 1 trust for members)	\$ 9,792.00
Merchant Account:	\$27,380.00
Money Market Account:	\$ 6,358.00
Investment Account:	\$ 28,047.00

FINANCIAL REPORT: Rosemarie Pomilla

Year to Date:	\$ 22,981.56
Net Profit:	\$ 21,750.04
Expenses:	\$ 1,225.04

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE: Jim Reda reported we had 91 members present and 6 guests.

GUEST SPEAKER: Anna Foulz introduced Mr. Ronald Krisulevicz, News Director from TV/Radio Station WBOC. He shared their latest programming efforts, the Telemundo Station, anchored by 2 bi-lingual journalists for the Hispanic and Latino Communities in the area. Our speaker gave us an overview of his broadcasting experiences prior to arriving in Salisbury and his eight-year tenure in a management capacity at WBOC. Another area where they are growing is with radio, having purchased a radio station recently and providing a variety of musical selections as well as up-to-date news reports. He readily answered questions about the workings of the Station. Mr. Krisulevicz was applauded for his presentation as Anna presented him with the “Gold Award”.

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES: Jane Bartolomeo introduced the generous members who provided desserts for tonight’s gathering.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT: In Gina Busby’s absence, Vito Potenza read thank you notes that were received from Barbara and Armando Graziosi and Carol Vales.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Eight applications have been received: 5 from Stephen Decatur High School, 2 from Sussex Tech, 1 from Delmar High School and none from Indian River High School to date. The members of the committee have the packets to take home and study and will meet again to select the scholarship winners.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Mary Ellen Arena

1. Harrington Trip: had a full bus (54 people). All had a great time.
2. April Social Dinner: Tuesday, April 10th at Just Hooked Restaurant.
3. New Orleans Trip: April 15-22nd . Board bus at 7:00AM
4. May Social Dinner: May 9, 2018 at Cripple Creek Golf Club, \$35 per person. See Rosemarie Pomilla for details. Information previously sent by e-mail.
5. June Day Trip: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 to Chesapeake City, MD. Visit the Maritime Museum/Boat Cruise on C & O Canal and lunch. Sign-up sheets available.
6. Another suggestion was Longwood Gardens/visit to Mushroom Center/Lunch.
7. Crab & Shrimp Feast: Saturday, September 8, 2018. Cost \$45 per person. Tax and gratuities included. Reservations accepted now with payment due by AUGUST 1.
8. Harrington Casino Trip: Tentative date is Wednesday, September 26, 2018.
9. October/November Social Dinner: ...date to be determined: Hosts Mary Loeloff and Joann Steward.
10. Harrington Casino Trip: Tentative date is Wednesday, November 7, 2018.

11. **Christmas Dinner: Sunday, December 9, 2018, Clarion Hotel---details to follow.**
12. **New York City Trip: (December 11, 12, 13) 3days//2 nights at the Crown Plaza/Times Square. Includes: 2 nights accommodations, (1) Broadway Show (TBD), 2 full breakfasts, 2 dinners, Motor Coach Transportation, Taxes/Gratuities/Permits and other venues not finalized. Cost also not final –but in the range of approx... \$800 per person. Sign up sheet for reservations with a deposit of \$100.**
13. **2019 Spring Trip: Getting info for a trip to Nashville and the Biltmore with a possible trip to Memphis including Graceland (9 day trip)Sign up sheets available.**

CHARITY COMMITTEE: Mary Castorina

1. **Mary thanked those members who contributed their time and talents to making the Festival a huge success.**
2. **Requests for donations were submitted by (1) Nick Bartolomeo for the American Cancer Relay For Life Program and (2) the Shirley Grace Pregnancy Program is having their Gala (April 21, 2018) and all are invited to attend. We have sponsored these programs in the past. Mary has details on the Gala.**

PUBLICITY & PROGRAMS: Anna Foultz

1. **Vito thanked Anna for introducing us to our very interesting speaker.**
2. **Anna was honored by the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) and received 2 awards. She also travelled to Washington, D.C. with 50 Girl Scoutsto help them learn their history so they could earn their badge. During her visit she was accompanied by a photographer and reporter and was presented on the National News and in a National Magazine. Anna’s book is selling very well – see her for copies. The proceeds support her Star Charity Program.**

HISTORIAN: Armando & Barbara Graziosi

Nothing to report.

FUNDRAISING: Sal Castorina

1. **Sal thanked Barbara Graziosi for the wonderful job she did in promoting the Festival on WBOC TV (Delmarva Life). Several people came in response to her appearance.**
2. **The Festival was very successfuland we took in \$31,750. Thanks to all who worked prior to the Festival as well as those working the day of the Festival. The expenses were \$13,180 which nets about \$18,000. We hope to finish with about \$13,000 after paying St. Andrews. There were 1,483 adults attending, not including the workers. The different areas earned the following:**
 - a. **Food Station: \$1,400over last year**

- b. **Basket Raffles and Cheer Raffles:** same as last year
- c. **Silent Auction:** About \$1,000 less than last year, but we didn't have table sets as we did last year.
- d. **50/50:** Increased \$150.
- e. **Packaged Food:** Down \$110
- f. **Baked Goods:** Up \$110
- g. **Merchandise:** Did very well Close to \$100 profit
- h. **Beer and Wine:** Did very well\$455 more than last year
- i. **Sodas and Coffee:** more than \$140 more than last year
- j. **Ordered less Canolis and Gelito** this year, based on last year's numbers, and because of greater numbers, sold out early.
- k. **Fried Dough:** \$262 more than last year
- l. **Big Winner:** The Pick Six Wheel earned over \$500 this year
- m. **Cookbooks:** Sold more than 35 cookbooks (\$350)
- n. **Extra group pictures** are available at \$10 ... please buy one.
- o. **We made \$3,900** on the program this year. Many thanks to Tom Pergola for a beautiful program.
- p. **Janet Ackerson, and her team,** were thanked for doing a great job on the baskets used in the raffles.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Rita Tindall

We have 5 new members that signed up at the Festival:

**Paul Mazzei, Jr. Paul Mazzei, Sr. John Cangiano
Charles A. Poggioli, Jr. Ann Poggioli**

New members who joined in February and March:

**Nicholas Colicigno Louis Barracato Joseph Anthony Lotito
Carol Sellers (reinstatement) Marian Cicero Pat Joseph Amato**

For 2018, 11 new members have joined our Lodge. Our enrollment to date is 204 members. Tonight's guests are Larry Walton and Judy Warson.

OLD BUSINESS: Vito Potenza

The By-Laws have been revised and approved by the Council to reflect that we now have two (2) Sgt-At-Arms positions.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Italian students will be arriving in two groups of about 30. The first group is expected around June 15th and the second group by June 30th. The decision was made not to change our June 7th meeting date and welcome our scholarship winners at that time. We can select a later date, possibly June 28th, if the Hall is available, to meet and greet the Italian students in a social gathering. Sal suggested having a pig roast on a Sunday afternoon, but any suggestions are welcomed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Ronald Krisulevicz, WBOC News Director (Guest Speaker)

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Vito Potenza

Please don't forget to contribute to the "Food Jar" on the back table to help the Lodge defray the costs of our refreshments. Thank you.

CLOSING PRAYER: Deb Reda

50/50 RAFFLE: \$81.00

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Respectfully Submitted,

Ethel Jacobs

Recording Secretary