

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY OCEAN CITY LODGE #2474  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL: (ETHEL) ALL MEMBNNERS ARE PRESENT EXCEPT FOR JANE BARTOLOMEO, ILENE PARISI AND JOHN RUBINO WHO ARE EXCUSED.

PRINCIPLES OF THE ORDER: (VINNIE)

OPENING PRAYER: (DEB REDA)

PRAYER INTENTIONS: (VITO) ROSEMARIE CORLESS, ANNA AND JOHN RUBINO, CAROL VALES, RON RUSSO, VICKY GARZIONE, JO ALEXANDER, RITA TINDALL, AND JOE DIMARTINO'S 98 YEAR- OLD MOTHER, STELLA (SURGERY FOR A PERFORATED ULCER.)

FLAG SALUTE: (VITO)

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING DISTRIBUTED: A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES WAS MADE BY MIKE JACOBS AND SECONDED BY CATHY RUSSO. MOTION PASSED TO ACCEPT MINUTES.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: (VITO)THE EXECUTIVE COINCIL REVIEWED THE 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER FINANCIAL REVIEW AND IT WAS APPROVED.

THE MEMORIAL MASS FOR OUR DECEASED MEMBERS WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 AT ST. LEO'S AT 11:30 AM. THE LODGE WILL BE HONORING FRANK CELESTE, NICHOLAS COLICIGNO, FRANK TUMMINELLO, NATHAN NADEO AND JOE SALAFIA.

THE COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATION WILL BE OCTOBER 6, 2019 AT 11:00 AM. IN BALTIMORE. THERE WILL BE NO PARADE THIS YEAR.

THERE WILL BE A WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AND GUY AND SHARON DiMATTEO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO REPRESENT THE LODGE.

GRAND LODGE GALA WILL BE OCTOBER 26, 2019 AT MARTIN'S EAST. NO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ARE AVAILALE TO ATTEND. THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL APPROVED A FULL- PAGE AD IN THE GALA PROGRAM.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE BERLIN SENIOR LITTLE LEAGUE REQUESTING A DONATION TO SUPPORT SEVERAL OF THE PLAYERS WHOSE FAMILIES WHO COULD NOT AFFORD THE COST OF SENDING THEIR SONS TO MICHIGANTO PARTICIPATE IN THE LITTLE LEAGUE PLAYOFFS. THE COUNCILAPPROVED A DONATION OF \$500.00.

GARABALDI-MEUCCI FOUNDATION HAS SENT A BOOK OF TICKETS (6) FOR \$30.00 EACH. THE COUNCIL APPROVED BUYING THE TICKETS IN THE NAME OF THE LODGE.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY TRIPS: MARY ELLEN ARENA IS CONCERNED THAT SUPPORT FOR OUR TRIPS IS DWINDLING. THE LODGE WILL CONDUCT A SURVEY OF LODGE MEMBERS SO THAT MARY ELLEN CAN DESIGN TRIPS RESPONDING TO MEMBER INTERESTS. VITO WILL SEND OUT THE SURVEY.

OUR JANUARY MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 2, 2020. THE 9<sup>TH</sup> IS NOT AVAILABLE AND THE COUNCIL DECIDED NOT TO PUSH IT FURTHER BACK IN JANUARY. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THIS MEETING WILL BE THE INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW OFFICERS

TREASURER'S REPORT (TONY) THE LODGE IS IN THE BLACK.

CURRENT ASSETS: BANK ACCOUNTS – TAYLOR BANK -	\$38,786.15
CHECKING ACCT/OPERATING	\$19,068.86
CHECKING ACCT/MERCHANT	9,690.50
MONEY MARKET ACCT/OPERATING RESERVES	10,026.7

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: (ROSEMARIE):

2019 YTD INCOME: \$26,395.98  
2019 TOTAL EXPENSES: \$24,521.69

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE: (JIM REDA) 100 MEMBERS 3 GUESTS

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES (DEB REDA) DEB THANKED THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND ALL WHO BROUGHT DESSERTS

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (GINA BUSBY) GINA SHARED TWO THANK YOU NOTES FROM BECKY SUE TRADER, ONE OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS, AND SUE ANN BAIETTI FOR THE CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF HER FATHER.

GINA MENTIONED THAT THE TRAVELLING MEMORIAL WALL AND HISTORY EXHIBIT HONORING VIETNAM VETS WILL BE AT THE OCEAN VIEW MASON DIXON VFW #7234 FROM OCTOBER 3 – 6, 2019. THE ADDRESS IS 29265 MARSHY HOPE WAY, OCEAN VIEW, DE 19970

SCHOLARSHIP (DONNA P) NO REPORT

SOCIAL (MARY ELLEN) A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED OUR PREVIOUS TRIPS.

CRAB FEAST SEPT 7, 2019 HIGGINS NORTH 1:00 – 4:00 PM

OCTOBER TRIP 13 -16, 2019 HAS BEEN CANCELLED

OCTOBER 22, 2019 CARRABAS RESTAURANT 6:00PM \$39.00 PP  
(SEE WEBSITE FOR MENU)

HARRINGTON CASINO TRIP NOVEMBER 6, 2019 \$25.00 PP

CHRISTMAS DINNER DECEMBER 15, 2019 CLARION HOTEL \$30.00 PP FOR MEMBERS; \$60.00 PP FOR NON-MEMBERS

CHRISTMAS NEW YORK TRIP – DEC 17 – 19, 2019...3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS.....  
SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS

JANUARY SOCIAL DINNER – MARTI QUINN CHAIRPERSON DATE TBD  
WITH DETAILS

JANUARY HARRINGTON CASINO TRIP – TENTATIVE DATE  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020

FEBRUARY DINNER – LOOKING INTO VALENTINE’S DINNER –  
POSSIBLE DATE IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020.

APRIL DINE & DONATE – RICH & SUE ANN BAIETTI...HAVE AGREED  
TO HOST ANOTHER FUND RAISER. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

MAY SOCIAL DINNER – JANET ACKERSON CHAIRPERSON...DETAILS  
TO FOLLOW.

JUNE TRIP – SUNDAY, JUNE 7 – 13, 2020...7DAYS/6NIGHTS...COST WILL  
BE \$1,300.00 PP (DO) \$1,720.00 (SO) CAPECOD/MARTHA’S VINEYARD/  
NANTUCKET ISLAND/PLYMOUTH & BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS...SEE  
FLYER FOR DETAILS.

40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020 CLARION  
HOTEL IN OCEAN CITY, MD...DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

CHARITY REPORT: (MARY C) THE CHARITY COMMITTEE SUBMITTED  
TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR  
DISTRIBUTION OF CHARITY FUNDS. WITH ONE ADDITION (GRACE  
CENTER FOR MATERNAL AND WOMEN’S HEALTH). THE  
RECOMMENDATIONS WERE APPROVED

PUBLICITY & PROGRAMS (ANNA FOULTZ)ANNA MENTIONED THAT  
SHE MET THE MAYOR OF SALISBURY, MD, AND HE WANTED A COPY  
OF HER BOOK (“TWO STEPS FORWARD”). SHE PROVIDED THE LODGE  
WITH SEVERAL PHOTOS OF LODGE MEMBERS IN THE LOCAL  
NEWSPAPERS.

WEBSITE (TOM PERGOLA): NO REPORT

HISTORIANS (BARB & ARMANDO GRAZIOSI): SEVERAL ALBUMS OF PICTURES ARE ON DISPLAY AT THE FRONT TABLE...COME AND LOOK AT THEM.

FUNDRAISING (SAL CASTORINA):A KICK-OFF MEETING FOR THE UPCOMING FESTIVAL WILL BE OCTOBER 10, 2019 AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH AT 10:00AM - TEAM CAPTAINS SHOULD ATTEND.

MEMBERSHIP(ROSEMARY GEAR): ONE NEW MEMBER TONIGHT – PAUL ALBANESE. WELCOME PAUL!!

OLD BUSINESS(VITO)THE EXECUTIVE COUNCILAPPROVEDTHE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA BUDGET.

NEW BUSINESS: (VITO)DUES POLICY: OUR RENEWALS WILL BE SENT OUT ELECTRONICALLY ON OCTOBER 15, 2019. THERE ARE NINETEEN (19) HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT COMPUTERS SO THEIR'S WILL BE MAILED. THE GRAND LODGE PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT, BASED ON OUR MEMBERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, ISDUE TO THE GRAND LODGE BY FEBRUARY 15.

DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: (VINNIE) OUR AWARD FOR THE DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD IS PRESENTED AT OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER. NOMINEES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY OUR OCTOBER MEETING; IN NOVEMBER THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL SUBMIT ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. VINNIE HAS THE NOMINATION CRITERIA. HE ALSO NEEDS A FEW PEOPLE TO BE ON THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE. SEE VINNIE AFTER THE MEETING.

2020 BUDGET(VITO): THE 2020 BUDGET HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCILAS PRESENTED BY TONY PARISI. (COPIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW)

**2020 RAFFLE TICKETS:** THE LODGE HAS THE 2020 RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE \$25.00 A TICKET. OUR LODGE HAS HAD SEVERAL WINNERS IN THE PAST.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING TIME:**THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING CHANGING OUR MEETINGSTO AN EARLIER START TIME. VITO WILL SEND OUT A SURVEY TO GETMEMBERSHIP INPUT. PLEASE SEND YOUR RESPONSES TO VITO.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

**SOME CHANGES: (VITO)** EXECUTIVE COUNCIL APPROVED TWO MINOR ADJUSTMENTS TO HELP RUN OUR MEETINGS MORE EFFICIENTLY:

1.MARY ELLEN ARENA WILL BE SITTING AT A SEPARATE TABLE WITH SIGN-UP SHEETS AND FLYERS FOR OUR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND TRIPS.

2.THE SGT-AT ARMS WILL BE INTRODUCING OUR GUESTS

**BOCCE:** ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN PLAYING BOCCE, PLEASE SEE TONY AFTER THE MEETING

**GRACE CENTER:** ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 - PIAZA PIZZA WILL BE DONATING A PORTION OF THEIR PROFITS FOR THE DAY TO THE GRACE CENTER. PLEASE TRY TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT. PIAZA PIZZA IS LOCATED AT 11436 SAMUEL BOWDEN BLVD (NEAR WALMART ON RT 50), BERLIN, MD.

**LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS:** HELP SUPPORT OUR SISTER ORGANIZATION BY ATTENDING THEIR ANNUAL CARD PARTY ON OCTOBER 1, 2019...ST ANDREW'S HALL... 10:30- 3:00PM...\$22.00 PP INCLUDES BUFFET LUNCHEON. CALL MAUREEN 302-988-1498 FOR TICKETS.

BERNIE BUSBY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL OF OUR MEMBERS SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS.

SUE ANN BAIETTI HAD SEVERAL CASES OF TOY PLAY SPROCKETS THAT WERE DONATED TO THE LODGE. SHE MADE THEM AVAILABLE TO THE MEMBERSHIP FOR DISTRIBUTION TO GRANDCHILDREN, TO DAY CARE CENTERS, LOCAL SCHOOLS, OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

**ST LUKE'S GOLF TOURNAMENT:** THE GOLF TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 16, 2019 AT THE BAYSIDE RESORT GOLF CLUB...\$125.00 PP...12:00 NOON – SIGN-UP...1:00 PM SHOTGUN START \$125.00 INCLUDES – GOODIE BAG, RANGE BALLS, 18HOLES OF GOLF, GOLF CART AND DINNER AT THE COVE RESTAURANT ...BANQUET, AWARDS, AUCTION, COVE BAR AND GRILLE.

**WORCESTER CONTY SPIRIT AWARD:** ANNA FOULTZ NOMINATED MARY ELLEN ARENA FOR THE AWARD AND SHE WAS VERY EXCITED TO RECEIVE IT. CONGRATULATIONS MARY ELLEN!!

**CLOSING PRAYER (DEB REDA)**

50/50      \$86.00      PAT MARCHIELLO

MEETING ADJORNED: 8:10 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ETHEL JACOBS  
RECORDING SECRETARY

OUR NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 3, 2019