

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES FOR ORDER OF SONS
AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY OCEAN CITY, MD LODGE #2474**

SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: MEETING OPENED AT 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: ALL OFFICERS WERE PRESENT EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING.

EXCUSED: ROSEMARIE POMILLA, JANE BARTOLOMEO, ILENE PARISI, TOM POMILLA, AND NICK BARTOLOMEO.

PRINCIPLES OF ORDER:VINCENT MOLLICONE

OPENING PRAYER: DEB REDA

FLAG SALUTE: VITO POTENZA

PRAYER INTENTIONS: FRANK CELESTE, ROSEMARIE CORLESS, NICK BARTOLOMEO, ANNA RUBINO, AND ILENE PARISI

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: AUGUST 14, 2018 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING WERE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: AMONG THE WINNERS OF THE GRAND LODGE DAILY RAFFLE WERE STEPHANIE DONAHUEIN MAY AND DONNA POTENZA IN JUNE.

HELPING HANDS: WE NEED A COMMITTEE CHAIR BECAUSE ANNA RUBINO CAN NOT CONTINUE DUE TO HEALTH ISSUES. WE NEED A VOLUNTEER TO COORDINATE THE HELPING HANDS PROGRAM IF IT IS TO CONTINUE.

COLUMBUS DAY GALA – OCTOBER 27, 2018 AT MARTIN'S EAST IN BALTIMORE, MD. THE GALA IS FROM 7:00PM TO 11:30PM. THE LODGE WILL PAY FOR A TABLE(10 PEOPLE) IF THERE IS ENOUGH INTEREST. SEE VITO.

BEER TRUCK AT SUNFEST:ARMANDO GRAZIOSI IS IN CHARGE OF THE BEER TRUCK. HE HAS A SIGN-UP SHEET UP FRONT. PLEASE SIGN-UP FOR THIS BIG MONEY MAKER FOR THE LODGE. WE HAVE THE TRUCK FOR FOUR DAYS – SEPT 20 - SEP 23. WE HAVE THE SAME LOCATION WE HAD IN 2014 (OUTSIDE OF TENT #2). WE WILL BE SELLING MICHELOB ULTRA, LAND SHARK, AND EVOLUT#3 IPA.

TREASURER'S REPORT: THE LODGE IS IN GOOD SHAPE AND WE WILL CLOSE OUT 2018 WITH A SIGNIFICANT SURPLUS.

TOTAL INCOME: \$14,336.97
TOTAL EXPENSES: \$15,989.23
NET LOSS: \$ 1,653.16

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: NONE

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: NONE

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE: MEMBERS: 109 GUESTS:6

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: THANK YOU NOTES WERE READ BY GINA BUSBY:

JACK REAMER (SCHOLARSHIP WINNER), DOTIE TUMMINELLO, NICK BARTOLOMEO – DONATION OF \$200 FOR RELAY FOR LIFE, MARIA MORELLI (SCHOLARSHIP WINNER) AND DIAKONA FOR THE FOOD DONATION FROM OUR APPRECIATION DINNER.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: WILL BE TAKING A BREAK UNTIL AFTER THE HOLIDAYS. THANK YOU TO COUNCIL FOR RAISING SCHOLARSHIPS TO \$1,750 EACH FOR THREE SCHOLARSHIPS.

SOCIAL:

JUNE DAY TRIP: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018 TO CHESAPEAKE CITY, MD, WAS A LOT OF FUN WITH A GREAT LUNCHEON AT SCHAEFFER'S CANAL HOUSE AND A BOAT CRUISE ON THE CANAL...AND STOP FOR ICE CREAM TREAT.

APPRECIATION DINNER & WELCOME TO ITALIAN STUDENTS ON JUNE 28, 2018 ... WAS VERY WELL ATTENDED BY OUR MEMBERS AND WE WERE ABLE TO MEET AND INTERACT WITH THE STUDENTS...GREAT FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO WORKED TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS.

CRAB & SHRIMP FEAST – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2018 AT HIGGIN’S CRAB HOUSE NORTH...\$45.00 PER PERSON...WE HAVE 78 GUESTS ATTENDING. GREAT TURNOUT. LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER FUN DAY AND DELICIOUS CRABS AND SHRIMP.

HARRINGTON CASINO TRIP – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018 ...LEAVING ST ANDREW’S PARISH CENTER AT 10:00AM ...BUS BOARDING AT 9:30 AM. RESERVATIONS AND PAYMEN DUE. WE HAD SUCH A HUGE RESPONSE TO THIS TRIP ...THAT WE ORDERED A SECOND BUS...WITH SEATS AVAILABLE. COST: \$25.00 PER PERSON. AT THE REQUEST OF THE PARISH OFFICE...PARK ALL CARS IN THE BACK OF THE PARKING LOT ALONG LIGHTHOUSE AVENUE. NO OTHER AREA, PLEASE... I WAS INFORMED THEY WILL BE TOWED AWAY.

GOLDEN GIRLS MYSTERY TRIP...OCTOBER 17, 2018 TO: PEDDLER’S VILLAGE IN NEW HOPE, PA. FOR A LUNCHEON AND SHOWALONG WITH A VISIT TO PEDDLER’S VILLAGE. COST: \$115.00 PER PERSON ...SEATS STILL AVAILABLE... BALANCE OF TRIP IS DUE. NO REFUNDS AVAILABLE AFTER TODAY. FINAL CUT-OFF DATE FOR ADDITIONAL RESERVATIONS IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018 WHEN THE FINAL COUNT IS SENT.

HARRINGTON CASINO TRIP...WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH...COST: \$25.00 PER PERSON... SIGN-UP SHEET ON TABLEAND RESERVATIONS W/CHECKS. DETAILS TO FOLLOW...

NOVEMBER SOCIAL DINNER – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018 AT “BOURBON STREET ON THE BEACH” COST: \$30.00 PER PERSON. EVENT CHAIRED BY JoANN STEWARD AND MARY LOELOFF...THEY WILL PROVIDE DETAILS.

CHRISTMAS DINNER ...SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018 AT THE CLARION HOTEL BEGINNING AT 5:30 PM – 9:30PM

MENU: APPETIZER...OCEAN CLUB SALAD W/CHEESE...FRUIT & NUTS W/DRESSING... HOT ROLLS & BUTTER

ENTREES: SURF & TURF (LOBSTER TAIL & FILET); TWIN CRAB CAKE; CHICKEN MARSAL; VEGETARIAN OPTION.

DESSERT: CHEF’S SURPRISE DRINKS: COFFEE/TEA/ICE TEA

COST: \$25.00 PER PERSON ... INCLUDES TAX AND GRATUITY...BALANCE WILL BE SUBSIDIZED BY THE LODGE FOR MEMBERS ONLY AS A THANK YOU FOR

ALL YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT ALL YEAR LONG. GUESTS COST: \$55.00 PER PERSON. SERVICEBAR OPENS AT 5:30 PM WITH HAPPY HOUR PRICES. SEE FLYER ON THE TABLE WITH SIGN-UP SHEET ...FLYER AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE...PRINT AND RETURN MENU STUB WITH CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO: SONS OF ITALY #2474.....RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT DUE BY **NOVEMBER 15, 2018. IF YOU WISH TO BE SEATED WITH SOMEONE PARTICULAR...NOTE COMMENT ON MENU STUB OR GET A GROUP TABLE TOGETHER WITH NAMES LISTED. I HAVE 2 RESERVATIONS AS OF TODAY.**

NEW YORK CITY TRIP – DECEMBER 11-12-13, 2018 – 3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS AT THE CROWN PLAZA HOTEL/TIMES SQUARE/COST: \$800.00 PER PERSON..INCLUDES: 2 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATIONS...2 FULL BREAKFASTS AT HOTEL...DINNER AT TONY DiNAPOLIS'S IN MIDTOWN MANHATTAN...ORCHESTRA SEATING FOR BROADWAY SHOW "COME FROM AFAR"...VISIT TO CHELSEA MARKET...GUIDED TOUR OF NBC UNIVERSAL STUDIO...TENNAMENT TOUR...R/T MOTOR COACH TRANSPORTATION...TAXES/ GRATUITIES/PERMITS/AND DRIVER'S GRATUITY. BOTTLED WATER AND SNACK BAG PROVIDED. FINAL PAYMENT DUE **OCTOBER 15, 2018. **WE HAVE NOT MET 40 GUEST QUOTA NEEDED TO FOR TRIP**. AS OF TODAY...WE HAVE ONLY 32 GUESTS, DUE TO SEVERAL CANCELLATIONS. WHEN FINAL PAYMENT AND HOTEL LIST IS SUBMITTED, WE CANNOT ADD MORE GUESTS AT THAT \$800.00 COST. WE HAVE RESERVATIONS FOR 25 ROOMS...ONCE THE HOTEL GUEST LIST IS SUBMITTED ANY ROOMS NOT FILLED ARE RELEASED. AFTER THAT DATE...YOU PAY THE REGULAR ROOM RATE...NOT CONTRACTED PRICE WE HAVE. SPREAD THE WORD THAT WE HAVE A GREAT TRIP AVAILABLE.**

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GOING ON THE TRIP...IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE ENTIRE DAY ON WENESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH FREE, YOU NEED TO LET ME KNOW...SOME GUESTS WOULD LIKE TO GO TO THE STATUE OF LIBERTY OR ELLIS ISLAND OR SOME OTHER VENUE OR SHOPPING...YOU MAY DO THAT IF YOU WISH... I WILL NOT ORDER YOU A TICKET FOR NBC STUDIO TOUR...I MAY TRY TO REARRANGE THE TENNAMENT TOUR FOR THE DAY OF CHELSEA MARKET, SINCE WE WILL BE IN LOWER MANHATTAN AND NBC TOUR ON FRIDAY BEFORE WE LEAVE...IF POSSIBLE.

ASHEVILLE/MEMPHIS/NASHVILLE/PIGEON FORGE TRIP – APRIL 6 – 13, 2019 8 DAYS/7NIGHTS COST: \$1,550.00 PP...D/O & \$2,000.00 PP...S/O.A FLYER WAS E-MAILED TO MEMBERS WHO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE TRIP AND TO DATE WE HAVE RECEIVED 12 RESERVATIONS. FLYER IS AT THE

TABLE FOR YOU TO REVIEW...AS WELL AS A SIGN-UP SHEET.

A DEPOSIT OF \$50.00 PER PERSON WITH 3 EQUAL PAYMENTS OF \$500,00 PP – SEPTEMBER/NOVEMBER/FEBRUARY, 2019. CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO: SONS OF ITALY #2474 AND MAILED TO MARY ELLEN ARENA. TRIP WAIVER FORM FOR EACH GUEST ALONG WITH DEPOSIT...CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM WEBSITE...OR CONTACT ME. BUS SEATING IS BASED ON RESERVATION WITH DEPOSIT...AS ALWAYS, WE NEED 40 GUESTS FOR THE TRIP.

SOCIAL DINNERS FOR 2019...JANUARY...APRIL...LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CHAIRING ONE OF THESE EVENTS...SINCE YOU HAVE A HEAD START NOW FOR JANUARY TO PRESENT IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER.

HARRINGTON CASINO TRIP...TENTATIVE DATE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2019 & MARCH 27, 2019.

MARDI GRAS DINNER & PARTY ...TENTATIVELY WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4TH OR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH 2019

JUNE DAY TRIP... WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019...SUGGESTIONS PLEASE

CHARITY: MARY CASTORINA PROVIDED A COPY OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR THE COMING YEAR AND WAS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL.

PUBLICITY/PROGRAMS: ANNA FOULTZ WILL BE HOSTING A HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR THE WOUNDED MARINES.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

OCTOBER 13, 2018 5:00PM

OCEAN PINE COMMUNITY CENTER

BYOB COST: \$15.00

AT A BOOK SIGNING IN TEXAS, SHE WAS APPROACHED ABOUT MAKING A MOVIE ABOUT HER – THERE IS A 30 MINUTE INTERVIEW OF ANNA ON YOUTUBE.

WEBSITE: TOM PERGOLA ALL OF OUR FLYERS ARE NOW ON THE WEBSITE. ON THE PHOTO PAGE THERE ARE THREE (3) SLIDE SHOWS NOW.

HELPING HANDS: NEED SOMEONE TO SERVE AS PROGRAM COORDINATOR.

HISTORIANS: NO REPORT

FUNDRAISING:ST JOSEPH'S DAY FESTIVAL WILL BE **MARCH 30, 2019**. A KICK-OFF MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 12, 2018 AT 10:00 AM AT ST ANDREW'S CENTER.

WE NEED A TEAM CAPTAIN FOR THE SILENT AUCTION ASAP.

SAL WILL BE TAKING ORDERS FOR SAUSAGES AT THE OCTOBER MEETING WITH DELIVERY AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING. HE ALSO HAS THREE CASES OF 5LB BAGS OF FROZEN PEPPERS AND ONIONS IF THERE IS AN INTEREST IN PURCHASING BY THE MEMBERS.

PROGRAM FOR THE FESTIVAL:TOM PERGOLA ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS COPIES OF LAST YEAR'S PROGRAMS IF ANYONE NEEDS ONE TO SHOW TO PROSPECTIVE AD BUYERS. THE PROGRAMSWILL BE PRINTED IN COLOR.

THE PRICES FOR THE ADS THIS YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS:

¼ PAGE AD	\$100
½ PAGE AD	\$200
FULL PAGE AD	\$400

MEMBERSHIP: RITA TINDALL ANNOUNCED AS OF TODAY THE LODGE HAS 219 PAID MEMBERS. PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME BADGES TO THE MEETINGS SO YOU GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER.

NEW MEMBERS AS OF TONIGHT:VICKY & THOMAS a'BECKET, WANDA MARTINELLI, JOHN CUSATO AND JOE CUSATAO.

NEW BUSINESS:

THE DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD: VINCENT MOLLICONE WILL CHAIR THIS COMMITTEE BUT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AT LEAST TWO OTHER PEOPLE HELP HIM. THIS AWARD IS GIVEN TO A MEMBER OR SOMEONE FROM THE COMMUNITY WHO MEETS THE CRITERIA THAT IS ON THE WEBSITE. NOMINATIONS MUST BE A NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE NOMINEE MEETS THE AWARD CRITERIA. THE PRESENTATION WILL MADE AT OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER (DECEMBER 9, 2018).

2019 BUDGET: THE 2019 BUDGET WAS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AS PRESENTED BY THE TREASURER.

CLOSING PRAYER: DEB REDA

50/50 \$83.00 PAUL MAZZEI

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:30PM

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 4, 2018 WITH GUEST SPEAKER

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ETHEL B. JACOBS

RECORDING SECRETARY