

**SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY – OCEAN CITY LODGE #2474  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING – FEBRUARY 7, 2019**

**The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Vito Potenza**  
**ROLL CALLOFMEMBERS:** Vito Potenza, Vincent Mollicone, Tony Parisi, Gina Busby, Rosemarie Pomilla, Deborah Reda, Lucretia Motsco, Ilene Parisi, Tom Pomilla, John Rubino, Frank Tribuno Jr., Nick Bartolomeo, Jim Reda, and Jane Bartolomeo.

**Excused** Sal Castorina, Ethel Jacobs, and Tom Pergola

**PRINCIPLES OF THE ORDER:** Vinnie Mollicone

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING:** The Minutes were approved as distributed.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS:** Vito announced that one of our members Nathan Naddeo of Ocean City had passed away and we prayed for him and his family. We pray also for our members who have been ill: Ethel Jacobs, Nancy Borreggine Anna Rubino, Gordon Donohue, Rosemarie Corless, Jo Ann Fimmano and Carol Vales.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Jane Bartolomeo

**FLAG SALUTE:** Vito Potenza

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Vito Potenza

- 1. Grand Lodge:** There are a few raffle tickets left to be purchased. The drawings will begin in March.
- 2. Shirts for Sale:** Vinnie will be taking order for the Italian shirts and hats tonight and payment will be due when you pick them up at March's meeting. Prices are: \$12.00 for the hats, Shirts: Men's and Women's short sleeved Polo shirts \$20. Sizes Small to XL, \$22 for XXL. Long sleeved shirts are \$21, Sizes Small to XL, and \$23 for XXL.
- 3. Festival:** Sal hosted a very productive meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup> and volunteers are most welcome and should see Mary Ellen for an assignment. The working hours are assigned between 10:00 and 7:00 during the festival. Volunteers are needed between 6:00 and 7:00 PM to help break down, at the end of the festival.
- 4. Vito thanked Mary Ellen and the Membership for their participation in the monthly social dinners, especially the January evening at Cactus Café.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Tony Parisi**

We are off to a great start as we are running in the black. Everything is on track for this year.

Operating Account:	\$12,574.	Money Market Acct.:	\$ 9,866.
Fundraising Account:	\$10,971.	Investment Acct:	\$38,541.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Rosemary Pomilla**

Year-to-date Income:	\$ 2,020.24
Total Expenses:	\$ 779.00
Net Income:	\$ 1,241.24

**REPORT OF ATTENDANCE: 98 Members Present and 3 guests**

**MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES REPORT: Jane Bartolomeo**

Thank you for the desserts from:

Penny Paparello, Bonnie & John Oliverio, Ann Poggioli, Daniel & Mindy Nardone, Mike Lato and Rosemarie Pomilla

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT: Gina Busby**

Gina asked for the names and e-mails of the members who were not receiving communications from our Lodge.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Memorial Scholarship Committee: Donna Potenza**

We are waiting for all the applications to be turned in by the deadline of March 22<sup>nd</sup>. They are to be returned to the student's counselor, and then given to Donna by March 29<sup>th</sup>. The committee will be meeting in April to make their selections.

**2. Social: Mary Ellen Arena**

- a. Sicily Trip Meeting: Well attended by 38 members & guests. Trip information was provided and all are awaiting the final itinerary and pricing.
- b. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Gala Information (Gala on October 11, 2020)  
Met with large number of volunteers (57) on January 11, 2019 to fill chairperson positions. All are asked to bring their ideas to next meeting tentatively Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup>, time will be announced.
- c. January Social Dinner at Cactus Café, great turnout (57 people) fun time with socializing with good food and Margherita's.

- d. Harrington Casino Trip: Wednesday January 30<sup>th</sup>: Successful day at the Slots.
- e. February Social Dinner: Lombardi's Italian Restaurant Janet Ackerson is chairing this event.
- f. Festival (March 30, 2019) Chairpersons need to give the names of their volunteers to Mary Ellen.
- g. Mardi Gras Dinner Party: Friday, March 1, 2019: Clarion Hotel's Horizon's Dining Room from 6:00 PM (Social Hour), 6:30 (Dinner). **Everyone is asked to wear a mask.** Special Mardi Gras Menu (Call or e-mail your selections to Mary Ellen). Separate checks will be provided, Reservations required, Limited seating of 75 guests, **See flyer on Website.**
- h. Ashville/Nashville Trip: April 6-13, 2019. Final payment was due February 1, 2019. Itineraries and Luggage Tags will be handed out at March Meeting.
- i. Harrington Casino Trip: Thursday, April 25, 2019. Cost \$25. Each. Reservations required...payment due by April 4, 2019 meeting. Includes: \$15 Free Play, \$7.00 credit toward buffet lunch and driver's Gratuity. **SOLD OUT.....** Contact Mary Ellen for possible 2<sup>nd</sup> bus.
- j. April Social Dinner: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 beginning at 5:30 PM at Sunset Grill on Sunset Avenue, West OC, MD. Cost \$22 each Bonnie Oliveri is chairperson.
- k. May Social Dinner: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at Bethany Blues Restaurant in Bethany Beach, DE. Beginning at 4:00 PM with Social Hour at Happy Hour prices. Chairperson is Sue Ann Baietti who will provide details.
- l. June Day Trip: Wednesday June 12, 2019 to American Music Theatre in Lancaster PA for the Ovation Show (a musical variety show).....lunch.....motor coach transportation....driver's gratuity...bottled water and snack bag. COST \$120. Each **RESERVATION WITH \$60 DEPOSIT DUE BY MARCH 10, 2019**

- m. September Social Dinner: Date to be determined
- n. Crab Feast: Saturday, September 7, 2019 at Higgins Crab House/North located at 128 Street.
- o. October Trip: October 13-19, 2019 ... 4 days 3 nights  
 Music, Monuments & Memorials: 9/11 Memorial Shalklin, PA  
 Touring rock & roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio, to Washington D.C. for tour of White House, if possible, News Museum with a fabulous dinner at Filomena's Restaurant in Georgetown...with 3 breakfasts and 2 additional dinners.....taxes and gratuities included...snack bag and bottled water. COST \$700 each.  
 Reservations required with \$100 deposit with 3 payments of \$200 each...or payment in full. Due by April 30, 2019 for members ...after that day, open to guests.
- p. Christmas Dinner: Sunday, December 15,2019 – Clarion Hotel's Crystal Ballroom beginning at 5:30 PM for Social Hour with dinner served at 6:30 PM. Further details later in year.  
**ALL TRIP/EVENT INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE.**

**PUBLICITY & PROGRAMS: Anna Foulz**

Anna invited all to the Star Charities Girl Scouts Fund Raiser, at Carrabba's Italian Grill in West Ocean City on Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 12:00 noon – 3:00PM. The price is \$15.00 per person. See Anna or Louann Trummel for tickets.

Anna gave the Lodge pictures that were taken many years ago to be placed in our books by our Historian.

**HISTORIAN: Armando & Barb Graziiosi**

Barb invited members to speak of their family history at future meetings. Please see them to set up a date.

The first Italian Festival of our Lodge was in 1981 and you are welcome to read about it. Please see our Historians for pictures of their event. At that time, there were over 300 members in the Sons of Italy Lodge.

**FUND RAISING: Janet Ackerson**

Janet thanked those who brought items for the Festival Day baskets. She has introductory letters to merchants as well as thank you letters, after receipt of gift certificates. She and her committee will be assembling the baskets a week before the Festival and would welcome volunteers to help her. Janet has enough people to sell tickets and if she runs short, Mary Ellen has a list of willing helpers.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Rita Tindall**

**New Members:**

Timothy Ketham from Salisbury, Md., Cynthia DiFerdinando, Sparks, Md.  
Francis Anthony Celeste, Fruitland, Md., Larry Walton, Ocean Pines, Md.  
Diana Verzi, Ocean Pines, Diane Liberto, Ocean View, DE.  
Guests: John Paparello, Shirley Isbell, Karen Busby

**OLD BUSINESS:**

St. Patrick's Day: Frank Tribuno, Chairman spoke about needing volunteers to walk in the parade or ride on the Float. You are asked to report at 10:00 AM at 58<sup>th</sup> Street and the parade starts at noon. Volunteers will meet with Frank after the meeting to sign up.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Grand Lodge has increased the cost of the Il Giornale from \$2 to \$5 per household. The dues will also be increased from \$38 to \$40 on renewals as well as an increase for new members from \$58 to \$60 effective after the March Meeting. The Executive Council, after discussion, adopted the renewal increase to take effect in 2020. New members joining at the Festival will pay the increased rate. The membership unanimously approved the motion to accept the increase in dues.

**GUEST SPEAKER: Mr. Rick Block, introduced by Mary Louise Embrey, was a highly respected Arbitration Attorney for over 30 years as well as an accomplished musician. Rick was inspired by magic since his childhood, and In 2010 he built the Dickens Parlor Theatre in Millville, to bring magic to the Bethany Beach area. He frequently does a one-man show and also features world class magicians. His theatre brings high quality entertainment andhe is recognized in the world of magic for his originality including performing at the magic castle in Los Angeles. Mr. Block was extremely funny and cleverly performed magic right before our eyes. Try to catch his show in Millville.**

**CLOSING PRAYER: Deb Reda**

**50/50: \$72 won by Joan DeMarco**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.**

**Respectfully submitted, Jane Bartolomeo  
Acting Secretary**