

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY LODGE #2474

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 7, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00PM

ORDER SUSPENDED AND BROTHER ED PINTO, OF THE OCEAN PINES PLAYERS, INTRODUCED JERRY GEIKA. BROTHER PINTO AND MR. GEIKA PROVIDED BACKGROUND ON THE OCEAN PINES PLAYERS AND CIRCULATED A BROCHURE OF THE PLAYS AND MUSICALS THE GROUP IS PERFORMING. ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE GROUP OR SEEKING MORE INFORMATION SHOULD GO TO THEIR WEBSITE – www.oceanpinesplayers.com.

ROLL CALL (ETHEL): ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE PRESENT EXCEPT FOR JANE BARTOLOMEO AND TONY PARISI, WHO ARE EXCUSED.

PRINCIPLES OF THE ORDER (VINNIE)

OPENING PRAYER (DEB):

PRAYER INTENTIONS (VITO): ROSEMARIE CORLESS, ANNA RUBINO, CAROL VALES, GEORGE MADDEN, JANET ACKERSON, AND THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR LODGE.

FLAG SALUTE (VITO)

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (VITO)

SURVEY RESULTS -VITO RECEIVED 52 RESPONSES – MEETING TIME – THE MAJORITY FAVORS MEETING TIME AT 7:00PM. MAJORITY OF MEMBERS FAVOR SHORTER TRIPS (UNDER 5 DAYS) AND DAY TRIPS. THERE IS SUPPORT FOR AT LEAST ONE LONGER TRIP A YEAR.

E-RENEWAL – EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED AN E-MAIL FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED AN EMAIL CONTACT LODGE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ROSEMARIE POMILLA. IF YOU GET YOU MEMBERSHIP VIA US MAIL, CONTACT OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, RITA TINDALL.

GRAND LODGE NEWS – THE GRAND LODGE HAS SENT OUR LODGE A COPY OF THEIR COLUMBUS GALA PRGRAM WITH THE FULL-PAGE OC LODGE AD THAT WAS CREATED BY TOM PERGOLA. (GREAT JOB TOM.)GRAND LODGE SUPER RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM VINNIE. DAILY DRAWINGS START IN MARCH AND GO BACK TO JANUARY 1.

OCEAN PINES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – A DINNER ON NOVEMBER 14, 2019 FROM 5:30 – 9:00PM AT OCEAN DOWNS CASINO BANQUET HALL. DINNER IS \$60.00 PP WITH \$10.00 FREE PLAY AND COMPLIMENTARY DRINK. THEY ARE AWARDDING FOUR AWARDS. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT, BUSINESS OF THE YEAR, CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AND NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR.

OUR ANNA FOULTZ WILL BE GIVEN THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD POSTHUMOISLY.

TREASURER’S REPORT (TONY) EXCUSED. MONTHLY REPORT WAS E-MAILED TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND APPROVED.

TRUSTEE’S REPORT (ILENE): THE THIRD QUARTER REVIEW HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND APPROVED,

FINANCIAL SECRETARY (ROSEMARIE)YTD 2019 – INCOME IS \$25,717.18. YTD EXPENSES ARE \$26,298.31. THE DEFICIT OF \$581.13 THROUGH OCTOBER.

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE: (JIM) - 109 MEMBERS 3 GUESTS – LORI BENDER, KINDA MELSORIC, KATHY MILLER & JERRY GRETKA -SPEAKER.

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES (DEB): THANK YOU TO ALL FOR BRINGING DESSERTS TONIGHT.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (GINA): GINA SHARED A NOTE FROM THE JOSEPH HOUSE FOR OUR DONATION OF \$225.00.

SCHOLARSHIP (DONNA): NO REPORT

SOCIAL (MARY ELLEN): OCTOBER DINNER AT CARRABAS RESTAURANT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS – FOOD & WINE PAIRING WERE DELICIOUS. THANK YOU - PAT & RICH MARCHSIELLO

HARRINGTON TRIP WEDNESDAY, NOV 6, 2019 – GREAT TURNOUT 49 GUESTS.

CHRISTMAS DINNER SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019 AT THE CLARION RESORT HOTEL IN OCEAN CITY, MD. COST: \$30.00 FOR MEMBERS AND \$60.00 FOR NON-MEMBERS. AFFAIR BEGINS AT 5:30 PM. DINNER AT 6:00PM.

CHRISTMAS NEW YORK CITY TRIP - DECEMBER 17, 18, & 19... 3 DAYS/2NIGHTS. COST: \$743.00 PP. ITINERARY WILL BE E-MAILED TO ALL ATTENDING.

JANUARY SOCIAL: DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO JANUARY 21, 2020 AT THE GREEN TURTLE WEST OCEAN CITY, MD. EVENT WILL BEGIN AT 5:00PM W/HAPPY HOUR. DINNER AT 6:00PM. COST: \$20.00PP. SEE MARTI QUINN FOR RESERVATIONS AND DETAILS.

JANUARY HARRINGTON CASINO TRIP: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020. COST: \$25.00 PP/RESERVATIONS BY JANUARY 10TH.

FEBRUARY SOCIAL DINNER FEBRUARY 24, 2020 AT FAGER'S ISLAND RESTAURANT. HAPPY HOUR M 5:00 – 6:00PM. EVENT WILL BE ON THEIR 2ND FLOOR – NO ELEVATOR. DENISE BUCCHERRI IS THE CHAIR FOR THIS EVENT.

APRIL DINE & DONATE – RICH & SUE BAIETTI WILL CHAIR THIS FUND RAISER FOR SDOI. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

MAY SOCIAL DINNER: DATE TBD – JANET ACKERSON AND JUDY ZANETTI WILL CHAIR THIS EVENT...DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

CAPE COD ISLANDER TRIP: SUNDAY, JUNE 7 – 13, 2020 – 7DAYS/6NIGHTS – COST:\$1,300.00 PP(DO) AND \$1,700 PP(SO), TRAVELLING TO CAPE COD/MARTHA’S VINEYARD/NANTUCKET ISLAND/PLYMOUTH/BOSTON. MA. SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS. RESERVATIONS W/DEPOSIT OF \$100.00 PP DUE BY NOVEMBER 15, 2019. INSTALLMENT PLAN AVAILABLE...MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SONS OF ITALY #2474.

40TH ANNIVERSARY GALA – SUNDAY OCTOBER 11, 2020 AT THE CLARION RESORT HOTEL IN OCEAN CITY, MD. COMMITTEE MET ON NOVEMBER 4, 2019. DETAILS WILL BE PRESENTED IN 2020.PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE, WHICH HAS BEEN UPDATED WITH EVENT DETAILS & WAIVER FORMS NEEDED FOR SDOI TRIPS.

CHARITY (MARY C): WE HAVE TEN (10) CHILDREN THIS YEAR FOR OUR GIVING OTHER LIVES DIGNITY (GOLD) CHRISTMAS DRIVE. WE WILL NOT HAVE MISS PEARL THIS YEAR, BUT WE HAVE MISS DORIS, WHO IS IN HER 90’S WITH DEMENTIA AND LIVES WITH HER DAUGHTER. PLEASE PICK UP A CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT FROM THE FRONT TABLE FOR MISS DORIS’ AND THE CHILDREN’S GIFTS. GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME – WALMART, WALGREENS, ETC.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA – DECEMBER 14, 2019: WREATH LAYING BEGINS AT 9:30 AM AT THE VETERAN’S CEMETERY IN MILLSBORO, DE. CEREMONY WILL START AROUND 11:00 – 11:30 AM.

THANKYOU NOTES – RECEIVED THANK YOU NOTES FROM THE GRACE CENTER, KENNEDY KREIGER INSTITUTE, AND HOME OF THE BRAVE #2 (WOMEN) FOR OUR DONATIONS.

WEBSITE (JOHN RUBINO): THE PROBLEM WITH OUR BROWSER REGARDING OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER NOTICE HAS BEEN FIXED THROUGH MICROSOFT.

HISTORIANS (BARB &ARMANDO): NO REPORT. BARB AND ARMANDO HAVE DECIDED TO RETIRE FROM THIS POSITION. VINNIE WILL CANVASS THE MEMBERS TO SEE IF THERE IS ANY INTEREST. PLEASE CONTACT VINNIE IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP.

PUBLICITY/PROGRAMS:SEVERAL MEMBERS HAVE EXPRESSED AND INTEREST IN SERVING ON THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. IF ANYONE ELSE IS INTERESTED, CONTACT VINNIE.

FUNDRAISING (SAL): SAL AND TOM PERGOLA STARTED SELLING ADS FOR THE FESTIVAL. THE FLYERS ARE BEING PRINTED NOW AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE JANUARY MEETING. JANET ACKERSON AND SUE ANN BAIETTI NEED HELP IN CONTACTING MERCHANTS FOR DONATIONS FOR THE FESTIVAL.**MEMBERSHIP (RITA):** A BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE CARDS & PHONE CALLS WHILE I WAS SICK.

50 MEMBERS PAID THEIR DUES TONIGHT. NEW MEMBERS TONIGHT – PHILIP AND SUSAN CASCIO. OUR OTHER NEW MEMBERS ARE: TESSA GENTZEL CELESTE, JOHN AIELLO & CAROL FRITE AIELLO. WELCOME TO ALL!!

NEW BUSINESS (VITO): THE GENERAL ELECTION IS AS FOLLOWS WITH OUR SLATE HAVING NO OPPOSITION.

PRESIDENT – VINCENT MOLLICONE; VICE PRESIDENT – JoANN WARD;
ORATOR -JOSEPH ZANETTI; RECORDING SECRETARY – ETHEL JACOBS;
FINANCIAL SECRETARY – ROSEMARIE POMILLA;
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – PATRICIA D’ANNUNZIO; TREASURER – ANTHONY PARISI;
TRUSTEES – JOHN RUBINO, THOMAS POMILLA, CRETIA MOTSCO, ILENE PARISI, FRANK TRIBUNO, JR.; SGT-ARMS –

NICHOLAS BARTOLOMEO AND JAMES REDA; MISTRESSES/MASTER OF CEREMONIES – DEBORAH REDA AND JANE BARTOLOMEO; IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT – VITO POTENZA. A MOTION MADE BY ED PINTO TO ACCEPT OUR SLATE AND SECONDED BY MIKE JACOBS WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE NEW OFFICERS WILL BE INSTALLED AT OUR JANUARY MEETING.

BY-LAW AMENDMENT: OUR CHANGE TO THE BY-LAWS REGARDING THE LIMITING OF GUESTS TO THREE (3) MEETINGS WAS NOT APPROVED BY THE GRAND LODGE. AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE GRAND LODGE ORATOR, OUR LODGE WILL ADOPT A STANDING RULE WHICH NEEDS NO APPROVAL BY THE GRAND LODGE. THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL APPROVED CHANGING THE PROPOSED BY LAW AMENDMENT TO STANDING RULE NUMBER 1, EFFECTIVE THIS DAY OF NOVEMBER 7, 2019 AND WILL ATTACH IT TO OUR BY LAWS.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD (VINNIE): THE COMMITTEE SUBMITTED A RECOMMENDATION TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND IT WAS APPROVED. THE NAME OF THE NOMINEE/NOMINEES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER.

VINNIE HAS A FEW EXTRA SDOI SHIRTS. SEE HIM AFTER THE MEETING.

FUNDRAISER (SUE ANN): “GAME OF THE WEEK” DECEMBER 6, 2019 6:30-10:30 PM PIT & PUB 20TH STREET OCEAN CITY, MD. VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE BAR. WEAR YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS ATTIRE. PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE CHILDREN’S HOUSE BY THE SEA.

SELBYVILLE LIONS CLUB – MONDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2019 WILL BE PACKING 10,000 MEALS FOR THE NEEDY IN DELMARVA. PLEASE WEAR WARM CLOTHING – THE WAREHOUSE IS COLD.SEE SUE ANN FOR MORE DETAILS.

COLUMBUS DAY (DR DAN COWELL): THIS DAY IS BEING MARGINALIZED AND SHOULD NOT DISAPPEAR FROM OUR HERITAGE.

THERE IS A GOOD ARTICLE IN THE “ITALIAN AMERICA MAGAZINE”.

CLOSING PRAYER (DEB)

50/50 \$93.00 ROB DEMAIO

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:10 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ETHEL JACOBS

RECORDING SECRETARY

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL !!