

APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER

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President's Message:

Sisters and brothers,

I pray that this message finds each and everyone of you safe from the COVID-19 pandemic and secure in your homes. Our Lodge activities have ground to a halt, most notably that last weekend would have been our 10th Annual St Joseph's Festival. I personally felt saddened that we could not be together working, talking, laughing and ending with that "good" kind of tired that comes after such an event as our Festival. Let's pray that we can still have it all at a postponed date in the future.

Being "sheltered in place" I have found myself longing for times past, my early youth, when things were simpler and family were closer; neighborhoods consisted of members of our families and close friends who became extended families: in many cases all the stores we ever needed were within walking distance; all the Italian specialties we knew were readily available; and the comfort of all this made life wonderful. Most of us experienced something at least similar to what I remember.

Lately, I have heard the term "the new normal" which advises that our lives may change to accommodate a life with new challenges, different cleanliness concerns, and somewhat lacking in the personal contact that we of Italian heritage have come to expect with friends and famiglia. And lately, I have found myself longing for the times like our March Lodge meeting when we can be together again like famiglia, sharing food, wine, and good times. Please pray for the safety and health of our Lodge sisters and brothers, our families and loved ones, our brethren in Italy and around the world. This danger WILL pass and we WILL return to the lives we have given up during this battle.

Be well and safe.
Vinnie

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Sick and Distressed:

Please keep these Lodge members in your prayers:

Paul Harman, Jane Bartolomeo, Anna Rubino, Carol Vales, Karolyn Pergola, Lorraine Gualteri, Anita Akob, Pat Burrello, Dottie Tumminello, Ethel Jacobs, Linda Campanelli Carol Coyle, Feline Breeding and Rosemary Corless.

Our prayers are for everyone to be protected from the COVID-19 virus and please use all necessary precautions to stay healthy and safe from this virus.

If you know of anyone who is sick, had surgery, or recently lost a loved one, call Jane Bartolomeo at 302-436-8208, so cards can be sent.

Membership:

The 2020 Lodge membership cards and an updated membership roster –are available see the Membership Committee. Call Rita Tindall, Membership Chair, for Information at 410-208-9698.

Nametags:

We would appreciate if everyone would purchase a nametag so members can be identify by name. Lodge nametags are \$11.00. Call Nick Bartolomeo 302-436-8208 or Jim Reda 443-664-5522 to order.

Club Birthdays: Those celebrating April Birthdays-

4/6 Lucretia Motsco, Charles Carnabuci; 4/8 Greg Amber; 4/10 Lorraine Gualteri; 4/11 Joseph DiMartino; 4/12 Marco Ferrante; 4/16 Patricia Marchesielle; 4/13 Stephen Micciche; 4/17 Joan DeMarco; 4/24 Diane Verzi; 4/25 Mary Castorina, John Chicano, John D’Albora; 4/27 Robert DeMaio; 4/28 Debra Haberstroh; 4/29 Victoria Garzione; 4/30 Adrienne Celeste.

HAVE A BLESSED & HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Helping Hands Committee:

Need new chairperson.
Contact Vincent Mollicone 443-664-5940 if interested.

TRUSTEES:

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Helping Hands
Vacant

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302-841-9672

Charity:

If you have a worthy charity that you would like considered, call Mary Castorina at 302-436-2146

Family History:

If you would like to share your family heritage with the Lodge contact Barb and Armando Graziosi at 302-841-7444.

Public Relations:

If you are planning an SDOI event, contact Ed Pinto at 703-901-5544, in advance so he can help with advertising your event. He requests that any articles from the Delaware newspapers be sent to him.

Memorial Scholarship:

Scholarship letters are mailed. Applications must be sent in by May 29, 2020. Call Donna Potenza at 410-641-8046 for information

Social Events:

Please note that the following Social events have been canceled or rescheduled

St Joseph's Festival

The Festival Committee plans are to **reschedule** the Festival to September 12, 2020. This has to be a tentative date because St Andrews Hall cannot be confirmed until public buildings are officially reopened. Sal has placed the Monadl Bro's band on hold for September 12th and other preparations are going forward based upon that date. We can only hope at this time that we are back to some degree of normalcy. Sal plans to have a Team Captain meeting before then, sometime in August, to confirm all plans. **Stay Tuned !**

April 6, 2020 – Anniversary Gala Planning Meeting

The Anniversary Gala Meeting has been **CANCELED**. More information to follow.

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Editor note: please be sure to send any changes in your contact information, so I can maintain our membership roster. Thanks!

NEXT MEETING:

Knights of Columbus Hall

Thursday

5:30 p.m. Board
7:00 p.m. General

April 14, 2020 - Dine and Donate Fund Raiser

The Ropewalk Dine and Donate Fund Raiser has been **CANCELED**

April 29, 2020 - Harrington Casino Trip

The Harrington Casino Trip has been **CANCELED**

May 12, 2020 - Social Dinner

The Nick's House of Ribs Social Dinner has been **CANCELED**. We will try to reschedule this dinner once it is safe again to do so. Those who have already paid will be contacted and reimbursed. For information contact Janet Ackerson at 302-228-1423 or Judy Zanetti at 302-988-8012.

The Cape Cod/Martha's Vineyard/Nantucket, Plymouth & Boston Massachusetts

The Cape Cod Trip – **CANCELED** from June 7-13th and **RESCHEDULED** to August 26th-September 1, 2020. Contact Mary Ellen Arena (410-250-0048) for all updated information.

Check SOI web site for all events and to download the Trip Wavier forms that are required for all trips.

SDOI Note:

We know these are difficult times for everyone and we will try to keep you all informed. Right now, the most important thing is that you take care of yourselves, your family, and your neighbors. Stay Healthy and Be Safe.