



Ocean City Sons of Italy Lodge #2474
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February 2018

President's Message



Sisters and Brothers,

The weather finally cooperated, and we had 103 members and guests at our February Lodge meeting. Also attending were the Grand Lodge President Anita Lombardi Riley and Immediate Past Grand Lodge President Frances Cipriotti.

President Lombardi Riley and Ms. Cipriotti conducted the installation of the Lodge Officers for the 2018 - 2020 term (2 years): Vito Potenza (President), Vincent Mollicone (Vice President), Ethel Jacobs (Recording Secretary), Gina Busby (Corresponding Secretary), Rosemarie Pomilla (Financial Secretary), Tony Parisi (Treasurer), Jane Bartolomeo (Mistress of Ceremony), Deb Reda (Mistress of Ceremony), Joe Zanetti (Orator), Lucretia Motsco (Trustee), Ilene Parisi (Trustee), Tom Pomilla (Trustee), John Rubino (Trustee), Frank Tribuno Jr. (Trustee), Nick Bartolomeo (Sergeant-at-Arms), Jim Reda (Sergeant-at-Arms), Sal Castorina (Immediate Past President). Thank you all for volunteering to serve our Lodge.

I also want to thank our retiring officers for their service: Dottie Tumminello, Mike Corless, JoAnn Ward, Sue Ann Baietti, Tom Pergola and Al D'Orio. The vitality of our Lodge depends on an active, involved membership, and I encourage all members to look for an opportunity to serve.

Meeting highlights:

- The Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Sharon DiMatteo for the volunteer work she does not only for the Sons and Daughters of Italy but also in her community.
- The Lodge will participate in the Ocean City St. Patrick's Day Parade. Armando Graziosi is once again heading the team, organizing our efforts.

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- Preparations are under way for our 8th Annual St Joseph's Day Festival - all members are encouraged to volunteer to support the Lodge's primary fund raiser. Patron/memorial ads as well as business ads are available in the Program Book. See our web page for details. Deadline is February 15.
- Several thank you notes were read from the many charities we support. The most touching was from Ms. Pearl, our 100-year-old friend, thanking the Lodge for her Christmas gifts.

Prayer List - in your prayers, please remember: Rosemarie Corless (recovering from back surgery), Frank Celeste (who as I write this is back in the hospital but hoping to be released tomorrow), Carol Vales (as she continues her recovery), and all the cancer survivors of the Lodge.

Our next Lodge meeting is on Thursday, March 1, at 7 p.m. VP Vinnie Mollicone will preside. I hope to see everyone at the Festival.

God bless you and keep you safe.

Ciao,

Vito Potenza

Club Birthdays



Those celebrating February and March birthdays are; 2/1 George Wright; 2/4 JoAnne Fimmano, David Quillen, Dennis Patti; 2/5 Donald Rogers; 2/8 George Madden, Jr.; 2/11 Geraldine Connelly; 2/13 Ed Smith; 2/16 Peggy Nawn; 2/18 Paul Harman, Jane Bartolomeo, 2/19 Robert Katz; 2/22 Sal Castorina, Robert Swift; 2/24 Deborah Reda; 2/25 Joan Gentile, Wally Watson; 2/27 Tom Piatti; 3/3 Carole Verona; 3/6 Nathan Naddeo; 3/6 Vito Potenza; 3/11 Charles Derick; 3/12 Bonnie Oliverio; 3/13 Arlene Bowers; 3/17 Palma Devic; 3/18 Judith Zanetti; 3/21 Rosemary Rogers; 3/22 Ethel Jacobs; 3/23 Janet Ackerson; 3/24 Joe Mulholland; 3/25 Anthony Fimmano; 3/28 Angela Rossetti; 3/31 Dee Matthews. Happy Birthday!

50/50 Winner: Gordon Donohue \$74,

Sick and Distressed

If you know of anyone who is sick, had surgery, or recently has lost a loved one, please call Jane Bartolomeo (302) 436-8208. Card(s) will be sent.

Mistresses of Ceremony

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Mary Ellen Arena, Chair
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Next Meeting: KofC Hall

Thursday, March 1, 2018

5:30 p.m.--Board Mtg.

7:00 p.m.--General Mtg.

Newsletter Editor:

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God bless America!



Nametags

We would really like everyone to buy a nametag so we can learn each other's names. Lodge nametags are \$10. Call Nick Bartolomeo (302) 436-8208 or Jim Reda (443) 664-5522 to order.

Baked Goods

Nonna's Bakery is requesting that you let them package what you are baking for the Festival. Contact Rosemary Gear (302) 436-6140.

Upcoming Events

March 17 St. Patrick's Day Parade

Trucks and trailer will be decorated. Help is needed to decorate trucks and trailer and to hand out candy. Location to be announced at a later date. Contact Armando Graziosi (302) 841-7444.

March 21 Harrington Trip

\$25 pp. Contact Mary Ellen Arena, (410) 250-0048.

St. Joseph Festival Schedule:

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| March 16 (Friday) | Basket assembly (time & place TBD) |
| March 21 (Wednesday) | Cooking for Festival (9:30 a.m.) |
| March 22 (Thursday) | Hall set up (10 a.m.) |
| March 23 (Friday) | Stations set up (10 a.m.) |
| March 24 (Saturday) | Festival 11 a.m.-6 p.m. (9 a.m.) |

Bring baskets and basket items (jewelry, wine, liquor, gift cards, new items, etc.) to March 1 meeting.

April 10 (Tuesday) Dinner @Just Hooked, Fenwick Island, DE
Carol Coyle (302) 539-6325 and Lucille Kurtz (302) 537-4389 are coordinating.

April 15-22 New Orleans, LA, Trip
Luggage tags and itinerary to be picked up at the St. Joseph Festival, March 24.

May (date TBD) Dinner @Cripple Creek Country Club



Editor's Note:



Please pray for our troops and for our country.



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