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President's Message



Sisters and Brothers,

Over 100 members and guest (103) attended the February Assembly meeting and enjoyed a great performance by Richard Bloch from the Dickens Parlour Theatre. A big thank you to Anna Foulz for arranging the performance and to Mary Louise Embrey for introducing our guest. Our guest stayed for our post meeting social, chatting with many of us about the theatre and magic.

Meeting highlights: Memorial Scholarship materials have been sent to the local high schools and posted on the Lodge web site. Applications are due by March 29. The committee will review the submissions and present its recommendations to the May Executive Council meeting.

As always, Mary Ellen Arena regaled us with the many social activities being planned. Check the Lodge web site for up-to-date information on all Lodge activities.

Remember to call Frank Tribuno (410-430-5027) to participate in the St Patrick's Day parade and Mary Ellen Arena (410-250-0048) to sign up to help at the St. Joseph Festival on March 30.

Please remember those on our prayer list: Frank Tumminello, Rosemarie Corless, JoAnn Fimmano, George Madden, Carol Vales, Gordon Donohue, John Cusato and Nancy Borreggine. Let us know if you know of a member who should be added.

God bless you and keep you safe.

Ciao, Vito

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Club Birthdays  Those celebrating March birthdays: 3/3 Carole Verona; 3/6 Vito Potenza; 3/7 John Cosentino, Richard Buccheri; 3/11 Charles Derick; 3/12 Bonnie Oliverio; 3/13 Arlene Bowers; 3/14 Giuseppe Biancaniello; 3/17 Palma Devic; 3/18 Judy Zanetti; 3/20 Paul Mazzei, Jr.; 3/21 Rosemary Rogers; 3/22 Ethel Jacobs; 3/23 Janet Ackerson; 3/24 Joe Mulholland; 3/25 Cynthia DiFerdinando; 3/29 Daniel Nardone. **Happy Birthday!!!**

Membership: Six new members joined in February. Two joined at the meeting; four mailed in their membership application. They are Cynthia DiFerdinando, Francis Anthony Celeste, Larry Walton, Diana Verzi, Diane Liberto, and Timothy Ketcham. Welcome !!! For information, contact Rita Tindall, (410) 208-9698. **After the March 2019 meeting, dues will be increased by \$2. Renewals will be \$40 instead of \$38; first-time membership will be \$60 instead of \$58.**

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.

Nametags : We would really like everyone to buy a nametag so we can learn each others' names. Lodge nametags are \$11. Call Nick Bartolomeo (302) 436-8208 or Jim Reda (443) 664-5522 to order. .

Helping Hands Committee: Needs new chairperson. Contact Vito Potenza if interested

Family History: If you would like to share your family history with the Lodge, contact Barb and Armando Graziosi .

Upcoming Events:

March 1 **Mardi Gras Dinner & Party**
6:00 p.m. **Clarion Hotel's Horizon Dining Rm**
Social Hour begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Horizon Bar. Dinner seating will begin at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is asked to wear a mask...with prizes for the best. Special Mardi Gras Menu....separate checks will be provided. Reservations required. Limited seating of 75 guests. Contact Mary Ellen Arena.

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God bless America!



St. Joseph's Festival:

Team Leaders: Get your list of workers to Mary Ellen Arena.

March 22 Assemble Baskets at Janet Ackersons's
March 27 Make Meatballs
March 28 Set up Hall
March 29 Set up Stations
March 30 St. Joseph Festival

April 6-13 Nashville/Pigeon Forge/Memphis/Asheville Trip, 8 Days/7 Nights

Final payment was due February 1, 2019, along with insurance forms and checks. Payment will be made to Tour Company by February 15, 2019. **SOLD OUT.** Itineraries and luggage tags will be handed out at the March meeting.

April 23 Sunset Grille
5:30 p.m. Sunset Avenue, West O.C.
The cost is \$22 per person. Bonnie Oliverio, chair, will provide details.

April 25 Harrington Casino
Cost is \$25 per person. Payment is due by April 4 meeting. Cost includes \$15 free play, \$7 credit toward buffet lunch, driver's gratuity. **SOLD OUT.** Contact Mary Ellen Arena. Possible second bus/40 guests.

May 7 Bethany Blues Restaurant
4:00-9:00 p.m. Bethany Beach, DE
Dine and Donate. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. with Social Hour at Happy Hour prices. Chair is Sue Ann Baietti who will provide details.

May 9 Dickens Parlour Theatre
6:00 p.m. 35715 Atlantic Ave. (Rt. 26) Millville, DE

Rich Bloch will be our magician. Gather between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. Refreshments may be purchased. Magic show starts promptly at 7:00 p.m. **ONLY 60 SEATS.** Cost of tickets is 2/\$26. To purchase tickets, go on web site: www.dptmagic.com. To get special price, put in code BOGO (Buy One Get One). Don't need to print your tickets. When you purchase, your name and number of tickets you purchased will be on their list

Next Meeting: KofC Hall
Thursday, March 7, 2019
5:30 p.m.--Board Mtg.
7:00 p.m.--General Mtg.



St. Joseph's Festival

automatically. I ordered my tickets, and it was very easy. If you don't have a computer, call the Theatre at (302) 829-1071 and mention BOGO code. They extended the special BOGO price for us. It is open to the public, but only SOI gets the BOGO price. So, order early because there are only 60 SEATS. Gina Busby is chair and will provide handout with information at the March meeting.

**June 12 (Day Trip) American Music Theatre
Lancaster, PA**

We will see the OVATION SHOW, a musical variety show. Cost includes lunch, motor coach transportation, driver's gratuity, bottled water, and snack bag. Cost is \$120 per person. Reservations with \$60 deposit due by March 10, 2019. Contact Mary Ellen Arena for information.

September Social Dinner (TBD), chairs Richard & Pat Marchesiello

**September 7 Higgins Crab House/North
1:00-4:00 p.m. 128th St. & Coastal Hwy, OC**
Cost is \$45 per person and includes AUCE steamed crabs/steamed shrimp/fried chicken/French fries/coleslaw/corn on the cob/hush puppies/dessert/unlimited soft drinks/domestic draft beer and house wine...tax and gratuity. **Reservations required and payment due by August 15, 2019.**

October 13-19 Music, Monuments, Memorials
Trip will be 4 days/3 nights for Music, Monuments & Memorials. Visiting the 9/11 Memorial in Shanklin, PA...touring Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio...onto Washinton, DC, for a tour of the White House if possible...News Museum with a fabulous dinner at Filomena's Restaurant in Georgetown... with 3 breakfast and 2 additional dinners...taxes and gratuities included...snack bag and bottled water. Cost: \$700 per person.

Reservations required with \$100 deposit with 3 payments of \$200 each...or payment in full due by April 30 for members...after that day, trip will be open to guests.

**December 15 (Sunday) Christmas Dinner
5:30 p.m. Clarion's Crystal Ballroom**
Social Hour at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m. More details later in the year.



October 11, 2020

**40th Anniversary Gala
Clarion Resort Hotel**

The January 11 planning meeting was very successful...great turnout of volunteers. All chairpersons for committees are filled and forming to bring their ideas to our next planning meeting, tentatively set for May 16, 2019, time to be determined.

Check out web site for all event information and to download Trip Waiver Form/required for all trips.

50/50 Winner: Joan DeMarco -- \$72



Editor's Note:



Please pray for our troops and for our country.

***Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!
and
Happy St. Joseph's Day!!!***



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