

## FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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### President's Message:

Sisters and brothers,

We had an amazing turnout for our February meeting. I can't believe how many brave souls came out on a rainy, windy night to show support for our Lodge and to have a little fun with friends and famiglia. The Executive Council and I received 40 lashes with a wet noodle for keeping everyone waiting in that foul weather while we finished a rather spirited Executive Council meeting. The Council and I sincerely apologize and will try to never let that happen again.

In addition to our members, some wonderful guests and new members joined us in February. I hope they will spread the good word about the Sons and Daughters of Italy in Ocean City. I think they all were made to feel welcome because that is what we do.

Coming up in March are two important events for our Lodge which seem to be so different in nature but, for us, they are actually related. First is the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Ocean City which will take place on Saturday, March 14th. We try to participate in the biggest way possible for this event not only to show our support for another fraternal organization, but also to get out the message for our St. Joseph's Day Festival on March 28th. The spectators at the St. Pat's Parade mostly recognize us and usually ask our marchers when our Festival will be held. We get a lot of attendees at our Festival as a result of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. For this reason, I again ask everyone to try to participate at the parade as marchers and float decorators or riders. If you've never been in a parade, I think you'll find it a fun and rewarding experience. You are bound to see someone you know along the parade route. We'll talk more about this at our March meeting.

The second important event is, of course, our St. Joseph's Day Festival. This will be our tenth annual Festival and, by now, I am sure everyone has plans to attend as either a volunteer or a guest. It's a wonderful way to become familiar with our sisters and brothers by working side by side to make our Festival a big success. It is very rewarding to hear the results from the Festival and to know that you had a hand in that success.

### OFFICERS:

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Joe Zanetti  
302-988-8012

So, please try to attend our next meeting on March 5th and I look forward to seeing you all once again.

**Ciao for now.**

**Sick and Distressed:**

**Please keep these Lodge members in your prayers:**

Paul Harman (Recovering Heart Procedure 2/5), Jane Bartolomeo, Anna Rubino, Carol Vales, Karolyn Pergola. Lorraine Gualteri, Anita Akob (Foot Surgery 2/11), Dottie Tumminello and Gina Mollicone (Heart Procedure 2/24), Linda Campanelli (knee surgery), Feline Breeding (upper respiratory infection). **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 Lodge welcomed new members in January and February, Al Carmenini, Greg and Tonya Amber, Josephine Balsamo-Wood, and Margie Dinenna. Lodge Membership cards for 2020 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 Reba 443-664-5522 to order.

**Club Birthdays:** Those celebrating February Birthdays-

2/4 JoAnne Fimmano, David Quillen; 2/5 Donald Rogers; 2/8 George Madden, Jr.; 2/13 Ed Smith; 2/16 Peggy Nawn; 2/17 Brenda D'Antuono; 2/18 Paul Harman, Jane Bartolomeo; 2/20 Paulette Mari; 2/22 Sal Castorina, Robert Swift; 2/24 Deborah Reba; 2/25 Wallace Watson; 2/26 Thomas a'Becket; 2/27; Tom Piatti. **HAVE A BLESSED & HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Helping Hands Committee:**

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

TRUSTEES:

Lucretia Motsco, 302-541-5720

Ilene Parisi, 302-829-1368

Tom Pomilla, 302-436-4221

John Rubino, 302-436-6040

Frank Tribuno, 410-213-8252

MISTRESSES OF CEREMONY:

Jane Bartolomeo,  
302-436-8208

Deb Reda, 443-664-5522

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Nick Bartolomeo,  
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COMMITTEES:

Charity  
Mary Castorina, Chair  
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Vacant

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302-841-9672

## Charity:

Janet Ackerman will deliver a check for \$250.00 for SDOI Sponsorship to the Susan B. Komen Walk held at the Ocean City Boardwalk, April 25, 2020.

## Family History:

April 2, 2020 Angelo Farrone will share his family heritage with the Lodge. We look forward to Angelo's presentation. If you would like to share your family heritage with the Lodge contact Barb and Armando Graziosi at 302-841-7444.

## Public Relations:

Vinnie shared various SDOI articles from The Dispatch, The Courier, and Ocean City Today. Thanks to Ed Pinto for getting them published in a timely manner. 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 the end of March. In promoting the Scholarship program a newspaper article was submitted to local newspapers. The Scholarship Committee welcomes Jude DeLucco.

## Social Events:

### February 24, 2020 - Valentine Social Dinner

Held at Fagers's Island Restaurant, Happy Hour at 5:00 p.m. with HH prices. Dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Event will be held on the 2nd floor with NO elevator. Cost is \$22.00pp paid at venue. Call Denise Bucherri, event chairperson, at 410-567-5253 for information and reservations.

### March 14, 2020 – St Patrick's Day Parade

Frank Tribuno, Jr. is the event chairperson. Participants will meet at 59<sup>th</sup> Street, Ocean City Saturday at noon.

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Rita Tindall, Chair  
410-208-9698

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Edmund Pinto  
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## Web Site:

Tom Pergola, 302-541-4737  
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## Newsletter Editor:

Pat D'Annunzio  
302-542-2535

*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,  
March 5, 2020**

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

## **Social Events Continued:**

### **March 28, 2020 - St Joseph Festival looking for Volunteers**

Rosemary Gear is requesting help for Naomi Bakery, Gina Busey needs help at the Cannoli Table and Vito is looking for dining room help. Janet Ackerson is looking for help to assemble auction baskets on March 20<sup>th</sup> at St Andrew's at 9:30 a.m. Also, she would like volunteers to help at the festival with ticket sales, and distributing and contacting winners. Mary Ellen needs volunteers for Float/Relief schedules. Tom Pergola reported ads are going well. Only three quarter of a page left to fill. Keep this in mind when soliciting ads. Tom would like all ads to him by February 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **April 6, 2020 – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala**

Planning meeting to be held at Knights of Columbus Hall. Details to follow.

### **April 14, 2020 - Dine and Donate Fund Raiser**

Will be held at Ropewalk located at 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, Bayside Ocean City, between 4:00-8:00 p.m. Profit of 15% per check will be donated to Believe in Tomorrow Charity. Ropewalk will honor charity coupons at noon for lunch. Contact Rich or Sue Ann Baietti at 302-945-4237 for coupons and additional information.

### **April 29, 2020 - Harrington Casino Trip**

Cost \$25.00 pp. Contact Mary Ellen Arena (410-250-0048) to sign up and for additional information. Reservations and payment due by April 10, 2020.

### **May 12, 2020 - Social Dinner**

Nick's House of Ribs, Happy Hour 3-6 p.m. Dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$25.00 pp. Reservations signup available at the March meeting. Contact Janet Ackerson (302-988-8109) and/or Judy Zanetti (302-988-8012) for information.

### **June 7-13, 2020 - Cape Cod/Martha's Vineyard/Nantucket, Plymouth & Boston Massachusetts**

Cost is \$1,300 per person (DO); \$1,720 pp (SO). This Trip is currently sold out. We have a wait list of 20 guests for this trip. Trip payment checks made payable to **SONS OF ITALY #2474** (No other way). Final payment due April 15, 2020. Contact Mary Ellen Arena (410-250-0048) for information.

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

## **SDOI News:**

The Lodge welcomed seven guests to our February meeting. All stood for a SDOI Welcome! Our guest, Wayne Cicale, is a local radio broadcaster at the Gold Coast Mall on Sundays from 9-11:00 a.m. WEES is a non-commercial, educational, FM radio station, at 107.9Mhz. Tune In!

## **Monthly 50/50 Winner – Congratulations Richard Nippes**