

## JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

**Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge #2474**  
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### Presidents Message:

Sisters and brothers,

Let me start my first "Message" by saying that I am greatly honored, and somewhat daunted, to serve as your President for the next term. I am very lucky to have our last three Presidents as active members in our Lodge and it is my hope that I can maintain the growth and spirit of famiglia that they have inspired. My thanks go out to our Immediate Past President Vito Potenza for the guidance and direction he has provided and I look forward to his continued mentoring as we proceed into the future. I have been blessed to have basically the same Executive Council members with whom I served for the past four years and I look forward to their continued support for our Lodge's success. I am also blessed to have JoAnn Ward serving as Vice President and her wisdom and sage advice will help me navigate the best course for us all.

This is a particularly exciting time for our Lodge as we prepare for our tenth annual St. Joseph's Festival as well as the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Ocean City Lodge. Longevity is the best indicator of the health and success of an organization, and we certainly appear to be on the right course. I promise to do my best to continue in the footsteps of my predecessors and make this Lodge a place where people of Italian heritage want to gather and do great things for our community as well as enjoy each other's company.

New Year 2020 has started with several appeals for prayers as some of our sisters and brothers have been faced with health issues. We have proven in the past the power of prayer and we will continue to pray for the health and comfort of our brethren.

New and old members alike will have an opportunity to be involved in Lodge activities as we approach St. Patrick's Day with our participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 14th. We march to support our local fraternal organizations as well as promote our St. Joseph's Festival on March 28th. The parade day is a fun day where we show our civic pride and get our message out. I encourage everyone to participate.

### OFFICERS:

President  
Vincent Mollicone  
443-664-5940

Immediate Past President  
Vito Potenza  
410-641-8046

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JoAnn Ward  
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Ethel Jacobs  
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Pat D'Annunzio  
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Tony Parisi  
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Financial Secretary  
Rosemarie Pomilla  
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Orator  
Joe Zanetti  
302-988-8012

Our St. Joseph's Festival is the highlight of our year and if you are a new is a member who would like to meet your Lodge brethren, I know of no better way than to volunteer along with the rest of us who spend the weekend and days prior making our Festival an enjoyable event for the attendees and the main source of our charitable revenue for the entire year. We always end up exhausted and filled with satisfaction for a job well done. Come join the fun.

In preparation for the Festival, I usually order Lodge logo shirts which serve as our uniform of the day as well as showing our solidarity at Lodge functions and meetings. I am doing that again as this time and I need a minimum of 24 shirts to meet the minimum requirement for an order. So far I only have two shirts ordered. If you are interested in having a shirt, please contact me via email or phone as soon as possible so I may place the order for receipt in time for the Festival.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our next meeting on February 6th. Ciao for now.

#### **Current News:**

The President of the OSIA Grand Lodge of Maryland, Anita Lombardi-Riley, and Past President Frances Cipriotti, Conducted the Installation of the 2020 elected executive board. Also, President Anita Lombardi-Riley announced that the Maryland Grand Lodge will be 100 years old July 2020 She will forward information to Vinnie.

#### **Sick and Distressed:**

Please keep these Lodge members in your prayers:

Rosemarie Corless, Anna Rubino, Carol Vales, George Madden, Janet Ackerson, Molly Derrick, Karolyn Pergola. More recently- Lorraine Gualteri, Paul Hartman and Dottie Tumminello. Jane Bartolomeo had surgery January 5, 2020.

**If you know of anyone who is sick, had surgery, or recently lost a loved one, please call Jane Bartolomeo.**

#### **Membership:**

Call Rita Tindall, Membership Chairperson, for Information at 410-208-9698. ---If lodge dues for 2020 are paid before February, there will be NO penalty.

#### 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

#### SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS:

Nick Bartolomeo,  
302-436-8208

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#### COMMITTEES:

Charity  
Mary Castorina, Chair  
302-436-2146

Fundraising  
Sal Castorina, Chair  
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Helping Hands  
Vacant

Historians  
Barb & Armando Graziosi  
302-841-9672

## **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 January Birthdays-

1/2 Pamela DiOrio; 1/3 Guy Akob; 1/4 Richard Marchesiello; 1/6 Scott Carstairs; 1/9 Frank Giampa; 1/14 Donna Potenza; 1/16 Ronald Russo, Margaret Giacomponello; 1/20 Anna Rubino, Joseph Giacomponello, Joseph Ruscigno, Penny Papparello; 1/21 Dottie Tumminello; 1/22 John Cusato; 1/23 Andrew Maggio; 1/25 Bob Ackerson; 1/27 James Reda; 1/28 Mike Lato, Diana Turner; 1/30 Nick Bartolomeo; 1/31 Rosemary Gear. **HAVE A BLESSED & HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## **Helping Hands Committee:**

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

## **Family History:**

If you would like to share your family heritage with the Lodge contact Barb and Armando Graziosi.

## **Public Relations:**

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

## **Social Events:**

Christmas Dinner, December 15, 2019, held at the Clarion Resort was well attended with 135 guests. Mary Ellen solicited comments regarding any issues with the venue, food, and/or service. These issues will be discussed with the banquet manager next week.

Membership  
Rita Tindall, Chair  
410-208-9698

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Vacant

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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 to Pat, so she can maintain our membership roster. Thanks!*

## **NEXT MEETING:**

### **Knights of Columbus Hall**

**Thursday,  
February 6, 2020**

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

## **Social Event continued:**

New York City Trip – we had a wonderful trip, which included some rain/wind/snow...but did not dampen the good time with great dinner at Tony diNapoli's and Christmas Spectacular show at Radio City and a tour of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Some guests enjoyed Broadway Shows of their choice. All had fun shopping at Jerry's on our return trip home.

### **January 21, 2020 – Social Dinner**

To be held at the Green Turtle, West Ocean City, MD. The event will begin at 5:00 P.M. with Happy Hour and happy hour prices all night. Dinner at 6:00 P.M. Cost is \$20.00 per person including tax/tip, and non-alcoholic beverages included. See Mari Quinn, for information and reservations.

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

Cost is \$25 per person. Reservations and payment due by January 10, 2020

### **February 24, 2020 - Valentine Social Dinner**

At Fagers's Island Restaurant Happy Hour at 5:00 p.m.with HH prices. Event will be held on the 2nd floor –No elevator. See Denise Bucherri, event chairperson, for information and reservations.

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

Frank Tribuno, Jr. is the event chairperson. More information to follow.

### **March 28, 2020 - St Joseph Festival**

There was a team captains meeting held January 10, 2020 at St Andrew's Church. Janet Ackerson and Sue Ann Baeitti requested help in obtaining donations for the Basket Raffle. Contact Janet or Sue Ann for more information.

### **April 29, 2020 - Harrington Casino Trip (tentative date)**

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

Held at Ropewalk, Ocean City, MD. 4:00-8:00 P.M. Rich and Sue Ann Baietti have agreed to chair this event. Funds raised will go to Believe in Tomorrow Charity. More details to follow.

### **May 2020 - Social Dinner**

Date (TBD) Janet Ackerson and Judy Zanetti will chair this event. Details to follow.

### **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). Trip insurance is available at \$69 per person. Forms available at meetings or will be emailed to guests. Insurance checks made payable to Senior Excursions, Inc. and **RETURNED TO MARY ELLEN ARENA**, for processing to the tour company. Check out the SDOI website for trip details. **Trip balances may be paid in (2) installments of \$600pp each; OR (4) \$300pp each by April 15, 2020.**

### **October 11, 2020 - 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala**

Next planning meeting is April 6, 2020 at 1:00 P.M. Details to follow.

**-Check our web site for all events and to download Trip Wavier form required for all trips.**

**-Monthly 50/50 Winner –Ed Pinto**