

## JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

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### President's Message:

Sisters and brothers,

Hoping you are all well, this will be our last Newsletter before the summer hiatus. It is certainly not the way I imagined the first part of our year to end. Let's pray that September will be a better time and maybe, just maybe, we can meet in person and have our famiglia together once again.

First, it is with deep regret that the Executive Council has officially cancelled the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual St Joseph's Day Festival for 2020. Rather than repeat the reasoning for the umpteenth time, I will say that we are shooting for March 2021 to hold the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival. So let's pray that the health situation will be improved enough for us to safely proceed.

Next, we will not be hosting a summer bar-b-que party for the Italian students since we cannot assemble that many people safely per the guidelines and status of any students this year is uncertain due to continuing bans on international travel. Also, since there can be no meetings we will not be hosting scholarship winners either. The way the school year ended for so many students, we need a report from the Scholarship Committee to find out what scholarships were awarded this year at all.

News from the Grand Lodge indicates Vito Potenza, Mary Loeloff and Gina Busby won Super Raffle prizes in March along with Ed Pinto and Vito Potenza (again) winning in April. Congrats to the lucky winners. The Grand Lodge had to cancel the Italian Heritage Day on July 12<sup>th</sup> at Ripken Stadium and they cancelled the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Dinner/Dance scheduled for July 18, 2020. They have rescheduled July 10, 2021 for that event. The Grand Lodge Crab Feast scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup> has likewise been cancelled.

I will leave you for this season with a few remarks. It has been an honor and a privilege to present a wonderful, caring group such as our Lodge. The support you have all shown for the Lodge and for the initiative to patronize those local businesses in this time of need warms my heart and I hope your hearts are warmed as well. I urge all to enjoy the summer while steering clear of tourists or

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others who may not have the safety of the rest of us in mind. Let's all stay safe and look forward to the time we can have the famiglia together again.

Ciao,  
Vinnie

**Sick and Distressed:  
Please keep these Lodge members in your prayers:**

Please remember in your prayers our Lodge sister, Jean Delcher who recently had knee revision surgery. Also, pray for the safety and well-being of all our members and their families. The Lodge received Thank You cards from Anita Akob, Mike and Ethel Jacobs, and Felina Breeding concerning their recent surgeries, and hospital stays. Also we received a card from Peggy Nawn, thanking the SDOI members for the many cards, support and love she received on the passing of her beloved John. I've included the front of the card, knowing you'd enjoy seeing John, Peggy and their loved ones.



**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.

TRUSTEES:

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## Nametags:

We would appreciate if everyone would purchase a nametag so members can be identified 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 Summer Birthdays-

6/3 Stephanie Donahue, Lawrence Walton; 6/8 Mindy Nardone; 6/12 Gordon Donohue; 6/13 Anthony Campanelli; 6/14 Mike Priola; 6/17 Josephine Coyle; 6/20 Theresa Helmer; 6/21 Anthony Parisi; 6/23 Raymond D'Antuono, Sandra McGrath; 6/25 Lillian Miller, George Ward; 6/27 Linda Campanelli; 6/29 Bruce Albany; 6/30 Marie Ferguson; 7/2 Paul Albanese, Judith Warson; 7/3 Wade Ferguson; 7/6 Alcea Sprung; 7/8 Michael Corless, Dottie Pinto; 7/9 Tonya Amber, Shirley Basilone, Armando Graziosi; 7/12 Mary Loeloff, Terry Wright; 7/13 Marcel Vales; 7/14 Mary DeCarlo; 7/15 Francis Celeste, Eileen Salafia; 7/17 Joseph Aquilla; 7/18 John Rubino; 7/23 Rose Leister; 7/27 Gaetano DiMatteo, Bernice Harman; 7/28 Marie Grimes; 7/31 Alfred Diorio; 8/2 Vicky a'Becket; 8/3 Denise Buccheri; 8/5 Joseph Scarpitti; 8/8 Judith Mays; 8/10 Barbara Mazzei; 8/14 Ron Sarro; 8/16 Sharon DiMatteo, Marti Quinn; 8/17 Al D'Annunzio, Patricia Swift; 8/19 Barbara Graziosi, Charles Helmer; 8/20 Gina Busby, Sharon Smith; 8/23 Grace Jenkins, Rose Madden; 8/25 Daniel Peletier, Carol Snair; 8/29 Karolyn Pergola;

## HAVE A BLESSED & HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## Helping Hands Committee:

Need new chairperson.

Contact Vincent Mollicone 443-664-5040 if interested.

## Charity:

The Charity Committee will be sending the Executive Board a list of donations for consideration. 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.

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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  
September 3, 2020**

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

## **Public Relations:**

This was my first year as head of the Publicity Committee. First, I want to thank the lodge leadership for giving me the opportunity to use my professional skills again in retirement to help further the good works of our chapter of the Sons and Daughters of Italy. We had only a few short months before the Covid-19 pandemic shut us down but in that time there were many accomplishments.

Our story appeared in virtually all the local Maryland and Delaware newspapers, and also on local TV: News stories about our new officers, scholarship program, the Distinguished Citizens Award to Sal and Mary Castorina, and the news report about Lodge efforts to help the advertisers and donors who paid to be in our Festival program but which, of course, was postponed. That great idea by Janet Ackerson, Ilene Parisi, and Tom Pergola, resulted not just in newspaper coverage but an interview on local channel 47 ABC for our President, Vinnie.

There were other opportunities missed because of the Pandemic. One of these was the Dine and Donate charity event at the Ropewalk, organized by Richard and Sue Ann Baietti but which had to be canceled. Thus, no release on that one. But overall, this community has heard a lot, and hopefully learned a lot, about who we are and what we do to further the image of Italian-Americans.

I'm looking forward to September and getting back to our meetings and doing my best to turn the spotlight on again to showcase the civic work of our Lodge done on behalf of our community, our friends and neighbors, students, and local businesses that support us.

## **Memorial Scholarship:**

Applications have been received. After a review of each applicant the committee will make the decision on our scholarship recipients. Vinnie will announce the winners. Call Donna Potenza at 410-641-8046 for information.

**Social Events:** With the current restrictions in our area plans for SDOI social events are on hold. Information on Lodge social events will be announced as those restrictions are eased.

## **St Joseph's Festival**

As you read in the President's report, the rescheduled 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Joseph's Day Festival, our biggest fund raiser of the year, has been cancelled. We had hoped to be able to have this event in September, but all signs are pointing to the fact that it would not have been anything close to what we have done in the past. Our annual Festival is an important event for our Lodge for a number of reasons. It has been more than just a very successful fund raiser that has enabled us to increase our annual scholarships as well as our charitable contributions. It has also been a very enjoyable opportunity for all our members to get involved in a fun activity with other members. I will miss the camaraderie that the day provided for so many of us. It was fun getting ready for it and it was fun all day that Saturday. I firmly believe that it helped bring our Lodge together in a way no other event could. It was also a day that was looked forward to by many of our friends in the community, as well as an event that has brought us many new members. I am optimistic that our next Festival in March

2021 can be bigger and better than any we have had and I hope that everyone is looking forward to it as much as I am.

I will be in touch with the Team Leaders to confirm that we have closed all necessary loop holes that might have reminded open with the potential rescheduling and will plan a kick-off meeting for our 2021 Festival later in the fall.

I hope everyone has a great summer in spite of the restrictions still in place.  
Sal

### **Update on the SDOI website:**

Tom Pergola has put a note on the Home Page directing viewers to look at the Event Page for a list of the 2020 Advertisers, Businesses and Donors who have supported our Festival.

There are three lists:

- 1) Advertisers, Businesses and Donors sorted alphabetically.
- 2) Advertisers, Businesses and Donor sorted by State and City.
- 3) Restaurants and Casual Dining sorted by State and City

### **SDOI Note: To our SDOI brothers: Happy Father's Day!**

**During these difficult times it's important to take care of yourselves, your family, and look out for your neighbors. Stay Healthy, Stay Safe and Enjoy your Summer!**