



## **Sons of Italy of Ocean City Lodge #2474**

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### **The President's Message**

**Sisters and Brothers,**

**Greetings from St. Augustine, Florida. It is a testament to the strength of our Lodge leadership that the Lodge functions continue to run smoothly when an officer escapes to Florida.**

**Thank you Vinnie for not only leading the Lodge meeting but also for joining Sal and JoAnn Ward in meeting with the Grand Lodge Officers to plan the June 3 State Convention.**

**Thank you also, to Barb and Armando Graziosi for organizing the Lodge's participation in the Ocean City St Patrick's Day Parade. Let's have a great turnout.**

**I know Sal Castorina and the Festival Committee have been busy collecting auction items, ordering supplies and attending to the many details that make this special event so special. Thanks to all of you.**

**Please remember Sharon Lato, Mary Castorina, Irene Ruscigno and all the members on our prayer list.**

**See you all at the Festival.**

**God Bless you and keep you safe.**

**Ciao,**

*Vito*

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## Membership

The fees for memberships are \$38.00 per person for renewals and \$58.00 for new members (first time only). Membership renewals are past due and payable immediately, if not members will be taken off the rolls. Contact Rita Tindall, Membership Chair at (410) 208-9698 for more information and/or questions. **New Members: Shirley Basilone, Carol Sellers and Penny Paparella**

## Celebrating Their Birthdays

Those celebrating their special day in April: **April 3, JoAnn Ward; April 6, Lucretia Motsco, Cheryl Smith; April 10, Lorraine Gualtieri (Sweet Lorraine from South Philly); April 12, Marco Ferrante, Sr.; April 13, Stephen Micciche; April 17, Joan DeMarco; April 23, Maria Sirolli; April 25, John D'Albora, Mary Castorina, John Chicano, Jr.; April 27, Robert DeMaio; April 30, Adrienne Celeste**

## Ailing and Suffering

If you know of anyone who is sick, had surgery or recently has lost a loved one, please call JoAnn Ward at (302) 524-8161. Card(s) will be sent.

50/50 Winner  **Bob Ackerson \$74.00**

## Mary Ellen's Special Events Corner

**HARRINGTON CASINO TRIP - Wednesday, March 29, 2017.** We are on the road to Harrington Casino leaving St. Andrews's Parish Center at 10:00 AM. (bus will be there at 9:30 AM for boarding) and arriving at Harrington at 11:30 AM. We will be returning to Ocean City at 5:00 PM. Cost is \$20.00 per person and Includes: \$15.00 Free Play Card, \$7.00 credit toward Buffet Lunch, Motor Coach Transportation and Driver's Gratuity. Reservations with payment due.

**APRIL SOCIAL DINNER** - Our "Thank You" dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2017 the Touch of Italy Restaurant in Ocean City beginning at 5:30 PM. Vito and Donna Potenza will chair this event, and I will be handling the reservations. Sign-up sheet available with 65 guest slots.

**CHARLESTON/SAVANNAH TRIP - April 23-29, 2017.** Final payment checks were deposited. Check was sent to Tour Company for trip/balance received confirmation that it was received. Itinerary and luggage tags will be given out at April Meeting.

**ST. MICHAEL'S TRIP – June 7, 2017.** Cost \$100.00 per person. Chesapeake Museum, Lunch at Crab Claw, Narrated cruise on Miles River aboard the Patriot and browse shops, Eastern Shore Brewing/Lyon Distilling and St. Michael's Winery. We need 40 guests and reservations and payment due by May 4.

**CRAB FEAST – Scheduled for September 9, 2017.** Higgins Crab House/North; Cost to be determined. Time either: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM or 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

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## Mary Ellen's Special Events Corner (continued)

**HYDE PARK/FINGER LAKES TRIP - October 7-13, 2017**, 7 days, 6 nights. Cost \$1200.00 per person (Double Occupancy) - \$425.00 Single Cost Supplement. After April 15, trip will be open to non-members. Flyer available to review or go to the website for trip information or let me know and I will email you a flyer. Deadline for member sign up is April 15, 2017, with a deposit of \$500.00 per person. To date we have 35 guests signed up with deposits from 10 members. Trip will open to non-members May, 2017.

**OCTOBER EVENT** – to be determined

**NOVEMBER SOCIAL DINNER**– **November 1, 2017** at Jules Restaurant, 11805 Coastal Hwy North, Ocean City, Maryland 21842 (Ocean City Square Shopping Center) and chaired by Sharon and Guy DiMatteo.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER** – date to be determined. At the April meeting, I will hand out a survey sheet requesting information for our dinner this year.

### St. Joseph Festival News and Update

Just a few reminders on dates and deadlines **from Sal Castorina and Tom Pergola**

Baskets for the Basket Raffle will be assembled at St. Andrew's Hall on **Friday, March 10**, beginning at **10 AM**

Sauce and meatball cooking will be **Wednesday, March 15, at St. Andrew's Hall beginning at 9 AM.**

**Thursday, March 16, is Hall set up day and Friday, March 17, is Station set up day both days beginning at 10 AM.** Help on Thursday is more than welcomed since that is the heaviest work day of the two. Team Captains need to ensure that their stations are set up Friday and everything is priced and ready to go.

The group photo of all workers will be at **10 AM** on the day of the Festival. Don't forget to wear your red logo tee shirts (short sleeve or long sleeve) or a plain red tee shirt with black slacks and your name tag.

**From Janet Ackerson:** Thank you to those who brought gift donations to the meeting. If you missed the meeting and still wish to donate wine, liquor, baskets or new and unused gift items, please bring them to **St. Andrew's Hall at 10:00 AM on March 10** or contact Janet Ackerson at 302-988-8109 or [janet.ackerson@gmail.com](mailto:janet.ackerson@gmail.com)

**Mary Ellen Arena:** Looking for volunteers for the 'Float' position and help with the parking lot.

**Rosemary Gear, Nonna's Bake Table:** We would appreciate any and all baked goods; however, we would like to package them ourselves so that all packages are uniform and can be sold for the same price. With that in mind, we are requesting all baked cookies be brought in before the festival on **Friday, March 17, between 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM.**

### Mark Your Calendars

**Thursday, April 6, 2017, next meeting at Columbus Hall.**

**5:30 PM Executive Council Meeting and 7:00 PM General Meeting**

### Special Announcements

The Maryland Grand Lodge is holding the State Convention Ocean City at Columbus Hall on June 3, 2017. We will be looking for volunteers for this event.

**Food Jar: Received \$41.00** A big thanks to all that contributed!