

## MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

**Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge #2474**  
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### President's Message:

Sisters and brothers,

The turnout for our March Lodge meeting was very encouraging once again with well over 100 members in attendance as well as two guests who became new members at that meeting. We have also received several reinstatements of members who missed the deadline to renew but decided to stay with us. We truly look forward to keeping our famiglia strong and to have some fun while we further our charitable endeavors.

Spring is on the horizon and with it come the St. Patrick's Day Parade and our St. Joseph's Festival Celebration. Let's hope the weather doesn't dampen the days for either of these events. There are lots of opportunities to participate and work with Lodge brothers and sisters for successful events, or just come out to attend and have some fun. In any event, you won't be disappointed.

Don't forget to set your video recorders for Friday, March 27, at 5:00 p.m. for Delmarva Life on WBOC-TV to see Barbara Graziosi and Bonnie Oliverio promoting our St. Joseph's Festival. Also, hopefully one morning during the week before the Festival I will get some time on Ocean 98 FM radio to promote the Festival on Bulldog's morning radio show. No definite date or time yet.

Next meeting will be April 2<sup>nd</sup>; I hope to see many of you then.

Ciao

### Sick and Distressed:

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

Paul Harman, Jane Bartolomeo, Anna Rubino, Carol Vales, Karolyn Pergola, Lorraine Gualteri, Anita Akob, Pat Burrello, Dottie Tumminello, Ethel Jacobs, Linda Campanelli, Carol Coyle, Feline Breeding, and Rosemary Corless. We pray for the repose of soul of John Nawn, who passed away March 3, 2020. God's peace and comfort be with Peggy and family.

### OFFICERS:

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443-664-5940

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Rosemarie Pomilla  
302-436-4221

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Joe Zanetti  
302-988-8012

## **Sick and Distressed continued:**

Vinnie announced the passing of former member, Vera Burlin. She was the wife of the late Vince Burlin who was a past President of the Lodge. A celebration of life is being planned for August in Ocean City by her daughter, Andrea Elliott. Details to follow. **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 Al Carmenini, and Frank and Theresa Bradley. 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 Reda 443-664-5522 to order.

**Club Birthdays:** Those celebrating March Birthdays-

3/6 Vito Potenza, 3/7 Richard Buccheri, 3/11 John Aiello, Charles Derick, 3/12 Bonnie Oliverio, Michael Quinn, 3/17 Palma Devic, 3/18 Judith Zanetti, 3/20 Paul Mazzei, 3/21 Rosemary Rogers, 3/22 Ethel Jacobs, 3/23 Janet Ackerson, 3/24 Kathleen Miller, 3/24 Joseph Mulholland, 3/25 Cynthia DiFerdinando, Anthony Fimmano, 3/29 Daniel Nardone.

**HAVE A BLESSED & HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## **Helping Hands Committee:**

New chairperson needed. Contact Vincent Mollicone 443-664-5940, if interested.

## **Charity:**

Charity Committee will meet later this month. If you have a worthy charity that you would like considered, call Mary Castorina at 302-436-2146

## **Website:**

There is a new button on the picture page called 'Picture of the Month'. At present, there's a picture of our members, the a'Beckets, at The Carnival of Venice in Italy this February. If you would like to submit a photo for picture of the month, send it to Tom Pergola at [publicity@sonsofitalyoceancity.com](mailto:publicity@sonsofitalyoceancity.com).

## TRUSTEES:

Lucretia Motsco, 302-541-5720  
Ilene Parisi, 302-829-1368  
Tom Pomilla, 302-436-4221  
John Rubino, 302-436-6040  
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## MISTRESSES OF CEREMONY:

Jane Bartolomeo,  
302-436-8208  
Deb Reda, 443-664-5522

## SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS:

Nick Bartolomeo,  
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## COMMITTEES:

Charity  
Mary Castorina, Chair  
302-436-2146

Fundraising  
Sal Castorina, Chair  
302-436-2146

Helping Hands  
Vacant

Historians  
Barb & Armando Graziosi  
302-841-9672

### **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 302-841-744

### **Public Relations:**

Vinnie shared various SDOI articles and pictures from OC Today and Coastal Point. If you are planning an SDOI event, contact Ed Pinto at 703-901-5544, in advance so he can help advertise 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.

### **Social Events:**

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

Our Thanks to Denise and Richard Buccheri for arranging a lovely social dinner at Fager's Island.

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

Participants will meet at 59<sup>th</sup> Street in Ocean City on Saturday at 10 a.m. to decorate the vehicles. The parade begins at noon. Knights of Columbus will host a corned beef and cabbage dinner after the parade at Columbus Hall.

**Come out and join the SDOI fun!**

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

Rosemary Gear is requesting help for baked goods for Naomi Bakery, Janet Ackerson would like volunteers to help distribute and contact baskets winners. Mary Ellen needs volunteers for Float/Relief schedules. Tom Pergola reported the St Joseph Festival Booklets are being forwarded to the printer.

On **March 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** Barbara Graziosi and Bonnie Oliverio will appear on Delmarva Life WBOC-TV to publicize the Festival.

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

Planning meeting at Knights of Columbus Hall at 1:00 p.m.

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

Will be held at Ropewalk located at 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, Bayside Ocean City, MD between 4:00-8:00 p.m. This charity event is for Believe in Tomorrow Charity. Ropewalk will honor charity

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410-208-9698

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Donna Potenza, Chair  
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Mary Ellen Arena, Chair  
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#### Web Site:

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#### Newsletter Editor:

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*Editor note: please be sure to send any changes in your contact information, so we can maintain our membership roster. Thanks!*

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

**Knights of Columbus Hall**

**Thursday,  
April 2, 2020**

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

## **Social Events continued:**

coupon 12 p.m. for lunch. See Rich or Sue Ann Baietti for coupons at the April meeting. Contact Rich and Sue Ann Baietti (302-945-4237) for 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, 144<sup>th</sup> Street Coastal Highway, O.C. Happy Hour at the bar 5:00 p.m. Dinner served at 6:00 p.m. **Cost is \$25.00 pp checks payable to Janet Ackerson.** Entrée choice of one: ½ rack of BBQ ribs, BBQ chicken, or Salmon. Includes: Steak fries, coleslaw, soft drinks, coffee, tea, tax, and gratuity. Separate checks at the table for additions of salad, soups, liquor, etc. Sign-up sheet will be available at the April meeting. Checks and entrée choice can be send to Judy Zanetti, 15 Berue Court, Selbyville, DE 19975. RSVP's due by April 26<sup>th</sup>. Contact Janet Ackerson (302-988-8109) and/or Judy Zanetti (302-988-8012) for information.

### **June 7-13, 2020 - Cape Cod Islander Trip**

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 forms available at \$69.00 pp payable to **Senior Excursions** and forms returned to Mary Ellen Arena, for processing to tour company. Final payment due April 15, 2020. Contact Mary Ellen Arena (410-250-0048) for information.

### **September 12, 2020 - Crab and Shrimp Feast, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Higgins Crab House located at 128<sup>th</sup> Street Coastal Highway (bayside) Ocean City, MD. Reservations required the Cost is \$45.00 pp. Sign-up sheet available (April, May, and June) SDOI meetings. Includes: AUCE steamed crabs, steamed shrimp, fried chicken, coleslaw, corn on the cob, hush puppies, dessert, soda, domestic beers, house wine, tax and gratuities. Cash bar available.

**Day Trip** - Place and Date to be determined. More information to follow.

### **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala – Sunday December 13, 2020.**

Please note the Date has been changed along with the Venue. We are combining our Annual Christmas Dinner with our Anniversary Gala. The Executive Board felt that having two affairs would be a financial burden on SDOI members. Our Anniversary Gala Affair will be held at Oceans Downs Casino and Event Center. Further details (i.e. cost and menu) will be provided at upcoming meetings. The event will still be Black Tie optional with entertainment.

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

### **SDOI News:**

Vinnie has raffle tickets for the Grand Lodge 2020 Super Raffle at \$25.  
Knights of Columbus Blood Drive on March 29, 2020 from 9-2 p.m. at the Columbus Hall.

**Monthly 50/50 Winner – Congratulations to new member Frank Bradley!**