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May 2017

The President's Message

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Ninety-eight members and two guests attended the May meeting. Fifty people attended our April social dinner at Touch of Italy. And, Mary Ellen Arena led a sold out Spring tour to Charleston, Savannah, Jekyll Island and Myrtle Beach. Thank you for the tremendous support of our Lodge and its activities.

Items of interest from the May meeting:

This is a Lodge election year. Anyone interested in serving as an officer should contact Sal Castorina who volunteered to serve as the Chair of the Nomination Committee. Please consider offering your time and talents to the Lodge by joining the leadership team. The duties and responsibilities of each position may be found in the new By-Laws posted on the Lodge website.

Donna Potenza announced the 2017 Lodge scholarship awardees. The students and their families have been invited to the June 22nd meeting/pot luck supper. Their names are listed elsewhere in the newsletter. Thank you to Donna, and the Scholarship Committee.

The Lodge will be represented at the June 3rd Grand Lodge convention by me, President and: Sal Castorina, Immediate Past President; Vinnie Mollicone, Vice President; Tom Pergola, Trustee; Sebastian Arena, Orator; Mike Coreless, Sargent-at-Arms; Jo Ann Ward, Mistress of Ceremony; Mary Castorina, Chair of the Charity Committee.

The Grand Lodge Annual Memorial Mass for deceased members is September 10th at 11:30 AM at St Leo's Church in Little Italy, Baltimore. A luncheon will follow at Chiapparelli's Restaurant. All are welcome to attend.

9 Hole Fall golf outing – is there member interest in this social activity? Eight people signed up at the May meeting. If you did not sign up and are interested let me know. Date and Time TBD.

Giada Limardi, who works with Carrie Linch on the seasonal workforce program, reported that 43 Italian students will be working in Ocean City this summer. They also are being invited to the June 22nd pot luck supper.

Finally, the guest speaker, Tammy Patrick from the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation, shared information on the "Campaign for the Future" with the goal to raise ten million dollars to support funding future facilities including a new cancer center on the AGH campus. Thank you to Sebastian Arena for arranging the presentation.

Prayer intentions- Please remember the following in your prayers: Sharon Lato; Ethel Jacobs; Mary Castorina; Frank Celeste; Rosemarie Corless; Jeanette Dawson; and Lorraine Gualtieri. Also, Jane Bartolomeo and Don Rogers who both are recovering from surgeries performed on May 9th.

Donna and I will not be at the June meeting (granddaughter's grade school graduation in NYC). You will be in Vinnie Mollicone's capable hands. We wish you a safe and fun summer. May God bless you and keep you safe.

Ciao, Vito

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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 Member: Debra Haberstroh**

Celebrating Their Birthdays

Those celebrating their special day in June:: June 3; Stephanie Donohue, Nancy Tribuno, June 4; William Bellistri, June 12;; Gordon Donohue, June 14; Mike Priola Jr., June 15; Frank Celeste, June 17; Albert Annunzio, June 20; Terry Helmer, June 21; Anthony Parisi, June 23; Sandra McGrath, Raymond D'Anntuono, June 25; Lillian Miller, George Ward, June 27; Jo Fortney, Deborah Littlefield, June 29; Bruce Albany, June 30; Marie Ferguson

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  **Lucretia Motsco**

Mary Ellen's Special Events Corner

ST. MICHAEL'S TRIP – June 7, 2017 Cost \$100.00 per person. Chesapeake Museum, Lunch at Crab Claw, Narrated cruise on Milles River aboard the Patriot and browse shops, East4ern Shore Brewing/Lynn Distilling and St. Michael's Winery. .

CRAB FEAST – Saturday, September 9, 2017 at the Higgins Crab Feast/North Cost:\$45.00 AUCE Steamed Crabs ,Steamed Shrimp, Fried Chicken, French Fries, Coleslaw, Corn on the Cob & Hush Puppies/Dessert. Domestic Draft Beers/House Wine and Soft Drinks, as well as tax and gratuity included .Reservation and payment due by August 1, 2017.

HYDE PARK/FINGER LAKES TRIP - October 7-13, 2017, 7 days, 6 nights. Cost \$1200.00 PP. (Double Occupancy) - \$425.00pp Single Occupancy Trip is open to non-members. 10 Seats available .See flyer for trip information or checkout website. Deposit of \$500.00 pp. with balance of \$700.00 due by August 1, 2017. Trip insurance available at \$50.00 pp if interested see me for InsuranceForm also Trip Waiver is required and can be downloaded from website, or I will email form.

NOVEMBER SOCIAL DINNER - Jules Restaurant has been cancelled for Wednesday, November 1, 2017.A new restaurant is being looked into by Guy & Sharon DiMatteo, who are hosting the event, more news to follow

LONGWOOD GARDENS CHRISTMAS TRIP – December 5th & 6th, 2017...2 Days/1 Night. COST: \$225.00 pp. Includes: Admission to Nemour's Museum/Longwood Gardens/Winterthur Museum / Dinner at restaurant in West Chester, PA, Tour of Herr's Snack Factory/ QVC Studios, Overnight stay at Microtel Inn & Suites in West Chester, PA. All taxes and gratuities (meal & driver) as well as baggage handling. See Flyer and Sign Up Sheet. Need 40 guests only have 22 on sign sheet, not enough interest by June Meeting trip will be cancelled.

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NEW ORLEANS TRIP - April 15-22, 2018 8 Days/7 Night COST: \$1,500.00 pp. (DO) SO Cost ? Includes R/T Motor Coach
Transportation Accommodations: 2 stop over enroute and 5 nights at a Deluxe New Orleans Hotel, 2 Hot Breakfast at your Stop-over Accommodations, 5 Gourmet American Buffet Breakfasts at Hotel 4 Upscale Restaurant Dinners/Brunch, Steamboat Natchez Dinner Jazz Cruise, New Orleans City Tour w/step on guide and includes various points of interest, .Admissions: World War II Museum, Mardi Gras World, Guided tour of Oak Alley Plantation, Cemetery No.1, Visit to Café de Monde to enjoy their world famous beignets. Visit to local Italian favorite .Central Grocery Co. & Deli. Reservations and Deposit of \$500.00 pp. due by October 15, 2017 with trip balance due of \$1,000.00 due by February 15, 2018. See Flyer & Sign Up Sheet. We will need 40 guests.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – Date/Place – to be announced, Was unable to make contact with parties involved to finalize event.

Mark Your Calendars

June Meeting will be held on June 22, 2017 at 6:00 PM, Pot Luck dinner!

Special Announcements from the Sons of Italy

Scholarship Awardees – Congratulations to all the winners

The Scholarship Committee met and reviewed the five applications submitted for consideration for the 2017 scholarships. The awardees are Lydia Kapplemeier (Stephen Decatur), John Keller (Indian River) and Bridget Barrett (Sussex Tech). Thank you to the committee members Bob and Janet Ackerson, Mary Louise Embrey, Joe and Margaret Giacomponello, Paul and Bernice Harman, Lucille Kurtz and Donna Potenza, Chair for giving their time to the scholarship program.

Memorial Mass at St. Leo's in Baltimore at 11:30 on September 10, 2017. Lunch at Chiparelli's Restaurant

Columbus Gala on October 22, 2017.

Food Jar: A big thanks to all that contributed!

