

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



Sisters and Brothers,

Our Lodge members continue to turn out for the *General Assembly* meetings in great numbers, 101 members and 6 guests for May. Our current active membership is 233 members. Thank you for supporting the Lodge in so many ways, but especially by attending the monthly meetings.

The June meeting will be the last meeting before the summer break. It is also the Potluck Supper. The *General Assembly Meeting* will begin at 6:00 p.m. After a short business meeting, we will introduce our Memorial Scholarship recipients and their families. Please plan to attend. Any questions about what to bring to the Potluck should be addressed to Jane Bartolomeo or Deb Reda. Our regular Lodge meetings will resume on September 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting highlights:

- 2019 is an election year for Lodge Officers. Nominations will be submitted at the October meeting and elections will be held in November. I will act as chair of the nominating committee since I am not a candidate for office after my two terms (4 years) as president. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to help guide the Lodge. I would love to hear from you.
- Carrie Linch and Giada Limardi from Aspire gave us an update on the Italian students who will be in OC on summer work visas. A June 27 Lodge social at Columbus Hall will be a welcome for the Italian Students. As we did last year, it will also be a member appreciation night. There will be no cost to Lodge members or our Italian student guests. Any other guests will be charged \$15. The event will be again catered by Mio Fratello. It will be an American barbeque menu. Please sign up at the June 6 meeting if you plan to attend. Reservations are required

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for planning purposes.

- Thirteen students from four high schools applied for the three Lodge Memorial Scholarships. The awardees have been invited to the June meeting/Potluck.
- Vinnie Mollicone announced that he is putting together another order for Lodge shirts. Contact Vinnie if you are interested in ordering one.
- Vinnie is also organizing a Lodge Bocce "league". Contact him if you are interested.
- Our Lodge is hosting once again the Biennial Convention of the SOI Grand Lodge of Maryland on Saturday, June 8. The Lodge will be represented by me, as President and Vinnie Mollicone, Sal and Mary Castorina, Jim and Deb Reda, Nick Bartolomeo and Tony Parisi as delegates.
- Finally, always remember those on our prayer list: Rosemarie Corless, JoAnne Fimmano, Gordon Donohue, John Cusato, Carol Vales, Anna Rubino, and Ethel Jacobs. Also pray for the repose of the soul of our brother Joe Salafia who died in April and that the Lord will bring comfort and peace to Eileen and the Salafia family.

God bless you and keep you safe.

Ciao, Vito

Sick and Distressed: If you know of anyone who is sick, had surgery, or recently has lost a loved one, please call Jane Bartolomeo (302) 436-8208. Card(s) will be sent.

Club Birthdays  Those celebrating June birthdays: 6/3 Stephanie Donahue, Nancy Tribuno, Larry Walten; 6/4 William Bellistri; 6/8 Mindy Nardone; 6/12 Gordon Donohoe; 6/14 Mike Priolo, Jr.; 6/17 Albert D'Annunzio, Josephine Coyle; 6/20 Terry Helmer; 6/21 Tony Parisi; 6/23 Sandra McGrath, Raymond D'Antuono; 6/25 George Ward, Lillian Miller; 6/27 Jo Fortney; 6/29 Bruce Albany; 6/30 Marie Ferguson. **Happy Birthday!!!**

Membership: No new members joined in May. Call Rita Tindall, Membership chair for information at (410) 208-9698.

Nametags : We would really like everyone to buy a nametag so

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Helping Hands

Vacant

Historians

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we can learn each others' names. Lodge nametags are \$11. Call Nick Bartolomeo (302) 436-8208 or Jim Reda (443) 664-5522 to order.

Helping Hands Committee: Needs new chairperson. Contact Vito Potenza if interested.

Family History: If you would like to share your family history with the Lodge, contact Barb and Armando Graziosi .

Upcoming Events:

May 29 **Italian Language Classes**
Brother Joe Cusato is giving Italian lessons at the Ocean City Library. The next class is May 29 at 1:30 p.m.

June 6 **June Meeting & Pot Luck**
Short meeting at 6:00 p.m.; Potluck Supper at 6:30 p.m.
Scholarship awardees and their families are invited.

June 8 **Maryland State Lodge Convention**
We are hosting the convention. Our delegates are Vito Potenza, Vinnie Mollicone, Sal and Mary Castorina, Jim and Deb Reda, Nick Bartolomeo, and Tony Parisi.

June 12 (Day Trip) **American Music Theatre Lancaster, PA**
We will see the OVATION SHOW, a musical variety show. Cost includes lunch, motor coach transportation, driver's gratuity, bottled water, and snack bag. Cost is \$120 per person. Reservations with \$60 deposit due by May 15, 2019. Need 12 more reservations. Contact Mary Ellen Arena for information.

June 27 **Welcome & Appreciation**
There will be a dinner to welcome the Italian students and to show appreciation to our Lodge members who work so hard throughout the year. Food will be by Mio Fratello. No cost for Italian students and Lodge members. Guest will pay \$15 per person. Sign up at the June meeting. You may sign up to help with the decorations if you would like to help.

July 11 **Starr Charities Fundraiser**
5:00 p.m. **Ocean Downs**

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God bless America!


Next Meeting:
KofC Hall
Thursday, June 6
NONE--Board
6:00 p.m.--General
6:30 p.m.—Potluck

There are 125 tickets available. Cost is \$25 per ticket. Sulkies will be running. Contact Anna Foltz for more information.

September 7 **Higgins Crab House/North**
1:00-4:00 p.m. **128th St. & Coastal Hwy, OC**
Cost is \$45 per person and includes AUCE steamed crabs/steamed shrimp/fried chicken/French fries/coleslaw/corn on the cob/hush puppies/dessert/unlimited soft drinks/domestic draft beer and house wine...tax and gratuity. **Reservations required and payment due by August 15, 2019.**

September 25 **Harrington Casino**
Cost is \$25 per person and includes \$15 free play and \$7 credit towards lunch.

October 13-16 **Music, Monuments, Memorials**
Trip will be 4 days/3 nights for Music, Monuments & Memorials. Visiting the 9/11 Memorial in Shanklin, PA...touring Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio...onto Washington, DC, for a tour of the White House if possible...News Museum with a fabulous dinner at Filomena's Restaurant in Georgetown, DC... with 3 breakfasts and 2 additional dinners...taxes and gratuities included...snack bag and bottled water. Cost: \$700 per person. Reservations required with \$200 deposit and \$500 balance due August 15.

October 22 **Carraba's Wine Pairing**
West Ocean City, MD
Dinner at Carraba's with a "wine pairing" not a wine tasting. Pat and Richard Marchesiello are chairs. More details at the September meeting with menu and cost.

December 15 (Sunday) **Christmas Dinner**
5:30 p.m. **Clarion's Crystal Ballroom**
Social Hour--5:30 p.m.; Dinner--6:30 p.m. More details later.

December 17, 18, 19 **Trip to New York City**
Trip to NYC, 3 days/2 nights. Cost: \$800 per person, \$200 deposit with \$600 balance due by October 1. Staying at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Times Square/Theater Show: CHER/Bryant Park Shopping Experience/Delicious Dinner at Tony DiNapoli/Exciting tours/with half day and evening free to do as you wish. Includes Hotel Accommodations/Dinner/ Theater Show Ticket/2 American Buffet Breakfasts at Hotel... tours...motor



coach transportation/taxes/permits/gratuities and driver's gratuity.

April 19-May 1, 2020

Sicily, Malta, Rome Trip

Cost is \$6,300 per person. Reservations and \$500 deposit due by June 1. Breakfast and Dinner included. Leave from Dulles Airport. More details to follow.

October 11, 2020



40th Anniversary Gala

Clarion Resort Hotel

Save the date. More details later.

Check out web site for all event information and to download Trip Waiver Form/required for all trips.

50/50 Winner: -- Ed Smith -- \$81

 **Editor's Note:**  **Please pray for our troops and for our country.**

Happy Memorial Day!!!



