

MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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President's Message:

Sisters and brothers,

Once again we try to stay connected during these very difficult times. I hope that you and your loved ones are all well and safe.

I find myself using another term more these days, and that term is "adapt". All the research and numbers put forth by the experts point to a long period of time before things can safely begin to loosen up. Before that time comes, we must adapt to the conditions as they are now. The way we "dine out", shop for food, even do work around our homes must all be adapted to staying safe.

By being creative in the ways we adapt to "the new normal", we can continue with our lives in an acceptable, and in some cases, more enjoyable manner. Trying to be creative will give us something to occupy our minds so we don't stagnate. When it comes to your mind, remember to "use it or lose it". And remember to stay connected with friends and loved ones who you may not have connected with for some time. It's a good time to contact that old friend or distant relative who may pop into your mind now.

Our Lodge famiglia may not be getting together on a regular basis now, but that is no reason to grow apart. Pick up the phone or send an email to your Italian paisanos (or is that paisani?). If you know about a place to get take out that you think someone would like but doesn't know about, let them know. If you know about something coming up on TV that you think someone else would enjoy, let them know. If you just miss talking with them, let them know. Stay connected.

We will all be together again before too long and for me that is a comforting thought. Be well and safe.

Ciao,
Vinnie

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Sick and Distressed:

Please keep these Lodge members in your prayers:

We remember in our prayers all our Lodge brothers and sisters along with their loved ones, and in particular for a complete and speedy recovery for Mike Jacobs, Rosemarie Corless, Paul Harman, Anita Akob, Pat Burello, Carol Coyle, and Linda Campanelli.

Our prayers are for everyone to be protected from the COVID 19 virus and please use all necessary precautions to stay healthy and safe from this virus.

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.

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 April Birthdays-

5/5 Catherine Clearly, Rita Tindell; 5/6 Michael Jacobs; 5/8 Richard Nippes, JoAnn Steward; 5/9 Margaret DiNenna; 5/15 Jean Delcher; 5/17 Patricia Burello; 5/18 Paul Mazzei; 5/19 Edward Delilo, Rosemarie Pomilla; 5/21 Diane Liberto, Carol Sellers; 5/22 Kathy Aquilla.

HAVE A BLESSED & HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Helping Hands Committee:

Need new chairperson.
Contact Vincent Mollicone 443-664-5940 if interested.

TRUSTEES:

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302-841-9672

Charity:

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.

Public Relations:

A reminder to our Lodge members to consider patronizing the businesses that for many years have supported our St Joseph's Festival. Throughout the years, our Lodge has been the beneficiary of local businesses that have generously supported our annual festival. Their donations of goods and services for our raffles and auctions, as well as, their paid advertisements in our festival program, have made a significant contribution to the financial success of our festivals. These businesses would greatly appreciate your support, especially during these difficult times. For details please look for Ed's press release in the following newspapers: Bayside Gazette, OC Today, Coastal Point, OC Dispatch, The Courier, Ocean Pines Progress, and Delmarva News.

Also, it was great seeing Vinnie's WMDT TV debut on May 6th promoting our St Joseph Festival. **Good Job Vinnie!**
And Thanks to Ed Pinto's effort for getting this news out.

Memorial Scholarship:

Scholarship letters are mailed. Applications must be sent in by May 29, 2020. Call Donna Potenza at 410-641-8046 for information

Social Events:

Please note that the following Social events have been canceled or rescheduled

St Joseph's Festival

The Executive Council is still looking at options. We tentatively still have Saturday September 12th penciled in as a possible date. We are exploring ideas and trying to get some fix on where

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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

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

things might stand in September in regards to large gatherings. We have to be sure that we do not plan anything that could endanger our members or our attendees. And if September is not going to work, then what makes the most sense? Our goal is to make a decision by June 1st. **Stay Tuned !**

May 12, 2020 - Social Dinner

The Nick's House of Ribs Social Dinner has been **CANCELED**. We will try to reschedule this dinner once it is safe again to do so. Those who have already paid will be contacted and reimbursed. For information contact Janet Ackerson at 302-228-1423 or Judy Zanetti at 302-988-8012.

The Cape Cod/Martha's Vineyard/Nantucket, Plymouth & Boston Massachusetts

The Cape Cod Trip that was rescheduled to August 2020 has been **CANCELLED**. Contact Mary Ellen Arena (410-250-0048) for all updated information.

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

SDOI Note: To our SDOI sisters: HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY !

We know these are difficult times for everyone and we will try to keep you all informed. Right now, the most important thing is that you take care of yourselves, your family, and your neighbors. Stay Healthy and Be Safe.