



Sons and Daughters of Italy of Ocean City Lodge #2474

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November/December 2017

The President's Message

Sisters and Brothers,

We had another impressive turnout, 107 members and one guest, at the November Lodge meeting. We were entertained by our dear Anna Foulz as she talked about her trip to Kentucky and her new book. We also got to see some "pin up" photos of a young Anna.

The election of officers for the 2018- 2019 term was held. I am grateful to have been elected to serve you for another two-year term. I also thank the officers who were reelected for their continued service to the Lodge: Vinnie Mollicone, Vice President; Tony Parisi, Treasurer; Rosemarie Pomilla, Financial Secretary; Sal Castorina, Immediate Past President; and Trustees – Tom Pomilla, John Rubino and Ilene Parisi. I welcome the newly elected officers: Ethel Jacobs, Recording Secretary; Gina Busby, Corresponding Secretary; Joe Zanetti, Orator; Lucretia Motsco and Frank Tribuno, Jr-Trustees; Joan Gentile and Jane Bartolomeo- Mistresses of Ceremony; and Nick Bartolomeo and Jim Reda- Sergeants-at-Arms. Thank you for volunteering to serve on the Lodge Leadership team. Finally, I want to thank all the outgoing officers for their support and service to the Lodge and urge them to stay involved: Mike Corless, Dottie Tumminello, JoAnn Ward, Sue Ann Baietti, Tom Pergola and Al DeOrio.

Meeting highlights: The Lodge will start using "Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America" – "OSDIA" in our advertising and recruiting documents. Consistent with the National Lodge we will maintain our banking accounts, file taxes, etc. in our chartered name – Order Sons of Italy in America Ocean City Lodge.

The gift tags for the GOLD families we support at Christmas were distributed. The wrapped gifts with the tags affixed may be brought to the Christmas dinner or arrangements can be made with Mary Castorina for drop off or pick up.

The Charity Committee canned food drive was a huge success. The items were split between a food pantry in Maryland and one in Delaware. Thank you to all who donated and to Mary and Sal for delivering the items to the two pantries.

Armando Graziosiremind all that it is time to start thinking about a float for the St Patrick's Day Parade. We participate to promote the St Joseph Festival which will be on the following Saturday, March 24. Bring your ideas to the January meeting.

Please remember all those on our Prayer List – especially Karolyn Pergola, Carol Vales, Frank Celeste, Rosemarie Corless, Lorraine Gualtieri and, Anthony and Josephine DeCesaris.

Remember no meeting in December, next meeting is January 4, 2018.

Happy Thanksgiving. God Bless you and keep you safe, *Vito Potenza*

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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.

Celebrating Their Birthdays

Those celebrating their special day in December and January: December 3; Carol Vales, Sue Ann Baietti, December 5; Gina Mollicone December 6; Ilene Parisi, Joe Zanetti December 10; Joe Tesdesco, December 12; Suzann Palamara, Alton (Moe) Grimes, December 13; Louis DeCarlo December 14; Mary Ellen Arena, Carol Aikman December 16; Teri Antonini, December 20; Michael Rosa, December 23; Philip Guarino, December 25; Al Preziosi, December 28; Rosemarie Corless December 29; John Oliverio, December 30; Richard Baietti, January 2; Pamela DiOrio January 4; Richard Marchesiello January 6; Scott Carstairs, January 11; Anna Foultz, January 14; Donna Potenza, January 16; Ronald Russo, Margaret Giacomponello, January 18; Joseph Lamont, January 20; Penny Papparello, Anna Rubino, Joseph Giacomponello, Joseph Ruscigno, January 21; Dorothy Tumminello, January 23; Andrew Maggio January 25; Bob Ackerson, January 27; James Reda, January 28; Mike Lato, Diana Turner, January 30; Nick Bartolomeo, January 31; Rosemary Gear

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  \$84.00 Jo Fortney

Mary Ellen's Special Events Corner

HARRINGTON CASINO TRIP – Wednesday, November 15, 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 & Driver's Gratuity. Reservations with payment due. 20 seats available as of today.

CHRISTMAS DINNER - Sunday, December 10th, 2017 at the Clarion Hotel. Event will begin with a 5:30 PM. check in, dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. Cost: \$25.00 per person, Guests: \$50.00. Table group must place reservation at same time. Appetizer, salad, entrée, Surf & Turf, Twin Crab Cakes, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Vegetarian Dish and Chef Surprise for dessert. Happy Hour – Cash Bar begins at 5:30 PM, with Happy Hour prices, Domestic Beer - \$3.00/Bottle, Imported Beer - \$4.00/Bottle, Non Alcoholic Beer - \$3.00 /Bottle, House Wine - \$4.00 /Glass, House Level Spirits - \$3.00 /Drink, Call Level Spirits - \$6.00 /Drink. Assorted Sodas, Bottled Water and Juice \$2.00 per/Drink

JANUARY SOCIAL DINNER– The date and time will be announced. Jane Bartolomeo and Sue Ann Baietti will be hosting this event.

NEW ORLEANS TRIP - April 15-22nd, 2018, 8 Days/7 Nights, COST: \$1,500 PP (Double Occupancy) See Flyer for trip information or check out website for details. Deposit of \$750 is due with reservation. Final Payment due February 15, 2018. Insurance is available at \$50.00 per person due by January 4, 2018. Trip Waiver form is required. To Date we have deposits for 38 guests not all deposits have been received. Thanks to the efforts of Al and Pat D'Annunzio we have received 10- 12 reservations, we still need 40 guests and would like extra due to last minute cancellations.

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Mark Your Calendars

January 4.2018 5:30 Executive Council Meeting 7:00 PM General Meeting

Special Announcements from the Sons of Italy

Festival News

Festival Team Captain meeting is 10 AM at St. Andrews on January 10th.

Basket Raffle News

Please remember to bring in your donation of wine, baskets, or a new item to the January SOI meeting. With the 2/15/18 deadline for the businesses to be listed in the program, we need to start asking them for donations soon. Also, we need help in covering some areas to request donations. If you can help, please contact Janet Ackerson at 302-988-8109 or E-mail at janet.ackerson@gmail.com.

Christmas News

If you did not get a Christmas Ball at our last meeting with the gift suggestion for our two families and Miss Pearl and would like one, please call her and she will get you one (302-436-2146) or email her at mcastorina21093@yahoo.com.

Don't forget to bring your gifts to the Christmas Party on December 10th at the Clarion. Or get them to our house before the party. We plan on delivering to GOLD on Monday the 11th. If you do bring your gift to our house, please wait until after Thanksgiving week-end.

Wreaths Across America is Saturday, December 16 at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery beginning at 9:30 AM. The ceremony in the chapel is scheduled for 11:30 AM after all the wreaths have been placed. If you have a special request where you would like a wreath placed, please contact her. We have purchased 10 wreaths.

A Note from Your Editor: This is my last edition and I would like to thank all the people who said very nice things about the newsletter, I truly appreciated it.



Merry Christmas

