

Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge #2474
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November-December 2019

President's Message



Sisters and Brothers,

This is my last message as Lodge President. As I reflect on the past 4 years, I am grateful for all the support I received from our Lodge officers, committee chairs and members and all Lodge members. My goal for the Lodge when I took office was simple, to continue the great work of my two immediate predecessors, Armando Graziosi and Sal Castorina, in growing the Lodge into a vibrant organization. At over 230 members, with robust social programs, a healthy scholarship program, and a generous charitable giving program we have achieved that goal.

To be sure, all Lodge members have played a role in our success by serving on committees, soliciting ads and donations, preparing the newsletter, publicizing our events, recruiting new members, entertaining us at meetings, bringing desserts, helping to serve our post meeting "snack" or by just coming to meetings. As with any organization, there are some key individuals whose efforts are critical to the Lodge. Lodge Treasurer, Tony Parisi, has done an outstanding job not only in organizing and monitoring Lodge financial records and protecting Lodge funds and assets, but he also has taken on related tasks of filing required tax forms and reviewing Lodge liability insurance coverage. Sal Castorina has not only been my mentor, but also has guided the St Joseph's Festival into the remarkable fund raising and social event it is today. Tom Pergola's masterful work on event flyers and the Festival program book, as well as joining with John Rubino to oversee the design and maintenance of the Lodge website, creates a first rate, professional public "face" of the Lodge. Mary Ellen Arena's tireless efforts as Social Committee Chair brings us together for interesting trips, fun social gatherings, and a little gambling. Mary Castorina has guided our charitable giving during my entire term. Membership Chair Rita Tindall and her committee have been the welcoming faces of the Lodge and encouraged us to "pay our dues" on time. The Mistresses of Ceremony, Deb Reda and Jane Bartolomeo, and previously Dottie



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Tumminello and Stephanie Donahue, always make sure the refreshments are ready when the General Assembly meeting is adjourned.

No president of an organization succeeds without a capable vice president in whom he and the Lodge have absolute confidence. I was blessed to have Vinnie Mollicone serve with me for the past 4 years. He was always there accepting any task I asked him to undertake, providing wise counsel and leading meetings when I was absent. I have no doubt that he will guide the Lodge to continued success. I look forward to supporting Vinnie as I assume the position of Immediate Past President.

It has been my great pleasure to serve as Lodge President and I look forward to continuing to serve the Lodge. Thank you again for your support to me and the Sons and Daughters of Italy Ocean City Lodge.

Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas filled with much joy and peace.


May 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.

Membership: Five (5) new members, Philip Cascio, Susan Cascio, Tessa Gentzel Celeste, John Aiello, and Carol Frite Aiello, joined in November. **Welcome!!** Call Rita Tindall, Membership Chair, for information at (410) 208-9698. **Dues for 2020 need to be paid by December 15, 2019.**

Nametags: We would really like everyone to buy a nametag so we can learn each others' names. Lodge nametags are \$11. Call Nick Bartolomeo (302) 436-8208 or Jim Reda (443) 664-5522 to order.

Club Birthdays  Those celebrating December/January birthdays are: 12/3 Carol Vales, Sue Ann Baietti; 12/5 Gina Mollicone; 12/6 Salvatore Ambrosini, Ilene Parisi; 12/8 Gina Castagna, Kathleen Teti; 12/10 Joe Tedesco, Ann Poggioli; 12/11 Edmund Pinto; 12/12 Suzann Palamara, Alton (Moe) Grimes;

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Sal Castorina, Chair
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Helping Hands

Vacant

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12/13 Louis DeCarlo; 12/14 Mary Ellen Arena; 12/16 Teri Antonini; 12/18 Frank DeLucco; 12/20 Michael Roca; 12/22 Louis Barracato; 12/23 Philip Guarino; 12/27 Patricia LiPira; 12/28 Rosemarie Corless; 12/29 John Oliverio; 12/30 Richard Baietti; 1/2 Pamela DiOrio; 1/3 Guy Akob; 1/4 Richard Marchesiello; 1/6 Scott Carstairs; 1/9 Frank Giampa; 1/14 Donna Potenza; 1/16 Ronald Russo, Margaret Giacoponello; 1/20 Anna Rubino, Joseph Giacoponello, Joseph Ruscigno, Penny Papparello; 1/21 Dottie Tumminello; 1/22 John Cusato; 1/23 Andrew Maggio; 1/25 Bob Ackerson; 1/27 James Reda; 1/28 Mike Lato, Diana Turner; 1/30 Nick Bartolomeo; 1/31 Rosemary Gear. **Happy Birthday!!!**

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:

December 6 "Game of the Week"
6:30-10:30 p.m. Pit & Pub, 20th St., O.C.
Vote for your favorite bar. Wear your favorite Christmas attire. Proceeds benefit The Children's House by the Sea. Contact Sue Ann Baietti for more information.

December 14 Wreaths Across America
9:30 a.m. Veteran's Cemetery, Millsboro
Wreath laying begins at 9:30 a.m. Ceremony will start around 11:00-11:30 a.m.

December 15 (Sunday) Christmas Dinner
5:30 p.m. Clarion's Crystal Ballroom
Social Hour--5:30 p.m.; Dinner--6:30 p.m. \$30 pp for members, \$60 pp for non-members. Flyer with details and reservation form are on our web site to be downloaded and returned with payment and meal selection no later than November 15. **Don't forget to bring your wrapped gifts with the paper ornament attached to the package to the Christmas Dinner.**

December 17,18,19 Trip to New York City
Trip to NYC, 3 days/2 nights. Cost: \$710 per person, \$200 deposit with \$510 balance due by October 1. Staying at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Times Square/ Bryant Park Shopping

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God bless America!



Next Meeting:
KofC Hall
Thurs. January 2, 2020
5:30 p.m.--Board
7:00 p.m.--General

Experience/Delicious Dinner at Tony DiNapoli/ Exciting tours/with half day and evening free to do as you wish. Includes Hotel Accommodations/Dinner/2 American Buffet Breakfasts at Hotel... tours...motor coach transportation/ taxes/permits/gratuities and driver's gratuity. **Due to cancelling of Cher Show, we refunded deposits to 14 guests.**

January 21, 2020
5:00 p.m.

Social Dinner
Green Turtle West

The date has been changed from January 14 to January 21. Social Hour at 5:00 p.m. with cheese/veggie trays and happy hour prices all night. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. starting with House Salad. Choice of entrees: 1) Cajun Pasta with chicken or shrimp, vegetarian is available; 2) Single Crabcake with seasonal vegetables and starch; 3) Fleet Street Chicken (2 chicken breasts topped with balsamic glaze, diced tomato, and lump crab meat with seasonal vegetables and starch. Dinner is followed by Brownie Bites and Coffee. \$20 pp including tax and tip, non-alcoholic beverages included. Cash or checks made payable to "The Greene Turtle West." Contact Mary Quinn, chairperson, at seaturtle816@yahoo.com or call 302-525-8415.

January 29, 2020

Harrington Casino Trip

Cost is \$25 per person. Reservations by January 10.

February 24, 2020
5:00 p.m.

Valentine Dinner
Fager's Island

Happy Hour 5:00-6:00 p.m. Event will be on their 2nd floor—no elevator. Denise Buccheri is the chair for this event.

March 28, 2020
Details to follow.

St. Joseph Festival

April 2020
Date (TBD)

Dine & Donate Dinner

Rich & Sue Ann Baietti have agreed to do another Fund Raiser for SDOI. More details to follow.

May 2020
Date (TBD)

Social Dinner

Janet Ackerson will chair. Details to follow.

June 7-13, 2020
7 days/6 nights

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



Cost: \$1,300 pp (Dbl. Occ); \$1,720 pp (Sngl. Occ.) Deluxe accommodations at Hampton Inn & Suites Cape Cod—West Yarmouth, Massachusetts (6) breakfasts...Dinners and/or Luncheon Cruise/Dinner with Live Entertainment...17th Century "Taste of Two Cultures" Dinner...New England Lobster Dinner... Dinner on Martha's Vineyard...Guided Tour of Cape Cod/Cape Cod Cranberry Bog Experience/Martha's Vineyard's Cruise and Guided Tour/Sandwich Village Guided Tour & Glass Museum/Plymouth Waterfront & Plymouth Experience/ Nantucket Cruise and Guided Island Tour/Full-Day Boston City Tour Experience with Cruise of Boston Harbor with Luncheon aboard the Spirit of Boston. Visit to Faneuil Hall & Quincy Market (Dinner on you own that evening). **Reservation w/deposit of \$100 pp required...along with trip waiver form. Balance paid in (2) installments of \$600 pp each; OR (4) \$300 pp each by April 15, 2020. 40 guests minimum for trip. Sign up sheet will be on table.**

October 11, 2020

40th Anniversary Gala
Clarion Resort Hotel

Details to follow.

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

50/50 Winner: -- \$93 - Rob DeMaio



Editor's Note: *This will be my last newsletter as my term as Corresponding Secretary is up in December. I have enjoyed working with all of you. May God bless you and keep you in His care. Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!*



Gina Busby



Please pray for our troops and for our country.

Happy Thanksgiving!!
Merry Christmas!!



Happy New Year!!



Bring on
the
NEW YEAR!

