

NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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President's Message:

Sisters and brothers,
Hopefully you are well and enduring the "new normal" fairly well. We still look forward with great expectations for a breakthrough in the treatment and prevention of the COVID-19 virus. We cannot assemble safely until no members will be at risk. Please pray that the breakthrough will happen sooner rather than later so that we may be together again and enjoying the spirit of famiglia for which we are known. The holidays are rapidly approaching and details are being worked out for our participation in the annual G.O.L.D. Christmas Gift Drive. Watch your email for those details.

I urge you to consider renewing your Lodge membership for 2021. Renewal applications have been sent out by our Financial Secretary and should be returned by mail to Anthony Parisi at the address stated on the application. Sending the application and dues directly to our Treasurer will greatly speed delivery and will lessen chances of mail going astray.

I have tickets for the Grand Lodge of Maryland 2021 raffle. Tickets are \$25 each and drawings are held every day throughout the year. Winning tickets are put back into the drawing so you can win more than once and several of our members have experienced multi winners. I will send out emails advising where I will be at locations in our area on certain dates and times so you can meet me at those locations to purchase tickets. Please watch for those emails.

Continue to remember those Lodge members who have been sick or have undergone medical procedures. Also, please pray for their families so that they may have comfort while separated from their loved one. To my knowledge there is still no visitation at hospitals and rehab centers so the separation can be very upsetting for the patient and the families.

I wish you all a Thanksgiving holiday that may be celebrated differently than in the past but just as happy and joyful. Keep in touch with family and friends and you will certainly have much for which to be thankful.

Ciao, Vinnie

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Sick and Distressed:

Please keep these Lodge members in your prayers:

Please pray for the safety and well-being of all our members and their families, and in particular for a complete and speedy recovery for Peggy Nawn, Ethel Jacobs, Gina Busby, Tom Temple (husband of Jean Temple), Elaine Ferguson, Tony Campanelli, Ed Gordon (husband of Jill Gordon), and Nancy Tribuno (mother of Frank Tribuno).

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:

Membership dues for 2021 are now payable, and a copy of our 2021 Membership Renewal Form has been attached for your convenience. Our thanks to those members who have already renewed their membership. 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.

Lodge Birthdays: Those celebrating November Birthdays:

11/02 Phillip Cascio; 11/4 Felina Breeding; 11/05 Angelo Faraone, Vincent Mollicone; 11/06 Jeannette Dawson; 11/07 Tessa Celeste; 11/8 Carol Scarpitti; 11/09 JoAnn Ward; 11/11 Thomas Pomilla; 11/13 Thomas Pergola; 11/14 Morrell Delcher, Rosemary Profili, Irene Ruscigno; 11/16 Frank Tribuno Jr.; 11/17 Marie Mazzotta; 11/18 Anita Akob, Judith DeLucco; 11/19 Karen DiMartino, Phyllis Donohue; 11/20 Carol Coyle; 11/21 Dr. Daniel Cowell, Barbara Loffler; 11/22 Edward Motsco; 11/30 Josephine Alexander.

Wishing All a Blessed and Happy Birthday!

Helping Hands Committee:

The Lodge is looking for a new chairperson. I interested contact Vincent Mollicone at 443-664-5940.

TRUSTEES:

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Ilene Parisi, 302-829-1368
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Helping Hands
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302-841-9672

Charity:

Wreaths Across America will take place on Saturday December 19, 2020 in Delaware. It will be at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Millsboro, Delaware with instructions at 10:30 A.M.

This year we will have two families and a senior citizen from G.O.L.D. for Christmas Presents. I will be sending an email out with the request for gifts. There will be more information concerning both the wreaths and request from G.O.L.D., by my email.

Thank you for all the participation that the O.C. SDOI have given in the years. For information call Mary Castorina, Charity Chair, 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:

Although things on the PR front are slow because of inactivity due to COVID, we still get an occasional bump. When the last newsletter came out I was able to report that our press release about members donating so we could make some charitable contributions to nine organizations was picked up by at least one newspaper. Then, lo and behold, weeks later the release showed up again in yet another local paper, The Courier. That was gratifying and helped get the word out about the good works of our Lodge, COVID notwithstanding. Not all the local papers used this release so Treasurer Tony Parisi and I ginned up a photograph showing him at his desk writing checks. The photo will be sent out with a caption to newspapers that didn't use the original release. Oftentimes, a good photograph is the key to getting a press release used, so we will make one further effort on this one, it's that worthwhile.

Memorial Scholarship:

Contact Donna Potenza at 410-641-8046 for information.

Social Events:

All Lodge functions for the balance of 2020 have been canceled or postponed into 2021. The 40th Anniversary Gala postponed for 2020 December, and will be rescheduled for 2021. Contact Mary Ellen Arena at 410-250-0048 for further information.

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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

TBA

St Joseph's Festival:

Sal Castorina is still planning on March 20, 2021 for the Festival depending on where things stand, especially with a vaccine. Sal is planning a possible kick-off meeting either virtual or an email session might work better than trying to get everyone together in the next couple of months. I am optimistic that our next Festival in March 2021 can be bigger and better than any we have had and I hope that everyone is looking forward to it as much as I am.

SDOI Note:

During these difficult times it's important to take care of yourselves, your family, and look out for your neighbors. Stay Healthy, Stay Safe. Have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.