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The President's Message

Sisters and Brothers,

Attendance at our October meeting was once again outstanding. We had 91 members and guests. I hope all who attended enjoyed our lively gathering as much as I did. Kudos to our Mistresses of Ceremony (Dottie Tumminello and JoAnn Ward) and the team of volunteers who brought desserts and helped serve our post meeting snack. Special thank you to Angelo Faraone for sharing part of his family history in such an entertaining and informative way.

Several other Lodge members have expressed an interest in sharing their family stories and will be scheduled as time permits at future meetings. If you are interested in participating in our program of sharing family histories, please contact our coordinators, Barb and Armando Graziosi.

On October 11th the Lodge hosted Joey and Lisa's Italian Wedding at Columbus Hall. The Ovation Dinner Theatre and Mio Fratello combined to give us a fun filled evening and a great "wedding" banquet. The 2016 Columbus Day celebration was organized by Sal Castorina and Mary Ellen Arena. Thank you for proposing that we try something different. Everyone I spoke with had a wonderful time.

Remember always the people on the Lodge prayer list. Our prayers work. It was great to see Mary Castorina at the dinner on the 11th. Sharon Lato is making some progress as Mike reported, but still has a very long way to go. Tom Pergola, Jr is home and recovering, but the cause of the infection has not yet been identified. Stephanie Donahue reports that granddaughter Avery Marie is doing well, she has been home for a month, just passed her October 8th due date and weighs 9 pounds. She thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers. Irene Ruscigno is doing well, tolerating the chemo treatments and thanks everyone for their prayers.

Order Sons of Italy in America is conducting a petition drive to Save Columbus Day. The Social Justice Commission of OSIA has distributed petitions and hopes to gather at least 100,000 signatures by April 30, 2017. The petitions will be mailed to the White House. The effort is to preserve Columbus Day as a national holiday and to oppose renaming it Indigenous People's Day. Petitions were made available at the October Assembly meeting and will be available at all our meetings. Please consider taking one to gather signatures from family and friends.

Other items of interest from the meeting:

- Revised by-laws have been approved by the State Lodge, sent to National.
- Lucille Kurtz and Mary Louise Embrey have joined the Lodge Scholarship Committee.
- Several Lodge members are State Super Raffle winners: Marcel & Carol Vales (July), Barb Graziosi (Aug), Guy DiMatteo (Aug) and Rosemary Gear (Sept).
- Our Membership Chair, Rita Tindall, reminded everyone that dues statements will be going out in November and are due in early January. Dues are \$38 with a one-time \$20 fee for new members.
- Vice President Vinnie Mollicone announced that the Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award Committee has received several nominations. The Award will be presented at the Christmas Dinner.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, November 3 at 7PM. HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

God bless you and keep you safe.

Piao, Vito

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The fees for memberships are \$38.00 per person for renewals and \$58.00 for new members (first time only). Memberships must be paid by January 15, 2016, if not member will be taken off the rolls. Contact Rita Tindall, Membership Chair at (410) 208-9698 for more information and/or questions. New Member: **Janet**

Roca

Celebrating Their Birthdays

Those celebrating their special day in November: November 1, Anthony DeCesaris, November 4, Felina Breeding, November 5, Angelo Faraone, Vinnie Mollicone, November 6, Mike Mall, Jeanette Dawson, Joe Salafia, November 9, JoAnn Ward, November 11, Thomas Pomilla, November 12, Josephine DeCesaris, November 13, Thomas Pergola, November 14, Irene Ruscigno, November 16, Frank Tribuno Jr., November 17, Dee Peticari, Anthony Peticari, November 18, Anita Akob, November 19, Phyllis Donahone, Karen Di Martino, November 20, Carol Coyle, November 21, Daniel Cowell, Barbara Loffler, November 22, Edward Motsco, November 30, Jo Alexander

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  **Susan Ciamarra \$72.00**

Mary Ellen's Special Events Corner



Crab Feast – Great time and delicious food, tentatively booked for the 1st Saturday after Labor Day 2017, with Higgins Crab house.

Harrington Casino Trip – tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, 2016, leaving St. Andrew's Parish Center at 11:30 AM and arriving at Harrington Casino at 1:00 PM. Departing Casino at 5:00 PM back to be back in Ocean City at 6:30 PM. Need 40 guests to run this trip.

New York City Trip – Wednesday, November 16, 2016 Has been cancelled.

Social Dinner – November 13, 2016, at Fager's Island beginning at 5:30 PM – \$22.00 Prime Rib, 14.00 for fish or order off menu. Janet Ackerson is chairing this event, see her for reservations, payment due night of the event.

Christmas Dinner – Sunday, December 4, 2016, beginning at 5:30 PM at Dunes Manor Hotel. Cost is \$30.00 per person, guest cost is \$60.00 per person. Reservation forms will be available at the **SOI meeting with reservation, payment due and menu selection by November 15, 2016.**

Christmas Trip Washington DC – on December 14, 15 and 16 – balance of trip is due, we were able to secure a White House and Capitol Tour, no date yet. On December 8th MGM Casino is opening at the National Harbor, so if you would like to play a little slots or shop you will have the opportunity.

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Mary Ellen's Special Events Corner (continued)

2017 - Myrtle Beach/Charleston/Savannah/Jekyll Island Tour - April 23 to April 29, 2017.....7 day & 6 nights. COST: \$1,000.00 per person. All inclusive.....\$200.00 deposit due by October 15, 2016, and balance of \$800.00 due by February 15, 2017. Insurance forms available cost: \$59.00 with check payable to Senior Excursions, Inc. Check and completed form due by January 4, 2017, meeting. Last chance for members to make reservations. We will open available seating to wait list guests, as of November 1, 2016.

Finger Lakes – September 2017 date is leaving on 3rd Sunday in September, 2017. Trip will include Tour of West Point Military Academy, FDR's home and Eleanor's Cottage, National Baseball Hall of Fame Cooperstown, NY. Tour of Belhurst Castle along with Wine Tasting before dinner. Erie Canal Locks narrated tour aboard the Colonial Belle and many other exciting sites. Complete information and cost at next month's meeting and will begin taking reservations.

Social Dinner – January 2017 date and time to be announced. Jo Alexander will be chairing this event.

Mark Your Calendar Events:

Thursday, November 3, 2016, Next meeting at Columbus Hall.

5:30 PM Executive Council Meeting and 7:00 PM General Meeting

The St. Joseph Festival will be on Saturday, March 18, 2017.

News from the Grand Lodge

The Columbus Gala on October 22, 2016, at which Anna Fultz will be honored with the Ameritan Award is at Valley Mansion at Martin's in Hunt Valley. Anyone interested should contact Mary Ellen Arena Cost: \$75.00 per person. Again, CONGRATULATIONS! To Our Sister Anna Fultz!

