

OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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President's Message:

Sisters and brothers,

I hope you are all well and as sane as can be expected during "the new normal". Staying sane during these times is becoming increasingly more difficult, at least for me.

On September 23rd, I attended a Zoom meeting of the Grand Lodge. This was my first Grand Lodge meeting and it was enlightening. At the Memorial Mass twenty-five members attended at St, Leo's and the names of deceased members were read aloud with ringing of the bell after each name. Past Grand Lodge President Frances Cipriotti presented flowers to the Blessed Mother in memory and honor of all the deceased members. In other news, a large philanthropic donation was granted to the National Sons of Italy Foundation, 1.1 million dollars, to be used explicitly for the National Scholarships. The donor, who is Italian but not a member of OSDIA, also provided \$80,000 for administration of the grant. Amazing news! Among other business, our Lodge was recognized for our support of small businesses in and around OC during this pandemic and attention was drawn to the recognition by local newspapers and TV station. President Riley commented that it was "good press". I plan to attend the October Zoom meeting so I will have more news in the future.

Also discussed at the Grand Lodge meeting was the Grand Lodge Raffle. In September, Lynne Watson won a daily drawing. The Grand Lodge Raffle is the main source of funding for the Grand Lodge Scholarships, which an applicant from Ocean City won this year. There will continue to be daily drawing for the rest of 2020 so watch your mail for a check from the Grand Lodge. I HAVE RECEIVED RAFFLE TICKETS FOR 2021 FROM THE GRAND LODGE WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE THROUGH THE REST OF THIS YEAR AND INTO EARLY MARCH OF NEXT YEAR. Please watch for emails from me announcing locations where I will make myself available to sell you tickets. I will go to places like the parking lot at Columbus Hall and the Food Lion Parking lot at Manklin Creek Road near Ocean Pines and I will spend an hour or two there for members (and non-members) to purchase tickets in person. Watch for my emails with dates and

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times for locations as time goes on. If anyone wants to assist me with selling Grand Lodge Raffle tickets, please call me and we will work together.

Our fund raising Donation Drive raised \$1,575.00 to date and the Executive Council approved the charity donations recommended by the Charity Committee for 2020. Our Lodge is able to make donations to these worthy charities only because of the personal generosity of you wonderful members. I thank all of you who donated during this difficult time for non-profit organizations. Our famiglia has once again shown that we care.

Please remember in your prayers those Lodge members and their families who have been ill or hospitalized for medical procedures. Those that come to my mind immediately are Paul Harman, Elaine Ferguson, Tony Campanelli, Peggy Nawn, Mike Jacobs, Ethel Jacobs, Felina Breeding and Nancy Tribuno (Frank Tribuno, Jr.'s mother). Please refer to the appropriate section of this Newsletter for a further list of prayer intentions.

For now, be well, stay safe, and pray that we can safely get back to normal and see each other again soon.

Ciao, Vinnie

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 and Mike Jacobs, Elaine Ferguson, Paul Harman, Tony Campanelli, Felina Breeding, and Nancy 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:

Dues to renew your membership with the SDOI of OC for 2021 are now payable at \$40.00 per member, and your prompt payment would be greatly appreciated. If you have not already received your 2021 Membership Renewal form by email you can visit our website at www.sonsofitalyocceancity.com to view and print a copy. We're looking forward to meeting you as soon as it is safe to resume our normal activities. Please be safe, be well, and take care. Call Rita Tindall, Membership Chair, for information at 410-208-9698.

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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 October Birthdays:

10/1 Ronald Liberto; 10/3 Susan Cascio; 10/4 Bernie Busby; 10/10 Felicia Cerro; 10/15 Joseph Tamberino Sr.;10/17 Lynne Watson; 10/18 Marian Cicero; 10/19 Barbara Peletier; 10/22 Patricia D'Annunzio, Catherine Russo; 10/24 Wanda Martellini; 10/27 Lucille Kurtz; 10/28 Tina Gugliotta.

Wishing All a Blessed and Happy Birthday!

Helping Hands Committee:

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

Charity:

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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:

With meetings and all Lodge activities canceled since early in the year there has not been any opportunity for public relations until early October when word came that charitable donations had been made by the Charity Committee. A press release was prepared and distributed to the news media reporting on those donations.

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.