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The President's Message

Our very capable Vice President informed me that we had another great meeting. Donna and I needed to be "excused" to attend a wedding in Massachusetts. Thank you, Vinnie, for presiding at the meeting. I also want to thank Anna Foulz for inviting "Bull Dog" to be our guest speaker. The report is that he was very entertaining.

It is also great to hear that the Crab Feast was a success. The Crab Feast Basket Raffle raised \$150 which is being donated in the Lodge's name to the WBOC Bless the Children campaign for child victims of the hurricanes. Thank you, Mary Ellen and all who contributed. Vinnie also told me that at Mike Corless' suggestion a donation jar was put out at the meeting. Thank you to our generous Lodge members who donated another \$155 for hurricane victim relief.

Nominations are being solicited for our 2017 Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award. Please submit any nominations with a brief write up supporting the nomination to Vinnie Mollicone by the October 5th meeting.

I'm sure it was also mentioned at the meeting that this is a Lodge officer election year. If you are interested in serving the Lodge, please let Sal Castorina know. The By Laws are posted on our website and have the responsibilities of each position listed.

As always, remember those on our prayer list. I try to keep it up to date but need to rely on you for help.

I note in closing the loss the Lodge suffered with the passing of Sebastian "Bob" Arena, our Orator. He served the Lodge in many ways for many years. I take some consolation in the fact that we now have an advocate before the throne of our heavenly Father. Rest in peace Bob.

God bless you and keep you safe,

Ciao, 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). 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. **New Members: Frank and Mary Jean Biancaniello, Marie Mazzotta, Mary Lou Ray and John and Janet Shellenberger**

Celebrating Their Birthdays

Those celebrating their special day in October: October 2; Frank Tumminello, October 4; Bernie Busby, October 5; Tim Meighen, October 10; Felcia Cerro, October 13; Roberta Raymond, Mary Ann Loveless and Janet Shellenberger October 17; Lynne Watson, October 22; Catherine Russo October 27; Lucille Kurtz

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  **\$73.00 Rich Baietti**

Mary Ellen's Special Events Corner

HYDE PARK/FINGER LAKES TRIP – October 7-13th – 7 Days/6 Nights - COST: \$1,200. PP. Additional \$425.00 pp for Single Occupancy. Bus will depart from St. Andrews' Parish Center 144th Street and Lighthouse Avenue at 7:00 AM bus will arrive at 6:30 AM for boarding. Rest and lunch stops will be made enroute to destination. Luggage Tags will be given out tonight after meeting, itinerary did not arrive in time for meeting, .I will email copy to each guest, as soon as I receive it from tour company.

OCTOBER SOCIAL DINNER – Wednesday, October 18th beginning at 5:30 PM. COST: \$30.00 PP. Nantucket's Restaurant on Coastal Highway in Fenwick Island, DE. Event is hosted by Sharon & Guy DiMatteo. Since Sharon is unable to be there due to her injury, Lorraine Gualtiere will take her place.

OVATION DINNER THEATRE - Saturday, November 11th, 2017 at Columbus Hall. COST: \$50.00 PP. Includes Show....Dinner w/appetizer, entrée, dessert, w/taxes and gratuity included. Evening Entertainment begins at 5:30 PM. Evening is hosted by Sal and Mary Castorina as a Lodge Fund Raiser. Reservations required...contact Mary Ellen Arena. Reservation deadline and payment due by October 31, 2017.

LONGWOOD GARDENS CHRISTMAS TRIP- December 5-6th, 2017....2 Days/1 Night. COST: \$225.00 PP. As of today...we have 25 guests, including non-members interested in trip....I am extending deadline to Saturday, September 30th..if no one else is interested and we don't reach 40 guests trip will be cancelled and all checks/deposits will be returned.

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 \$500.00 required with Reservation. 2nd installment payment due October 15, 2017 with

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2nd installment payment due October 15, 2017 with Final Payment due February 15, 2018. Insurance is available at \$50.00 per person due by January 4, 2018. Trip Waiver form required. To Date: We have deposits for 28 guests if we do not reach 40 guest minimum by December 31, 2017 trip will be cancelled in January and all checks/deposits will be returned.

CHRISTMAS DINNER - Sunday, December 10th, 2017 at the Clarion Hotel. Event will begin at 6:00 PM. Arrangements and Menu/Costs have not been finalized with restaurant. We will have flyer with details of Event at the October meeting to be handed out to members or emailed to them. Reservation and payment due by November 15th. Minimum by December 31, 2017 trip will be cancelled in January and all checks/deposits will be returned.

Mark Your Calendars

October 5, 2017 5:30 Executive Council Meeting 7:00 PM General Meeting

Festival News:

Kick off meeting on October 20, 2017 at 10:00 AM at St. Andrews.

Special Announcements from the Sons of Italy

The Columbus Gala is on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM at Martin's East.

