

SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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President's Message:

Sisters and brothers,

Another summer season has passed and we look forward to fall and things getting back to the "new normal". I hope that all our members avoided the COVID-19 virus and continue to stay safe and healthy. I ask that you continue to pray for our sisters and brothers who have been under the weather and who will be mentioned in that section of this Newsletter. Thank you to the entire Lodge for the prayers and wishes that were sent to me this past month when I was visited by a stroke with a miraculous outcome and I was blessed with continued life. Hopefully we will all be together again before too long and I will be there to welcome everyone back.

In early August, the Executive Council met at Columbus Hall for a much needed meeting. Some housekeeping was accomplished on behalf of the Lodge as well as some decisions for the rest of this year. All Lodge functions for the balance of 2020 were canceled or postponed into 2021, in particular the Anniversary Gala and the Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award. We look forward to a better picture in 2021 when we can resume more normal activities including our Festival, our Gala and a Distinguished Citizen of the Year. The Council voted to discontinue all charitable donations until the lodge can resume fund raising activities and provide income where we currently have none. Reserve funds will be used for those non-discretionary expenses needed to keep the Lodge alive. I know We are all anxious to hear the final results for the fund raising drive we held over the summer and to hear how much our Lodge will be able to donate to worthy charities recommended by our charity committee. Those results should be finalized by the end of September and the results will be published in our next Newsletter.

Please watch for individual messages from me regarding prayers or advising of happenings at the Grand Lodge and within our own Lodge. Let's try to keep in touch and keep our famiglia strong. May God protect all of us and keep us healthy and happy during these unprecedented times. 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 Paul Mazzei, Peggy Nawn, Ethel and Mike Jacobs. Also, our prayers for Elaine Ferguson, who is having a mitral valve replacement surgery on 9/19. We pray for the repose of the souls of Dolores Guarino, wife of brother Phil Guarino, and of Austin Tamberino, grandson of brother Joe Tamberino.

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:

The 2020 Lodge membership cards and an updated membership roster –are available see the Membership Committee. 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 September Birthdays-

9/1 Elissa Mulligan; 9/2 Joyce Piatti; 9/5 Robert Hammond; 9/7 Mary Louise Embrey; 9/8 Janice Nippes; 9/9 Carol Aiello; 9/11 Nancy Borreggine; 9/16 Giovanni DiCarne, Jill Gordon; 9/21 Timothy Ketcham; 9/22 Charles Poggioli; 9/27 Jean Temple.

Wishing All a Blessed and Happy Birthday!

Helping Hands Committee:

The Lodge is in need a new chairperson. If you are interested contact Vincent Mollicone at 443-664-5940.

TRUSTEES:

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Charity:

The final results for the fund raising drive held over the summer should be finalized by the end of September and will be published in October Newsletter. If you have a worthy charity that you would like considered, call Mary Castorina 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:

One press release was sent out on July 15th, announcing the award of three scholarships by the Lodge Scholarship Committee. Two seniors at Stephen Decatur High School, and a third to a graduate of Delmar Senior High School. The release was picked up by local newspapers. Information for the news release was provided by committee chair, Donna Potenza.

Memorial Scholarship:

The Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge has completed its 10th year of awarding scholarships to high school seniors who meet the application requirements. Each awardee received \$1750.00. The 2020 awardees are Madison Alyse Bircket and Isabelle Marie Kristick from Stephen Decatur High School and Danielle Elisabeth Morelli from Delmar Senior High School. Madison will be attend the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania; Isabelle, The University of Maryland at College Park and Danielle, the University of North Alabama. The total number of awards to date stands at 35 with a total of \$43,000 awarded. Thank you to Lodge members who work tirelessly for the Lodge fundraising. I thank the committee for the review and selection process. Members for the 2020 review were Janet and Bob Ackerson, Moe and Jean Delcher, Jude DeLucco, Mary Louise Embrey, Joe and Margaret Giacoponello, Lucille Kurtz and Donna Potenza, Chair. Call 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 Crab Feast scheduled for September 12th has been cancelled. The Harrington Casino trip scheduled for September has been postponed. A future date will be announced.

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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

Here is the latest word from our Festival Chair, Sal Castorina. Sal 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. We had good success in retaining all our sponsors and ad participants to be included in the 2021 program. We only had to refund for two ads and both of the establishments do not expect to be operating next spring – one due to retirement and one due to an upcoming relocation. 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.