

ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts
93 Concord Avenue
Belmont, MA 02478

Minutes of the State Council Meeting
Friday, May 18, 2018

The monthly meeting of the State Council was held on Friday, May 18, 2018. State President Antonio Sestito called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Absent Excused:	State Recording Secretary Margaret Olivieri State Trustee Kathleen Cammarata State Trustee Carol Rossi
Absent:	State Orator Marissa Sestito State Trustee Maria Stella Fiore State Trustee Shauni Turner

State First Vice President Denise Furnari read the Principles of the Order.
State Second Vice President Rodolfo Viscomi read the opening prayer.
State President Antonio Sestito led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.
State President Antonio Sestito asked for a moment of silence for our departed members.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 2018 MEETING

Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes as amended. Voted and so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you notes were received from scholarship recipients Elizabeth Finn and Alec Masiello. Motion made and seconded to pass and file. Voted and so ordered.

A thank you note was received from David Goss thanking the Council members for their get well wishes. Motion made and seconded to pass and file. Voted and so ordered.

A memo was received from Mary Cooper, State Deputy Chairman, requesting the appointment of Anthony LoConte of the Victor Emanuel Lodge # 1646 (Haverhill) as State Deputy to the Methuen Lodge # 902. Motion made and seconded to refer to New Business. Voted and so ordered.

An email was received from Tammy Szelest of the Kenneth D. Anderson Company with the actuarial valuation report for the Pension Plan as of 12/31/2017, and advising that the minimum contribution, if deposited by July 31, 2018, is \$10,585. Motion made and seconded to refer to New Business. Voted and so ordered.

A letter was received from the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum requesting sponsorship for their planned "Field of Flags" display of US and Italian flags on the front lawn of the Museum from July 7 through August 31 as part of the celebration of Giuseppe Garibaldi's 211th birthday in July and the 175th Anniversary of the Museum building. Motion made and seconded to refer to the C&E Trust. Voted and so ordered.

Newsletters were received from the following Lodges: Christopher Columbus # 216 (Brockton), Giuseppe Verdi # 278 (East Weymouth), Regina Margherita di Savoia Mixed # 1094 (Waltham), Veturia Romana # 1200

(Salem), Quattro Eroi # 1414 (Franklin), Wakefield # 1734, South Shore # 1850 (Hingham), Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli # 2183 (Wilmington), and the Grand Lodge of California. Motion made and seconded to pass and file. Voted and so ordered.

TRANSFERS

None

ORATOR'S REPORT

None

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

State Financial Secretary Marisa Ranalli presented the report of lodges in arrears as of April 30, 2018 and informed the Council of the lodges that have since paid.

TREASURER'S REPORT

State Treasurer John Argiro presented the report. The Activities Fund, Balance Sheet, and P&L Budget Performance reports were reviewed for the month ending April 30, 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine

Chairman Marisa Ranalli advised the Council of the numerous messages sent on behalf of State President Antonio Sestito and the State Council.

Merchandise

Chairman Marisa Ranalli reported that she would be visiting the Winthrop Lodge and is gearing up for Convention.

Pot of Gold

In the absence of Chairman Margaret Olivieri, Executive Director Paul Guida reported that over 280 tickets have been distributed and reviewed the list of Lodges that had not yet been contacted. He asked the Council members to follow up with the Lodges and request them to send their sold tickets in as soon as possible.

Ad Book

Chairman Marisa Ranalli reported that the committee has been busy making phone calls.

Halloween Party

The date conflict of the Halloween Party with the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Methuen Lodge was mentioned. After much discussion, it was decided to let the committee decide on whether or not to reschedule the Halloween Party.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Membership

Chairman Denise Furnari reported that the joint meeting with the Organization & Education Commission on May 12 was very successful and that the open forum discussion allowed for a good dialogue between the Filial Lodges, the two Commissions, and the State Officers. Many excellent ideas and programs were shared by the members in attendance. A lengthy discussion regarding the format and content for future meetings followed.

Chairman Furnari reported that the Commission will have a meeting at Convention and will continue to visit and assist the Filial Lodges.

Sports

Chairman Loreto Pellegrini reported that 9 teams participated in the Bowling Tournament and that the net profit was \$104.68.

Charity

Chairman Carol Rossi, who emailed her report prior to the meeting, advised the Council of the cards sent by the Commission. She reported that the Commission, in conjunction with the C&E Trust, was investigating a "Field of Flags" fundraiser during October is Italian Heritage Month, and a "Festa Italiano" in May 2019.

State Convention

State First Vice President Denise Furnari reported that the agenda and details for the upcoming convention on June 16 at the Holiday Inn in Mansfield were set.

She reported that the Site Committee for the 2019 State Convention had visited the Sea Crest in Falmouth, but the cost was prohibitive. She advised that the committee will be visiting other venues over the coming week.

OLD BUSINESS

State President Antonio Sestito advised the Council members that the Pittsfield City Council would be meeting on Wednesday, May 23 and that a motion to rename Columbus Day as Indigenous People's Day was on the agenda. He encouraged anyone that was able to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

The Council addressed the memo received from Mary Cooper, State Deputy Chairman, requesting the appointment of Anthony LoConte of the Victor Emanuel Lodge # 1646 (Haverhill) as State Deputy to the Methuen Lodge # 902. Motion made and seconded to approve the appointment. Voted and so ordered.

The Council addressed the email received from Tammy Szelest of the Kenneth D. Anderson Company advising that the minimum contribution for 2018 is \$10,585. Motion made and seconded to make the minimum contribution. Voted and so ordered.

WELFARE OF THE ORDER

The Council members thanked State First Vice President Denise Furnari for the collation.

State President Antonio Sestito thanked everyone on the council for their hard work.

State Second Vice President Rodolfo Viscomi read the closing prayer.

Having completed all business in accordance with the by-laws, State President Antonio Sestito adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul M. Guida
Executive Director