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Dear President and Members:

The following contains information regarding Grand Lodge activities and events. If you or your Lodge members need more information or have questions, please contact the Grand Lodge office at 617-489-5234 or visit the Grand Lodge website at osiama.org.

2019 National Leadership Grant Competition

The Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF) is now accepting applications for the 2019 National Leadership Grant Competition. Each year, the SIF offers 10 to 12 merit-based scholarships (National Leadership Grants), ranging from \$4,000 to \$25,000, in a nationwide competition. The competition is open to U.S. citizens of Italian descent (at least one Italian or Italian-American grandparent) enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program at a four-year, accredited academic institution for the Fall 2019 term. Previous SIF scholarship winners are not eligible. (Please note: Additional eligibility requirements may apply to specific scholarships.)

The National Leadership Grant scholarship information and application are posted on the National website at: <https://www.osia.org/programs/scholarships.php>.

It is important to note that the submission requirements vary for each scholarship and applicants should pay close attention to these details. All scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than February 28, 2019.

Bowling Tournament

The Sports Commission will hold its annual Bowling Tournament on Sunday, March 31, 2019 at the Woburn Bowladrome – 32 Montvale Avenue – Woburn, MA, beginning at 9:00 AM. The entry fee is \$80.00 per four-person team. Please fill out the registration form and return it (with payment) by March 15, 2019. Team and division requirements are outlined on the reverse of this letter.

Massachusetts Education and Law Awards

The Massachusetts Education and Law Awards (MELA) will take place on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at the DoubleTree – 123 Old River Road – Andover, Massachusetts beginning at 9:00 AM. The event will honor the recipients of the Law, Justice, and Public Service Awards, as well as our scholarship recipients. Tickets are priced at \$35.00 and must be reserved (with payment) by April 12, 2019. Seating is available on a first come, first served basis. Tickets will **NOT** be available at the door.

If your Lodge would like to congratulate the Law, Justice, and Public Service honorees, or our scholarship recipients, you are invited to place an ad in our MELA Program Book. Return the enclosed form with your payment no later than April 12, 2019.

Fraternally,

Margaret Olivieri
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State Recording Secretary

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State President

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The entry fee is \$80.00 per four-person team, which includes the bowling fee and shoe rental, as well as morning refreshments. Prizes will be awarded based on the number of teams in each division. Due to the limited number of lanes, we can only accept the first 38 teams.

The tournament will consist of four (4) divisions:

- Men's "A" (Team average of 400 or higher)
- Men's "B" (Team average of 399 or less)
- Women's
- Junior

Note: Mixed teams (men and women) may be entered in the applicable Men's Division.

Each team entered must be comprised of four (4) members. An alternate can compete only if he/she is designated on the entry form and only for the specified team. No changes to submitted team members/alternates will be allowed after March 25, 2019.

Please complete one form per team. If necessary, copies of the enclosed form may be made and filled out, clearly printing the required information.