

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

**Minutes of the State Council Meeting**  
**Friday, February 15, 2019**

The monthly meeting of the State Council was held on Friday, February 15, 2019. State President Antonio Sestito called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

Absent Excused: State Trustee Shauni Turner  
Absent: State Trustee Kathleen Cammarata

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 JANURARY 18, 2019 MEETING**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

An email was received from Alpha and Maurizio Cattaneo thanking the Charity Commission for their visit to the Casa Monte Cassino. Motion made and seconded to pass and file. Voted and so ordered.

A letter was received from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey requesting an ad for their 89<sup>th</sup> Biennial State Convention ad journal. Motion made and seconded to refer to the C&E Trust. Voted and so ordered.

An email was received from Alice Contardo of the NH Lakes Regional Italian Culture Club in Laconia, NH requesting a representative come speak to the group on the history of the Sons of Italy. Motion made and seconded to refer to New Business. Voted and so ordered.

A letter was received from Richard Natale, Orator of the Sgt. Guido Petrilli Lodge # 1606 of Roslindale, regarding a violation of the by-laws during their nomination of offices. Motion made and seconded to refer to the State Orator. Voted and so ordered.

Newsletters were received from the following Lodges: Quattro Eroi # 1414 (Franklin), Braintree Ladies # 1422, and the Grand Lodge of California.

**TRANSFERS**

Joseph R. Arcadipane from the Melrose Lodge # 1931 to the Methuen Lodge # 902. Motion made and seconded to approve the transfer. Voted and so ordered.

**ORATOR'S REPORT**

None

## **FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

State Financial Secretary Marisa Ranalli presented the report of lodges in arrears as of January 31, 2019 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 January 31, 2019.

## **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.

### **Pot of Gold**

Chairman John Argiro asked the Council members if they wanted to keep the Pot of Gold ticket at \$100.00. Motion was made and seconded to keep the Pot of Gold ticket at \$100.00. Voted and so ordered.

### **Ad Book**

Chairman Pio Frittitta reported that the solicitation letters and contracts are being sent to all the Filial Lodges, repeat patrons, and past advertisers.

### **Website**

Chairman Carol Rossi reported that the committee had a conference call with the designer, Nicholas Tedeschi. Three options for building the site were presented. After discussion, it was decided to build the site on Wix.com which will allow for easier updates, changes, and maintenance after the site is built. The committee still needs to select pictures and provide the primary message to be communicated on the site.

### **Calendar Raffle**

Chairman Margaret Olivieri gave the final report of the Calendar Raffle and reported a net profit of \$8,517.31.

### **State Convention**

Convention Chairman Denise Furnari reminded the Council that the Convention is at the Sheraton in Framingham from June 27-30, 2019. She is planning a meeting for February 24 to discuss the program and events. A motion was made and seconded to pay for the airfare and accommodations for the National President to attend our convention. Voted and so ordered. One Council member abstained.

## **COMMISSION REPORTS**

### **Membership**

Chairman Denise Furnari reported that Donna Quinno, President of the Woburn Ladies Lodge # 1584, still has not scheduled a meeting regarding the disbandment of the lodge. She advised that the Stella Del Nord Lodge # 1436 (Quincy Ladies) is also looking to disband, but there is a possibility of the lodge members transferring to another lodge. Chairman Furnari advised that she would be setting up a meeting with the Regina Margherita di Savoia Lodge # 1094 of Waltham to discuss transferring to another lodge.

### **Sports**

Chairman Loreto Pellegrini reminded the Council of the Bowling Tournament on March 31, 2019 at the Woburn Bowladrome. Motion was made and seconded to have a Grand Lodge team. Voted and so ordered.

### **Charity**

Chairman Carol Rossi reported that the Commission sent out 140 Valentine cards and numerous other cards and messages.

### **Scholarship**

Executive Director Paul Guida reported that he had spoken with Chairman Adriana Guida, who advised that the Commission was beginning the process of opening and reviewing the applications received.

### **Commission for Social Justice**

Liaison Maria Stella Fiore reported that the Commission has a meeting scheduled for February 27.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

State Recording Secretary Margaret Olivieri reported that most of the Lodges that have had their non-profit status revoked have submitted their reinstatement paperwork. However, there are a handful of Lodges that still have not begun the process.

State President Antonio Sestito reported that he attended the rally to oppose the Town of Framingham replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous People's Day at Ken's Steak House in Framingham on February 6. It was a great evening and representatives from the Grand Lodge of New York along with approximately 200 other people were present. He also reported that the Massachusetts Legislature is discussing legislation to rename Columbus Day as Indigenous People Day statewide and if this were to come to a vote, he would like to know how all of the members voted since there are approximately 48 State Senators and Representatives of Italian descent that represent our Order and other Italian organizations in Massachusetts.

State President Antonio Sestito suggested that any Lodges holding events during Italian Heritage Month should include 'Columbus' in the name of the event. Motion made and seconded to include the suggestion. Voted and so ordered.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Council addressed the email received from Alice Contardo of the NH Lakes Regional Italian Cultural Club in Laconia, NH requesting a representative come speak to the group on April 30, 2019 on the history of the Sons of Italy. State Trustee Pio Frittitta volunteered to contact Alice Contardo and attend the meeting to speak on our Order.

### **WELFARE OF THE ORDER**

The Council members thanked State Trustee Vincent Perri for the collation.

State President Antonio Sestito thanked all of Council members 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 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Olivieri  
State Recording Secretary