

ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts
85 River Street
Waltham, MA 02453

Minutes of the State Council Meeting
Friday, July 21, 2023

The monthly meeting of the State Council was called to order by State President Rodolfo Viscomi at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

All officers present.

State First Vice President Marisa Ranalli read the Principles of the Order.

State Second Vice President Kathi Young read the opening prayer.

State President Rodolfo Viscomi asked for a moment of silence for our departed members.

State President Rodolfo Viscomi led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 2023 MEETING

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you notes were received from scholarship recipients Cali Abbatessa, Jaime Duquette, Isabel Feudo, Olivia Johnson, Rima Lambert, and Natalia Locilento. Motion made and seconded to pass and file. Voted and so ordered.

A letter was received from the Holy Rosary Shrine in Lawrence requesting a donation toward the Shrine's 100th Anniversary Annual Feast of the Three Saints Fair being held September 1-3. Motion made and seconded to refer to the C&E Trust. Voted and so ordered.

A letter was received from the St. Rocco Society of Malden requesting a donation toward the 93rd annual Feast of San Rocco being held August 11-13. Motion made and seconded to refer to the C&E Trust. Voted and so ordered.

An email was received from Margaret Rosiello thanking President Viscomi and the State Council for the appreciation luncheon in her honor at convention for her years of service to the Order. Motion made and seconded to pass and file. Voted and so ordered.

An email was received from the National office requesting an ad for the Commemorative Convention Journal for the National Convention being held August 15-19 at the Grand Hyatt in Tampa, FL. Motion made and seconded to refer to New Business. Voted and so ordered.

The quarterly report of the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum was received from Angelo and Carol Rossi, MA Overseers to the museum. The report contained a request for the status of requests made in a prior report to have the C&E Trust donate \$1,500 (over and above donations made by filial lodges at Convention) and a request to have all donations paid directly to the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum. Motion made and seconded to refer to New Business. Voted and so ordered.

Newsletters were received from the following Lodges: Christopher Columbus # 216 (Brockton), Wakefield # 1734, and the Grand Lodge of California. Motion made and seconded to pass and file. Voted and so ordered.

TRANSFERS

None

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

State Financial Secretary Pio Frittitta presented the report of lodges in arrears as of June 30, 2023 and informed the Council of the lodges that have since paid. Motion made and seconded to accept the report. Voted and so ordered.

TREASURER'S REPORT

State Treasurer Armand Buonanno presented the Activities Fund, Balance Sheet, and P&L Budget Performance Reports for the month ending June 30, 2023. Motion made and seconded to accept the reports. Voted and so ordered.

A discussion ensued regarding the loss shown in the final report of MELA held on Sunday, May 7, 2023. Financial Analyst Paul Guida advised the Council members that the loss would be covered by the Social Justice Commission reserve in the C&E Trust. Motion was made and seconded refer MELA to New Business. Voted and so ordered.

ORATOR'S REPORT

The Orator's Report was discussed in Executive Session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Merchandise

Chair Marisa Ranalli reported sales of merchandise at State Convention totaled \$2,047. She advised that merchandise will be sold at the upcoming Bocce Tournament and at the Norwood Town Days.

COMMISSION REPORTS

State President Rodolfo Viscomi reminded the Council members that all Chairs of Permanent Commissions were dismissed at the conclusion of the State Convention, and as such, there are no reports.

OLD BUSINESS

State Convention

Chair Rudy Viscomi reported on an extremely successful Convention. He discussed the need to have all Lodges attend and discussed ideas for future conventions. A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Matthew Ezekiel for his full room cost as a thank you for the time spent in preparation for the Convention. Voted and so ordered.

NEW BUSINESS

State Second Vice President Kathi Young advised the Council of delegate gifts, gifts for officers and honorees, and the Massachusetts breakfast sponsorship and hospitality room for the upcoming National Convention. State Trustee Salvatore Circosta reported on the Future of the Order Forum that will be held at the National Convention. A discussion regarding elections and proposed by-law changes followed.

The Council addressed the email received from the National office requesting an ad for the Commemorative Convention Journal for the National Convention. Motion made and seconded to purchase a full-page ad. Voted and so ordered.

State President Rodolfo Viscomi advised the Trustees that they would need to elect a Chair at the next Council meeting. He reported that the Trustees met prior to the Council meeting to review the books of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Charitable and Educational Trust, and Benefit Insurance Commission for the quarter ending June 30, 2023 and found them to be in good order.

State President Rodolfo Viscomi presented the following appointments as Chairs of Permanent Commissions:

Italian Culture/Historical	Claudia Hartley
Junior Division	Joseph Salvo
Magazine	Pamela Donnaruma
Membership	Renee Ouellette
Organization & Education	David Crisci
Public Relation	Dario Gagliano
Sports	Stephen DeAngelis

A motion was made and seconded to approve the appointments. Voted and so ordered.

President Viscomi advised that he is working on filling the balance of the Permanent Commission Chair appointments and asked for the Council's assistance in recommending candidates.

The Council addressed the regular monthly State Council meeting. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to hold the monthly State Council meeting on the third Wednesday of each month commencing with the September meeting. Voted and so ordered. It was noted that due to the National Convention, there would be no meeting in August.

A motion was made and seconded to spend up to \$1,500 for the purchase a TV for the office to use for Zoom meetings, presentations, etc. Voted and so ordered. State Trustee Matthew Ezekiel was asked to coordinate the purchase.

A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Marisa Ranalli \$137.57 for the cost of dessert and coffee for a meeting held in the North End with representatives from iMembersDB, the new CRM database purchased by National.

The Council addressed the quarterly report of the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum received from Angelo and Carol Rossi, MA Overseers to the museum. A motion was made and seconded to refer to the C&E Trust.

WELFARE OF THE ORDER

Marisa Ranalli expressed her thanks to President Viscomi for a great first meeting and to Lilia Viscomi for providing the meeting collation.

Matthew Ezekiel expressed his apology for not attending this meeting in person, thanks to President Viscomi for a great first meeting, and congratulations to all the new members of the Council.

Immediate Past President Denise Furnari expressed her congratulations to President Viscomi for a great first meeting and welcomed all the new members.

Having completed all business in accordance with the By-Laws, State President Rudy Viscomi declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita M. Anderson
State Recording Secretary