

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

**Minutes of the State Council Meeting**  
**Friday, September 16, 2022**

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

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

Absent Excused: State Orator Kathi Young  
State Trustee Jacquelyn Bonarrigo  
State Trustee Brenda Buonanno  
State Trustee Matthew Ezekiel  
State Trustee Agnes Nobile  
State Trustee Lilia Viscomi

**MINUTES**

Recording Secretary Rita Anderson presented the Minutes from the August 19, 2022 State Council meeting. Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. Voted and so ordered.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Motion made and seconded to pass and file all communications received. Voted and so ordered.

**NEWSLETTERS**

Motion made and seconded to pass and file all newsletters received. Voted and so ordered.

**TRANSFERS**

None

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

State Financial Secretary Pio Frittitta presented resented the report of lodges in arrears as of August 31, 2022 and informed the Council of the lodges that have since paid and calls made to delinquent Lodges. Motion made and seconded to accept the report. Voted and so ordered.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

State Treasurer Armand Buonanno presented the Activities Fund and P&L Budget Performance Reports for the month ending August 31, 2022. Motion made and seconded to accept the reports. Voted and so ordered.

## **ORATOR'S REPORT**

Sister Marisa Ranalli reported for Kathi Young and updated the Council on the ITAM Lodge # 564 of Pittsfield, Burlington Lodge # 2223, and Tewksbury Lodge # 2872.

Motion made and seconded to accept the report. Voted and so ordered.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Calendar Raffle**

Chair Florence Guidara reported that 4,500 tickets have been distributed.

### **Sunshine**

Chair Marisa Ranalli advised the Council of the numerous messages sent on behalf of State President Denise Furnari and the State Council.

### **Merchandise**

Chair Marisa Ranalli advised there was nothing new to report.

## **COMMISSION REPORTS**

### **Membership**

Chair Rudy Viscomi advised that Lodges are just starting to meet now and will provide an update soon.

### **Charity**

Chair Florence Guidara reported that the letter is ready to go to Lodges regarding the gift and donation drive for the Foster Kids of Merrimack Valley. The collection will take place from October 5 through November 15.

### **Sports**

Brother Pio Frittitta reported on the Bocce Tournament on Saturday, September 24 and advised there are currently 14 teams that have registered and that we received \$1,700 in sponsorships to-date.

### **Social Justice**

State President Denise Furnari advised we are still in need of a Chair.

### **Benefit Insurance**

No update: Last months' meeting was rescheduled to September 14.

### **Organization and Education**

Membership Chair Rudy Viscomi reported that a workshop held in conjunction with the Membership and State Deputy Commissions will be held on October 30 at the Methuen Lodge home.

### **Italian Culture/Historical**

The Council discussed upcoming events being held during October Italian Heritage Month.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

State President Denise Furnari advised that she wants to wait until the sale of building is complete to fill the part-time position that is still available.

Brother Rudy Viscomi reported there will be an update on the website next month.

Brother Pio Frittitta reported that the Building Trust voted to accept an offer to purchase the building from Dr. Schrott, with the amendment that the building will be sold 'as is'. Dr Schrott's lawyer will draw up a new Letter of Intent.

Sister Marissa Ranalli reported on the site search for the 2023 State Convention. She is in communication with the Four Points by Sheraton in Eastham, who expressed an interest in hosting the convention. Brother Paul Guida will provide Sister Ranalli with pertinent info.

The Council was reminded of the Special State Convention, being held via Zoom on Saturday, Oct 15, to review and vote on the proposed 2023 Budget and Proposals submitted.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

State President Denise Furnari advised there were still open seats to be filled.

State President Denise Furnari appointed David Crisci as Chair of the State Deputy Commission. Motion made and seconded to accept the appointment. Voted and so ordered.

President Furnari advised she is planning a Zoom meeting with Chairs of Permanent Commissions on September 28 and would like to have Scholarship Chair Adriana Guida attend the October Zoom meeting to discuss changing criteria of our scholarship.

There will be a welcome reception in honor of the newly appointed Consul General of Italy in Boston, Arnaldo Minuti, on Monday, September 19 at the Dante Alighieri Society in Cambridge from 6-8:00pm.

Brother Antonio Sestito advised that the Italian American Alliance will hold an Italian American Cultural Celebration at Tall Ship Park in East Boston on October 10 from 11am-3:00pm, and a party to celebrate Italian Heritage Month on October 2 at 6:00pm at the Watertown Lodge. Tickets are \$50.

A motion was made and seconded to purchase a ticket for State President Denise Furnari for the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Luncheon Fundraiser on November 12. Voted and so ordered.

The G. Marconi Lodge # 1620 of Lee is having their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration Sunday, Oct 2 at the Morgan House Restaurant in Lee, MA

### **WELFARE OF THE ORDER**

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

Council members thanked Sunshine Chair Marisa Ranalli for birthday messages received.

Sister Marisa Ranalli thanked Brothers Armand and Pio for all their work done on the upcoming sale of the building.

State President Denise Furnari thanked Brother Rudy for conducting the meeting, and thanked Brothers Pio and Armand for all their work done on the upcoming sale of the building.

Having completed all business in accordance with the by-laws, State First Vice President Rodolfo Viscomi declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rita M. Anderson  
State Recording Secretary