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**Grand Lodge of Massachusetts
85 River Street Suite 2
Waltham, MA 02453**

Minutes of the State Council Meeting Wednesday, September 17, 2025

The monthly meeting of the State Council was called to order by State President Rodolfo Viscomi at 7:03 pm.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Excused: State Second Vice President Brenda Buonanno
State Trustee Sylvia Pacetti-Poirier
Absent: State Trustee Lilia Viscomi

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

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

State Trustee Dario Gagliano read the Pledge of Allegiance in Italian.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, JULY 16, AND AUGUST 20, 2025 MEETINGS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you notes were received from Thomas DiNapoli and Carolyn Lawrence-Murphy thanking the Grand Lodge for the gifts given to them at the National Convention and from Father Adam Forno thanking the Massachusetts delegation for their hospitality at the National Convention. Motion made and seconded to pass and file. Voted and so ordered.

A save the date announcement and raffle books for a "Super Raffle" for their 37th Annual Fundraiser Luncheon on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at LiGreci's Staaten in Staten Island, NY was received from the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum. Motion made and seconded to pass and file. Voted and so ordered.

An email was received Angela Federico, President of the Peabody Ladies Lodge # 1964, advising that the membership voted to disband the Lodge. Motion made and seconded to refer to the Orator's Report. Voted and so ordered.

Newsletters were received from the following Lodges: Christopher Columbus # 216 (Brockton), Wakefield # 1734, 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

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

State Financial Secretary Matthew Ezekiel presented the report for the month ending August 31, 2025 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 August 31, 2025. Motion made and seconded to accept the reports. Voted and so ordered.

ORATOR'S REPORT

The Orator's Report was discussed in Executive Session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine

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

Merchandise

Chair Marisa Ranalli reported that \$441 of merchandise was sold at Norwood Day and that she will be selling merchandise on September 21 in Easton and on November 11 at the Wakefield Lodge.

Investment Committee

President Viscomi reported that the Investment Committee met and recommended that we invest \$300K from our current portfolio in higher risk investments to potentially increase our rate of return. A motion was made and seconded to have the committee work with our investment advisor to develop a proposal to invest the \$300K and bring it to the Council for approval. Voted and so ordered.

Advertising Committee

Chair Armand Buonanno advised he will be setting up a meeting of the committee to explore options for selling ads to offset the cost of the newspaper.

Fundraising Committee

Marisa Ranalli reported that the meeting scheduled with a professional fundraiser in July was postponed to September 25 and will update the Council at the next meeting. The possibility of obtaining grants was also discussed.

2025 State Convention

The Council reviewed the financial report of the 2025 State Convention. A motion was made and seconded to send the report to the Delegates per the By-Laws. Voted and so ordered.

Calendar Raffle

Chair Matthew Ezekiel asked the Trustees to contact the Lodges in their District to remind them of the Calendar Raffle so tickets can be distributed to them.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Organization & Education

President Viscomi reported that the Commission is investigating holding an Education Seminar on Saturday, November 22, and asked Council members to share their suggestions for subject matters. Suggestions included proper meeting set-up, how to run a meeting, and the duties and responsibilities of officers. More details will be discussed at the next meeting.

Marisa Ranalli reported that the Commission is planning a Wine Tasting on Saturday, November 15 at The Wine Bottega in the North End. More details will follow.

Matthew Ezekiel reported that the new lodge in Nashua, NH is in process of collecting applications from their initial members and completing their charter application. Once they are received, the vote to approve the Charter will be sent via email to the Council members.

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