

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

Minutes of the State Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 20, 2023

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

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Absent Excused: State Immediate Past President Denise Furnari
State Recording Secretary Rita Anderson
State Trustee Lilia Viscomi

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 JULY 21, 2023 MEETING

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

COMMUNICATIONS

A thank you note was received from scholarship recipient Jenna Naumann. Motion made and seconded to pass and file. Voted and so ordered.

Raffle books for a "Super Raffle", a flag order form for a patriotic display of U.S. flags on the front lawn of the museum, and save the date announcement for their 35th Annual Fundraiser Luncheon on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at LiGreci's Staaten in Staten Island, NY was received from the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum. Motion made and seconded to refer to the C&E Trust. Voted and so ordered.

A membership application and engraved brick order form were received from the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum. Motion made and seconded to pass and file. Voted and so ordered.

An email was received from Carol and Angelo Rossi, MA Overseers to the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum questioning the release of restricted funds and status of the prior request that the C&E donate an additional \$1,500 over and above donations collected at Convention. 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. Motion made and seconded to refer to New Business. Voted and so ordered.

Newsletters were received from the following Lodges: Christopher Columbus # 216 (Brockton), Francesco DeSanctis # 1411 (Natick), 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

Ascanio David Boccuti from the Medford Lodge # 1359 to the Francesco DeSanctis Lodge # 1411 of Natick. Motion made and seconded to approve the transfer. Voted and so ordered.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

State Financial Secretary Pio Frittitta presented the report of lodges in arrears as of August 31, 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 August 31, 2023. 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 Kathi Young and Denise Furnari sold \$440 of merchandise at the Town of Norwood's "Norwood Day" on Saturday, September 9.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Sports

State President Rodolfo Viscomi advised that due to the forecast for the weekend, the Bocce Tournament has been rescheduled to Sunday, October 8.

Junior Division

State Orator Brenda Buonanno updated the Council on the successful "Back 2 School Supply Drive" for the Robert Frost Elementary School in Lawrence sponsored by the Samuel J. Musumeci Junior Lodge # 2693 of Methuen. She advised that the Junior Lodge is holding a Bocce Tournament on Saturday, October 21, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

State Convention

The Council addressed the final report of the State Convention which showed a loss of \$754.88. A motion was made and seconded to send the report to the delegates. Voted and so ordered.

NEW BUSINESS

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

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| Charitable & Educational Trust | Marc DeLuca |
| Charity | April Etter |
| Scholarship | Cynthia Gage |
| Social Justice | Jeffrey Turco |

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

The Council addressed the email received from Carol and Angelo Rossi regarding the release of restricted funds and status of the prior request that the C&E donate an additional \$1,500 over and above donations collected at Convention. A discussion followed regarding the restricted funds of the C&E Trust. State President Rodolfo Viscomi will contact Garibaldi-Meucci CEO & Chairman Emeritus Joseph Sciame to discuss our donations.

The Council reviewed the quarterly report of the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum received from Angelo and Carol Rossi, MA Overseers to the museum.

WELFARE OF THE ORDER

The Council members commended State President Rodolfo Viscomi on a well-run meeting.

Various Council members gave updates on visits they had made to Filial Lodges and on upcoming October Italian Heritage Month events.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul M. Guida
Chief Operating Officer