

ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA

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

Minutes of the State Council Meeting Wednesday, May 20, 2026

The monthly meeting of the State Council was called to order by State First Vice President Marisa Ranalli at 7:01 pm.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Excused: State President Rudy Viscomi

State Second Vice President Brenda Buonanno read the Principles of the Order.

State Immediate Past President Denise Furnari read the opening prayer.

State First Vice President Marisa Ranalli led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and called for a moment of silence in memory of our departed members.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 15, 2026 MEETING

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

CORRESPONDENCE

An email was received from Carol Rossi sharing her thoughts on the MELA event. 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, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli # 2183 (Wilmington), and the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum. 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 April 30, 2026 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 April 30, 2026. 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 reminded the Council that she will be ordering new merchandise for Convention upcoming other events.

MELA

Marisa Ranalli advised that it was a great day and Matthew Ezekiel reported there were over 180 attendees. Paul Guida advised that the final report will be available at the next Council meeting.

Italian Fund Gala

Marisa Ranalli reported that the Gala is coming along very well and we have commitments for close to \$30K to date. The sponsorship levels are being finalized, and tickets and sponsorships will be posted to our website. Marisa advised that Joe and Linda Malone will be at the Convention to speak about the Gala.

2026 State Convention

Marisa Ranalli reported that the committee met to discuss the agenda and registration fee. Paul Guida presented a working budget for Convention, advised the Council members of the historical registration fees, and reminded the Council that the General Fund budgeted profit is \$12,000. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to set the registration fee at \$250 per delegate. Voted and so ordered.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Budget and Finance

Paul Guida reported that he drafted the 2027 budget and will be setting up a meeting with Budget Chair Anthony Rondinelli, Rudy Viscomi, Marisa Ranalli, Matthew Ezekiel and Armand Buonanno to review it. Once finalized, the proposed budget will be sent to the Council members to vote on via email.

Charitable & Educational Trust

Marisa Ranalli reported that the Trust met on May 11 to discuss the NELA sponsorship and the donation to the Sons of Italy Foundation for Cyclone Harry aide. The Trust approved a \$5,000 Gold Sponsorship for NELA and a \$2,500 donation for Cyclone Harry relief.

Italian Culture/Historical

Marisa Ranalli reported that the Commission is working on a book of Italian recipes. They are discussing holding a Carnevale in February 2027 and hosting Italian classes via Zoom.

Junior Division

Brenda Buonanno updated the Council on the activities of the Samuel J. Musumeci Junior Lodge.

Sports

Armand Buonanno reported on the Bocce Tournament on April 11. A total of 13 teams participated, and the net profit was \$1,583.04.

OLD BUSINESS

Matthew Ezekiel reported that he was investigating options regarding the building owned by the disbanded Alessandro Volta Lodge of Stoughton and would keep the Council updated.

NEW BUSINESS

Marisa Ranalli reminded the Council of the farewell reception for Consul General Arnaldo Minuti on June 11. A motion was made and seconded to purchase two tickets for the State President. Voted and so ordered.

The Council addressed the email received from Carol Rossi regarding the MELA event. A motion was made and seconded to refer it to the CSJ and Scholarship Commission. Voted and so ordered.

The Trustees met prior to the meeting to review the books of the General Fund, Activities Fund, Charitable & Educational Trust, and Benefit Insurance Commission for Q1'2026 and found them to be in good order.

WELFARE OF THE ORDER

State Immediate Past President Denise Furnari read the closing prayer.

Having completed all business in accordance with the By-Laws, State First Vice President Marisa Ranalli declared the meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Leanna Daniele
State Recording Secretary