

ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA

**Grand Lodge of Massachusetts
85 River Street Suite 2
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Minutes of the State Council Meeting Monday, November 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

Excused: State Trustee Salvatore Circosta
State Trustee Sylvia Pacetti-Poirier

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 OCTOBER 18, 2023 MEETING

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

COMMUNICATIONS

An ad request was received from the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum for the Souvenir Journal for their 35th Annual Fundraiser Luncheon on Saturday, November 11 at LiGreci's Staaten in Staten Island, NY. 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.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

State Financial Secretary Pio Frittitta presented the report of lodges in arrears as of October 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 October 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 she sold \$296 of merchandise at the meeting of the G. Marconi Lodge # 1620 of Lee, and that she is in process of ordering new merchandise for upcoming events.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Italian Culture/Historical

Marisa Ranalli reported that she attended the book signing and presentation by cookbook author and Italian food connoisseur Katie Parla at I AM Books in the North End on November 5 with Italian Culture/Historical Chair Claudia Hartley and a few other members.

Organization and Education

Kathi Young gave an update for Chair David Crisci. He is putting many things together to move the O&E training forward, especially with the new iMembersDB training. This training will be a priority of the Commission, along with developing a new website for the state.

Membership

Kathi Young advised that Chair Renee Ouellette is working on recruiting Commission members. She is also working on a membership drive, through FOTO, with past scholarship recipients.

OLD BUSINESS

Kathi Young reported on the progress of the FOTO event on Saturday, February 17, 2024. Save the dates and sponsorship requests have gone out. She also reported that she received a call from National President Michael Polo requesting our help with Connecticut in planning a FOTO event. A discussion followed regarding Massachusetts taking the lead by inviting Rhode Island and Connecticut to our FOTO event and partnering with them to help them be successful. A motion was made and seconded to invite Rhode Island and Connecticut to our event. Voted and so ordered.

NEW BUSINESS

The Council addressed the ad request received from the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum for their 35th Annual Fundraiser Luncheon Journal. A motion was made and seconded to purchase a Full-Page ad for \$150.00. Voted and so ordered.

Matt Ezekiel discussed the permit and cost for purchasing a sign for the office. According to the building manager, we are allowed to have a sign on the outside of the building. The cost of the sign is \$1895.40, not including the town permit, which can run anywhere between \$50-\$250. No artwork can be started until we give a deposit. The Council discussed the properties of the sign and the cost. A motion was made and seconded to move forward with the purchase and permitting of the sign. Voted and so ordered.

WELFARE OF THE ORDER

The Council members commended State President Rodolfo Viscomi on a well-run meeting and wished each other a Happy Thanksgiving.

Various Council members shared information on upcoming events at their respective lodges.

State Second President Kathi Young led the closing prayer.

Having completed all business in accordance with the By-Laws, State President Rodolfo Viscomi declared the meeting adjourned at 8:38pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rita M. Anderson
State Recording Secretary