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Grand Lodge of Massachusetts
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Minutes of the State Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 19, 2026

The monthly meeting of the State Council was called to order by State President Rudy Viscomi at 7:11 pm.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Excused: State Second Vice President Brenda Buonanno
State Treasurer Arman Buonanno
Absent: State Trustee Lilia Viscomi

State First Vice President Marisa Ranalli read the Principles of the Order.
State Trustee Dario Gagliano read the opening prayer.
State President Rudy Viscomi led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and called for a moment of silence in memory of our departed members.

MINUTES OF THE JULY 15, 2026 MEETING

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A save the date flyer was received from the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum for their 38th Annual Fundraiser Luncheon on Saturday, November 7, 2026 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: Worcester # 168, 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

Lena Daly from the Sgt. Guido Petrilli Lodge # 1606 (Roslindale) to the Braintree Ladies Lodge # 1422. Motion made and seconded to approve the transfer. Voted and so ordered.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

State Financial Secretary Matthew Ezekiel presented the report for the month ending July 31, 2026 and informed the Council of the lodges that have since paid. Motion made and seconded to accept the report. Voted and so ordered. He advised he would begin the default process for Lodges over three quarters in arrears.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul Guida presented the Activities Fund, Balance Sheet, and P&L Budget Performance Reports for the month ending July 31, 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 advised she is speaking with someone to assist with sales.

Calendar Raffle

Chair Matthew Ezekiel reported that ten tickets have been sold to date and that he would be following up with the Lodges that received tickets at Convention and with those that did not.

2026 State Convention

Paul Guida presented the final report, which showed a net profit of $14,752.73. A motion was made and seconded to send the report to the delegates per M.L. Article 13A. Voted and so ordered.

Italian Fund Gala

Marisa Ranalli reminded the Council to provide contact information for potential sponsors and advised that Joe Malone would contact them. Paul Guida reported that 58 tickets, including sponsorships and individual ticket sales, have been paid to date, and that we have received commitments from sponsorships for an additional 14 tables.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Italian Culture/Historical

Marisa Ranallli reported that their next meeting is on August 24. The Commission is looking into arranging a tour of the recently opened North End Historical Museum.

OLD BUSINESS

Rudy Viscomi reported that he had spoken with Phil Boncore who agreed to research the building owned by the dissolved Alessandro Volta Lodge of Stoughton to determine who the registered owners and beneficiaries of the Trust, if there was one, are.

NEW BUSINESS

State President Rudy Viscomi reported on the National Plenary Session in San Francisco, CA. There were no by-law changes addressed, and a considerable amount of time was spent discussing the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum. There was discussion regarding Lodges that have lost their non-profit status due to failure to file their annual return for three consecutive years. Paul Guida advised he is already working to identify which of our Lodges have lost their non-profit status and will be following up with them. Rudy advised there is a $25,000 shortage in the Supreme operating budget. To make up for this deficit, National wants to bill each Grand Lodge an amount based on their membership (Massachusetts would be billed $4,000). National suggested selling 4 - 50/50 boards of 100 squares each to raise the funds.

The Council addressed the save the date flyer received from the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum for their 38th Annual Fundraiser Luncheon. Paul Guida advised that this was just a save the date and that ticket and ad cost information would be forthcoming.

State Financial Secretary Matthew Ezekiel reported that 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 Q2'2026 and found them to be in good order.

WELFARE OF THE ORDER

Salvatore Circosta thanked Nora and Cheryl for coming to Springfield's feast.

State Trustee Dario Gagliano read the closing prayer.

Having completed all business in accordance with the By-Laws, State President Rudy Viscomi declared the meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Leanna Daniele
State Recording Secretary