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Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY NEWSLETTER

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2019 CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN PHILADELPHIA

JUNE 19, 20, 21, 2019 - Radisson Hotel - Northeast Philadelphia

Our 2019 Bi-ennial State Convention will be held at the Radisson Hotel, 2400 Old Lincoln Highway, Trevose PA on June 19, 20, 21, 2019.



For those of our members who are qualified to attend the convention, please see the information below. If you have any questions, please call the Grand Lodge office directly at: 215-592-1713.

A Block of rooms is being held at the Radisson Hotel Philadelphia Northeast in Trevose, PA for June 19th, 20th & 21st, 2019

To reserve, please contact Radisson toll free at 1-800-333-3333. Identify yourself as part of the "GL of PA Sons & Daughters Room Block" or book online at <http://radisson.com/trevosepa> and enter your dates of travel and under promotional code, enter GLPA to access the group rate.

Group rate is \$104.00 plus 11% tax per night. This rate will be valid for a standard room with a king sized bed or two double beds based on availability.

Please reserve by May 23rd, 2019 to receive the block rate.

Please have your credit card ready to guarantee your reservation, You must have a credit card at check in. Check in begins at 3PM and check out is at 12PM

Hotel features: complimentary parking, complimentary Wi-Fi, On site bar and restaurant, Indoor pool, 24-Hour Fitness Center, Arcade

For your health, we are a smoke-free environment. For additional information please feel free to contact the hotel directly at 215-638-8300.

GRAND COUNCIL APPROVES \$2 REBATE FOR 2019 SOCIAL CARDS

At our October, 2018 meeting, Grand Council adopted a resolution to refund \$2 for each 2019 social membership card purchased from our office. Council recognizes the importance of our social memberships and their support of our local lodges. Our current bylaw (P.L. ART. 326) requires a fee of \$4 per social membership. In an effort to lessen our lodges' financial burdens, please follow the rebate program guidelines as described below:

1. Order your official, blank social cards at a cost of \$4 each from our office. The cards are user friendly and will require your local lodge to fill in the appropriate information.
2. The Grand Lodge will then reimburse your lodge \$2 per purchased card. Only one \$2 reimbursement, per card, per year. Depending on when cards are sold, reimbursements will be issued at the end of each quarter.

For example, your lodge wishes to order 20 social cards today. Your lodge will submit a check in the amount of \$80 (\$4 per card) made payable to 'Sons and Daughters of Italy'. The 20 social cards will then be distributed to your financial secretary. The Grand Lodge will send your lodge a refund check of \$40 (\$2 per card) after the quarter ends (early April in this case).

Please round up to multiples of 10 when ordering your official, social cards. Additional cards are readily available and can be ordered throughout the year. We ask that you please participate in this very important program that provides our social members with statewide recognition and insures that we legally abide with our bylaws. This program will continue on a quarterly basis throughout 2019.


Greetings Members and Convention attendees:

I hope this finds everyone well. As I write this article we are actively preparing for our 3rd biannual convention of our great organization, The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Sons and Daughters of Italy. Please allow me a few minutes to highlight some of what is planned so far.

The convention will be held at the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 5 which is located at 11630 Caroline Rd Phila, Pa. 19115. The facilities are second to none. Every event scheduled with the convention will take place on site, in one of the many rooms located there.

The convention begins June 19, 2019 and concludes with a formal dinner on June 21, 2019 . Many of the events will take place in the "Hero's Ballroom". Lunch and other events will be held in the Michael J. Lutz room . There is also a bar on site known as the 7C's Lounge.

I look forward to the convention. Now, I know some are thinking "he must be crazy", but let me explain. The Convention allows us to come together as one and express our ideas to make this great organization even better than it already is. It is also a chance to spark some conversation about change within the organization. The Convention is a judgement free zone, it is a place for us to freely express our own thoughts and ideas on how to better our organization. Our main goal is growth, we want to be able to share the familial feeling being a part of this organization gives to us.

Scraping away the surface of ideas of betterment for this organization, lies a much deeper meaning of exactly what the Convention is about. It is about individual lodges coming together as a whole and expressing the history involved with each of our lodges. It is also places an emphasis on Italian culture, Italian history and the charity we do day in and day out.

Cost of the convention is comparable to prior conventions. To offset some of the costs of the convention, we had the idea of an ad-book. We are also scheduling different events for delegates and their families to explore our great city of Philadelphia and the Italian traditions and history that go along with that.

La mia Speranza è di vedere I delegati di ogni lodge insieme ai membri della famiglia, per permetterci di venire insieme come una grande famiglia.

Mike Cerruti, First State Vice President



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WANT TO SEE MORE OF PHILADELPHIA DURING THE CONVENTION?



Please contact our State Historian

FRANK PALUMBO

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IN OUR THOUGHTS

Please keep, in your thoughts

**Michael N. Paolucci, Jr., Executive Director of
 The Grand Lodge and Joseph V. Galati,
 President of the Galati Lodge #2857,
 Harrisburg, as they face recent health challenges.**



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

*****Please contact the Grand Lodge office at 215-592-1713 for any forms mentioned in this article*****

Complying with the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, election of officers for the filial lodges will be held during the month of MARCH 2019.

Nominations of officers should be held one month prior to the elections; or lodges may, by unanimous consent, hold nominations and elections in the same month.

Members of the lodge should be invited to a regular or special meeting during the month of March to carry out these elections for the biennium 2019-2021. Please be sure to follow the rules and procedures of our Bylaws to avoid any protests or recourse, keeping in mind the best interest of the Order and the welfare of your lodge.

Election of the officers who will comprise the administrative council of your lodge for the next two years is very important. Often officers are chosen who are unable to serve with diligence and enthusiasm. The Order needs officers who are willing to work for the lodge, who have the time and desire to attend meetings, and who are ready to give their cooperation for the continued good of the Sons and Daughters of Italy.

Our State Convention will be held June 19, 2019 through June 21, 2019. Your timeliness in returning required forms is imperative. We must receive the names of elected delegates as soon as available so that we can prepare the convention packets. The Recording Secretary of your lodge must complete and return the administrative council form to the Grand Lodge office by April 15, 2019. Please be sure that the name, address and telephone number are listed for each officer.

Any proposals for bylaw amendments should be forwarded to the attention of Maryann Nativio, State Recording Secretary, in care of the Grand Lodge office at least three months prior to the convention. This means that all proposals must be received on or before March 20, 2019.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Fraternally, Richard Barber, State President

SPECIAL NOTICE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING BYLAWS CAREFULLY TO CONFORM WITH THE GRAND LODGE RULES AND REGULATIONS.

P.L. Article 217:

No officer of the council of the filial lodge, who has served two complete consecutive terms, may succeed himself or herself. However, any officer of the council of a filial lodge may continue to succeed himself or herself providing that he or she receives two-thirds of the votes of the members present and voting.

P.L. Article 246:

Every filial lodge with 25 or more members is entitled to be represented at the State Convention with 1 delegate, and 1 additional delegate for every 50 members thereafter.

Membership as of 2/28/15	Maximum Delegates	Required Delegates
under 25	0	0
25 - 74	1	1
75 - 124	2	1
125 - 174	3	2
175 - 224	4	2
225 - 274	5	3
275 - 324	6	3
325 - 374	7	4
375 - 424	8	4
425 - 474	9	5
475 - 524	10	5

P.L. Article 264:

Every lodge is legally required to send no less than one half of its entitled representatives to every convention, (but not less than one), and if it fails to do so, or sends fewer representatives than the total number it is legally required to send, the lodge must pay to the Grand Council, within two months from the date of convention, a fine corresponding to the expenses of travel and daily allowances for each and every required delegate absent. In no case shall the amount of the fine be less than \$30.00.

A lodge may be excused from sanctions of this bylaw by submitting to the Grand Council a written and independently audited (State Trustee) financial statement which shall set forth the lodge's financial inability to comply or any other extenuating circumstances accepted by the Grand Council as reason for absence. All written requests for relief along with proper documentation must be received at the Grand Lodge office at least two weeks (14 days) prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee of the Grand Council to be considered.

REMEMBER, the numerical strength of your lodge as of February 28, 2019 determines the lodge's delegate representation at the State Convention.

All are further reminded that credentials will be issued only to those lodges that are in good financial standing with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.



ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH - OCTOBER 2018

with Italian Caucus at the Pennsylvania Capitol Rotunda



Picture of the Italian Caucus and Presidents and Representatives of the 5 Lodges of the Harrisburg Area.



Senator John DiSanto & Rose Mumbauer from The Grand Lodge Committee for Social Justice



Senator John DiSanto & Stephen M. DeFrank President of Capitol City Lodge



Row 1- Senators Jay Costa, Wayne Fontana, Pat Stefano, John DiSanto, John Sabatina, Scott Martin. Missing was Mario Scavello.
Row 2- George Lapore (West Shore Lodge), Stephen DeFrank (Capitol City Lodge), John Mull (Hershey Italian Lodge), Rose Mumbauer (Grand Lodge), Charles Pisano



**DISTRICT 5: LAM VALLEY FORGE #1776
2018 EVENTS**



President Bernadette Wesler and our January Dinner Meeting speaker Fran Recchutti



President Bernadette Wesler at our May Dinner Meeting with speaker Anthony D'Alessandro

**DISTRICT 5: BEVENUTO LODGE #2572
FEBRUARY 16, 2019
PHILADELPHIA MANDOLIN ENSEMBLE**



DISTRICT 1, which is comprised of the Roxborough and Custodes Pacis Lodges, holds social and charitable events throughout each year for the benefit and enjoyment of our children and families, the preservation of Italian-American culture, and the betterment of our communities. So far this year and pending these include:

ROXBOROUGH LODGE

- *Wine and Cheese Event with 80 in attendance held in September at our Venetian Club in Chestnut Hill.
- *Presentation by Pennsylvania Superior Court Justice McLaughlin in October at our Venetian Club in Chestnut Hill.
- *Fundraiser and continued support for Italian Broadcast radio in Wilmington Delaware at our Venetian Club in October.
- *Scheduled Fundraiser (scholarships) and Christmas party set for the first week of December at our Venetian Club in Chestnut Hill

CUSTODES PACIS

- *Painting with a Twist (fundraiser)
- *Holts Cigar Nights (fundraiser)
- *Summer Cornhole Tournament (fundraiser)
- *Halloween Party
- *Special People in the Northeast Toy Drive
- *Custodes Pacis Family Christmas Party

(Custodes Pacis fundraisers support an annual partial college scholarship for members' children, an annual Italian Language Achievement Award to a college-bound Nazeth Academy Graduate, Saint Michael the Archangel Ministry which provides spiritual and other support to the families of fallen officers, as well as homeless outreach, and our annual Christmas Toy Drive for Special People in the Northeast.

Sincerely,
Frank M Palumbo



TRIP TO ITALY WINNER

WHEN we were planning the Italy Trip Raffle, there were lengthy discussions on how the winner would be determined.

The two most obvious ways were to pick the number, randomly from the ticket stubs. In that version, we were going to disqualify officers from purchasing tickets so that everyone would feel comfortable that the winner was chosen fairly.

The second way, was for us to determine the winner based on the evening PA pick 3 daily number. That way, everyone on the organization could be involved, including the general public, all of the Grand Lodge officers and all Lodge Presidents.

As it turns out the pick 3 number was the best way to go because the winner of our 2019 Trip to Italy is State President, Richard Barber.

Congratulations President Barber!

We look forward to hearing your thoughts about having another trip to Italy raffle. Please email your thoughts to Joe Finio, joefinio@gmail.com or send your comments and suggestions, in writing directly to the Grand Lodge Office. Thank you!



WHY JOIN THE SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY?

Because you cannot move forward, if you do not know from where you came.

Join Us . . . It's Easy!

Call the Grand Lodge office at: 215-592-1713 and one of our staff will tell you how!

A Fraternal Benefit Society Life Insurance with Educational Fund

- Single Premium
- Issued to Children Between Birth and Age 15
- Policy is a Paid Up Whole Life Certificate upon 18th Birthday – Never pay a premium again
- Insured receives the total annuity on the certificate anniversary and at age 18, in the face amount of policy (assuming an annuity interest rate of 3%) and the life policy remains in full force.
- Insured can use the money for education, or for any reason, or elect to leave the money in the fund for further growth.
 - Policy face amounts start at \$1,000.00
- This an excellent plan for the person who wants to insure youths (children or grandchildren of members) for life and provide funds for education.
 - Policy holders do not have to be members.

For information call: Linda Mondelli for premium rates and application forms at 215-592-1713.



SCHOLARSHIPS!

INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE GRAND LODGE NO LATER THAN MARCH 29, 2019. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REQUEST FORMS, CONTACT THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE DIRECTLY: 215-592-1713



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Dear School Principal:

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Sons and Daughters of Italy, will provide one scholarship per district of \$2,000 each to members who will complete high school at the end of the 2018-2019 school year and enter an undergraduate college program in the Fall of 2019. Many factors are reviewed in the grant awarding process. Key among the elements considered are:

- High School grade point average.
- Major subject marks received for the first semester of senior year.
- The difficulty of the high school subjects taken.
- SAT - Verbal and Math scores (ACT scores if SAT results are not available)
- **It is very important that all transcripts be submitted on time so the student stays eligible.**

Each applicant must submit a transcript bearing the high school's seal and the attached transcript supplement form also bearing the seal of the institution and signed by the principal. The transcript supplement form will assist the selection committee in assuring fairness when comparing academic histories.

Please submit all documents for the student to the above address. The forms must be received by **March 29, 2019** for the student to be considered for a grant.

Please accept our appreciation for your assistance in helping to identify scholarship recipients. You will be notified if the applicant will receive a scholarship. Notification will be sent prior to date of commencement so that you may add him/her to your commencement program.

Again, thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Joyce Ruisi Chmel

President
Dante Commission on Education/Culture



FUTURE NEWSLETTER EDITIONS . . .

To all of our members and others that are interested in our organization and its' good works. We want this Newsletter to grow and include much cultural information, in future issues.

As we determine whether to continue with a newsletter format or go back to a newspaper format, please know that our success depends upon you.

As all of us are volunteers, we aren't able to wait for information, we rely upon you to let us know what is happening in your lodges and districts.

We are also interested in your "stories". How did your families come to America? Where in Italy did they come from? What famous Italians and people of Italian descent have you met or are related to?

We will publish as much information as is possible.

Please call the Grand Lodge office at **215-592-1713** and let one of staff know that you would like to send information. They will be glad to help.

Thank you and see you soon!



By-Law Suggestions? Please be advised that all amendment requests to State By-Laws must be submitted to the Grand Lodge in written form no later than 60 days prior to the scheduled convention. Additionally, anyone who would like assistance should email State Orator Amato Sanita at amatosanita@gmail.com or call him directly at 267-738-7766 90 days prior to convention and he will assist you in drafting your amendment request.



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