Worcester Lodge No. 168



Fall is here! Color is Blooming! Our Next Meeting November 2, 2017 **** DIFFERENT MEETING LOCATION THIS MONTH, IAVC !!!! DINNER MEETING, Thursday, November 2nd, 7:00 pm IAVC Shrewsbury

<u>PRESIDENT</u>: Welcome to fall. I assume everyone is having a nice fall. DUE TO A PROBLEM AT THE EASTSIDE POST, our meeting location for this month will be the IAVC in Shrewsbury, on Dewey Rd. It will be a DNNER MEETING at 6:00 pm. As always, the cost is \$6. Please call Kevin at 508-754-0486, or <u>Merk370@aol.com</u>. I am looking forward to seeing everyone and some new faces. This is for this month's meeting ONLY.

****WORCESTER FLAG RAISING: If this letter arrives to you in time, members of our lodge will raise the Italian flag over City Hall on Tuesday night, October 24th at 5 pm in honor of Italian Heritage Month. It will fly for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and come down on Friday. Anyone wishing to take part is asked to be present in the front of City Hall at 4:45 pm.

<u>CALENDER RAFFLE</u>: Our lodge is once again having a calendar raffle. Nancy Gurgone, #508-662-8223, is chairing this event. Please support it to help our lodge. Raffle tickets are available. I have some available at funeral home and others can be gained from Nancy. Please be generous. It will help our lodge.

<u>COLUMBUS DAY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD</u>: Our Columbus Day Award headed by Sisters Stella Fiore and Margaret Olivieri was a great success. All that attended had a great time and we celebrated a good and generous person. I only wish it was more supported by our lodge. Please consider these events in the future. A final report will be given at the meeting.

BOCCE: Bocce is over. The banquet was attended by over a hundred people. The food was great and cooked by our own Mike & Maria. We presented the awardees beautiful jackets. Looking forward to the Spring

<u>CHRISTMAS PARTY</u>: Due, to many conflicts of our members during the December weekends, we have decided to suspend our Christmas party this year and hold our celebration at the meeting on Thursday, December 7th. Those attending the meeting are asked to bring an unopened toy, that we can donate to those in need.

<u>CARNIVALE</u>: Our committee is working towards the February 10th date for our celebration. Please start planning. Due to space consideration, we will be limiting the amount of tickets to the event. More to come.

<u>HEALTH AND WELFARE</u>: If you know of a lodge member who is ill, please let Sister Olivieri know at (508) 845-1272 so that she may send them a prayer card and let them know we care. I personally thank Sister Olivieri for chairing this important committee.

<u>CONTACT</u>: For all other questions and/or concerns, please contact Recording Secretary, Brother, Michael Scaglione at scaglionemj@gmail.com or myself at 508-754-0486. Follow our Lodge at www.osiaworcesterlodge168.org

Fraternally yours,

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