

Worcester Lodge No. 168



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March Monthly Meeting Thursday March 2, 2017 THIS MONTH WILL BE A DINNER MEETING

MESSAGE: We are midway through the snowy season and things are starting to warm up. Snowbirds are getting ready to return home. We wish them all a safe journey. This month we will be having a dinner meeting consisting of eggplant, lasagna and salad. Cost is \$6.00 per person. Please let me know if you're coming (508) 754-0486 or kmercadante@Mercadantefuneral.com. Please make every effort to come and enjoy!!! BRING A FRIEND!

PRESIDENT: WE NEED HELP!! I'd like to thank you all for the support you've given to me over the past two years. But, I need to ask for more help. I urge as many members as possible to attend this meeting and get involved. At this meeting there are things in the future we need to start talking about. In addition, nominations have been made and elections need to be held.

CARNEVALE: Carnevale was held Saturday, February 18th and although there were not as many people as we would have liked (only 130 people), the food, music, costumes, decorations and raffles were outstanding. I want to thank, Michelle, Kate, Mark Gerardi, Rose Porcaro, Roz, Rosemary Pace, Rose Mikitarian and Ellie Olivieri for the success of this affair. A report will be provided at the meeting.

SCHOLARSHIPS: I like to thank, Michael Scaglione, Vera Novick and Stella Fiore for volunteering to handle scholarships. Mike will Chair this committee. APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING or by contacting Michael Scaglione scaglioniemj@gmail.com, or Vera Novick vnovick@verizon.net

BOCCIE: Bocce is on the horizon. We have a lot to discuss about the future season and beyond. I am holding a Captains meeting, Thursday March 23rd at 6 pm at the American Legion Post 201 Eastside on Plantation St. Please make every effort to attend. It is important!!!!

INSTALLATION: Our installation and scholarship dinner will be held May 4 2017, Thursday. Sister Stella Fiore and Sister Margaret Oliveri have volunteered to chair this event. I thank them in advance for taking on this endeavor.

COLUMBUS DAY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: The Worcester Lodge has decided to bring back the Columbus Day Italian Achievement Award Banquet. Nomination forms will be available at the meeting. More to follow!!! Once again, sisters Stella Fiore and Margaret Olivieri will chair this event.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: I'm aware that several of our members are not able to attend. If you know of a lodge member who is ill, please call Sister Ellie Olivieri at (508) 845-1272 so that she may send them a card and let them know we care. I personally thank Sister Ellie for chairing this important committee as well as handling all cards, gifts, etc.

CONTACT: For all other questions and/or concerns, please contact Recording Secretary, Sister Paula Rigerio at 508-757-7096 or 508-612-7880 or myself at 508-754-0486. Follow our Lodge at www.osiaworcesterlodge168.org

Fraternally yours,

Kevin L Mercadante

Kevin L Mercadante, Lodge President.



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