

The Order Sons of Italy in America
Saint Mary Magdalen de Pazzi Lodge No. 2787
Of South Philadelphia
“Rekindling Amore d’Italia”

November 16, 2021

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

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I hope all is well. Our next lodge meeting will be the Annual Sons of Italy Eastern District Christmas Party which will occur on **Wednesday, December 15th at 6pm**. The party will be held at the **IATSE Ballroom** at 2401 South Swanson Street, Philadelphia PA 19148. Enclosed in this letter is the Christmas Party flyer, which contains all the event details. If you plan on attending, please make the check out to **“Sons of Italy – Lodge No. 2787”** and please mail them to Lou Baldino at 2878 S. 15th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19145. The event is \$55 per person, plus cash bar. Children under 10 are free.

Our past president, Victor Baldi, has been instrumental in coordinating the efforts for the party and partnering with the other Philly lodges to organize the event. The Annual Christmas Parties have always been a great way to ring in the holidays and celebrate our heritage with other local lodges. For those who have not been before, the spread is tremendous – this year’s menu includes an array of pasta dishes, carved meats, crab cakes and desserts.

News / Upcoming Events:

1. Spring Bus Trips:

The lodge looks forward to a few exciting bus trips in the new year. We plan on working closely with members to determine the locations of future trips. Please feel free to contact me or any of the other officers with trip ideas!

2. Sonny Conto

South Philly native and honorary lodge member, Sonny Conto, will be fighting at the Philly Live Casino on Thursday, November 18 at (about) 9pm. For those who don’t know Sonny, he is an undefeated professional heavy weight boxer. Sonny is a true embodiment of everything South Philadelphia represents. He is a stand-up young man and his mother Carol is a close friend of the lodge. We wish Sonny the best of luck in his upcoming bout against Ed Fountain.

3. Future of the Lodge:

It is with great sadness that I announce my departure from the lodge. I will be moving to the West Coast in December of 2021 and will be stepping down from

my duties as Lodge President. From the bottom of my heart, I have truly enjoyed every moment of presiding over the lodge. I am not from South Philly - I came here 6 years ago with no friends or connections, but the people of this lodge opened up their hearts and their homes to me. You all have invited me to take part in your traditions and your customs, and I could not be more grateful.

I have been truly blessed to be apart of such a wonderful organization and I sincerely care about the Italian community in South Philadelphia. I want to see this lodge grow and flourish with newer generations to fill the ranks. The love, sacrifice and dedication that I have witnessed from the people of this lodge gives me supreme confidence in the lodge's ability to thrive. As long as the will of the people is there; the lodge will continue to grow.

In the near term, we will need to fill my position through an election process. For those who are interested in running for president, please contact me or any of the other officers (i.e. Victor Baldi).

Membership Dues:

The lodge will begin to collect annual dues for FY 2022. Annual dues are \$55 per person. Please make out the checks to “**Sons of Italy – Lodge No. 2787**” and please mail them to Ann Mullen at 1904 Durfor Street, Philadelphia PA 19145. Please have dues in by the end of the December (at the latest).

Remember we can be found on social media and online. Please take pictures to post our gatherings online @

www.stmarymagdalensoi.com

Instagram: stmarymagdalensoi

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God Bless!

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