ORDER SONS OF ITALY GRAND COUNCIL MEETING OF THE *GRAND LODGE OF OHIO*

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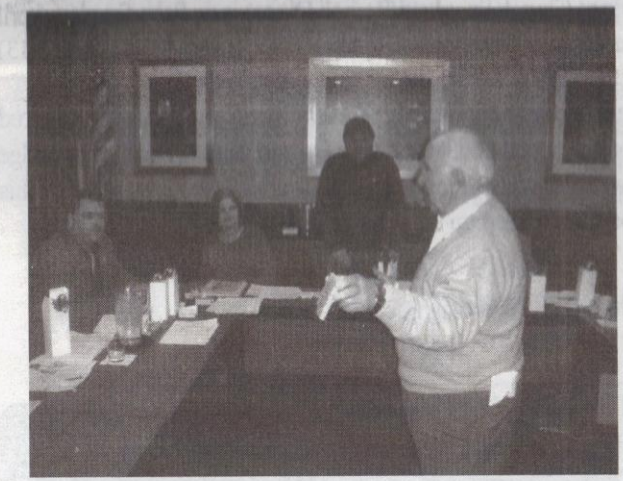
Above: President of the Grand Lodge, Terry Lattavo, addresses the group.

Below: Judge Panioto presents a Sons of Italy clock to all the members.



Filial Lodge 1191, Cincinnatus, of the Order Sons of Italy in America was honored to be selected by the Grand Lodge of Ohio to hold its February Grand Council Meeting here in Cincinnati. On the evening of February 24, 2012, members from all over Ohio came to the Residence Inn on Fourth Street to prepare for the Grand Council meeting on February 25. Our president, Judge Ronald Panioto, along with all officers, trustees, and members of our lodge, welcomed all the other members, including the new president, Terry Latavo, and his wife with a hospitality room brimming with great food, camaraderie, and an essence of the pleasure of meeting with our fellow Americans of Italian descent. As Annie O'Donnell expressed it, "I could feel the spirit of fellowship and solidarity the minute I entered the room!" The feeling throughout the evening was one of joyfulness and enthusiasm. Matt Snow, our fabulous *Cincinnati Sinatra,* added to the festivities with his entertaining vocals. It was an amazing evening!

A presentation of awards was made by some of the group's officers.

The following day, after a delicious breakfast, the Grand Council Meeting was held and finances and social programs for the year were discussed. A new charity, *Autism,* was added to the many charitable organizations supported by the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The meeting recessed for lunch and was then resumed wherein all items were finalized by the Grand Council members. Judge Panioto, as a parting gift, presented each member with an Order Sons of Italy clock made expressly for all to have as a memento of this Grand Lodge of Ohio meeting.