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Dear Greg,

I have received notification of the mediation which will take place on November 21 as forwarded to me by District 3 Trustee Rita Rastelli.

To begin it has been very upsetting to learn of the turmoil within the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Our organization was designed to promote, "Unity, Equality and Fraternity" among our membership. The many letters and mailings I have received regarding this conflict show the complete opposite. This conflict should have never gotten to the level of National, but I am happy to hear that this matter will be mediated and hopefully resolved in a manner that is beneficial to the membership as a whole.

This matter has been discussed at length at two lodge meetings and with our Executive Board. What stands out to us in this conflict is the amount of money expended by both parties to pay for mailings, attorney's fee, locksmiths, etc. It is the opinion of our membership that Grand Lodge funds; funds paid for by the per capita tax; should not be used to promote personal agendas, accusations and rebuttals. Our funds, should be used for the day to day operating expenses of the Order and to promote the mission of OSIA as the "leading service and advocacy organization" for our membership and all citizens of Italian descent. The Order has a history of providing scholarships, education assistance and many other forms of financial support to support the cause of the Order. Quite frankly the way the money has been spent in dealing with this conflict is fiscally irresponsible. And now the Order has to burden itself further to pay for hotel space and perhaps lodging to mediate this conflict!

To that end, our Executive Board has passed a motion authorizing our Treasurer to withhold all per capita taxes and insurance premiums until this matter is mediated by the National Office. All monies will be placed in an interest bearing escrow account and will be released upon resolution by the mediation committee.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email or by phone at

Fraternally,

Maurizio DeLisi, President

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