Anthony (Tony) Parisi, Jr. 2023 Distinguished Citizens of the Year

For the past ten years, our Lodge has been very fortunate to have had a professional in banking and finance to guide us through some very challenging times. His expertise and sound advice to Lodge leadership has been invaluable and has kept us on sound footing, especially during the two years of uncertainty during the COVID pandemic.

He is always willing to pitch in and bring his expertise to every facet of our lodge, including membership, social activities and fundraising. He is always eager to assist and advise whether by phone, email, text or in person.

He was elected during Sal Castorina's second term, when our festival was just beginning to burgeon into the great success it has become. He established procedures for cash handling, accounting, and oversight. He set up and managed the mandatory sales tax collection process and took care of getting all the required permits and gaming licenses. He procured liability insurance for our festival guests.

His service to his community began with his Homeowner's Association where he founded the Architectural Committee and served as its chairman. At the same time, he served for seven years on the HOA Finance Committee, five of those as Vice-Chair. That meant he was the budget coordinator and insurance manager.



Pictured Left to Right: Vincent 'Vinnie' Mollicone (SDOI President), JoAnn Ward (SDOI Vice President), Anthony 'Tony' Parisi, Jr.

He is currently active with the Friends of the South Coastal Library, a nonprofit affiliate of the South Coastal Library in Bethany the past three years.

Congratulations to Tony! The Lodge is proud of your accomplishments.