

**March 2024 Newsletter**  
**Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge #2474**  
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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are finally here! Our big festival is just a few days away and all our hard work, we hope, will pay off. Barbara and I were on the WMDT 47 ABC show promoting it and what a great experience (even though it was very early)! Barbara did a terrific job and the TV Staff told us that they would like to come to the festival. Monday morning, Barbara and I were on the Bulldog Radio show and it was a very fun interview! Bonnie Oliverio will be on Delmarva Life on Tuesday between 5-6 PM – be sure to see it.

This is Women's History Month and I would like to share an essay my oldest son, Andrew Coviello, wrote. Andrew works for the Bank of America and they were asked to share their thoughts on what women influenced you in your life. Here is what he wrote:

“I would not be the person I am without my grandmother and my mother. My mother was a single mom, so my grandmother had a very active role in my life up until 2007 when she passed away. To say I am thankful for them is an understatement, the unconditional love and support I've had my entire life has helped me grown into the man I am today.

I could go on and on about all the amazing things they've done for me, but I think Susan Gales said it best: 'Mothers are like glue. Even when you can't see them, they're still holding the family together.' ”

Andrew's essay was selected out of thousands of submissions and I wanted to share this with all of you because I am very proud of him.

**OFFICERS:**

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Remember to have some fun at the festival and know that we are all working very hard for some exceptional charities and our scholarships.

See you on Saturday!

Sue Ann Baietti, President

### **VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

This is a reminder to everyone that if anyone would like to speak about their heritage at one of our meetings, please let Sue Ann know so she can put you on the agenda. Our Executive Council agreed that this would be good to start up again! I also wish to thank everyone who bought super raffle tickets for the Grand Lodge. We sold 74!!

– Barbara Graziosi, Vice-President

### **SICK AND DISTRESSED:**

We are requesting prayers for the deceased members who have gone before us and for the recovery of all those who have been ill, had surgery or were injured, including the following: Rick Buccheri, Ray D'Antuono, Palma Devic, Lorraine Gualtieri, Paul Harman, Mike & Ethel Jacobs, Mike Lato, Dottie Pinto, Donna Potenza, John and Anna Rubino, Virginia Snuggs, Dottie Tuminello, George Ward and Wally Watson. If you know any member who is sick, had surgery, or recently lost a loved one, please call Jane Bartolomeo at 302-436-8208.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

We welcome the following new Lodge members: Anthony Shiflett, Ellen and James Vigilante.

- Joan DeMarco, Chairperson

### **NAMETAGS:**

We would appreciate it if everyone would please purchase a nametag so members can be easily identified. Lodge nametags are \$13.00. To order, please see Tom Pomilla or Joe Tamberino at the monthly meeting.

### **TRUSTEES:**

Rich Baietti, (302) 945-4237  
Al D'Annunzio, 302-841-3745  
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### **MISTRESSES OF**

#### **CEREMONY:**

Jane Bartolomeo,  
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Tom Pomilla, 410-322-4990  
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### **COMMITTEES:**

#### **Charity**

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#### **Fundraising**

Vito Potenza, 301-643-2106

#### **Helping Hands**

Jude DeLucco, Chair  
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#### **Historian**

Ed Pinto  
703-901-5544

## **MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS:**

*HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS:* 3/6-Vito Potenza; 3/7-Rick Buccheri; 3/8-Kenneth Hildenfiler; 3/11-John Aiello; 3/12-Bonnie Olivero, Mike Quinn; 3/17-Palma Devic; 3/18-Paul Scalice, Judy Zanetti; 3/21-Rosemary Rogers; 3/22-Ethel Jacobs; 3/23-Janet Ackerson, Maria Fortuna; 3/24-Kathy Miller; 3/25-Cynthia DiFerdinando; 3/27-Anne Shiflett; 3/29-Daniel Nardone; 3/31-Dee Matthews

*HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS:* 4/6-Cretia Motsco; 4/7-Deborah Guido; 4/8-Greg Amber; 4/10-Lorraine Gualtieri; 4/11-Joseph DiMartino; 4/16-Patricia Marchesiello; 4/17-Joan DeMarco; 4/18-Jacquelyn Curcio; 4/19-Carl Brown; 4/24-Diane Verzi; 4/25- John Chicano, John D'Albora, Theresa Scholtz; 4/29-Victoria Garziona, Angela Nittoly; 4/30-Adrienne Celeste.

## **HELPING HANDS COMMITTEE:**

If you need any help with picking up groceries, a ride to appointments, a meal, or, if you wish to join this committee to help others, please contact me. –Jude DeLucco, Chairperson.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS AND HISTORIAN:**

Publicity has focused on the St. Joseph's Day Festival and that is now complete. As we go into the rest of the year, just a reminder, Committee chairs should keep me informed of plans and pending events so I can think about how best to publicize our worthwhile activities.

– Ed Pinto, Chairperson

## **SOCIAL EVENTS:**

*FEBRUARY* – “HIT THE ROAD SHOW” – Fantastic performances by HS students. There were 35 members/guests attending the show, plus others, for a total of 50 who supported this school function. We had a delicious dinner and socialization at Fratelli’s Restaurant and the event was enjoyed by all who attended.

*MARCH 23, 2024 - ST. JOSEPH’S DAY FESTIVAL – 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at St. Andrew’s Hall, 144<sup>th</sup> St. & Sinepuxent Avenue, Ocean City, MD.*

### Membership

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### Public Relations

Ed Pinto  
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Donna Potenza, Chair  
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Mary Ellen Arena, Chair  
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### Newsletter Editor:

Janet Ackerson  
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*Editor’s note: please send me changes in your contact information. Thanks!*

### NEXT MEETING:

**Knights of Columbus Hall  
99<sup>th</sup> St. & Coastal Hwy  
Thursday  
April 4, 2024**

**5:30 p.m. Executive Council  
7:00 p.m. General Meeting**

***MAY – SDOI Night at Shorebirds Baseball Game*** – Thursday, May 23, 2024, 7:05 PM  
Game time. Our group’s seating will be in the Picnic Area, which is accessible by elevator.  
AUCE menu for 2 hours: 1 hour before the game (6:05 pm) and 1 hour during the game. Cost is  
\$31 per person and a sign-up sheet will be available at the April and May meetings.

***JUNE EVENT – MILTON THEATRE, MILTON, DE. SATURDAY, JUNE 29 2024***

3:00 pm Matinee performance of ‘LIGHTS OUT” – Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons Tribute  
Show – COST: \$32.00 pp. (Ticket cost only). Carpooling is encouraged. Our tickets are sold  
out and those already purchased for this event will be available at the April and May meetings.  
Additional tickets may be purchased online directly from the Milton Theatre.

For after the show, reservations for our group were finalized at the Iron Hill Brewery on Coastal  
Highway in Rehoboth Beach, DE. They will accommodate group seating with tables of 4, 6  
or 8 guests. Tables will receive one check per table with a 22% gratuity added to each check.  
I strongly suggest CASH PAYMENT to eliminate credit card charges to the restaurant or to  
guests, as some restaurants have initiated. They were the ONLY restaurant that would host  
our event, since we will have such a large group. If you wish to be seated with friends, you will  
need to provide group names to me at our April or May meetings or email me your group  
seating arrangements. If not, seating will be wherever it is available.

***SEPTEMBER – Saturday, September 7, 2024 – Higgins Crab House/North – 1:00-4:00 PM –***

AUCE, Steamed Crabs, Steamed Shrimp, Fried Chicken, French Fries, Cole Slaw. Hush  
Puppies, Corn on the Cob, Domestic Draft Beer, House Wine, Soda, Tea, Coffee and Dessert.  
Taxes and Gratuity are included. Cost TBD by the April meeting. The signup sheet is available  
and reservations are required. Payment will be due by August 1, 2024.

***NEW HAMPSHIRE TRIP*** – This trip has been canceled for lack of interest.

***CHRISTMAS DINNER – Sunday, December 15, 2024 at the GRAND HOTEL, Ocean City,  
MD.*** More information to follow.

***CHRISTMAS SHOW TRIP – Thursday, December 12, 2024 - “JOY TO THE WORLD”***

Show at the American Music Theatre in Lancaster, PA. TRIP COST: \$165.00 pp. Includes  
orchestra seating, Dinner & Motor Coach transportation & Gratuities. Lunch and shopping  
will be on your own. Dinner Reservations are at Carrabba’s Restaurant in Lancaster, PA. This  
trip is **SOLD OUT**.

– Mary Ellen Arena, Chairperson

**FUND RAISING: ST JOSEPH'S DAY FESTIVAL, MARCH 23, 2024**

The following are two final Festival requests and the Festival week schedule:

## **Festival Staffing Needs:**

**Parking** - Mike Lato is standing in for Don Rogers who is unable to volunteer this year for medical reasons. Mike is recovering from knee surgery and needs two or three more assistants to facilitate parking. Please let Mary Ellen Arena ([crossfire40@verizon.net](mailto:crossfire40@verizon.net)) know if you can help Mike.

**Dining Area** - Dining Area Captain, John Rubino, is recovering from surgery and also will not be available. If you have not already volunteered, and can give us a couple of hours, please let Mary Ellen know.

## **Festival Week Schedule:**

### **Thursday March 21:**

9:00 am - advance team meets at Columbus Hall to gather stuff in shed & collect tables, etc.

9:30 am - Kitchen crew gathers (You all received a separate email from Donna Potenza).

10:00am - St Andrew's Hall set up - all are welcome to help set up stations, dining area with tables & chairs.

**Friday March 22:** 10:00am - Hall decorating - cover tables, put up signs, stock stations, balloons, etc.

**Saturday March 23:** Kitchen crew report as directed.

9:30am - Captains report to finish station set up.

10:00am - other volunteers report

10:45am - Opening Prayer

11:00am - Doors open

6:00pm - Festival ends, breakdown of tables and cleanup begins

7:00pm - Crew returns items to Columbus Hall

Grazie,  
Moe Delcher & Vito Potenza, Co-chairs



**Anni e bicchieri di vino non si contano mai – “You never count years or glasses of wine”**