

February 2024 Newsletter
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you, Barbara, for doing a fantastic job at the February meeting, I really appreciate it. It is now crunch-time for the festival and we still need your help. The following items are still needed for our Cheer Baskets, Silent Auction and Gift Baskets: Golf items, Wines, Tequila & Margarita glasses and items, cocktail olives & onions, cocktail napkins, 24" to 30" long rolls of clear cellophane, tissue paper, and new items for the following gift themes: "Italian" items for a basket (all food, oil or vinegar items must have an expiration date 1 year+); New Men's items; new Garden/Outdoor/Bar-B-Que items; new Dog or Pet items; Coffees and Flavorings, Espresso, Teas, Hot Chocolate, etc. (must expire 1 year+). Please note that we no longer need women's spa items, wine and martini glasses, children's items, mugs, cup and saucer sets, men's shirts, candles, Christmas and Easter items. Thank you for all your help in making our Silent Auction and raffle prizes so special! If you have not signed up to work at our festival, please do so – we need all hands-on-deck.

A BIG THANK YOU goes to Adrienne Celeste, Ken Hildenfilter, Chuck Poggioli and Marti Quinn – they were the Day crew that helped the Denim and Diamonds Contractors for a Cause people get set up. Next, thank you to Janet and Bob Ackerson and Denise and Rick Buccheri for working the gala later that evening. All of you are Superstars!

I wanted to take a moment to tell everyone that the Executive Council voted by email to give a \$200.00 donation to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. I delivered the check this past Tuesday and they were very grateful. – Sue Ann Baietti, President

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

To our wonderful SDOI famiglia, thank you for a great meeting in February. We need to continue to pray for so many of our members who are still sick. We look forward to them returning as soon as they can. Since our March meeting is the last before the festival, please remember to bring in any donations for the baskets including alcohol and wine. Plus, consider volunteering for the festival in some way. I look forward to seeing you at our March meeting. Happy Valentines Day!
– Ciao, Barbara Graziosi, Vice President

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2024 GRAND LODGE SUPER RAFFLE TICKETS!

The Grand Lodge Super Raffle tickets are available now and can be purchased for \$25 from Barbara Graziosi at our monthly meetings. The proceeds will benefit the Grand Lodge Scholarship Fund. There will be 365 winners—one for each day of the year and the daily winners receive \$25. All names, including the winners, are put back in for the next drawings. As an extra bonus, for every 10 tickets sold to our members, our lodge will get one free. The names of the winners are published quarterly in the Il Giornale. Please make checks payable to **Grand Lodge of Maryland**. – 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: Palma Devic, Lorraine Gualtieri, Paul Harman, Mike Lato, Donna Potenza, Virginia Snuggs, Dottie Tuminello, George Ward and Wally Watson. If you know anyone 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: Nancy Capra and Phyllis Donahue. – Joan DeMarco, Chairperson

NAMETAGS:

We would appreciate it if everyone would 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.

MEMBERS CELEBRATING FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: 1-George Wright; 4-David Quillen; 5-Don Rogers; 13-Ed Smith; 17-Brenda D’Antuono; 18- Jane Bartolomeo, Paul Harmon, Alfred Michenzi; 19-Virginia Snuggs; 22-Sal Castorina; 24-Deb Reda; 25-Wally Watson; 26-Tom a’Becket; 28-Gail Laudicina.

HELPING HANDS COMMITTEE:

If you are in need of 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:

Work has been done for the St. Joseph’s Day Festival PR. A release and calendar items were sent to all local news media and Sunday Bulletin notices were sent to all the local Catholic Churches.

– Ed Pinto, Chairperson

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SOCIAL EVENTS:

JANUARY – Ocean Downs Casino Luncheon - We had a great group for this luncheon and a good time was had by all who attended. Some even went home with “a little jingle” in their pocket.

FEBRUARY - ‘HIT THE ROAD SHOW” a Rock & Roll Revival, at James B. Bennett High School auditorium, located at 300 College Avenue, Salisbury, MD. This matinee performance is on Sunday, February 18th at 2:00 PM. Doors open at 1:00 PM. Ticket Cost: \$26.00 pp. and you can arrange to pick up ticket(s) ordered from Mary Ellen Arena. **NO REFUND ON TICKETS.** Dinner will follow the show at Fratelli’s Restaurant, 925 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, MD. Dinner is **NOT** included in the ticket cost.

Due to the previous event...we will not have a Valentine’s Dinner this year.

MARCH 23, 2024 - ST. JOSEPH’S DAY FESTIVAL

APRIL EVENT - TBD

MAY – SDOI Night at Shorebirds Baseball Game – Thursday, May 23, 2024 – 7:05 PM Game - \$31.00 pp. for Picnic Area Seating, which is accessible by elevator. AUCE Menu with Food service 1 hour before (6:05PM) and 1 hour during game. Reservation & payment required by the April meeting. Transportation is on your own and there is a \$5.00 Parking Fee. Signup Sheet is at the meeting. Guests are welcomed and guest name/phone #/email address are needed.

JUNE EVENT – Milton Theatre – Milton, DE. SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2024 – 3:00 pm/Matinee Show. ‘LIGHTS OUT” – Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons Tribute Show – COST: \$32.00 pp. (Ticket cost only). Carpooling is encouraged. Tickets for this event will be available at the March & April meetings.

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.

NEW HAMPSHIRE TRIP - September 25-29, 2024 - 5 Days/4Nights – **COST: \$1,050 pp (DO) - \$1,340.00 (SO).** Trip information sheet with itinerary and sign-up sheet will be at our meetings. Reservations with deposit of \$50.00 pp. is due at the March meeting. **THE SECOND PAYMENT OF \$500.00 PP WILL BE DUE MAY 1, 2024; AND THE FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE AUGUST 1, 2024.**

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

NEXT MEETING:

**Knights of Columbus Hall
99th St. & Coastal Hwy
Thursday
March 7, 2024**

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

In order to get our Trip deposit refunded, we will need to meet the 40-guest minimum for this trip by April. Please make checks payable to: SONS OF ITALY OCEAN CITY.

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 and motor coach transportation & gratuities. Lunch/shopping will be on your own. Dinner reservations are at Carrabba’s Restaurant in Lancaster, PA. Reservations with deposit of \$65.00 pp. were due at the February meeting. Checks are payable to: Sons of Italy Ocean City. **THIS TRIP IS SOLD OUT.**
–Mary Ellen Arena, Chairperson

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

Ed Pinto is in the final stages of laying out the Festival Program Book and will have it to the printer very soon. We thank all of you who responded to the call for patron and memorial listings. We also thank the sisters and brothers who placed ads in the Festival Program. A special thanks to all of you who solicited ads, especially Jim and Deb Reda and Rick and Denise Buccheri who followed up with several 2023 advertisers and secured renewals for 2024.

The focus had now shifted to the festival itself. Orders are being placed and the station captains are lining up their volunteers. Nonna's bakery needs donations of baked goods. Please help! Other donations for the basket(s) of cheer (Mary Ellen Arena), gift basket raffle (Janet Ackerson) or silent auction (Sue Ann Baietti) should be brought to the March meeting.

If you have not already committed to a festival area, Sisters and Brothers who want to volunteer to work a shift (or the whole day) at the festival should make sure Mary Ellen Arena has your name. She will let you know where help is needed.

On Thursday, March 21 at 10:00 AM come to St Andrew's Hall to help set up workstations, tables and chairs and on Friday, March 22 the Hall will be decorated beginning at 10:00AM.

Remember we are asking volunteers (except those with mobility issues) not to park in the St Andrew's lot on the day of the festival. We want to hold those spaces for the patrons, at least until midafternoon. We encourage you to carpool, park on the street (a block or two away from the Hall) or at the Taylor Bank on 142nd St and Coastal Hwy. We also have permission to park in the rear Fenwick Inn parking lot at 139th and Sinepuxent. (The Hall is on Sinepuxent at 144th).

Please help us make our 12th St Joseph's Day Festival a success.

Moe Delcher & Vito Potenza Co-chairs



Chi Trova un Amico, Trova un Tesoro – He Who Finds a Friend, Finds a Treasure