

Sons and Daughters of Italy

Ocean City Lodge #2474

General Meeting Minutes February 1, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the Vice- President, Barbara Graziosi at 7:01 PM.

ROLL CALL of OFFICERS: Donna Potenza called the names of the officers. Absent and excused: Sue Ann Baietti, Rosemarie Pomilla, Tom Pomilla, Moe Delcher, Al D'Annunzio and Rich Baietti.

PRINCIPLES of the Order: Rose Madden read the Principles of the Order.

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Barbara Graziosi read prayer intentions. Lorraine Gualtieri, Paul Harman, Janeen Delcher, daughter of Moe and Jean, Wally Watson, Andy Maggio, Grace Jenkins, and Ethel Jacobs.

OPENING PRAYER: Read by Lynne Watson.

FLAG SALUTE: Barbara Graziosi asked the assembly present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES of the LAST MEETING: January 2024 were distributed by email. Lou DeCarlo made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed with a second by Mary Louise Embrey.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mark Silvestri reported there is \$14,227.66 in the operating budget and \$21, 897.29 in our CD account.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Rosemarie Pomilla No report.

TRUSTEES' REPORT: No report

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE: Joe Tamberino reported 91 members in attendance and two guests.

MISTRESS of CEREMONIES: Jane Bartolomeo thanked the bakers for the meeting refreshments: congratulations to Tom and Karolyn Pergola on their 55th wedding anniversary Tom and Karolyn provided cookies and a beautiful sheet cake to

celebrate with us. In addition, bakers included Jane Bartolomeo, Denise Buccheri and Janet Roca.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Janet Ackerson read thank you notes from Mary Ellen Arena, Mike and Marti Quinn, Palma Devic, Donna Potenza and What Is Your Voice(charity donation). Mike Lato addressed the assembly and thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers during his recovery from knee surgery.

STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS

SCHOLARSHIP: Donna Potenza No report.

SOCIAL: Joann Ward reporting for Mary Ellen Arena on the following: A good time was had by all at the luncheon at Ocean Downs. Dec. 12, 2024, American Music Theatre for Joy to the World, \$65pp deposit. \$165 pp. Dinner at Carrabba's. Reserve by June 1, 2024. 5 seats available. February Rock and Roll Revival: Hit the Road at James Bennett High School for Feb. 18th matinee. Dinner at Fratelli. Eileen Salafia has the tickets ordered. March: St. Joseph Day Festival Volunteer list available. Check if you are willing to serve again. Shorebirds Game Picnic Area: May 23rd, 7:05 game. Picnic buffet from 6:05 until 8:05. Milton Theatre, June 29th 3PM. Lights Out, Frankie Valle and the Four Seasons Tribute. Dinner on the way home. Sep. 7th: Higgins Crab Feast 1-4 PM. October Trip: New Hampshire trip Sep. 25th-29th. \$1,050 pp double; \$1340, single. \$50 deposit by May 1st. August 5th, \$500. Christmas Dinner at the Grand Hotel, Dec. 15th. Joann has sign-up sheets.

CHARITY: Judy Zanetti No report

HELPING HANDS: Jude DeLucco No report

PUBLICITY AND PROGRAMS: Vito Potenza reporting. Ed Pinto is working on the program while in Key West. Flyers are available tonight.

WEBSITE: Tom Pergola No report.

FUNDRAISING: Vito Potenza reported on the Festival on March 23rd. Vito thanked everyone for single line patrons and memorial ads. Fenwick Inn has agreed to let us use its parking lot. This was in the event we ran a shuttle. Members are encouraged to park at Taylor's Bank. March 15th, assemble baskets at 10AM (unless moved to 18th. Janet will let her team know). March 21st. 9:30 AM kitchen, meatballs and hall set up at 10 AM. March 22nd, hall decorating and final set up.

10 AM. Sal Castorina has agreed to take pictures. Bonnie announced Delmarva Life taping on Tuesday, March 19th.

GIFT BASKETS: Janet Ackerson still needs areas covered. Leave letters at businesses. She reported that Sue Ann needs golf packages.

MEMBERSHIPS: Joan DeMarco introduced new member Nancy Capra and renewed member Phyllis Donohue. Guest: Christine Lyons.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vinnie Mollicone will continue to sell Lodge shirts.

Barbara Graziosi announced that Grand Lodge ticket drawing begins March 1st. For every 10 we sell, the Lodge gets one free.

Volunteers were asked for help by the Contractors For A Cause Demin to DiamondsGala event. The Buccheri's the Ackerson's, Adrienne Celeste, Ken Hildenfiler, Chuck Poggioli and Marti Quinn worked the event.

NEW BUSINESS: Rose Madden presented a fundraiser for Our Lady of Guadalupe food pantry. It is a Super Bowl raffle. Squares are available for sale. The board is on the table in the back.

Barbara Graziosi mentioned bringing back members' short talk on Italian ancestry and for information sharing For the Good of the Order.

Closing Prayer: Read by Jane Bartolomeo.

50/50: Joe Tamburino announced \$85 to the winner. Mike Lato won it.

Meeting Adjourned by Vice-President Barbara Graziosi at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Potenza, Recording Secretary