

April 2024 Newsletter
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Another festival has gone by and despite the inclement weather, we had over 1,100 participants at our event. This organization, as usual, has done an outstanding job. The hard work and dedication are unbelievable. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered, donated, and helped with business donations. You make me so proud to be your President and again you are all some of the finest people I have ever met. THANK YOU! If you were at the March meeting, you heard that the Silent Auction made \$8,395. We will be getting the final numbers for the festival in May.

Four of our members won the Grand Lodge raffle.

If you are a new member, make sure we have your email address; this is the way we communicate with our members. Also, if you are not receiving emails, please see one of us after the meeting and we will rectify it.

-- 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. We sold the last Grand Lodge raffle ticket at March's meeting for a total of 75. We already had 4 winners in the first drawings.

– Barbara Graziosi, Vice-President

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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, Jude DeLucco, 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 ill, had surgery, or recently lost a loved one, please call Jane Bartolomeo at 302-436-8208. In addition, prayer requests, with the OK of the recipient or their family, should be sent to Janet Ackerson.

MEMBERSHIP:

We welcome the following new Lodge members: Frances Shott, Rosemary Brookhart, Anna Fernezian, Francine Boccuti.
- 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.

MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS:

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 Andreano; 4/29-Victoria Garziona, Angela Nittoly; 4/30-Adrienne Celeste.

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS: 5/6-Mike Jacobs; 5/8-Richard Nippes, JoAnn Steward; 5/11-Maria Brown; 5/15-Jean Delcher; 5/17-Patricia Burello; 5/18-Paul Mazzei; 5/19-Rosemarie Pomilla; 5/21-Diane Liberto.

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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:

Now that the Festival is over and we are getting back to all our other business, I just want to remind all that it is helpful for public relations purposes for me to be kept aware in advance of events or activities your committee is planning. You can do that by contacting me by email at airpinto293@gmail.com.

– Ed Pinto, Chairperson

SOCIAL EVENTS:

MAY – SDOI Night at Shorebirds Baseball Game - Thursday, May 23, 2024 –7:05 PM Game Time. COST: \$31.00 PP.

Seating will be in the Picnic Area, which is accessible by elevator in the entrance lobby. AUCE Menu for 2 hours – 1 Hour before game and 1 Hour during game. Gate opens at 6:00 PM. Reservations required along with payment to Mary Ellen Arena. Sign Up sheet is available. Tickets will be distributed at the May meeting.

JUNE EVENT – “LIGHTS OUT” Frankie Valli & Four Seasons Tribute Show on Saturday, June 29, 2024 @ 3:00 PM at the Milton Theatre in Milton, DE. **EVENT SOLD OUT.** Carpooling is encouraged.

Dinner after the show will be at Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant in Rehoboth Beach, DE., with one check per tables of 4-6-8 seating. I suggest cash payments to eliminate credit card fees that are charged by some restaurants. If you wish to attend dinner, I will need your name(s), and names if group seating, by the May meeting OR you can email me names up to May 25, 2024.

SEPTEMBER – CRAB & SHRIMP FEAST - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024 from 1:00-4:00 PM at Higgins Crab House/North - COST: \$55.00 PP. 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 & Dessert. Taxes &

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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
May 2, 2024**

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

Gratuities are included. Sign-up sheet is available. Reservations and payment are required by August 1, 2024.

NEW HAMPSHIRE TRIP – September 25-29, 2024 has been cancelled due to lack of interest. Deposit checks received will be returned.

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. Dinner following show will be at Carrabbas’ Italian Grill. **TRIP IS SOLD OUT.** Final trip payment of \$100.00 pp. due by the June 6, 2024, meeting with checks payable to: SONS OF ITALY OCEAN CITY.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – Sunday, December 15, 2024, beginning at 5:00 pm at the GRAND HOTEL, Ocean City, MD. Further information for this event will be provided.

– Mary Ellen Arena, Chairperson

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

The Saint Joseph’s Day Festival Summary Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24th, 10 A.M. at Saint Andrew's Hall.

Grazie,
Moe Delcher & Vito Potenza, Co-chairs



“Primavera: un bel promemoria di quanto può essere bello il cambiamento!”
“Spring: A lovely reminder of how beautiful change can be!”