

Sons and Daughters of Italy
Ocean City Lodge #2474
General Meeting Minutes April 4, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: President Sue Ann Baietti called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL of OFFICERS: Rose Madden read the names of the officers. All were present except Donna Potenza, Janet Ackerson, Joe Tamberino, and Vinnie Mollicone who are excused.

PRINCIPLES of the ORDER: Barbara Graziosi read the Principles of the Order.

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Barbara Graziosi read the prayer intention list for the sick: Jude DeLucco, Dottie Tumminello, Lorraine Gualtieri, Ray D'Antuono, Paul Scalice, Paul Campitelli's sister Diane Marsalko, Teri Antonini's mother Bebe Antonini, Ethel and Mike Jacobs, Don Rogers, and John and Anna Rubino.

OPENING PRAYER: Jane Bartolomeo read the Opening Prayer.

FLAG SALUTE: Sue Ann Baietti asked the assembly to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES of the LAST MEETING: Minutes from March meeting were distributed by email. Wanda Martelli made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and Joan DeMarco seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Sue Ann reported that the Festival was a success. She thanked everyone for all their hard work. The Silent Auction made \$8,395. Some bills are still being paid so the final figures for the entire Festival will be reported at the May meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mark Silvestri thanked everyone who helped him get through his first Festival especially Moe Delcher. Mark reported that we have \$52,000 in our Investment CD, and the Lodge is still in very good financial condition.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Rosemarie Pomilla reported that we now have 210 members.

TRUSTEES' REPORT: No report.

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE: Tom Pomilla reported 88 members in attendance and 2 guests.

MISTRESS of CEREMONIES: Jane Bartolomeo thanked everyone who brought refreshments to the meeting.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Barbara Graziosi read thank-you notes from Jude DeLucco and JoAnn Stewart and an Easter card from Felina Breeding. Anyone not receiving the newsletter, please update your contact information with Janet Ackerson.

STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS

SCHOLARSHIP: Five scholarship applications were received by Margaret Giacomponello, who is handing out copies at tonight's meeting for the committee to score.

SOCIAL: Mary Ellen Arena reported on the following:

May 23rd: Shorebirds Game 7:05 PM. Gates open at 6 PM. Picnic area available one hour before and one hour during the game for AUCE. April 10th is the last day to sign up. \$31pp.

June 29th: 3:00 PM show at Milton Theatre for Lights Out: Frankie Valle and the Four Seasons Tribute. Tickets have already been distributed. Dinner at Iron Hill Brewery in Rehoboth at 5:30 PM. If you wish to attend dinner, please email Mary Ellen by May 25th with your name and names of those you would like to sit with, if applicable. Tables of 4, 6 or 8 with one check and 20% gratuity. Cash recommended.

September 7th: Crab Feast, Higgins Crab House/North. 1-4 PM. \$55 pp. Sign-up sheet available. Reservations and payment due by August 1, 2024, but would be appreciated by the June meeting.

New Hampshire trip is cancelled. Mary Ellen received only eight deposits, which may be picked up tonight.

December 12th: Christmas Show – "Joy to the World" at the American Music Theatre in Lancaster, PA. Dinner following show at Carrabbas' Italian Grill. COST: \$165pp. Final payment of \$100 pp due by June meeting with checks payable to: Sons of Italy Ocean City. SOLD OUT but wait-list forming.

December 15th: Christmas Dinner, 5:00 PM, Grand Hotel—More details to follow.

CHARITY: Judy Zanetti asked members to let her know of any charitable organizations they would like the committee to consider for donations. Organizations must be 501(c)(3) charities.

HELPING HANDS: Cathy Russo asked members to let her or Jude DeLuco know of any members who need help with transportation, meals, or other activities.

PUBLICITY AND PROGRAMS: No report

WEBSITE: No report.

FUNDRAISING: Moe Delcher reported that there will be a Festival Wrap-Up meeting on April 24th at 10:00 am at St. Andrews Hall. Three gift baskets were raffled off as thank-you gifts for Festival workers. Winners were Ed Pinto, Jo Alexander, and Rose Madden.

MEMBERSHIP: Joan DeMarco called on new members and guests to introduce themselves.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Vinnie will continue to be the contact person for Lodge shirts, hats, and tote bags.
- Barbara Graziosi still has one more ticket for *the Grand Lodge Super Raffle*.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Rose Madden reported that the “Walk MS Ocean City” will be held on the boardwalk on April 20, 2024. New team members are always welcome. Rose thanked everyone who already donated to support her in the Walk and mentioned that she is still accepting donations.
- Bonnie Oliverio reported that she has a few food items left from the Festival for sale at half price. She also has many jars of sauce for sale, but they will be sold at the regular price.

- Mary Louise Embrey reported that Bocci will be starting up again on Tuesdays, probably around the last week in April. It will be played at John West Park in Ocean View at 9:30 AM and will last about an hour.
- Sue Ann reported that the Grand Lodge is pushing all Lodges to sign up for I-Member, a computer system that can be used for calendars, emails, and newsletters. There will be a training session on May 4 at the Little Italy Lodge in Baltimore at 10:00 AM. Let Sue Ann know if you are interested in attending. Felina Breeding suggested the training be held in Ocean City.

Closing Prayer: Barbara Graziosi read the closing prayer.

50/50: \$81 won by **mystery man**.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Madden (for Donna Potenza, Recording Secretary)