

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Another successful year for our wonderful festival, thank you to all our dedicated members that worked so hard, you are the best! I can't state it enough -- THANK YOU!

Another exciting piece of news is that we were able to double the Charity Budget and also will be giving an additional \$1,000.00 for each scholarship. This is music to my ears. When I joined this organization the two items that attracted myself and my husband was the giving to all the charities and college scholarships.

Please note that at the May 6 Executive Council meeting, we voted to use our Treasury funds for the J1 Italian students' tote bag items instead of having our members donate to them.

Please make sure that you read our newsletter and catch up on all the events that we are planning. Also, in the Italian America magazine there is a picture of our executive council, thank you.

I wish that everyone had a Happy Mother's Day and all of the mothers were able to relax and enjoy yourselves – we deserved 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.

– 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, Palma Devic, Rosemary Gear, Lorraine Gualtieri, Paul Harman, Mike & Ethel Jacobs, Dottie Pinto, John and Anna Rubino, 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 consent of the recipient or their family, should be sent to Janet Ackerson.

## **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 MAY/JUNE BIRTHDAYS:**

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:* 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; 6/3-Stephanie Donahue; 6/6-Earlene Bradford; 6/8-Mindy Nardone; 6/12-Robert Miles; 6/15-Ken Nittoly; 6/21- Frank Orobono, Tony Parisi; 6/23- Ray D'Antuono, Sandra McGrath; 6/25-Lillian Miller, George Ward; 6/30-Elaine Ferguson.

## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:**

The Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge #2474 2024 Memorial Scholarships are awarded to three seniors from Stephen Decatur High School. They are Jamie Nicole Consigli, Anthony Robert Kolb (A.J.), and Kayla Marie Rocco. These recipients will be introduced to the members at our June meeting. I want to thank the members of the scholarship committee who reviewed, scored and ranked the applicants for a job well done. The committee is: Bob and Janet Ackerson, Moe and Jean Delcher, Jude DeLucco and Joe and Margaret Giacomponello.  
– Donna Potenza, Chairperson

## **TRUSTEES:**

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## **CHARITY COMMITTEE:**

The committee has met and we have researched and selected our charity recipients for 2024-2025 to present for approval. There will be an event on Friday, June 7th, from 4:00 to 6:30 pm at the Hope Center in Ocean View to benefit the organization Service Dogs Saving Lives. A flyer is attached with more details.

- Judy Zanetti, Chairperson

## **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 Jude DeLucco, Chairperson.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS AND HISTORIAN:**

Scholarships have been awarded and PR has started to publicize the winners. Italian students are coming to town and PR will be at the Welcoming Dinner we hold for them to take photos for release to the news media. The more events we have the more publicity we get. Saluti – 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.

***June Event - Italian Students Welcome Party: Thursday, June 27, 2024, beginning at 5:00 PM at KC Hall. Eighteen Students are expected to attend. The members' sign-up sheet will be at the June meeting. It will be catered by Mio Fratello.***

***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 IS SOLD OUT.***

Carpooling is encouraged. The dinner after the show will be at Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant in Rehoboth Beach, DE., with one check per table 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 the dinner, please email me your name(s), and names of group seating, **by May 25, 2024.**

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*Editor's note: please send me any changes to your contact information. Thanks!*

### NEXT MEETING:

**Knights of Columbus Hall  
99<sup>th</sup> St. & Coastal Hwy  
Thursday  
June 6, 2024**

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

**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 & Gratuity are included. A sign-up sheet is available. Reservations and payment are required by August 1, 2024, but I am requesting payment at the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, since it is difficult to collect money during the summer.

**October Social Dinner** - Thursday, October 17, 2024 at Carrabba’s Restaurant in West Ocean City, hosted by Richard & Pat Marchesiello. The signup sheet will be at the June Meeting. Further details regarding cost of the dinner will be available at the September meeting.

**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 the show will be at Carrabba’s Italian Grill. **TRIP IS SOLD OUT**. Final trip payment of \$100.00 pp. is 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 later. A sign-up sheet will be provided at the September meeting.

– Mary Ellen Arena, Chairperson

## **OUR SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY HISTORICAL HERITAGE:**

Years ago, before I was a member of our illustrious organization, I was asked by my husband’s co-worker to tell him, besides good food, what did Italians ever contribute to the world. He meant it to tease me, but, of course, I mentioned the many inventions, art, buildings, etc. Since then, as a member, I have realized that Italians are so much more and that our contributions and generosity are inherent! Not only does our Lodge 2474 strive to carry on our Italian heritage and traditions, but we are a very philanthropic group who genuinely cares about our many communities and each other – we are “family.”

I received the book, *The Order Sons of Italy in America 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Centennial Journal: The Century of Progress 1905-2005* (pre-2017 when we included “Daughters”) and, when space allows, I will include an excerpt from this book in our Newsletter. “*Lest We Forget*: It was the Order that gave tens of thousands of Italian immigrants who came to the shores of America in the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century a sense of hope and a place of refuge against the startling acts of inhumanity inflicted upon them by the “true Americans.” It was the Order that gave them succor and nurtured in them the idea that with hard work and perseverance they could make a better life for themselves and their children.”

Janet Ackerson, Corresponding Secretary

