

Sons and Daughters of Italy

Ocean City Lodge #2474

General Meeting Minutes June 6, 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. All were present except for Sue Ann Baietti, Rosemarie Pomilla, Lynne Watson and Rich Baietti who are excused.

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

**PRAYER INTENTIONS:** Barbara Graziosi read the prayer intention list for the sick and the deceased. Lorraine Gualtieri, Ethel and Mike Jacobs, Anna Rubino, Paul Harman, Frank Orobono, George Ward, Rosemary Gear, Palma Devic. Ray D'Antuono, Nancy Borreggine and Wally Watson.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Read by Jane Bartolomeo.

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

**MINUTES of the LAST MEETING:** May minutes were distributed by email. Motion to approve made by Dan Cowell and a second by Mike Blair.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Congratulations to Jo Alexander and Al Cremini for being recognized for their work with a local bereavement group.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Lodge is strong. Some movements of CDs were made to get a better rate. Money market is \$31, 124.00 and checking is \$31,114.00.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:** No report.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT:** Audit will take place at the end of the quarter.

**REPORT OF ATTENDANCE:** Tom Pomilla and Joe Tamberino reported 89 members in attendance.

MISTRESS of CEREMONIES: Jane Bartolomeo thanked the bakers who brought desserts to the meeting. Terri Andreano, Jean Delcher, Fran Shott, Deb Reda, Lil Miller, Mindy Nardone and Grace Jenkins.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: No report

#### STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS

SCHOLARSHIP: Scholarship awardees were presented. All three are from Stephen Decatur HS this year. They are Kayla Rocco who will attend the University of Maryland, Jamie Consigli who will attend the University of Maryland and Anthony (A.J.) Kolb who will attend Towson University.

SOCIAL: Mary Ellen Arena reported on the following:

May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Shorebirds Game was a fun evening of good food, socialization, and great weather despite the threat of thunderstorms all day. The game was played but it was not a good outcome for the Shorebirds.

June 29<sup>th</sup>: 3:00 PM show at Milton Theatre for Lights Out: Frankie Valle and the Four seasons Tribute. The show is SOLD OUT. Dinner at Iron Hill Brewery in Rehoboth. Cash recommended. Tables of 4,6 or 8 with one check and 22% gratuity. Deadline June 15<sup>th</sup>.

June 27, 2024: Italian Students' Welcome Dinner 5:30-8 PM. Dinner catered by Mio's. Reservations are full.

September 7<sup>th</sup>: Higgins North Crab and Shrimp Feast. 1-4 PM. Cost is \$55pp. Payment NLT August 1, 2024. Flyer on the website.

October Social Dinner: TBD

Christmas Dinner: December 15, 2024, Grand Hotel . More details to follow at the September meeting.

Christmas Show: Sold out. Final payment due June 15, 2024.

CHARITY: Budget \$10,000. The following organizations were presented for approval: Alzheimer's Association(National)-\$200; Autism research Foundation(National)-\$200; Cooley's Anemia Foundation(National)-\$200; Multiple Sclerosis Walk-\$200.00; St. Luke's Parish at the Beach Golf Open-\$100; Service Dogs Saving Lives-\$200.00; Relay For Life/American cancer Society-\$300; Harry K

Foundation-\$300.00; Bless Our Children WBOC TV \$1,000 Challenge-\$1,000;Brandywine Valley SPCA-\$300; Clothing Our Kids-\$400;Diakonia, Inc.-\$300; The Joseph House-\$350; Operations SEAs the Day-\$350; Worcester County Humane Society-\$300; The Justin W, Jennings Foundation, Inc-\$300; Wreaths Across America-\$300; Coastal Hospice-\$300; Delaware Hospice Center-\$300; OC Helping Heroes Foundation-\$400; OC Boosters(\$200 Handicap Beach Chairs/\$200 Youth Program-\$400; Rosaries & Scapulars Initiative, Inc.-\$400; South Coastal Village Volunteers-\$300; The Springboard Collaborative (Springboard Pallet Village)-\$300; The Way Home-\$300; What is Your Voice, Inc. -\$300; The Cricket Center -\$200; and Believe in Tomorrow-\$200.

Dan Cowell questioned what is used to come up with amount given. In the future, this will be determined. Richard Marchesiello reminded us that we are a fraternal organization that makes charitable donations. We are not a charity. By-laws need to be looked at to determine amount of charitable contributions to be dispersed. Motion made by Judy Zanetti to accept the charity distribution as presented A second was made by Tom A'Beckett.

VOTE: 1 abstain, 3 no and majority yes. Motion passed.

HELPING HANDS: Jude DeLucco. No report

PUBLICITY AND PROGRAMS: Ed Pinto reported that a news release will be going out about the scholarships.

WEBSITE: Tom Pergola uploaded information on our scholarship winners.

Fundraising: Vito Potenza No report

MEMBERSHIPS: Joan DeMarco No report

OLD BUSINESS: Vinnie will continue to be the contact for Lodge shirts, hats, and tote bags.

By show of hands, Lodge members who have won Grand Lodge raffle were called on.

New Business: Presentation of scholarship awardees.

Tom A'Beckett presented information on the Eastern Shore Mission of Mercy. Volunteers are needed to help at the event on September 13-14, 2024. To learn more, go to [www. EASTERSHOREMOM.ORG](http://www.EASTERSHOREMOM.ORG)

Closing Prayer: Read by Rose Madden

50/50: Joe Tamburino \$88 to Jim Vigilante

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Dan Cowell and second by Tom A'Beckett. All in favor. 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Potenza, Recording Secretary