

Sons and Daughters of Italy

Ocean City Lodge #2474

General Meeting Minutes Sept. 5, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by the President, Sue Ann Baietti, at 7:04 PM.

**ROLL CALL of OFFICERS:** Donna Potenza called the names of the officers. All were present except for Barbara Graziosi, Rosemarie Pomilla, Jane Bartolomeo, and Moe Delcher who are excused.

**PRINCIPLES OF THE ORDER:** Rose Madden read the Principles of the Order.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS:** Janet Ackerson read the prayer intention list for the sick. Sal Castorina, Lorraine Gualtieri, Ethel and Mike Jacobs, Anna Rubino, Paul Harman, Elaine Ferguson, Palma Devic, and Dottie Tumminello. An email was read from Bernice Harman thanking everyone for the kind words and prayers for Paul. He is getting stronger and is free of pain.

From Lynne Watson: A "Celebration of Life" for Wally Watson is scheduled for Saturday, September 7, at noon. It will be held at St. Martha's Episcopal Church, 117 Maplewood Street, Bethany Beach. A luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Wally passed away on June 9, 2024.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Read by Lynne Watson.

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

**MINUTES of the LAST MEETING:** June minutes were distributed by email. Two corrections were made. Motion to approve as corrected was made by Lynn Callo and a second by Mike Lato.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** An ad to be placed in the Grand Lodge Gala program was approved for \$200 by the Executive Council. The ad will have the date of our Festival in March. Sue Ann presented a coin being sold by the Sons of Italy Foundation to raise funds for Alzheimer, Autism, Cooley's Anemia and Veterans charities. The cost is \$30. Check made payable to Sons of Italy Foundation. Sue Ann passed the coin around. She will take your check and orders next month.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mark Silvestri reported on the Festival. The net was \$17,100.48. It fell short of the budget by \$3,000. Given the weather conditions of the day and less ads, it was expected that numbers would be down. Income as of July 31, is \$19,967.53. Expenses are \$31, 755.84. Net loss : \$11, 788.31. There is \$11,000 In Money Market; \$20,000 in 3-month CD; \$10, 110.45 CD 4/17-4/25; \$32, 822 CD 5/24-5/25. When the 3-month CD comes due, \$10,000 will go into operating funds.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: No report.

TRUSTEES' REPORT: An audit was conducted through July. All finances balanced. Moving forward, Trustees will conduct an audit quarterly.

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE: Tom Pomilla and Joe Tamberino reported 83 members in attendance. Two new members and two guests are in attendance this evening.

MISTRESS of CEREMONIES: Lynne Watson thanked the bakers who brought desserts to the meeting. Ro Pomilla, Jo Alexander, Jane Bartolomeo, Deb Reda, Sharon Smith, Bonnie Oliverio, Janet Ackerson, Donna Potenza, and Sue Ann Baietti.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: All members please let me know if your contact information has changed. Also, please know that we pay a company to mail out our newsletter each month to members who do not have email. If you do not have an email, and would like a copy, please see me after the meeting. Members already on the list : Jean Temple, Lorraine Gualtieri, Giovanni DiCarne, Mike Lato and Grace Jenkins.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS**

SCHOLARSHIP: No report

SOCIAL: Mary Ellen Arena reported on the following:

CRAB FEAST: Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at Higgins North. 145 guests. This is an increase of 33 over last year. SAVE THE DATE: Sep. 6, 2025

OCTOBER SOCIAL DINNER: Wednesday, October 16, 2024. Sign-up sheet. MioFratello's in Fenwick. 5:30 social hour and Dinner at 6:00.

CHRISTMAS DINNER: Sunday, December 15, 2024. Reservation returned by November meeting. Checks made payable to: SONS OF ITALY OCEAN CITY.

CHRISTMAS TRIP: Joy to the World at the American Music Theatre. **Sold out**

JANUARY SOCIAL EVENT: Ocean Downs Casino Luncheon. Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:30. NEED 25 GUESTS TO HAVE THE LUNCHEON.

JANUARY MILTON THEATRE SHOW. GOOD STUFF, music of Steely Dan/Sting/Stevie Wonder and Gino Vinelli (9<sup>th</sup>) evening show or ULTIMATE NEIL DIAMOND (25<sup>th</sup>)3:00PM show. Show with most interest will be booked.

FEBRUARY SOCIAL EVENT: James M. Bennett HS Rock & Roll Revival Show. No dates released yet.

MARCH: Saturday, March 22, 2025, ST, JOSEPH'S DAY FESTIVAL

APRIL: Possible Lighthouse Sound Restaurant. Hosted by Janet Ackerson.

MAY: Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> Night at the Shorebirds

JUNE: Open Day trip

Charity: No report.

HELPING HANDS: Jude DeLuco. Great to see Mike Corless, Lorraine Gualtieri and Elaine Ferguson here tonight.

PUBLICITY AND PROGRAMS: No report.

WEBSITE: No report

Fundraising: Vito Potenza reported that the first Festival meeting will be held at St. Andrew's Hall on October 9, 2024, at 10 AM.

MEMBERSHIPS: Joan DeMarco introduced Drew Johnson(Reda's grandson), Joan Morgan and Sero and Lena Lalla.

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

New Business: For the good of the order, Dan Cowell showed the Lodge members his dad's membership certificate which dates to 1917 when he became a member in Trenton, NJ. It was a beautiful, framed certificate.

Andy Maggio is now preparing beautiful gift boxes for children receiving their First Holy Communion. The box was passed around. If anyone can help with preparing these, please let Andy know.

Closing Prayer: Read by Rose Madden

50/50: \$100 to Guy DiMatteo

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made at 7:44 PM by Tom A'Beckett and asecond by Grace Jenkins All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Potenza, Recording Secretary