

September 2024 Newsletter
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome back, I hope everyone had a fabulous summer! We can say good bye to all the tourists! At the September meeting I showed a coin from the Sons of Italy Foundation, all of the proceeds will go to Alzheimer's, Autism, Cooley's Anemia and Veterans. The cost is \$30.00 and, if you are interested, please bring a check made out to the OSI Foundation (come see me after the meeting). For every coin bought, Grand Lodge President Anita Riley is donating a coin holder. Thanks Anita. At the October meeting we are having a special guest, Mike Castino. He is the president of the Harford County Lodge and 1st Vice President of the Grand Lodge. Barbara, our wonderful Vice President, will be selling Grand Lodge Raffle tickets. If you are not familiar with them, they pull names every day. The cost of the ticket is \$25.00 and the profits go to their scholarship fund. Many Lodge members have won, even me. The kickoff meeting for the 2025 festival will be on October 9th at 10:00 AM at St. Andrew's Hall. If you are interested, please come, and, if you are new to the Lodge, you can come and see how the festival works. Please stay safe and enjoy the beautiful weather.

Ciao, Sue Ann Campo-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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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.

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, Sal Castorina, Ray D'Antuono, Palma Devic, Lorraine Gualtieri, Paul Harman, Mike & Ethel Jacobs, John and Anna Rubino and George Ward. If you know any member who is ill, had surgery, or recently lost a loved one, please call Jane Bartolomeo at 302-436-8208. Please send your prayer requests, with the consent of the recipient or their family, to Janet Ackerson.

MEMBERS CELEBRATING SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS—We wish a very Happy Birthday to: 9/7-Daniel Pironto, Mary Louise Embry; 9/8-Janice Nippes; 9/9-Caroll Aiello; 9/11-Nancy Borreggine; 9/14-Neysa Silvestri; 9/16-Giovanni DiCarne; 9/22-Charles Poggioli; 9/24-Lydia Schwartz, Deborah Craven; 9/25-Carrie Schwartz; 9/27-Jean Temple; 9/30-Tony Shiflett; 10/4-Bernie Busby; 10/5-Elana Michenzi; 10/12-Rosemary Brookhart; 10/13-Paul Campitelli; 10/15-Joe Tamberino, Sr; 10/17-Lynne Watson; 10/22-Cathy Russo, Pat D'Annunzio; 10/24-Wanda Martinelli; 10/27-Lucille Kurtz.

CHARITY COMMITTEE:

The committee is currently working on our gifts for the holidays for our "Christmas Families." There will be more information to come at the November meeting.
– Judy Zanetti, Chairperson

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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.

SOCIAL EVENTS:

September – Crab & Shrimp Feast – Was held on Saturday, September 7, 2024 at Higgins Crab House/North. We had a great group this year with 145 guests, which was an increase of 33 guests from last year's 112 guests.

October Social Dinner - Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at Mio Fratello's Restaurant in Fenwick Island, DE, beginning at 5:30 PM Social Hour – 6:00 PM Dinner. Possible entertainment with Bryan Clark, if he is available. Cost and Menu available at October meeting.

Christmas Show Trip – Thursday, December 12, 2024 - “Joy to The World” Show at the American Music Theatre in Lancaster, PA. Dinner following show at Miller's Smorgasbord Restaurant in Lancaster, PA. TRIP IS SOLD OUT.

Christmas Dinner – Sunday, December 15, 2024. Information available at the October meeting with reservation form returned with payment at the November meeting. Checks payable to: SONS OF ITALY OCEAN CITY. There is a signup sheet.

January Social Events:

Ocean Downs Casino Luncheon - Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 12:30 PM. Menu and costs provided at a later date. We will need 25 guests to have the luncheon.

Milton Theatre Shows: (UPDATE: FROM SEPTEMBER MEETING SIGN UP, WE WILL PURSUE THE JANUARY 25, 2025 NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE SHOW). Thursday, January 9, 2025 – GOOD STUFF – Music of Steely Dan/Sting/Stevie Wonder and Gino Vannelli; evening Show; Ticket Cost Approximately \$25-32.00 pp. There will be a signup sheet – **OR** –

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

NEXT MEETING:

**Knights of Columbus Hall
99th St. & Coastal Hwy
Thursday
October 3, 2024**

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

Saturday, January 25, 2025 – ULTIMATE DIAMOND BAND-Neil Diamond Tribute – 3:00 PM Show; Ticket Cost Approx. \$30-35.00 pp. Signup Sheet at meeting.

Minimum of 25 guests for group pricing; show event with most interest will be one planned. Will arrange dinner for this show, if interested.

February Social Event - James M. Bennett HS Rock & Roll Revival Show – No show dates – released yet. Dinner on your own, since I will be away.

March - Saturday, March 22, 2025 – St. Joseph’s Day Festival.

April Social Dinner – Possibly at the Lighthouse Sound Restaurant – hosted by Janet Ackerson. Date: TBD

May Event - SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY NIGHT AT Shorebirds Baseball Game – Wednesday, May 14, 2025.

June Event – OPEN - Day Bus Trip

THAT’S ALL FOLKS! – Mary Ellen Arena, Chairperson

OUR SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY HISTORICAL HERITAGE:

Each month, some of the accomplishments of the Order Sons & Daughters of Italy throughout our organization’s existence will be posted in our newsletter.

“It was the Order that perceived from its founding in 1905 that the immigration laws of this country were unjust and beginning with National President Giovanni DiSilvestro’s fight against the Johnson Bill, the Order has waged an endless battle against immigration laws which were clearly designed to keep from our shores Italians and other Mediterranean people.”

From: *The Order Sons of Italy in America 100th Anniversary Centennial Journal: The Century of Progress 1905-2005*

Janet Ackerson, Corresponding Secretary

