

Sons and Daughters of Italy  
Ocean City Lodge #2474  
General Meeting Minutes October 3, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the President, Sue Ann Baietti, at 7:01 PM.

ROLL CALL of OFFICERS: Donna Potenza called the names of the officers. All were present except for Al D'Annunzio and Mike Quinn 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: Sal Castorina, Lorraine Gualtieri, Ethel and Mike Jacobs, Anna Rubino, Paul Harman. Palma Devic, Norma Jean Curreri, Andy Maggio, George Ward and Dottie Tumminello.

OPENING PRAYER: Read by Jane Bartolomeo.

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. Motion to approve was made by Kathy Impallomeni and seconded by Paul Scalise. All were in favor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Anita Lombardi-Riley of the Grand Lodge is providing a coin holder for all who purchase the OSI Foundation Coin. Sue Ann reminded all that for every 10 tickets sold for the Grand Lodge Raffle our Lodge receives one ticket.

Sue Ann introduced our guest speaker from the Grand Lodge. She welcomed Mike Castino, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President. Mike is also President of Harford County Lodge. Mike reported that there are 11 Lodges in MD and it is the obligation of the Grand Lodge to help local Lodges.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mark Silvestri reported there is \$17,182.00 in the general checking account. A 2025-2026 budget is being worked on.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Membership renewals are out. Dues are \$40 pp.

TRUSTEES' REPORT: No report

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE: Tom Pomilla and Joe Tamberino reported 98 members in attendance. There are three guests in attendance this evening.

MISTRESS of CEREMONIES: Jane Bartolomeo thanked the bakers who brought desserts to the meeting: Barbara Graziosi, Terri Andreano, Felina Breeding, Rosemary Brookhart, Vicky a'Becket and Tonya Amber. Jane asked if she leaves you a message about baking/savory, please return her call so she has enough people.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Janet Ackerson. All members please let Janet know if your contact information has changed. Thank you's were read from Anna and John Rubino, Mary Louise Embrey for Dog's Saving Lives, Sal Castorina, St. Luke's Parish, SPCA, Brandywine. Operations Seas the Day and Delaware Hospice for the Pathways to Memories Project.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES REPORT**

SCHOLARSHIP: No report

SOCIAL: Mary Ellen Arena reported on the following:

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.

JANUARY MILTON THEATRE SHOW. ULTIMATE NEIL DIAMOND BAND (25<sup>th</sup>) 3:00PM show. Payment due Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. \$28

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

December 17, 2025, Lancaster Christmas Show

CHARITY: Dan and Mindy Nardone are collecting money for the hurricane victims which will be given to their community project in Treasure Beach RV Park to distribute. We will have names on the Christmas Balls next month from G.O.L.D. for our Gift Giving.

HELPING HANDS: Jude DeLucco. Let Judy know of any member in need.

PUBLICITY AND PROGRAMS: A copy of the Ad placed in the program for the Columbus Gala was created to congratulate the Grand Lodge and the Columbus Award Recipient, Santo Grasso.

WEBSITE: Christmas Flyer and Renewal Membership Form now online

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 Aaron Morgan, son of members Joan and Roger Morgan as a new member. The guests introduced were Mike Sours and Bondanzia (Bonnie) Summers.

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

NEW BUSINESS: Barbara Graziosi reminded all members to consider nominating one of our members for the Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award. Info on the website. Due Nov. meeting.

For the good of the order, Dan Cowell brought in the largest map of Italy he could find so you can find the town/city/province of your origins.

Jo Alexander briefly spoke about the Widow's Group available for our local churches' members.

Rose Madden provided information on a fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul Society to be held Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 11:30-9 at the Ocean View Brewing Co. on Rt. 24

Closing Prayer: Read by Barbara Graziosi.

50/50: \$115 to Robert Impallomeni

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made at 8:06 PM by Felina Breeding and a second Neysa Silvestri. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Potenza, Recording Secretary