

October 2024 Newsletter
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It was great to see all your smiling faces at the meeting. I wish to thank Mike Castino from the Grand Lodge for attending our meeting; I thought he was a terrific speaker! If you are a new member or old to our Lodge, please make sure you sign up to help with the festival in March. We need everyone's help.

At the November meeting, we will have the Christmas balls out to help our local needy families; please consider picking one up. For those that are new, we donate Christmas presents to local families every year. Also, if anyone is interested in getting a Coin that benefits Autism, Veterans, Alzheimer's and Cooley's Anemia Organizations, please see me after the meeting.

A big thank you to Mindy and Dan Nardone for helping with the Hurricane Relief efforts and we know at least three tractor trailers went down to the affected areas. We also, as a group, joined with the Sons of Italy Foundation and sent a donation from our Lodge.

November is our last meeting of the year so do not forget to renew your membership and sign up for the Christmas Party.

Ciao, Sue Ann Campo-Baietti, President

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Please remember to send in your nominations for our "Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award" by our November meeting. The forms were sent out to everyone and they are also on our website, along with a list of those who have already received the award.

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Proceeds from the Grand Lodge Super Raffle tickets benefit the Grand Lodge Scholarship Fund. There will be 365 winners—one for each day of the year! Daily winners receive \$25. The best part is that winning tickets are put back in for the next drawings. Names of winners are published quarterly in the Il Giornale and our Lodge has had many winners. Ticket price is \$25; please make checks payable to “Grand Lodge of Maryland.”

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

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, especially JoAnn Stewart who has recently passed away, and for the recovery of all those who have been ill, had surgery or were injured, including the following: Norma Jean Curreri, Ray D'Antuono, Palma Devic, Lorraine Gualtieri, Paul Harman, Mike & Ethel Jacobs, Andy Maggio, Frank Orobono, John and Anna Rubino. 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.

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.

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MEMBERS CELEBRATING OCTOBER & NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS—We wish a very Happy Birthday to:

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; 11/4-Felina Breeding; 11/5-Vinnie Mollicone; 11/8-Anita Akob; 11/9-JoAnn Ward; 11/10-Mark Silvestri; 11/11-Tom Pomilla; 11/13-Rita Rinaldi, Tom Pergola; 11/14-Moe Delcher, Rosemary Profili; 11/16-Frank Tribuno; 11/18-Jude DeLucco; 11/19-Karen DiMartino, Phyllis Donahue; 11/20-Deva Tucker; 11/21-Dan Cowell, Barbara Loffler; 11/22-Ed Motsco; 11/27-Nancy Capra; 11/29-Charles Laudicina; 11/30-Josephine Alexander.

CHARITY COMMITTEE:

We will be supporting Worcester G.O.L.D this year. Christmas gift tags with items from each of the children’s wish list will be available at our November meeting. Wrapped and tagged gifts are to be returned at our Christmas dinner party on December 15. The gift tags should be taped securely to the package with the child’s written name facing up. At the dinner, please place them in the color-coded gift areas by family. Please contact Judy Zanetti if you wish to give a gift but will not be at the dinner. All gifts will be loaded that night and distributed on Monday after our party. Thank you in advance.

Judy Zanetti, Chairperson

PUBLIC RELATIONS

There were two press releases this month. Dan and Mindy Nardone dropped off to Treasure Island RV Park on Route 54 donations collected at our October meeting for Hurricane Helene victims. On October 14, WRDE reported on this. A press release was received by the Il Giornale and it will be in their next issue.

A second release was drafted kicking off the St. Joseph’s Day Festival promotion. The 2025 Festival planning meeting was held on October 9. -- Ed Pinto, Chairperson

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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
November 7, 2024**

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



Dan and Mindy Nardone with the Hurricane Helene SDOI Donations.



October 9 Festival 2025 Planning Meeting at St. Andrew's Hall.

SOCIAL EVENTS: 2024-2025

October Social Dinner – This dinner was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at Mio Fratello's Restaurant in Fenwick Island, DE. The service was great, the food was delicious and we had a great turnout. A good time was had by all the attendees!

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

Christmas Dinner – Sunday, December 15, 2024, at the Grand Hotel, 2100 N. Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City. The cost is \$65 per person for members and \$95 per person for non-members. Social hour will be 5:00-5:45 pm with cash bar; dinner service will start at 6:00 pm; following will be our Awards Ceremony and entertainment by a DJ. The flyer is attached and available on our website, which has the details and for you to print out the reservation form on the bottom to be returned with your payment and group seating indicated. Please bring it to our November 7th meeting. Reservation and payment due by **November 8, 2024**. Make checks payable to: **SONS OF ITALY OCEAN CITY**.

Ocean Downs Casino Luncheon - Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 12:30 PM. Menu and costs will be provided at a later date. There is a sign-up sheet.

Milton Theatre Show:

Saturday, January 25, 2025 – Ultimate Diamond Band—Neil Diamond Tribute at 3:00 PM Show; Ticket Cost Approx. \$28 each. (Payment was due by October 10).

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 during that time, I will need help with organizing this event.

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 the Shorebirds Baseball Game – Wednesday, May 14, 2025; more details to follow.

June Event – OPEN - Day Bus Trip

Save The Date: CHRISTMAS SHOW TRIP – American Music Theater, Lancaster, PA; Wednesday, December 17, 2025; Details in January, 2025.

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

ST JOSEPH’S DAY FESTIVAL – March 22, 2025

Our 2025 Festival planning meeting was held on October 9th. Volunteers are needed and all members are welcome to help at our 2025 Festival. New Lodge members are encouraged to call or text Vito Potenza (301-643-2106) or email Vito (vpotenza@aol.com) or talk to Vito or Mary Ellen Arena at the November Lodge meeting for more information on how you can help.

Janet, Sue Ann and Mary Ellen are asking for donations of the following items for the festival raffles and Silent Auction to be brought to the November meeting and also in 2025 before the festival: Wines and liquors; large baskets or containers; wired ribbon (1 ½”+ wide and at least 9 feet long); colored gift tissue paper; clear cellophane basket bags (24” X 30” 2-pack at Dollar Tree or larger online 2.3 Mil thick + 30” X 40”); 30” clear cellophane rolls; new or re-gifting like-new items for the gift baskets: glassware, tea or coffee ceramic sets, jewelry, children’s toys-games-puzzles, Italian basket items and foods, and anything you think would look nice in a gift basket.

Moe Delcher & Vito Potenza, Co-Chairs

EXCERPTS FROM OUR BY-LAWS – DUTIES OF OUR OFFICERS: Each month a description of one of our Executive Council officers will be included in the newsletter.

President: He or She –

(1) calls and presides over all meetings of the local lodge and meetings may not exceed two hours;

(2) sees that the Lodge By-Laws are respected and observed, the Orders of the Supreme Lodge and the Grand Lodge are obeyed and the deliberations of the Executive Council are carried out;

(3) controls the affairs of the Executive Council and supervises the performance of duties of other officers of the Executive Council/Local Lodge;

(4) signs the minutes of the Executive Council Meetings and the General Assembly Meeting and all orders of payment, checks, correspondence and all documents which invest the responsibility of the local lodge;

(5) appoints all committees of the local Lodge;

(6) refrains from making proposals at the meetings and participates in discussions only to clarify the issues presented and votes only in the case of a tie;

(7) after hearing the opinion of the Orator, the President rules upon controversies involving the application of the By-Laws—The member who disagrees with the ruling and the interpretation of the President shall appeal within ten (10) days to the State Lodge;

(8) When disorder arises in the meeting, the President may silence or censure the member or members causing such disorder. If they persist in causing disorder, the President may fine, silence or expel the member or members from the hall or suspend the meeting;

(9) may appoint a Chaplain whose primary duties shall be to conduct all religious exercises of the Local Lodge and to perform other duties assigned to him/her by the President.

OUR SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY HISTORICAL HERITAGE:

The following is one of the many accomplishments of the Order Sons & Daughters of Italy throughout our organization's existence:

“It was the Order under National President Joseph Gorrasi that first engaged the media in battle to cease and desist in stereotyping tens of millions of Americans of Italian descent by the constant and gratuitous use of the word “Mafia” and later “Cosa Nostra.” In 1959 the National Convention in Boston authorized National President Gorrasi to mobilize the members and their families in a national boycott of those companies which sponsored programs depicting Italians as “Mafiosi” or “mobsters.”

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

Janet Ackerson
Corresponding Secretary

