

November 2024 Newsletter
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to start off with a thank you to Nick Cranford, Executive Director of Worcester County G.O.L.D, he did an amazing job in speaking at our November meeting.

As we approach this festive season, we are excited to announce that the preparations for the upcoming St. Joseph's Day Festival are well underway. This fantastic event is a wonderful way for us to come together in celebration and service and we need your help to make it a success. We are seeking volunteers to assist with various activities leading up to and during the festival. Simply by offering a helping hand where it's needed, your support will make the difference and your time and efforts will help ensure a smooth event.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas. May your Thanksgiving be filled with warmth, joy, gratitude and may the Christmas season bring peace, love and hope to you and your loved ones.

Best wishes for the season,
Sue Ann Campo-Baietti, President

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

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.

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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.

CHARITY COMMITTEE:

As stated at our November meeting, we are supporting Worcester County G.O.L.D. (Giving Other Lives Dignity) this year. Christmas gift tags with items from each of the children’s wish list were available at the meeting for our members to take. Wrapped and tagged gifts are to be returned at our December 15 Christmas dinner. The color-coded gift tags should be taped securely on the gift with the child’s written name facing up. In lieu of gifts, also welcomed are gift cards for \$10-\$25 from Amazon, Walmart or Food Lion. Please put the gift card’s store name and amount on the envelope. At the dinner, please place the gifts in the color-coded gift areas and the gift cards in the box provided. 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 into the volunteers’ cars and brought to G.O.L.D. on December 16. Thank you in advance, Judy Zanetti, Chairperson



2024 WBOC Bless Our Children Challenge



2023 Christmas Dinner Gift Card Box



2023-Delivering our Christmas Families' Gifts

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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: 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.

MEMBERS CELEBRATING NOVEMBER/DECEMBER/ JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

We wish a very Happy Birthday to: **NOV:** 11/2-Drew Johnson, Nancy Schriver; 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-Bruce D'Alonso, Deva Tucker; 11/21-Dan Cowell, Barbara Loffler; 11/22-Ed Motsco; 11/27-Nancy Capra; 11/29-Charles Laudicina; 11/30-Josephine Alexander; **DEC:** 12/3-Sue Ann Baietti, Carol Vales; 12/6-Ilene Parisi, Joe Zanetti; 12/10-Ann Poggioli, Joe Tedesco; 12/11-Ed Pinto; 12/12-Moe Grimes, Susann Palamara; 12/13-David Bonafede, Louis DeCarlo; 12/14-Mary Ellen Arena; 12/16-Teri Antonini; 12/18-Frank DeLucco, Louis Guido; 12/20-Michael Roca; 12/22-Michael Luciani; 12/29-John Oliverio; 12/20-Richard Baietti; **JAN:** 1/1-Pam DiOrio; 1/3-Guy Akob; 1/4-Richard Marchesiello; 1/7-Robert Kochen; 1/8-Norma Curreri; 1/13-Janet Roca; 1/14-Donna Potenza; 1/15- Steven Masciarelli; 1/16-Margaret Giacomponello, Ron Russo; 1/19-Al Carmenini, Diane Gibson; 1/20-Joe Giacomponello, Donna Rieman, Anna Rubino; 1/21-Dorothy Tumminello; 1/23-Andy Maggio; 1/25-Bob Ackerson; 1/27-Jim Reda; 1/28-Mike Lato, Diane Turner; 1/30-Nick Bartolomeo, Bob Impallomeni; 1/31-Rosemary Gear.

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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
January 2, 2025**

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

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: 2024-2025

October Social Dinner – Our October 16 dinner at Mio Fratello’s Restaurant was a great evening of delicious food, service and a fantastic time of socialization with members and friends. We had reservations for 65 and 55 attended.

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 but a wait list is available.

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. Reservations and payment were due by **November 15, 2024**. Make checks payable to: **SONS OF ITALY OCEAN CITY**. Photos from our 2023 Christmas Dinner at The Grand:



Ilene Parisi, Pat D’Annunzio,
JoAnn Ward



Mary Ellen Arena, Judy Zanetti,
Janet Ackerson, Sue Ann Baietti



Vinnie
Mollicone



Stiletto & Sax

Milton Theatre Show:

Saturday, January 25, 2025 – Ultimate Diamond Band—Neil Diamond Tribute at 3:00 PM Show; Ticket Cost Approx. \$28 each. Tickets were handed out at the November meeting. Dinner following the show will be at the Iron Hill Brewing Company in Rehoboth Beach, DE.

You will be able to order ‘OFF THE MENU.’ There will be one check per table, which will include gratuity. There is a sign-up sheet for dinner reservations.

Ocean Downs Casino Luncheon - Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 12:30 PM. Cost: \$31.00 pp. There is a sign-up Sheet for reservations. Payment is due by the January 2, 2025, SDOI meeting. Please make checks payable to: Mary Ellen Arena.

February Social Event - James M. Bennett High School in Salisbury, MD, will host their Rock & Roll Revival Show. Matinee dates are Sunday, February 9, 2025 and Sunday, February 16, 2025. You will need to order tickets ONLINE from their website on your own.

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 – 7:05 Game. COST: \$32.00 PP. Includes: Picnic Deck Seating with AUCE Menu. Reservations required. Signup sheet for reservations. Payment due by the April 3, 2025 meeting. Checks payable to: SONS OF ITALY OCEAN CITY.

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 – 3:00 PM Show. A sign-up sheet will be at the January 2, 2025 meeting. Reservations and deposits will be accepted at our January and February meetings for members.

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

FUNDRAISING: ST JOSEPH’S DAY FESTIVAL – March 22, 2025

- Festival planning meeting - January 15, @ 10:00am, St Andrew's Hall. Station Captains are urged to attend along with any other volunteers, especially anyone interested in helping to follow up with advertisers who have not yet renewed. All members are welcome to attend to share ideas.
- Renew or submit a new single line Patron or Memorial listing (\$20) - This member support of the Festival Program Book is a critical part of its success.
- 2025 Festival Documents are posted on the website - the flyer/poster, solicitation letters, Advertising request form (includes single line listings) and other festival related documents are available thanks to Brother Tom Pergola.

- 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 our meetings in 2025 before the festival: Wines and liquors; Golf items (glove, towel, golf balls, etc.); 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 30” X 40” 2.3 Mil thick bags. clear cellophane rolls; new or re-gifting like-new items for the gift baskets: glassware (wine, whiskey, cocktail, martini, ; tea or coffee ceramic sets; jewelry; children’s toys-games-puzzles; Italian kitchen items and foods; and anything you think would look nice in a gift basket. Cheer basket themes: Margarita, Fine Wines, and Martini.

Call us for any festival related questions:

Moe Delcher (410-746-1611) & Vito Potenza (301-643-2106)

St Joseph's Day Festival 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.

Vice President Duties:

1. He/She assists the President
2. He/She takes the President’s place when the President is absent, and he/she performs the duties and exercises the same prerogatives as 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 America V. Cortese that met in New York with the heads of ABC, CBS and NBC as well as the Managing Editor of The New York Times to protest both visual and written materials which were patently unfair to Italians and it was under Cortese that the Attorney General of the United States issued an order to all agencies of government under his jurisdiction to immediately discontinue using the words ‘Mafia’ and ‘Cosa Nostra.’ ”

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

Janet Ackerson
Corresponding Secretary

