

Sons and Daughters of Italy  
Ocean City Lodge #2474  
General Meeting Minutes March 7, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the President, Sue Ann Baietti at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL of OFFICERS: Donna Potenza called the names of the officers. All were present except for Moe Delcher and Lynn Watson who are excused.

PRINCIPLES of the Order: Barbara Graziosi read the Principles of the Order.

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Sue Ann Baietti read the prayer intention list for the sick and the deceased: Virginia Snuggs, Dottie Tumminello, Lorraine Gualtieri, Ray D'Antuono, Paul Scalice, Paul Campitelli's sister Diane Marsalko, Neysa Silvestri's mother Mary Prassina (may she rest in peace), Teri Antonini's mother Bebe Antonini, Bill Steward (may he rest in peace), Ethel and Mike Jacobs, Phil Guarino (may he rest in peace), Rick Buccheri, Don Rogers, John and Anna Rubino, Paul Harman, and Wally Watson.

Prayers have been answered for Jim and Deb Reda's granddaughter Olivia.

OPENING PRAYER: Read by Barbara Graziosi.

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

MINUTES of the LAST MEETING: February's were distributed by email. Motion to approve by Gina Busby and seconded by Jude DeLucco.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Sue Ann Baietti: thank you to the members for volunteering for Denim and Diamond Gala: Adrienne, Ken, Marti, Janet, Bob, Denise, and Rick. Rock and Roll Revival: thank you to Al Carmini for his suggestion to attend this wonderful show. These kids are going to Broadway! We donated \$200 to the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry. On March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:20 AM, Barbara and I will be on ABC Channel 47, March 18<sup>th</sup>; Barbara and I will be on the Bulldog Show: Ocean City Wave 98 at 8:00 AM. Bonnie Oliverio will be on Delmarva Life on March 19, 2024, between 5-6 PM. Moe and Jean Delcher will be returning from Utah on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mark Silvestri reported that income for Jan/Feb was \$5,128.00. Expenses were \$3,786.83. Net profit was \$1,341.17.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Rosemarie Pomilla - \$52,000 long term reserve, \$15,598.07 operating account, \$11,000 money market and \$10,000 CD. 13 new members were added to the roster.

TRUSTEES' REPORT: No report.

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE: Tom Pomilla and Joe Tamberino reported 90 members in attendance and 3 guests: Rosemary Burkehardt and Jim and Ellen Vigilante.

MISTRESS of CEREMONIES: Jane Bartolomeo thanked the bakers who brought food to the meeting.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Janet Ackerson read thank you notes from Rita Tindall's family. Jim and Deb Reda, Ethel Jacobs, Dorothy Tumminello, and the Harman's. Prayer requests are to be sent to Janet at the request of the family.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS

SCHOLARSHIP: No report

SOCIAL: Mary Ellen Arena reported on the following:

Hit the Road Show: Fantastic performance by HS students. 50 members and guests attended. 35 were signed up for the event. Dinner at Fratelli's was delicious.

March 23<sup>rd</sup>: Festival

May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Shorebirds Game 7:05 PM. Picnic area available 1 hour before the game for AUCE and for 1 hour during the game. \$31pp, Sign-up sheets available.

June 29<sup>th</sup>: 3:00 PM show at Milton Theatre for Lights Out: Frankie Valle and the Four seasons Tribute. Our tickets are sold out and will be available for pick up at the April meeting. Dinner at Iron Hill Brewery in Rehoboth. Cash recommended. Tables of 4, 6 or 8 with one check and 22% gratuity.

September 7<sup>th</sup>: Higgins Crab Feast. Cost TBD by April. Payment by August 1, 2024.

New Hampshire Trip is cancelled.

Christmas Dinner: December 15, 2024, Grand Hotel - More details to follow.

Christmas Show: Sold out

See the newsletter for full details.

CHARITY: No report

HELPING HANDS: Judy DeLucco reported that Ron and Cathy Russo made a visit with food to the Corless's and Jude made a visit to the Jacob's with food.

PUBLICITY AND PROGRAMS: Ed Pinto - No report

WEBSITE: Tom Pergola- No report.

#### FUNDRAISING

GIFT BASKETS: Janet Ackerson announced that gift basket team will report on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10. She still needs volunteers for ticket sales 12:30-2:30 and to write down winners at the end of day.

Nonna's Bakery will receive baked goods on Fri. 10-1.

Big Wheel: 1 more needed

Parking needs help.

Kitchen 3/21 9:30

Vito thanked Joe and Judy Zanetti for stuffing bulletins at St. Luke's for festival information. Small team needed to pick up items from the hall. Warming oven pick up on Saturday at 8:30. Fr. Martin will say the opening prayer at 10:45. Back up parking at Taylor Bank and Fenwick Inn.

Vito also thanked everyone for memorial ads.

MEMBERSHIP: Joan DeMarco called on guests to introduce themselves.

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

Barbara Graziosi still has tickets for *the Grand Lodge Super raffle*.

NEW BUSINESS: Write to the sponsors of the bill to stop them from taking away Columbus Day. Info received via email.

Community Announcement: Remember to check smoke detectors and dryer vents. Be sure to have house numbers visible on your homes.

Closing Prayer: Read by Barbara Graziosi

50/50: \$89 won by Jude DeLucco

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Tom A'Beckett with second by Janet Ackerson.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Potenza, Recording Secretary