

Nick and Jane Bartolomeo
Thomas A. Pergola
2022 Distinguished Citizens of the Year

Our first honorees are a couple, Nick and Jane Bartolomeo, who have tirelessly volunteered their time and talents with local health care, fraternal, charitable, and service organizations. They are long-time members of the Sons and Daughters of Italy Ocean City and have worked at all our St. Joseph Festivals, and have served on the Executive Council, holding various offices.

They serve together as poll workers for elections. They volunteer at fundraising events sponsored by the Ocean City Knights of Columbus Council 9053. Earlier this year, they were both recognized for over 21 years of volunteer service with the Atlantic General Hospital Auxiliary.

In 2017, he was honored with the Friend of Nursing Award and was cited as being one of the hardest working individuals consistently representing the values of Atlantic General Hospital. He has participated in and raised thousands of dollars for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. He volunteers at the Powellville Methodist Church monthly chicken dinners.

She serves on the board of AARPs South Coastal Delaware chapter and is an active member of that organization. She is active in her homeowner's association and currently serves on their board of directors as recording secretary and as a member of their clubhouse committee.

Our second honoree, Thomas A. Pergola, is another long time member of our lodge who has played an integral role in our success.

He co-chaired our St. Joseph's Festival for several years in addition to his Program/Publicity Chair position. He handled all design and printing work associated with the festival program, flyers, signage, and handouts. He handled all accounting for festival program ads placed by businesses and members. He has assisted the Social Chair for the past ten years by designing flyers for trips, dinners and other events and posting them on our website in a timely manner. He is mainly responsible for collaborating and designing the very successful SDOI website and for keeping it current.

He is an active member and Program Chair for the Knights of Columbus Council 9053 in Ocean City. He was honored with the Council 9053 Knight of the Year Award in 2022. He is an active member of St. Ann's Church in Ocean View, DE. He symbolizes a commitment to community involvement, compassion, and service to others.



Pictured Left to Right: JoAnn Ward (SDOI Vice President) Thomas Pergola, Jane Bartolomeo, Nick Bartolomeo and Vincent 'Vinnie' Mollicone (SDOI President)

Congratulations to Jane, Nick and Tom
The Lodge is proud of your accomplishments.