

Sons and Daughters of Italy

Ocean City Lodge #2474

General Meeting Minutes November 7, 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 Rosemarie Pomilla, Tom Pomilla and Rich Baietti 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. Lorraine Gualtieri, Ethel Jacobs, Norma Jean Curreri, Pat Marchesiello, Mike and Ro Coreless (both out of rehab), Ethan Jenkins, Emily Eppler and for the family of Joann Stewart.

OPENING PRAYER: Read by Lynne Watson.

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 amended minutes was made by Jude Delucco and seconded by Ron Russo. All were in favor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Special guest speaker tonight is Nick Cranford, Executive Director , from Worcester County G.O.L.D. Coins are still available.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mark Silvestri reported there is \$24, 440 in the general checking account. Funds include Christmas dinner, Lancaster Trip, and bus trip incidentals. \$11, 991.75 in money market. A 2025-2026 budget received a majority vote.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Membership renewals are out. Dues are \$40 pp. Deadline is Dec. 15th. 119 paid , 8 new, 93 due.

TRUSTEES' REPORT: Audit reported received. There are no discrepancies.

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. Jean Delcher, Marti Quinn, Denise Buccheri, Drew Johnson, Deb Reda, Rosemary Brookhart, Nancy Capra, and Mary DeCarlo. 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. Update was read from Norma Jean Curreri. Hopes to rejoin us in the new year.

STANDING COMMITTEES REPORT

SCHOLARSHIP: No report

SOCIAL: Mary Ellen Arena reported on the following:

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 29th at 12:30. \$31 pp made payable to Mary Ellen Arena. Due: January meeting.

JANUARY MILTON THEATRE SHOW. ULTIMATE NEIL DIAMOND BAND (25th) 3:00PM
Tickets purchased available after the meeting. Dinner at Iron Hill Brewery Rehoboth, DE. Sign up.

FEBRUARY SOCIAL EVENT: James M. Bennett HS Rock & Roll Revival Show. 2PM: Feb. 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 16. Mary Ellen will not be able to coordinate this. On your own!

MARCH: Saturday, March 22, 2025, ST. JOSEPH'S DAY FESTIVAL

APRIL: Possible Lighthouse Sound Restaurant. Hosted by Janet Ackerson.

MAY: Wednesday, May 14th Night at the Shorebirds

JUNE: Open Day trip

December 17, 2025, Lancaster Christmas Show

CHARITY: Judy Zanetti reported that the Christmas balls are on the table. There are 5 families representing 20 children. Walmart and Food Lion gift cards are welcomed.

Judy introduced Nick Cranford to us. Nick explained that G.O.L.D. works with 14 other agencies for referrals. Most requests are immediate basic needs. Help is given for housing, utility payments, jobs, transportation, and emergency food. 100 families received \$333,000 in aid. They have a vault room where families may secure basic items. At risk children are helped with scholarships for camp experiences. School supplies are distributed to meet student needs. 295 turkeys and complete Thanksgiving meals were distributed. We are one organization helping 500 children and 50 adults receive Christmas gifts.

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

PUBLICITY AND PROGRAMS: Big thank you to Ed Pinto who was able to get an article on our Lodge in the Italian American Magazine.

WEBSITE: No report.

FUNDRAISING: Vito Potenza reported that the next Festival meeting will be held at St. Andrew's Hall January 15, 2025 at 10 AM. Moe Delcher has fliers for members to distribute. Janet Ackerson and Sue Ann Baietti went over needs for silent auction and basket raffles. Janet has needed letters for solicitation. Mike Lato praised the ladies and stated it is not too early to start asking for donations since many places close for a couple of months in the winter.

MEMBERSHIPS: Joan DeMarco introduced new members Diane Gibson and Toni Coffland.

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

NEW BUSINESS: Guest Speaker

Closing Prayer: Read by Barbara Graziosi.

50/50: \$103 to Ken Nittoly.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made at 8:12 PM by Felina Breeding and a second made by Grace Jenkins. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Potenza, Recording Secretary