

May 2025 Newsletter
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Great Job on the Spring Fest Beer Truck!

I just wanted to congratulate everyone who participated on a very successful Spring Fest beer truck — job well done! Everything was incredibly well-organized, the setup looked fantastic, and it clearly made a great impression. Your hard work and attention to detail really paid off.

Looking forward to more events like this in the future!

Great Night at the Shorebirds Game!

One of the highlights of our recent Social Events was attending the Delmarva Shorebirds game — and what a great night it was! We were lucky enough to catch a doubleheader and even got upgraded to the Hard Ball Cafe seats, which made the experience extra special. The weather couldn't have been more perfect, and the buffet was absolutely delicious. A big thank you, to Mary Ellen. Your efforts truly made it a memorable event! Looking forward to the next one!

We're Hosting a Special Dinner for the Italian Students!

Join us for a fun and memorable evening as we welcome the Italian students visiting and working in Ocean City! The dinner will take place on Thursday, June 26 at 5:30 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Seating is limited, so if you'd like to attend, please sign up with Mary Ellen. We look forward to seeing you there!

Ciao,
Sue Ann Campo-Baietti, President

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IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:

If you wish to purchase our logo shirts, hats and tote bags, please contact Vinnie Mollicone

MEMBERSHIP:

We welcomed two guests at our May meeting.

Joan DeMarco
Chairperson

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 and for the recovery of all those who have been ill, had surgery or were injured, including the following: Mary DeCarlo, Palma Devic, Elaine Ferguson, Lorraine Gualtieri, Judy Mays, Anita Akob, Rose Profili. Ed Smith, Rich Baietti, Anna Rubino and Dottie Tumminello. If you know of any member who is ill, had surgery, or recently lost a loved one, please call Jane Bartolomeo at 302-436-8208 so she can send a card from our Lodge. Please send your prayer requests, with the consent of the recipient or their family, to Janet.Ackerson@gmail.com.

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 MAY & JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

We wish a very Happy Birthday to – May: 5/8-Richard Nippes; 5/15-Jean Delcher; 5/17-Patricia Burello; 5/18-Paul Mazzei; 5/19-Rosemarie Pomilla; 5/21-Diane Liberto. **June:** 6/3-Stephanie Donahue; 6/6-Earlene Bradford; 6/8-Mindy Nardone; 6/11-Toni Coffland; 6/12-Robert Miles; 6/15-Ke Nittoly; 6/21-Frank Orobono, Tony Parisi; 6/23-Ray D’Antuono, Sandra McGrath; 6/25-Lillian Miller, George Ward, Rita Barger; 6/30-Elaine Ferguson.

SOCIAL EVENTS: 2025

May Event – Sons & Daughters of Italy Night at Shorebirds Game - Wednesday, May 14, 2025 – The food was delicious and everyone had a great time. (See President’s Message)

June Event – Italian Students’ Welcome Dinner: June 26, 2025, at 5:30 pm in Columbus Hall. There will be a sign-up sheet for reservations and seating will be limited.

June Event – Evening at Windmill Winery in Berlin, MD – Friday, June 27, 2025, 5:00-8:00 pm; An evening of socialization. Wine/ beverages and food available from food trucks and there will be live Music. There is a sign-up sheet for reservations. We will be sitting as a group and you should bring your own chair.

Crab Feast – Saturday, September 6, 2025 – Higgins Crab House/North from 1:00-4:00 PM. Cost: \$55 per person for members and \$60 per person for guests. AUCE Menu: Steamed Crabs, Steamed Shrimp, Fried Chicken, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Corn on the Cob, Hush Puppies, Dessert, Domestic Draft Beer, Wine, Soda/Ice Tea/Coffee. Reservations are required and there is a sign-up sheet. Payment is due at the June 5th meeting. Checks payable to Sons of Italy Ocean City.

October Event – Social Event at Touch of Italy Restaurant, 66th Street & Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD; Date TBD; The dinner is hosted by Vito & Donna Potenza. More details to follow.

Christmas Dinner - Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at Cripple Creek Country Club in Ocean View, DE. More details to follow.

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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
September 4, 2025**

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

Christmas Show Trip - Wednesday, December 17, 2025 to the American Music Theatre in Lancaster, PA.; 3:00 PM show “DECK THE HALLS”—Dinner to follow – Restaurant TBD. COST: \$165.00 PP. This trip is sold out, but we are accepting names for a waitlist.

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

FUNDRAISING REPORT:

Beer Truck: At the May meeting, Barbara Graziosi reported the costs this year were the increased insurance, T.I.P.S. training for the volunteers and the beer kegs. Our net was \$9,621. Tips collected for our scholarships were \$1,668. We thank all those who worked the beer truck during the four days of Springfest on April 24-27, 2025.



Our Beer Truck Booth & Volunteers



Friday Night Crew



Serenaded by “Elvis”!

The Executive Council has agreed to establish 25% of the net profit from the Festival as the annual amount of St. Luke’s share for the use of St. Andrew’s Hall facilities. This year the total amount will be \$7,200, minus a previously paid \$500 deposit for the 2026 Festival.

CHARITY COMMITTEE REPORT:

At the May meeting, the Executive Council had decided that we will post a brief description of a few of our charities. The list of charities we support are posted on our website and you are free to Google them for more information.

“**The Autism Research Foundation** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that responds to the changing needs of the autism community through neurobiology research, education, family life resources, and social inclusion programs. Dr. Margaret L. Bauman created The Autism Research Foundation in 1990 to ensure progressive autism research would never stall due to a lack of funding. We support multidisciplinary collaborations throughout the autism field everyday thanks to the financial and volunteer contributions of our strong supporters.”

Justin’s Beach House 501(c)(3): “The mission of The Justin W. Jennings Foundation is to support and maintain a home in the Bethany Beach area where families with cancer can have a place of respite and enjoy some fun family time. It will be a place of joy and peace at the beach. The vision of the Justin W. Jennings Foundations is to provide the funding to operate Justin’s Beach House. The goal is for Justin’s Beach House to become self-sustaining.

In January 2005, The Justin W. Jennings Foundation partnered with Contractors for a Cause, a group of local builders, to realize the dream of building Justin’s Beach House. In previous years this group sponsored worthwhile charities and, after hearing Justin’s story, decided to provide assistance to The Justin W. Jennings Foundation.

We thank Contractors for a Cause for all that they have done. We also want to thank the Town of Bethany Beach and the many volunteers that helped make Justin’s dream come true.”

“Fostering Wishes Foundation is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) that grants birthday and holiday “wishes” to kids in foster care. Wishes range from bikes, helmets and accessories to educational games to athletic equipment to musical instruments, art supplies, books or board games. According to the Delaware Office of the Child Advocate, children experiencing foster care are rarely able to participate in sports and activities with their peers. One significant reason is that foster parents aren’t required to purchase gifts for the kids in their care. Each child is afforded \$150 annually by the State for “extras,” but “extras” for one kid might be girl scout fees or school book day while another might be new socks, underwear and sneakers if the foster family can’t afford them.”

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.

Corresponding Secretary:

1. He/she reads correspondence at all Executive Council Meetings and General Assembly Meetings.
2. He/she sends notices of all local Lodge activities to members and the general public as appropriate.
3. He/she responds to letters as directed by the President, Officers and the Committee Chairpersons.
4. He/she must have all correspondences signed by the President.
5. He/she ensures that a monthly newsletter is published and distributed to the membership.

Under Article 9-Miscellaneous – Section 8: Serious Illness or Hospital Stays and Deaths:

The Corresponding Secretary shall send acknowledgements to members and their immediate family in the event of a serious illness, hospital stay or death.

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 that raised through its members and friends – not governmental handouts – hundreds of thousands of dollars for the ravages of the floods in Florence and the earthquakes in Sicily and Friuli.”

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

Janet Ackerson, Corresponding Secretary

