

Sons and Daughters of Italy

Ocean City Lodge #2474

General Meeting Minutes May 1, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the President, Sue Ann Baietti, at 6:59 PM.

ROLL CALL of OFFICERS: Donna Potenza called the names of the officers. Officers absent are Janet Ackerson and Vinnie Mollicone.

PRINCIPLES OF THE ORDER: Barbara Graziosi read the Principles of the Order.

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Barbara Graziosi asked for prayers for Elaine

Ferguson, Lorraine Gualtieri, Anna Rubino, Paul Harman, Palma Devic, Mary DeCarlo, Felina Breeding, Dottie Tumminello, Judy Mays, Anita Akob, Rose Profili. Ed Smith, Rich Baietti and the family of Jo Alexander. The Mass for Jo will be June 2, 2025, at 11 AM at St. John Neumann Church.

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: March minutes were distributed by email. Motion to approve minutes was made by Paul Scalise and a second by Mike Blair. All were in favor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Beer truck was outstanding! Fun! Thank you to Armando and Barbara Graziosi and Ed Smith for organizing this event. Thank you to all who helped at the event.

TREASURER REPORT: Festival gross income: \$48,188. Gross income is \$28,757.79. TBD: St. Luke's donation. The scholarships and the Italian dinner are fully funded as they were last year. TBD: charity distribution. CD'S: \$33, 921.58, \$10,565.85 and \$10, 398.85

TRUSTEES' REPORT: No report

REPORT ATTENDANCE: Tom Pomilla and Joe Tamberino reported 75 members and 2 guests.

MISTRESS of CEREMONIES: Lynne Watson thanked the bakers who brought desserts to the meeting. Deb Reda, Karolyn Pergola, Ilene Parisi, Rita Rinaldi, Marty Quinn, Susann Palamara and Bonnie Oliverio.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Janet Ackerson. No report. Rose Madden will send out prayer/condolences' requests in Janet's absence.

STANDING COMMITTEES REPORT

SCHOLARSHIP: \$3,000 each has been awarded to 2 recipients from Stephen Decatur HS and 1 from Delmar HS. You will meet the recipients at the June meeting.

SOCIAL: Mary Ellen Arena on the following:

MAY: Wednesday, May 14th Night at the Shorebirds. Tickets will be given out at this meeting. Doors open at 5:30 Buffet at 6PM.

JUNE: Italian Students dinner. June 26th. Check-in at 5:30 PM. Sign-up sheet available. Limited seating.

JUNE: Evening at Windmill Winery, Berlin, MD. 5-8PM. Food truck available in addition to wine and music. Date Friday, June 27th. Signup sheet available. Bring a chair,

SEPTEMBER CRAB&SHRIMP FEAST: September 6, 2025, Higgins Crab House North 1-4 PM. \$55pp.

OCTOBER: Social Dinner Touch of Italy planned by Vito and Donna Potenza. Details to follow.

DECEMBER Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at Cripple Creek Country Club.

DECEMBER Lancaster Christmas Show. December 17, 2025. Sold out

CHARITY: Judy Zanetti. Send charity requests to Judy.

HELPING HANDS: No report

PUBLICITY AND PROGRAMS: Ed Pinto - No report

WEBSITE: Tom Pergola submitted his report to Sue Ann.

FUNDRAISING: Vito Potenza noted that 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 use St. Andrew's facilities. This year the total amount will be \$7,200, minus a previously paid \$500 deposit for the 2026 Festival. The \$6,700 will be presented to the St. Luke Parish.

MEMBERSHIP: Joan DeMarco and Rosemary Gear welcomed guests Bob and Anna Akins.

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

Beer Truck: Barbara Graziosi reported the costs this year were the insurance which increased, T.I.P.S. training and the kegs. Our net was \$9,621. Tips for scholarships were \$1, 668. Barbara thanked all who worked the four days of Springfest.

Closing Prayer: Read by Barbara Graziosi.

50/50: \$79 to Eileen Salafia who donated the money back to the Lodge.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Judy DeLucco and a second by Mark Silvestri at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Potenza, Recording Secretary