

Sons and Daughters of Italy

Ocean City Lodge #2474

General Meeting Minutes June 5, 2025

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. Officers absent are Jane Bartolomeo, Rosemarie Pomilla and Mike Quinn.

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, Dottie Tumminello, and the family of Jo Alexander.

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: May minutes were distributed by email. Motion to approve minutes was made by Andy Maggio and a second by Jude Delucco. All were in favor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Have a safe and wonderful summer.

TREASURER REPORT: All bills are paid. Beer truck profit adjusted to \$8,006. Budget work has begun. Budget items to Mark and Sue Ann in September.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: No report

TRUSTEES' REPORT: No report

REPORT ATTENDANCE: Tom Pomilla and Joe Tamberino reported 96 members. Name tag cost will now be \$14.50.

MISTRESS of CEREMONIES: Lynne Watson thanked the bakers.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Janet Ackerson. Thank you note received from scholarship awardee Ava Snelsire.

STANDING COMMITTEES REPORT

SCHOLARSHIP: Presentation of awardees.

SOCIAL: Sue Ann reported for Mary Ellen on the following:

MAY: Wednesday, May 14th Night at the Shorebirds. The upgrade to the Hard Ball Café was popular and requested for next year.

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.

AUGUST: Beach Boys Tribute on August 27th at 2 PM. \$40.

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. Ellen Vigilante suggested the Salisbury Pregnancy Center. She will forward information to Judy. Judy presented a check in the amount of \$200 to Mary Louise Embrey for the service dog charity.

HELPING HANDS: No report

PUBLICITY AND PROGRAMS: Ed Pinto See page 33 of the Italian American magazine. Publicity sent on scholarship awardees.

WEBSITE: Tom Pergola submitted his report to Sue Ann. Tom will add scholarship awardee information to the website.

FUNDRAISING: no report

MEMBERSHIP: Sharon Smith covered membership this evening and welcomed C.J. Dibiso.

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

Janet Ackerson reported on the tote bags for the J-1 Italian Students. 11 members did shopping. \$430 spent out of \$500 budget. On June 12th, bags will be put together at Janet's at 1 PM.

Beer Truck: Barbara announced there was an additional cost of \$1,075 by OC.

Cookbooks for sale for \$10. See Barbara.

NEW BUSINESS: Mary Louise Embrey announced the fundraising event for the service dogs charity. Details will be sent to Janet.

Closing Prayer: Read by Barbara Graziosi.

50/50: \$109 to Ken Nataly who wants cookbooks instead of the money.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Vicky a'Becket and a second by Mark Grace Jenkins.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Potenza, Recording Secretary