

Sons and Daughters of Italy

Ocean City Lodge #2474

General Meeting Minutes September 4, 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 who were absent and excused are Moe Delcher and Mike Quinn.

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Barbara Graziosi asked for prayers for Lorraine Gualtieri, Anna Rubino, Paul Harman and Palma Devic.

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 minutes was made by Mike Blair and a second by Jude Delucco. All were in favor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Sue Ann reported going to her first state convention. Our group was happy with the results. The Italian J-1 students were great kids and appreciated her four sentences in Italian. On the 7AM Cape May ferry, Sue helped a woman on the ferry by lending her a pair of readers. After the woman's inquiry as to what SDOI does, the woman gave Sue Ann \$1,000 to put towards charity. It will be used for Bless Our Children.

Elections in November: Financial Secretary and 2 trustees positions are open.

TREASURER REPORT: Mark Silvestri. The Executive Council approved proposed budget. Our CDs are \$38,348; \$10,650; and \$10,502. Money market account is \$11,285.19

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Rosemarie Pomilla reported that we have 221 members. Dues: \$40 renewal, \$45 reinstated, and \$60 new.

TRUSTEES' REPORT: Al D'Annunzio reported that the audit was completed and all the books are reconciled. There are no discrepancies. Next review is Nov. 3rd.

REPORT ATTENDANCE: Tom Pomilla and Joe Tamberino reported 94 members are present. Name tag cost will now be \$14.50.

MISTRESS of CEREMONIES: Lynne Watson thanked the Executive Council for this evening's treats.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Janet Ackerson. Thank you notes received from Service Dogs Saving Lives, Relay for Life and Norma Jean Curreri.

STANDING COMMITTEES REPORT

SCHOLARSHIP: No report

SOCIAL: Mary Ellen Arena reported on the following:

AUGUST: Beach Boys Tribute on August 27th and dinner at Irish Eyes was a great success.

SEPTEMBER CRAB&SHRIMP FEAST: September 6, 2025, Higgins Crab House North 1-4 PM. We have 137 members and guests. Check-in 12:30.

OCTOBER: Social Dinner on October 15, 2025, at Touch of Italy Ocean City, 5:30 planned by Vito and Donna Potenza. Sign-up sheet available tonight.

DECEMBER Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at Cripple Creek Country Club. 5 PM

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

JANUARY 18th: Milton Theater Jimmy Buffet tribute.

Mary Ellen announced that starting in January, Neysa Silvestri will be the new chair. Congratulations! She wished Neysa great success. Anyone who would like to help Neysa, see her after the meeting.

CHARITY: Judy Zanetti reported the committee met and will give a full report in October.

HELPING HANDS: No report. Jude Delucco explained to the new members the purpose of Helping Hands.

PUBLICITY AND PROGRAMS:Ed Pinto No report

WEBSITE: Tom Pergola No report

FUNDRAISING: Vito Potenza reported that the first Festival organization meeting will be held in October. Festival, March 21, 2026.

MEMBERSHIP: Joan Demarco welcomed Vita Tirella and Cathy Sarkas.

OLD BUSINESS: Vinnie Mollicone taking orders for Lodge shirts.

Barbara Graziosi has cookbooks.

NEW BUSINESS: Barbara Graziosi announced we will have the 2026 Sunfest beer truck.

Andy Maggio thanked the Neumann groups who donated to the initiative. To date, 600,000 rosary kits have been distributed.

Closing Prayer: Read by Barbara Graziosi.

50/50: \$92Mike Blair

PRESENTATION: Dr. Dan Cowell played beautiful music from 78 records.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Al D'Annunzio and a second by Rich Baietti at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Potenza, Recording Secretary