

Sons and Daughters of Italy  
Ocean City Lodge #2474  
General Meeting Minutes November 6, 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. All officers were in attendance.

**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, Tom Pergola, Mike Coreless, Nancy Borreggine, Maria Fortuna, 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:** October 2, 2025, minutes were distributed by email. Motion to approve minutes was made by Jude Delucco and a second by Gina Busby. All were in favor.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Sue Ann Baietti thanked the following outgoing officers: Rosemarie Pomilla, Tom Pomilla, Mike Quinn and Ed Smith.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Mark Silvestri. The Lodge is in good financial shape. All bills are paid. There is \$23,170.72 in the checking account. The Executive Council approved moving a \$11,303 money market account earning 1% to a 3-month CD earning 3%.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT:** Rosemarie Pomilla reported there are 5 new members. December 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for renewal.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT:** Next audit is November 14, 2025.

**REPORT ATTENDANCE:** Tom Pomilla and Joe Tamberino reported 93 members and 2 guests are present.

**MISTRESS of CEREMONIES:** Lynne Watson thanked the following for the treats this evening: Mary DeCarlo, Nancy Capra, Adrienne Celeste, Lynn Callo, Pam DiOrio,

Jude Delucco, Pat D'Annunzio, Gina Busby, Mary Louise Embrey, Vince Cappello and Marty Quinn.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Janet Ackerson. Thank you notes received from Norma Jean Curreri, donation recipients, and Andy Maggio

### **STANDING COMMITTEES REPORT**

SCHOLARSHIP: Information will go out in mid-January.

SOCIAL: Mary Ellen Arena reported on the following:

OCTOBER: Touch of Italy social dinner hosted by Vito and Donna Potenza. Vito reported it was a great success with over 70 members in attendance.

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

DECEMBER Lancaster Christmas Show. December 17, 2025. Sold out. Email will be sent in December with trip departure information.

Mary Ellen reported this is her last report. She thanked all members past and present who supported the Lodge's events throughout her 20 years as chair. "You made it a fun time on our trips and it has been my pleasure to serve in this position and forging friendships with so many members."

Neysa Silvestri :

JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup>: Milton Theater Jimmy Buffet tribute. 7:30 PM. Dinner prior to the show at Irish Times. \$30 pp. Checks made out to Sons of Italy Ocean City. Payment by 12/31.

FEBRUARY 11, 2026: Buffet Luncheon at 12 PM Ocean Downs Casino. \$35 per person

CHARITY: Janet Akerson reported on the gift tags for G.O.L.D, Instructions are in the newsletter. There are 64 tags.

HELPING HANDS: No report.

PUBLICITY AND PROGRAMS: Ed Pinto – Ed would like to do interviews with members who are veterans. Please be sure to respond to Festival emails. All previous advertisers will get a mailing.

WEBSITE: Tom Pergola. Be sure to respond to email from the administrator for Password code.

FUNDRAISING: Vito Potenza reported that help is needed in soliciting advertisers, memorial ads, and volunteers (especially those who can help with heavy lifting). A January planning meeting will be set.

Moe: Flyers area available for you to take. 2025 programs are also available.

MEMBERSHIP: Joan Demarco and Rosemary Gear were thanked for their years of service as membership chairs. Barbara Alexander and Barbara Loffler will be the new chairs. Joan DeMarco introduced guests Andy and Lori DiGiammo.

OLD BUSINESS: Vinnie Mollicone taking orders for Lodge shirts.

NEW BUSINESS: Barbara Graziosi reminded everyone of the Citizen of the Year Award to be presented at our Christmas Dinner. State Lodge Super Raffle tickets are available. This may be the State's last raffle year.

Elections: Slate of Officers 2026-28: President, Sue Ann Baietti; Vice-President Barbara Graziosi; Treasurer, Mark Silvestri; Financial Secretary, Paul Scalice; Recording Secretary, Donna Potenza; Corresponding Secretary, Janet Ackerson; Orator, Rose Madden; Sgt. At Arms, Joe Tamberino and Bob Ackerson; Mistress of Ceremonies, Jane Bartolomeo and Lynne Watson; Trustees: Al D'Annuzio, Rich Baietti; Rich Buccheri, Moe Delcher, and Vito Potenza and Immediate Past President, Vinnie Mollicone. Rosemarie Pomilla read the names of the 2026 slate of Lodge officers individually, asked three times for more nominations, there were no more nominations and asked for vote. Each candidate received one vote and slate was approved.

Closing Prayer: Read by Barbara Graziosi.

50/50: \$107 won by Mary Louise Embrey.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Mike Lato and a second by Mike Roca at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Potenza, Recording Secretary