

Sons and Daughters of Italy

Ocean City Lodge #2474

General Meeting Minutes March 31, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the President, Sue Ann Baietti, at 7:01 PM.

ROLL CALL of OFFICERS: Donna Potenza called the names of the officers. All were present.

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Barbara Graziosi read the prayer requests. Prayers are asked for Tom Pergola, Elaine Ferguson, Sharon and Ed Smith, Ken Hildenfiler, Jane Bartolomeo, and Joe DeMartino whose Mom passed away at the age of 104.

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 5, 2026 minutes were distributed by email. Motion to approve minutes was made by Mike Blair and a second by Barbara Graziosi. All were in favor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Thank you to all who made the Festival a great success. Rich and Sue Ann will be away from April 14th to May 12th. Contact Barbara or Vinnie for any needs.

TREASURER REPORT: Mark Silvestri. The Lodge is in good financial shape. Festival income is \$48,025. Expenses to date, \$27,237.50. Net to date: \$20,470. Budget: \$17,000.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: No report

TRUSTEES' REPORT: Audit was completed. All is in order.

REPORT ATTENDANCE: Joe Tamberino reported 71 members and 2 new members were in attendance.

MISTRESS of CEREMONIES: Lynne thanks: Jean Temple, Denise Buccheri, Deb Reda, Jane Bartolomeo, Vita Tirella. Terry Wright, Andy and Lori DiGiammo. Joann Topolski, JoAnn Ward, and Gina Barvinchack.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Janet Ackerson. Let Janet know if you are not receiving the newsletter.

STANDING COMMITTEES REPORT

SCHOLARSHIP: No report

SOCIAL: Neysa Silvestri reported on the following:

APRIL 16: Sophia's Italian Restaurant. Order off the menu/separate checks. 6-8 PM.

MAY 27, 2026: Shorebirds Baseball and Buffet in the Hard Ball Café. \$40 pp due by 3/31.

JUNE 18, 2026, Ferry to Cape May \$30pp. Payment due 5/7. Lunch on your own.

JUNE 25, 2026, Italian Students' Dinner

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026: Crab Feast NOTE DATE CHANGE Doors open at 12:00 1-4 PM

October 4, 2026, Social Dinner arranged by Mary Louise Embrey at The Pines in Rehoboth Beach. 5:30 PM Dining is upstairs (no elevator) in the Treehouse Lounge. Separate checks.

November Social Dinner TBD

DECEMBER 13, 2026: Christmas Dinner at Cripple Creek

DECEMBER 17, 2026: Christmas Show in Lancaster American Music Theatre. Stop at Kitchen Kettle Village and dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord. \$165 pp Deposit \$65pp due 2/28/26. Balance: June 4, 2026.

CHARITY: No report

HELPING HANDS: No report.

PUBLICITY AND PROGRAMS:Ed Pinto:If you have festival pictures, send by email, actual size. Chip Bertino had good coverage in his Courier newspaper of the Festival. Pictures in Il Giornale.

WEBSITE: Tom Pergola. No report.

FUNDRAISING: Vito Potenza.Vito again thanked everyone for the time given the day of the Festival as well as the days preceding and following the event. There will be a wrap up meeting for all captains and anyone who would like to attend.

Team captains thanked their volunteers.

MEMBERSHIP: Noreen Scalice introduced new members.

OLD BUSINESS:Beer truck is assigned to us for Sunfest October 23-26, 2027. You must be certified to serve the beer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Janet has the sign-up sheets for help with purchasing items and stuffing the bags for the Italian Students. Please see Janet.

Rose Madden will be doing her walk for MS on April 18th. She thanked the Lodge and all who made donations to the walk.

John Rubino is planning a Celebration of Life Mass for Anna on April 16th at St. Luke's at 11 AM. It will be followed by a reception in Columbus Hall.

Bonnie Oliverio has festival products for sale tonight.

For the Good of the Order: The Polish Club is holding its annual spring dinner dance on April 19th. \$45pp. St. Andrew's Hall.

Closing Prayer: Read by Barbara Graziosi

50/50: \$78 won by Al McKenzie.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion by Mark Silvestri and a second by Mike Blair.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Potenza, Recording Secretary