

DELTONA SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY LODGE #2441

STANDING RULES

Adopted November 11, 2025

1. The President and his/her guest shall receive tickets to each social function at the Lodge at no charge.
2. On the night of any Lodge election, no political campaigning shall be permitted on the Lodge premises (building, parking lot, grounds, etc.).
3. All outgoing officers and members of the Council may attend the "installation of officers" dinner free of charge as a token of the membership's appreciation for services rendered by the outgoing officers and members of the Council.
4. Membership dues are \$60.00 per year and must be paid in full by December 31st to be a member in good standing with the right to vote. A member in default loses all rights and privileges (i.e. serving on the Council and any committees, volunteering and participating in any activities). Members will be dropped from the rolls if the dues are not paid on or before March 31st. Prorated dues will not be accepted from a member in default. A member may be reinstated at any time with the payment of \$60.00 for dues paid in full for the balance of the year ending December 31st.
5. In January of every year, a lifetime membership will be awarded to the oldest member of Lodge #2441. Past presidents shall receive a lifetime membership.
6. General meetings shall be held once a month at a time and place designated by the President.
7. A \$10.00 application fee must accompany the application for any new (regular or social) member, and upon acceptance, dues must be paid at the current annual rate. As a new member, the annual dues will be prorated.

8. The President shall choose a chairperson of each committee. Prior to any chairperson assuming the position, the president shall give the chairperson a job description and responsibilities, and then the chairperson shall choose his/her committee. Prior to any action of the committee, the President must be informed of such action. The President has the right to remove a chairperson from their position with good reason. Notice of removal shall be in writing to the chairperson being removed.
9. The Lodge must carry liability insurance to include all lodge functions and shall be in the amount of at least \$1,000,000.00.
10. The President of the Lodge selects a scholarship chairperson who, together with the Council, shall serve as the scholarship committee. The primary duties of the Scholarship Committee are to outline a complete scholarship program. All graduating high school students of Italian descent attending Deltona High School, Pine Ridge High School, Deland High School, Trinity Christian High School, and University High School may apply for a scholarship. In addition, the scholarship chairperson may consider applications from home-schooled students, who meet the State of Florida and Deltona Sons and Daughters Lodge criteria. Before notifying the scholarship recipients, announcing, or awarding the Lodge's annual scholarship, the Lodge's Scholarship Committee chairperson must first submit the finalized scholarship award choice(s) at a Council meeting and only after approval by the Council, may the scholarship recipients be notified and announcement of same be made at the next general meeting of the general membership.
11. To affect the transfer of any lodge funds in excess of \$1000.00 from any open account of the Lodge, except for items in the approved budget, permission must be obtained from the general membership. The President shall be allowed up to \$1000.00 a month for any emergency expenses incurred in the conduct of the Lodge operation.
12. The President is ex-officio (honorary chair) of all committees and functions and is to be advised in advance of any changes that affect the financial status of the function. No funds are to be disbursed in advance for a function without the written approval of the President. In the event of a possible cancellation of a function, no refunds are to be disbursed without the written approval of the President.

13. All monies disbursed (except for necessary expenses) by the Lodge must first receive the approval of the General Membership.
14. A function chairperson and/or co-chairperson is responsible for the accounting and reporting of all income and expenses within ten (10) working days after the function, at which time the chairperson must submit a detailed written report to either the Lodge Financial Secretary or the Lodge Treasurer, along with all unsold tickets, cash receipts, monies not previously turned in to the officer, and all pertinent function-related materials. Pertinent function related materials are to include all contracts. A complete file is encouraged to assist a potential chairperson in running a similar function.
15. The President shall appoint a Budget Committee Chairperson in September of each year, and by the November meeting, the Budget Committee must present to the Council the first draft of the following year's proposed budget. In December, the finalized budget will then be presented to the Council and to the general membership for approval.
16. All members of the Lodge shall be notified by phone and/or email by a member of the Bereavement Committee as to the date, time, and place of viewing of a deceased member. The deceased member's name is to be added to the Lodge's honor roll plaque. The Sunshine Committee Chairperson shall mail either a mass card or sympathy card to the immediate family of the deceased member. The immediate family of the deceased member may request use of the Lodge facilities (if available) immediately after the funeral at no charge to the family. The Lodge will assume the cost of the Celebration of Life up to \$400.00 only if the Celebration of Life is held at the Lodge facilities. Members in good standing may request a Celebration of Life for a deceased immediate family member using our lodge facility. The members are responsible for the expense of the food. The term "immediate family member" shall only include the deceased member's spouse, mother, father, son, daughter, sister, brother, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandparent, and grandchild.
17. The State delegates to the Grand Lodge of Florida Convention are the representatives of the Deltona Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge #2441 within its jurisdiction. Delegates hold office from the time they are elected for the Biennial Convention of the Grand Lodge to the day preceding the

next regular Biennial Convention of the Grand Lodge of Florida. In addition, thereto, the lodge President or in his/her absence his designated assignee, shall serve as Chairperson. While attending a biennial convention, the delegates will have their entire State Convention Packages (hotel, lodging, and convention related special event meals) paid by the Deltona Sons and Daughters Lodge #2441 (if the members so deem the Lodge is financially able to bear the cost) but shall not be entitled to travel allowances.

18. The Lodge will reimburse the cost of lodging, meals (not to exceed \$68.00 per day), and mileage expense (.70 cents per mile) to the Lodge President or his/her representative for Grand Lodge Trimester meeting, providing that expense reimbursement is not received from any other source. The Lodge reimbursement package for the Grand Lodge Trimester meetings will cover:
 - (a) One hotel room for two overnight stays.
 - (b) Round trip mileage allowance for the driver of the vehicle only and does not include sightseeing or travel, which is not relevant to the quarterly meeting.
 - (c) The Saturday night dinner for the attending officer and his/her companion. Reimbursement for all other meals while attending a quarterly meeting shall not exceed \$68.00 per day. A receipt must accompany the reimbursement request.
19. Ceremony in Memory of Deceased Member or Former Member.
 - (a) Permission from the deceased member's family for the Lodge ceremony must be obtained by the President, or in the absence of the President, by the Vice President or by the Lodge's Sunshine Chairperson.
 - (b) The Lodge's banner and flags are to be placed near the casket. The Master or Mistress of Ceremonies shall bring the banner, flags and regalia's to the ceremony.
 - (c) The President or appointed member will read the eulogy aloud and then recite an appropriate prayer.
20. The Sunshine Chairperson, appointed by the President, is to notify members of the Hospitalized and ill lodge members and to send each a get-well card.

21. All regular members of the Deltona Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge #2441 who are eligible and plan to run for positions on the Lodge Council, must be residents of the State of Florida.
22. Guests may attend general meetings, bocce, and card playing three times and then they will be required to either join the Lodge or not return.
23. Immediately following the election of officers, an informal installation of officers shall take place. A formal installation of officers shall take place at the time to be decided by the new council.
23. Social members may vote on all matters including the election of officers.
24. The lodge will make donations to the Alzheimer's, Cooley's Anemia, and Autism to the Grand Lodge of Florida Foundation to be presented at each trimester meeting. The amount of the donation shall be determined on the vote of the membership as to the funds available.
25. In the event of any repairs to the building, such repairs must be approved by the council and membership before such repairs are made. In the event of an emergency, the approval may be granted by the President only. No payment shall be issued without said approval. Major repairs are to be made by qualified licensed and insured contractors.