

October 19, 2025 SDOI Meeting

President Nicole Smith calls the meeting to order: 1:29

Vice President John Hujar reads the principals of the order.

John Mancinelli fills in as Chaplain in the absence of Dennis Paonessa.

Carol Wilson, Membership Chairperson: Marcia Snyder, Nicole Smith is sponsoring Marcia today. Landon is a potential new member, Wants to reconnect to his past and join the SOs of Italy. Mistress and Masters of Ceremony Dewey and Marcia Wineland escort new members Marcia and Landon down the hallway while the group meets. Cheryl Koshar motion to accept and John Deptuch second motion.

Cheryl Koshar and Carol Wilson second to have minutes not read.

Jo Dusi reports there are 104 members, currently 106 members with the addition of Marcia and Landon.

Debi Rauckhorst gives the treasurer report. \$281.77 for a new banner. Dues \$2314 account. \$1600 Scholarship Memorial Donations. \$9630 checking account. Cheryl Koshar makes a motion and Jo Dusi seconds the Treasurer report.

Pasta Dinner: Nicole Smith reports just over 200 people attended the dinner. \$3,544.25 incoming, \$2,189.18 expenses, profit \$1,355.07. Thank you for all your support. Bake goods brought in \$177 of the profit amount.

Gun Bash Beer Sales: Sales were \$1,439, expenses \$602.62 and \$836 profit, with tips, \$1,054.38 profit

Deb Deptuch reports on the Memorial luncheon, deadline to submit form by November 1st, luncheon is November 16th.

Jo Dusi talks about Project Rise. Large boxes are needed as toys are bagged up. Need someone willing to stay and get the gifts up to the Church. We need medium size gift bags for Project Rise. Toys should be a minimum of \$10 in value. Toy wrapping Friday November 21st at 6PM.

Christmas Dinner, Michelle Hujar mentions will be December 6th at St. George.

Labor Outreach Ministry, Queen of Heaven is a charity nominated by Nicole Smith. They need an electric can opener for starters. LOL They feed over 200 people weekly.

Rolling Thunder, nominated by Ed Rauckhorst. Helping disabled and homeless veterans.

K8 Events, by Jo Dusi, Kate had a rare form of cancer and loved music, the money raised by this group purchases musical instruments and lessons for school age children.

Lisa Aglioti, Summit County Continuum of Care helps those who are vulnerable. Their goal is to bring an end to homelessness.

Pat Puhak nominates One of a Kind Pets. They will accept blankets.

\$4500 total, taking the top three charities and awarding \$1500 each. Cheryl Koshar makes a motion and John Deptuch seconds.

Voting takes place.

Initiation Luncheon/Dinner needs a chair for the event next year. There were no volunteers, we will come back to this later.

Signups for hosting a monthly meeting next year are at the front table.

Grand Lodge Meeting October 18th, they asked for scholarship donations or for us to host an event specifically to donate to the Lodge. National Foundation Cooleys, Alzheimer, Autism, etc. Grand Lodge asks for our support. Cheryl Koshar already does a fundraiser that goes to all 4 charities. In addition, we donate money to the scholarship. 2027 convention will be in Columbus again. We may be getting asked to host the April meeting for the Lodge, maybe 24 will show up.

Vera DiCianno attended the National Convention in August, huge thanks to Pat Puhak, Michelle and John Hujar, Cheryl Koshar, Don and Donna Ferrante and Joe Rinella, being mentors and guides, and so much more. The original brother and sisters she met when she started her Sons and Daughters of Italy journey. She asks us to tap our talent and bring it to the Grand Lodge. Please get involved at the State Level.

5th charity, Garibaldi Museum in Stanton Island. Owned by the SOI foundation since 1919. Donations are tax deductible. Artifacts, and the showcase of the first copper wire device are there. Donate \$50 to make an Ohio basket. Cheryl Koshar and Dewey Wineland make a motion to donate money toward the basket.

Council meeting report: Italian Heritage Celebration November 1st at Todaros. Doors open at 5:15, 6 young ladies to be presented that evening and 2 young gentlemen being presented. Carovillese has 3 tables, Barinello lodge has a table, St. Monica has a table. It would be great if we as a group could have a table at the event, Nicole Smith suggests. Cheryl Koshar putting video together of old photos of the cotillion.

Football Squares, Ohio State/Michigan Game. Cheryl Koshar chair. \$500 proceeds to go toward the charities for the Grand Lodge to be presented in 2027.

Tips from 2024 and 2025 be designated toward Project Rise. \$458 in Rolling Thunder Tips, Deb Deptuch seconds motion. Give Jo Dusi a check for \$350 to purchase toys, Lisa Aglioti seconds the motion by Cheryl Koshar. This way we have money left over for next year.

The winners for the charities: Rolling Thunder, Labre Outreach Ministry, Summit County Continuum of Care will be presented with a \$1500 check.

Closing prayer by John Mancinelli.

This meeting is adjourned 2:38