**General Dinner Business Meeting – March 27th – Meeting Minutes**

* Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance
* Presentation & Approval of 10/19/24 Meeting minutes
* Presentation & Approval of Treasurer’s Report
* **Membership Report**
	+ 4 New Member applications received, voted, and approved: Maria Camargo, Caroline Garcia, Daniel Magrino and Dina Magrino
* **Scholarship Report**: 0 applications received; 1 application pending. Deadline to submit all the required documentation is April 30th.
* **Website Vacancy**: The suggestion was made to look for a younger member who is knowledgeable in this matter to maintain and update the site as needed. Compensation can be negotiated.
* **2025 Upcoming events: Mark your calendars**
	+ - **Sunday, April 27th**:  Kelsey Theater - 2:00 pm - $22.00 per person – to see the production of ANYTHING GOES. 15 tickets reserved; **only 3 tickets remain**. Email pbruno02@gmail.com
		- **Wednesday, July 23rd**: – General Business Meeting/Dinner – 6:00 pm – Villa Maria Restaurant Hamilton – email will follow with details and rsvp date.
		- **Friday, August 8th**: Somerset Patriots Baseball Game (the Double AA NY Yankees Affiliate team) 7:00 pm TD Bank Ballpark, 1 Patriots Park, Bridgewater, NJ. $15.00 per person. 20 seats reserved. Fireworks and **Italian Heritage Night** – enjoy a night celebrating Italian culture, food and music.

Carpooling is provided if needed: email pbruno02@gmail for reservations and information.

* + - **Saturday, August 16th**: Our Lady of Pierno Mass/Dinner – 4:00 pm Mass St. Joachim’s Church, followed by dinner at Padrino’s Restaurant in Hamilton. Email will follow with details and rsvps
		- **Saturday, November 8th**: General Business Meeting/Luncheon – 12 noon – Villa Maria Restaurant Hamilton – email will follow with details and rsvp date.
		- **Sunday, December 7th**: 123rd Anniversary/Christmas Luncheon – 1:00 pm Mercer Oaks, West Windsor, NJ - flyer for reservations will be mailed to all members later in the year.

 Member Gary Zarrilli suggested an afternoon trip to tour Grounds for Sculpture and lunch at RATS

 (located on the property of GFS), possibly in late June or mid-July. Minimum 15 tickets needed to

 reserve. Once more information is obtained and the tickets are purchased, we will send out an email

 with the date, amount and further details. Prices are between $18 & $25 and lunch would be paid on

 your own. Please be on the lookout in your email and on the Facebook page for further information.

* + **Society Logo Items**

 Lapel Pins: available for purchase if you wish to replace the one you received at an earlier time,

 $5.00 each, please email pbruno02@gmail.com with your purchase request.

 Collared shirts/hats: We are looking into purchasing these items that would have the society’s logo

 Imprinted on them. There is a minimum order so please let us know if you are interested in any of

 these items. We can place a bulk order if we have enough interest.

* + **Correspondence**: A thank you received from the AOH for our ad in their St. Patrick’s Day Parade Program Journal.
	+ **Remarks**: Gilda Rorro noted that the Italian Festival will be held this year on October 4th and 5th under the auspices of the MCIAFA at Mercer County Park. She also gave an update on the Columbus statue project; the statue has been fully restored, and the committee is still researching a suitable place for its relocation. President Tom Frascella noted he would be providing a new article (which has since been emailed to the membership).
* Adjournment/Dinner