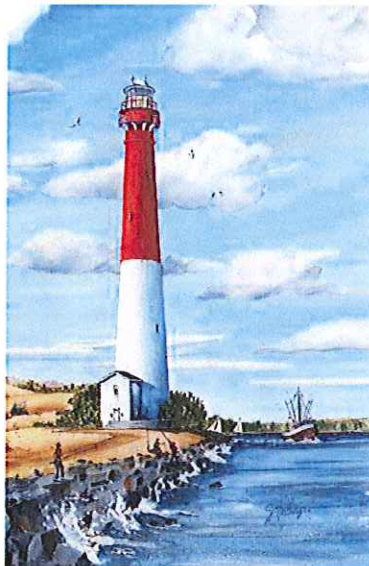


Testimonial Weekend

for the

*Honorable
Thomas J. Calabrese*



October 30th – November 1st 2025

Claridge Hotel

Atlantic City, NJ



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is with great honor and heartfelt enthusiasm that we invite you to join us for a momentous occasion — the Testimonial Weekend celebrating The Honorable Thomas J. Calabrese, Sovereign Grand Master. This special tribute will be held from Thursday, October 30th through Saturday, November 1st, 2025, at The Claridge Hotel located at 123 S Indiana Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 08401.

We have secured a special group rate at The Claridge Hotel for your convenience: Thursday, October 30: \$54. Friday, October 31: \$122. Saturday, November 1: \$182. *All rates are subject to applicable taxes.* To reserve your room, please visit: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/114524?groupID=4566090>. Alternatively, you can book through www.Claridge.com using the attendee code: SOV2024. We encourage you to make your reservations promptly to ensure availability at these special rates.

If traveling by air, Spirit and American Airlines service Atlantic City airport (ACY). If traveling by car, there is parking at the hotel. Which we are still negotiating the price for hotel guests.

Weekend Program Schedule

Thursday, October 30, 2025

We will commence the festivities with an informal gathering atop the Claridge at the VUE Rooftop Lounge, offering a splendid View of the Jersey Shore, Sub/Hoagie sandwiches and drinks. Join us for an evening of fellowship from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Casual attire is recommended for this relaxed event. The admission fee is \$20 per person, and open seating will be available.

Friday, October 31, 2025

Experience the rich history of New Jersey with an engaging bus tour featuring the iconic USS New Jersey Battleship and other significant Jersey sites. Departure is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., returning at approximately 5:00 p.m. Lunch on the Battleship is included. The cost for this full-day excursion is \$50 per participant. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy meaningful sights with your Brothers and Sisters.

Saturday, November 1, 2025

The highlight of the weekend will be the Testimonial Banquet honoring The Honorable Thomas J. Calabrese. The evening begins with a Social Hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by Dinner and Entertainment at 6:30 p.m. Formal attire is requested to mark this distinguished occasion. Tickets are \$60 per person.

In conjunction with the weekend's events, we are preparing a commemorative Ad Book. We invite you, your lodge, or any affiliated organizations to place congratulatory messages or advertisements. Please refer to the attached forms for detailed information on rates, submission guidelines, and deadlines. Your support via the Ad Book is greatly appreciated and adds a lasting tribute to our Sovereign Grand Master.

Please review the enclosed forms for complete details on event registration and Ad Book submissions. Kindly submit your reservations and payments by the deadline indicated on the forms to ensure your place at this special gathering. Should you require further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact committee chairman Raul Rodriguez at raulioof@aol.com or 646 209-7328 Adis Roman 201-925-2584



Souvenir Program Booklet
The Honorable Thomas J. Calabrese
Sovereign Grand Master

October 30 – November 1

Souvenir Program Booklet Advertisement Order Form

All printing is in Black & White

Full Page 5 ½ Wide X 8 ½ Tall Price: \$60	Half Page 5 ½ Wide X 4 ¼ Tall Price: \$40	Quarter Page (Vertical) 2 ¾ Wide X 4 ¼ Tall Price \$25
	Quarter Page (Horizontal) 5 ½ Wide X 2 ½ Tall	

Booster, one line, individual or couples: Price \$5

One form per Advertisement

Name: _____ Amount Included: _____

Type of Ad: ☐ Full Page ☐ Half Page ☐ Quarter Vert. ☐ Quarter Horz. ☐ Booster

If Booster, line of text: _____

Make checks payable to: **GRAND LODGE of NJ IOOF**

Send form & checks to Ben Burger, 265 Evergreen Dr Willingboro, NJ 08046

Please send copy to Raul Rodriguez to: raulioof@aol.com



Bus tour of Jersey

10/31/25 9:00am -5:00pm

Stop #1

Pick a Battle Tour Choice:

- ☐ **Fire Power Tour:** Our knowledgeable tour guides will take your group through the Battleship's awesome 16" Gun Turrets and other weapons systems, the Admiral's and Captain's Cabins, Combat Engagement Center, Navigational Bridge, Wardroom, Forward Berthing, and much more! On your tour, you will learn about the critical role the Battleship New Jersey played in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Middle East, as well as understand why she was the most feared ship ever to stalk the seas.
- ☐ **Main Deck Tour:** This tour is **ADA- accessible!** Guests can use the pier elevators to get up and down to the Battleship's main deck, which features the 16-Inch Guns, Officer's Wardroom, Helicopter, and more. It does not provide access deeper into the ship.

Pick a lunch choice:

: please note that all Adult lunches include pasta salad, chips, dessert and a bottle of water

Ham and Cheese w/Honey Mustard on Rye	
Roast Beef w/Horseradish on Kaiser Roll	
Turkey w/ Mustard Mayo on Multigrain Bread	
Chicken Salad on Croissant	
Tuna Salad on Croissant	
Grilled Vegetables with Hummus Wrap	

Stop #2



Discover the Tradition... Whether you come to dine at the Historic Smithville Inn, shop at one of the more than 40 unique shoppes and boutiques or simply stroll along the cobblestone paths and enjoy the beautiful manicured grounds, there is something for everyone at Historic Smithville & the Village Greene! We look forward to seeing you soon!



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The Honorable Thomas J. Calabrese
Sovereign Grand Master
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Registration = One Form Per Person – Deadline October 7th, 2025 not responsible after Deadline

Name _____ Phone _____ Title/Rank _____

Email _____ Jurisdiction _____

Travel Information _____ Flight information _____

Attending: (Please select)

☐ **Thursday- October 30 – View of Jersey Shore – Casual Attire** \$20

5:30 pm to 8:00 pm – Open seating at the VUE roof top of the Claridge

☐ **Friday – October 31 – USS New Jersey Battleship & Jersey sites Bus Tour** \$50

9:30 am to 5:00 (Fill out and return the attached Bus Tour form)

Saturday – November 1 – Testimonial Banquet – Formal Attire \$60

5:30 pm Social Hour, 6:30 pm Dinner & Entertainment

Please Select Entrée Choice

☐ Chicken Piccata

☐ Honey Mango Glazed Salmon

☐ Chianti Braised Short Ribs

☐ Special Need or A Meal _____

Total _____

Make Check out to: Grand Lodge of NJ IOOF

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