



Wilmington Sons of Italy
Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge

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February 2021 Newsletter

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Sons of Italy Events

02/13/21 - Wilmington Sons of Italy Virtual Valentine Bingo

03/27+28/2021 - Wilmington Sons of Italy Diaper Drive (flyer attached)

03/31/21 - Grand Lodge C&E Trust 100 Hungry Lions Raffle

04/2021 - Wilmington Sons of Italy Blood Drive

06/2021 - Grand Lodge Calendar Raffle

DUES ARE OVERDUE - Dues letters have gone out. If you did not receive one, please contact Lynne Martell. Lynne_martell@comcast.net 978-729-6044. Our dues remain at \$44.00 per year and were due on January 1, 2021.

Lodge Officer Elections for 2021-2022

Nominations for our lodge officers for a two-year term are taking place now. If you would like to run for an office or if you would like to nominate someone to run for an office, please contact **Charlie DeStefano** deltasuv@gmail.com or 978-404-6777.

We will have a **Virtual February Lodge Meeting on February 25, 2021**, where we will also take nominations from the floor. Elections (if needed) will be by mail-in ballot and will take place in March/early April.

Donation request should be made using the form on the web site so that we have all the necessary information. Just click on donation request forms on the first page at <http://www.wilmingtonsoi.org>

The Grand Lodge monthly meeting minutes are available to view and download from the "News" tab on the Grand Lodge Website (www.osiama.org)

Update on Correspondence:

We received Thank you notes from:

- Charlie, Aidan and Brayden for the drive by Christmas Event.
- Julia Kane for our donation to the HER drive at Wilmington High School.

Diaper Drive - The Wilmington Sons of Italy is sponsoring a diaper drive to help support Paula Stalker and **Gifts of Love** by providing diapers and wipes to local mothers in need. We will be collecting diapers and wipes for the **whole month of March**. On **March 27th and 28th**, we will have a **Drive-By Diaper Drop Off** at the 4th of July Building Parking lot from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. There will be a visit from the Easter Bunny from 11:00 am to 12:00 am and Italian Goodies. Social distancing guidelines will be followed, and masks are required. Contact Janet (617) 958-2460 or e-mail jknje@comcast.net A flyer is attached.



Blood Drive - The Blood Drive schedule for December 26th had to be cancelled due to a generator problem with the Bloodmobile. They are hoping for a new Bloodmobile in March and we will then have another **Blood Drive in April**. Info will be forthcoming.



100 Hungry Lions Raffle - The Grand Lodge C&E Trust of which Kevin is the Chairman and John is a Trustee, is holding a 100 Hungry Lions Raffle to raise money for Scholarships. **ONLY 100 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!** A sample ticket is attached. The prize structure is as follows: First prize \$2000, Second prize \$1000, Third prize \$500, Fourth prize \$250 and Fifth - Tenth is \$200 each. The total prize money is \$4,950 and if all tickets are sold, we will raise \$5000.00 for the Trust. The drawing will be held on **March 31st, 2021**. Please let John know if you are interested in purchasing a ticket or if a group of you want to pitch in together to get one like we have done previously with the Pot of Gold drawing. **Contact John** jromano45@gmail.com (617) 750-9749.



The **Grand Lodge** of Massachusetts is pleased to announce our annual **Calendar Raffle**, which will be held during **June 2021**. This fundraiser helps to support the Grand Lodge and provides your lodge with an excellent incentive to raise funds, as \$3.00 of every ticket sold by your lodge will be reimbursed to you via a per capita credit.

June 2021

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
22			1	2	3	4	5
23	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
24	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
25	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
26	27	28	29	30			

Here is how it works:

- A \$20.00 ticket purchase gives you 34 chances to win a share of \$6,400.00.
 - There will be a drawing every day in June 2021 with prizes ranging from \$125.00 - \$600.00 (see daily prize amounts below).
 - Four "early-bird" drawings of \$125.00 will take place from all tickets received at the Grand Lodge office on or before May 15, 2021.
 - All winning tickets are placed back in the drum for the next drawing.
 - A list of daily winners will be posted on the Grand Lodge website (www.osiama.org)
- Prizes \$600 on first and last day. \$125 daily. \$250 on Saturdays. \$300 on Sundays.

John has tickets. Contact John jromano45@gmail.com (617) 750-9749

Scholarships

Wilmington Sons of Italy Scholarships - Our lodge scholarships are available to children entering college in the fall of 2021. **Parents** of these children must have been members of our lodge for 4 years. Our Graduate scholarships are available to any member who has been a member for **6 years** and entering Graduate school in the fall of 2021. **For applications and more information please contact Karen Scalzi** (978-423-0960) or e-mail kcscalzi@gmail.com. Applications for this award must be received/postmarked no later than **April 1st, 2021**.



Grand Lodge - The Scholarship Commission of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts through the Charitable and Educational Trust will award a minimum of twenty (20) scholarships, at a maximum of \$1,000.00 each to properly qualified students who anticipate entering college in the fall of 2021.

Scholarship Awards are limited to members of the Senior Class of any secondary school planning to attend an accredited four-year degree granting institution (except for the vocational/technical award to be granted, which may be a two-year degree or certificate granting institution) in the fall of 2021.

Scholarships will be awarded to both affiliates and non-affiliates:

- Affiliate Applicants are members, in good standing, of the Junior Division or Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for a minimum of two years, or the child or grandchild of a member, in good standing, of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for at least two years at the time the application is filed.
- Non-Affiliate Applicants are those that do not meet the above Affiliate criteria.
- Applications will be processed into these categories by the Scholarship Commission based on the information provided on the application and verification against the Grand Lodge membership records.
- One principal award shall be granted to a properly qualified student planning to pursue their education in a recognized and accredited vocational or technical school, which may be a two-year degree or certificate granting institution.

The 2021 Application can be downloaded from our **website** (www.osiama.org). Or you may contact **Karen Scalzi** for a copy (978-423-0960) or e-mail kcscalzi@gmail.com.

NOTE THAT PREVIOUS VERSIONS OF THE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

Deadline is APRIL 15, 2021.

2021 National Leadership Grant Competition - The Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF) is now accepting applications for the 2021 National Leadership Grant Competition. Each year, the SIF offers 10 to 12 merit-based scholarships (National Leadership Grants), ranging from \$4,000 to \$25,000, in a nationwide competition. The competition is open to U.S. citizens of Italian descent (at least one Italian or Italian-American grandparent) enrolled in a four-year undergraduate or graduate program at an accredited academic institution for the Fall 2021 term. Previous SIF scholarship winners are not eligible. (Please note: Additional eligibility requirements may apply to specific **scholarships**.)

The National Leadership Grant scholarship information and application are posted on the National website at: <https://osia.org/programs/scholarships/>.

It is important to note that the submission requirements vary for each scholarship and applicants should pay close attention to these details. All scholarship materials and completed applications must be submitted online by **February 28, 2021**.

A Letter from Our President

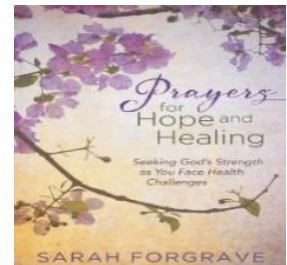
Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I wanted to wish you all a Happy Valentine's Day, I hope you can celebrate in some way even though it probably has to be at home! I hope to see a lot of you on our Virtual Valentines Bingo on Saturday night! I wanted to remind everyone that DUES are still being collected. There are not that many who have not yet sent in their dues for 2021 - please do so ASAP, it is greatly appreciated!!! I also wanted to call your attention to the Diaper Drive we are doing for Gifts of Love. This is ongoing, but we have a great Drive-By event planned for the Weekend of Palm Sunday, March 27th and 28th. Janet and her committee are working very hard to make this fun for all who come by and drop off some diapers or wipes. I encourage you to support them, I know I will. If you are unable to get out to buy diapers or wipes and still want to contribute, you can send a donation in the mail via check made out to Wilmington Sons of Italy or give me a call at (617) 750-9749 and myself or someone from the committee can come by and pick it up from you! Your continued generosity is appreciated! Lastly, I remind you of the upcoming election. We will have a Lodge Zoom Meeting on February 25th at 7pm. We will provide the slate of officers for your consideration and also take nominations from the floor, if there are any. I hope to see you all on that Zoom Call!

I look forward to seeing you all soon - HANG IN THERE! Remember if you need help feel free to reach out to me by phone (617) 750-9749 or email: jromano45@gmail.com, if me or my council can help out. We will do our best!

Sincerely,

John
(617) 750-9749 jromano45@gmail.com



Sunshine - Report sunshine information to Joan Foresteire (978-658-6284)

We send our best wishes to our members with February Birthdays and Anniversaries!



We send our Prayers and Get Well wishes to Joe Maiella.



We send our prayers and condolences to Michelle Lima and her family on the death of her father, Kirke R. Calley Sr.

We send our prayers and condolences to Joe and Lynne Martell and their family on the death of Joe's uncle, George (Buster) Martell.



With
Deepest
Sympathy...



Congratulations to Lucille and Doug Clark on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Mikah Lawrence White.

****** Note from the Recording Secretary** - Please remember to send e-mail or address changes to Lynne_martell@comcast.net or call me (978-694-1632) with any address changes if you do not have e-mail.