



Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy
Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge

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August 2023 Newsletter

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August 24, 2023 Monthly Dinner and meeting will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St - Wilmington, MA. Dinner will include Calzones & Salad from AJ's Kitchen for **\$5** - Dinner will begin at **6:30 pm**. The Meeting will follow at 7:15 pm. Please bring some yummy desserts!

Please RSVP to Lynne_martell@comcast.net or 978-694-1632 or 978-729-6044 by August 21, 2023. **WE NEED HELP SETTING UP THE TABLES AT 5:30 PM.**

Please sign the **attendance book** when you come to a meeting. There is no cost to sign the book and your name will be entered into the gift card raffle - free of charge. The 50/50 raffle is \$1 and is optional.

Sons & Daughters of Italy Events

7/5/23 - 8/30/23 - Wilmington Lodge **Bocce** on Wednesday evenings

9/9/23 - Wilmington Lodge **Yard Sale** (flyer and form attached)

9/24/23 - Grand Lodge **Bocce Tournament**

10/8/23 - **Italian Heritage Day Event** on the Paul Revere Mall - North End

10/13/23 - Wilmington Lodge **Italian Heritage Golf** Tournament

10/15/23 - Wilmington Lodge **Dominators Car Show**

10/28/23 - **An Evening with Luciano Sandro Russo** - Wilmington Lodge & Winchester Ladies Lodge

11/3/23 - Wilmington Lodge **Calendar Party** (save the date)

11/5/23 - Wilmington Lodge **Memorial Mass** 10am at St. Dorothy Church

11/12/23 - Wilmington Lodge - **Elvis: A Musical Revolution** at North Shore Music Theatre

11/18/23 - Wilmington Lodge **Turkey Bingo** at the Senior Center (save the date)

Lodge Meetings -4th **Thursday** of every month at the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St. - Wilmington, MA. **Socializing and Dinner begin at 6:30pm. Even if you are planning to eat dinner, come early and socialize with your brothers and sisters of the lodge!**

8/24/23 9/28/23 10/26/23 11/16/23 (3rd Thurs.)

Council Meeting -2nd **Thursday** (new day) of every month 7PM at the 4th of July Building. 9/14/23 10/12/23 11/9/23 12/14/23

Donation requests 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>

Suggestion Box – There will be a suggestion box at the meetings for ideas on events or activities that you would like to see happen.

Committees

Our lodge has five Committees. Each of these has an appointed Chairperson or two but all of them need committee members. Please consider volunteering to be on one of these important committees. It is a great way to get more involved in the lodge. Sign up in the book.

Italian Heritage Committee - coordinates activities during October which is Italian Heritage Month. We run activities with the Library throughout the month. Co-chairs are Michele Siracusa and Lennie Malvone.

Scholarship Committee - reviews the scholarship by-laws and chooses recipients based on their eligibility. The chairperson is Karen Scalzi.

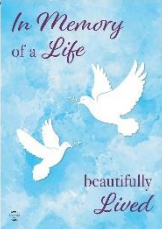
By-Law Committee - reviews the by-laws and suggests any necessary changes. Janet Engrem is the chairperson.

Membership/Welcoming Committee - sets up a table at our lodge activities and provides folders with information such as brochures, Calendar of Events, newsletters.

Media/Public Relations Committee - send information on Events and Happenings in the lodge, to local newspapers, on-line news sources. Co-chairs are Michele Siracusa and Lennie Malvone.

Hospitality Committee - will plan and provide meals at the lodge meetings and also help with the set-up and cleanup of the meal as well. 3-6 people needed.

Wilmington Summer Bocce -It will run for **eight weeks** throughout the summer culminating in an **End of the Year Tournament** in September, to crown a League Champion. The games are played on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 or 7:15 at Jack Cushing's House on Middlesex Ave in Wilmington. Contact Lisa Mastrorilli lisamastrorilli@msn.com 978-604-2909 or Dedi Pitzi dedipitzi@gmail.com 978-430-3375.



The Garibaldi Meucci Museum will have flags available in honor of a loved one for \$20.00. Forms will be available at the meeting. They will be on display from 10/23/23 - 11/23/23.

September

Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy Bowling League - The Woburn Bowling Alleys are presently closed and in the process of transferring ownership. They will contact me when they are ready to open, and I will let you know what I find out.

Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy and Wilmington Wild Cat Band Parents Yard Sale - will be held on **Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 8AM to 2PM at the Wilmington Town Common Parking Lot**. You can purchase a space for \$20.00. Fill out the attached form and mail with a check made out to the Wilmington SOI and mail to the address on the form.



Please see attached flier and share with your friends, family and neighbors or post on facebook to help advertise the event. You will receive a space the size of 2 parking spots. You must bring your own tables/chairs to sell from. You are also responsible for removing all of your trash from the site when you leave. We are planning to have coffee and donuts/muffins on sale in the morning as well as a BBQ and cold drinks for lunch. You keep all the money that you make from the sale. The proceeds from the food and sale of the space rental goes to the SOI and Band Parents. This event is co-sponsored by both the Sons & Daughters of Italy and the Wilmington Band Parents as a joint run event with both groups sharing the work! Contact John jromano45@gmail.com or call 617-750-9749. See attachments

Grand Lodge Bocce Tournament - Sunday, September 24, 2023 at the Watertown Sons of Italy - 520 Pleasant Street - Watertown, Ma beginning at 8:45 AM. Teams will consist of Men, Women and mixed. **Deadline to sign up is September 15, 2023.** Sign up in the book at the meeting or contact Lynne Martell Lynne_martell@comcast.net 978-729-6044



October

Italian Heritage Month - at the Wilmington Memorial Library



- **"Famous Italian Filmmakers"** presented by Frank Mandosa, film historian. Join us for this interactive presentation where Mr. Mandosa will talk about filmmakers such as Fellini, DeSica and others. This talk includes photo displays as well as movie-themed door prizes for some patrons with winning numbers on complimentary tickets distributed. **October 12, 2023 at 7PM**
- **"Growing Up Italian"** a panel discussion with local leaders State Representative Paul Donato and the General Manager of the North Shore Music Theater, Karen Nascumbi. **October 18, 2023 at 7PM**
- **"Northern Sicily"** presented by Jeff Klapes, the Traveling Librarian. This armchair journey to Northern Sicily will include photography, stories and travel tips. Our trip will start in Taormina, climb Mt Etna and follow the northern coast to Palermo, the Capital, and some of the beautiful towns of the west coast. **October 21, 2023 at 11AM**
- **"Masks in Motion"** workshop presented by Chiara Durazzini of the Pazzi Lazzi Troupe. This troupe specializes in 'comedians dell arts' which was a very influential renaissance theater movement in Italy from the 16th century onward. This presentation will combine theater skits

- with a power point presentation on the history of the early Italian theater movement, and there is an opportunity for the audience to check out some of the traditional masks and to ask questions. **October 26, 2023 at 7PM**

Italian Heritage Day Event - Sunday, 10/8/23 on Boston's Paul Revere mall in the North End.

Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy Dominators Car Show - Our lodge will be hosting a car show with the Dominators Hot Rod Club on **Sunday, October 15th** at the Town Common/4th of July Building Parking Lot on Middlesex Ave. in Wilmington from, 8am to 3pm. Spectators are Free. **Volunteers are needed** to help with the 50/50 Raffle on the day of the event. We will need 2-4 people throughout the day from 9am to 2pm.



If you want to sit at the raffle table or walk around the lot to sell tickets. You can volunteer in 1 2,4-hour shifts if you would like. Contact John Romano jromano45@gmail.com or 617-750-9749 or sign up in the Sign-up book at the meeting.

An Evening with Luciano Sandro Russo - In celebration of Italian Heritage Month, Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy and Winchester Women's Lodge proudly present an Evening with Luciano Sandro Russo for your listening & dancing pleasure. Saturday, **October 28, 2023** at the Winchester Sons of Italy Hall - 117 Swanton St. - Winchester, MA. Doors open at 6:30PM - Show time 7:00PM - 11:00PM. Donation: \$20.00 - Cash Bar. *Bring your own munchies*. **Tickets are limited. Please call or text Michele (978.604.6437) or Lennie (617.835.2184) to reserve yours. Tickets will be available at the August and September meetings.** You can also sign up in the book.



13th Annual Italian Heritage Golf Classic - Hosted by the Italian Heritage Month Committee Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge #2183, Sons & Daughters of Italy, Wilmington, MA **Friday, October 13, 2023 - Hillview Golf Course - 149 North Street, North Reading, MA** Registration Begins at 7:30AM. Tee Time 9:00 AM, Shotgun Start. Scramble Format



Donation \$150.00 per player - Includes: Continental Breakfast, Driving Range 7:30 AM to 8:45 AM. Hotdog, Chips, Soda/Beer at the turn, Greens Fee/Golf Cart/Gift, Contests on Course, 50/50 Raffle - Raffle Table, Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Teams, Buffet Luncheon. Additional Tickets for Buffet Luncheon only, are available for a donation of \$35.00 p.p.

Proceeds to Benefit the Italian Heritage Scholarship Fund, Cooley's Anemia Foundation and the Alzheimer's Association.

Checks payable to: Sons of Italy, P.O. Box 387, Wilmington, MA 01887

For information, please call Kevin Caira at (978) 657-7734 or (508) 633-2681

November

Calendar Party - Our lodge is having a Calendar Party on **Friday, November 3, 2023** at the



Wilmington Knights of Columbus Hall. You will **pick a month** and **decorate your table** in honor of that month. You can pick a Holiday or anything you want to represent the month. There will be a **DJ** and **raffles**. Bring your own food. This will be a **fundraiser for Breast Cancer**. Sign up in the book. Contact Janet jknje@comcast.net 617-750-9749 or Patricia ptanso@gmail.com 978-988-8045 for more information. More details will follow.

ELVIS: A MUSICAL REVOLUTION - His singular name still evokes immediate recognition from people all over the world! This official Elvis Presley bio-musical takes a closer look at the rock star and cultural icon whose impact shaped the history of music and culture. This new musical explores the pivotal moments in Elvis's life through the perspectives of those who knew him best. Using different lenses to dig deeper into fact vs. fiction, **ELVIS: A MUSICAL REVOLUTION** spans from his impoverished childhood in Tupelo, Mississippi to his triumphant 1968 "Comeback Special," and his ascent to be "The King." **Sunday, November 12th at 2pm**. Tickets are \$65 or \$56 depending on the Row. Sign Up in the Book. Deadline for Money is September 28th Monthly Meeting. Contact Lennie Malvone 617-835-2184.





Happy August Birthday to Kevin Caira, Deborah Cipriani, Doug Clark, Charlene DeStefano, Chris DiCecca, John DiFava, Jr., Janice Hogan, Elizabeth Hughes, Daneen Petrone, Jeff Pitzzi, Julia Rankin, Michele Siracusa, Andrew Stanley, Peg Dicey, Lorraine Eddy,

Here are some facts about this month!

August Zodiac Astrological Signs: **Leo (July 23-Aug 22):** Leos are represented by the Lion. They are ruled by the Sun and have natural leadership traits. **Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 23)** Virgos tend to be the thinkers of the world and masters of reason. They are more pragmatic, organized, and logical. Everyone needs a Virgo in their life!

August Birthstones: **Peridot**, which is said to symbolize strength and healing power, protecting its wearer from nightmares and evil, ensuring harmony and happiness. Babies born in August are lucky to be guarded by peridot's good fortune.

August Flower: Gladiolus and Poppy. The **gladiolus** symbolizes strength of character, sincerity, and generosity. The **poppy** symbolizes eternal sleep, oblivion, and also imagination

- August-born people are self-motivated, enthusiastic, stubborn, and energetic. They are always one step ahead to foresee obstacles ahead in your path. They are prepared with a solution or plan to overcome any adverse unforeseen incidents as well. They are crazy about being on the top or being successful.
- Martin Luther King Jr. gave his well-known "I have a dream" address on the steps of the Lincoln Monument in Washington, D.C., in front of 250,000 spectators, on August 28, 1963. King demanded an end to racial discrimination and fought for equal rights for all, making this an important moment in the history of the U.S. Civil Rights Movement.
- Columbus set sail from Spain in three ships: the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria. On August 3, 1492, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus started his voyage across the Atlantic Ocean. With a crew of 90 men and three ships—the Niña, Pinta, and Santa Maria—he left from Palos de la Frontera, Spain.
- Some famous people born in July include Francis Scott Key, Herman Melville, Carroll O'Connor, Peter O'Toole, Tom Brady, Tony Bennet, Martha Stewart, Barack Obama, Louis Armstrong, Neil Armstrong, Andy Warhol, Lucille Ball, Dustin Hoffman, Whitney Houston, Antonio Banderas, Robert Hoover, Alfred Hitchcock, Earvin Magic Johnson, Steve Martin, Ben Affleck, Napoleon Bonaparte, Madonna, Robert DeNiro, Donnie Wahlberg, Sean Penn, Patrick Swayze, Shelley Winters, Bill Clinton, Benjamin Harrison, Kenny Rogers, Wilt Chamberlain, Kim Cattrall, Claude Debussy, Kobe Bryant, Gene Kelly, Barbara Eden, Sean Connery, Regis Philbin, Mother Teresa, Lyndon B. Johnson, Shania Twain, Michael Jackson, Cameron Diaz, Richard Gere



Please report any sunshine to Linda Tobin. Please **let Linda know if someone** is sick, has surgery, or has a death in the family. Linda's contact information is phone 978-604-4706 or e-mail beatlefanlinda@aol.com



We send out "**PRAYERS AND GET WELL**" wishes to Donna Siracusa, Sara Jean Phillips, Joe Peluso and Linda Tobin.



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Congratulations to Sara Jean Phillips on the birth of her baby boy, Jett Delaney on July 20th. Congratulations also to the Grandparents, Kenny and Marianne Caira and to the entire Caira clan.

Please let me know if you have any **GOOD NEWS** that I can share with the lodge - **anything that we can celebrate!**

Please send any address or e-mail changes to Lynne_martell@comcast.net or 978-729-6044 (cell) 978-694-1632 (home).