



Wilmington Sons of Italy
Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge

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October 2020 Newsletter

October is Italian Heritage Month

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Activities in honor of Italian Heritage Month can be found on the web site

<https://italianheritagemonth.com/>

11/1/20 - Wilmington Sons of Italy **Memorial Mass** - Sunday, 10:30 am at St. Dorothy's Church. Due to Covid restrictions, space is limited so if you plan to attend, you **must** go to the web site, and **register by Friday, 10/30/20.**

<https://www.parishofthetransfiguration.org/>

A Letter from Our President

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It is never easy for an organization when you lose your founder. Laura Caira was the backbone of our organization from day one. For over 50 years, she worked with each President and their councils to help grow our lodge into one of the best lodges in the State, if not the Country! She participated in virtually every event or fundraiser that we did especially those which helped out people in need. Laura also was a big part of her husband Aldo's ascension to be both the State and National President of our beloved Order. But as Michele said at the Eulogy during the Ritual the other night, Laura wanted to be known as just a regular member of our lodge. To me, that is what made her so wonderfully special.

On a personal note, Laura was a very good friend to me and my family, as well as my mentor and a respected confidant. At my wife's very first meeting, she walked into the hall not really knowing anyone and Laura came and took her by the hand and said welcome, come sit with me and my family. From that point forward, Laura welcomed all 4 of us into the order. She encouraged me to run for trustee, vice president and then president. The first person I asked to be on my Council was Laura!

She always offered me encouragement and was the first to tell me: "Good Job" at the end of a council or lodge meeting. She always offered her opinion, and guidance but never discouraged me from doing what I thought was right. That is what makes a true friend and leader in my book. I am not quite sure what the custom or requirements are for filling her seat on the Council, but as far as I am concerned, her seat will remain open until the end of my term in April 2021, because in my eyes NOBODY can take Laura Caira's place!

I want to thank all those who participated in Laura's Ritual, there was approximately 25 members including the State President.

I want to thank all those who donated to the Diaper Drive - it was pretty successful considering we did not have any meetings or events.

Congrats to our Bocce Champions and Thanks to Sue Connors for running another fun league under very tough circumstances.

Lastly, I want to wish everyone a Happy Italian American Heritage Month!

Be Safe and Be Well and as always, if you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or the other officers and we will do our best to help you.

Fraternally yours,

John



Congratulations to the new Wilmington Sons of Italy **Bocce Champions**: Alicia Johnson, Julie Manos and Sue Connors!



Lennie will once again be spearheading our **Outreach Program** where we reach out to local churches for families in need during Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter and provide Gift Cards to make their holidays a little happier.



Our lodge has been supporting an organization called **Gifts of Love**, for the past few years by running fundraisers such as Dancing Through the Decades. This organization provides diapers and wipes for families in need and in shelters. These items are not funded by state or local governments. Due to the Covid restrictions, we were unable to run a fundraiser this year so instead we reached out to our members for donations. As usual, our members generosity came through and we were able to donate to this worthy cause once again. Thank you to Kevin and Janet Engrem for delivering the diapers and wipes and thank you to those who donated -Lynne & Joe Martell, Angela Bombino, Michele Nortonen, Laura Caira, Susan Tocci, Charlie & Lorraine Eddy, Kevin & Janet Engrem, Mary & Joe Mullens (non-members), Anonymous, Pat & Paul Tivnan, Patricia & John Romano, Alicia Johnson, Maria Bishop (non-member), Anonymous, Anna Rainone, Lennie & Lucille Malvone, Rachel Stanichi (non-member), Patty & Frank Provenzano, Deb & Paul Cipriani, Anne Ball.

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)



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

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



We send our *Get Well* wishes to Patricia Romano on her knee surgery. We send our *Get Well* wishes to Lucille Clark. We send our *Get Well* wishes to Tom Siracusa as he recovers from rotator cuff surgery. Please also keep Jerry Pupa in your prayers as he struggles with his recovery.



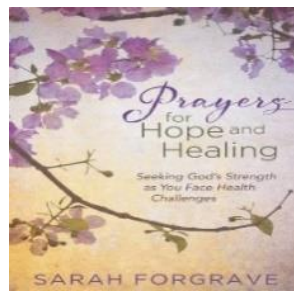
Happy Anniversary to Deb and Richard Casey as they celebrate 25 years of marriage!



We send our Condolences to Lucille and Doug Clark and their family on the death of Lucille's brother, Joseph Medico and our condolences also on the death of their granddaughter's husband, Michael White. 4 Hardin St - Wilmington, MA 01887

We send our Condolences to John, Patricia, and Christopher Romano on the death of Patricia's aunt and Christopher's Great Aunt, Madeline Ferrara. 247 Burlington Ave - Wilmington, MA 01887

We send our Condolences to the entire family of our sister and founder, Laura Caira - These are the lodge members from her family - Michele, Michael, Jane, Michael Jr., Jennifer and Christian Bolanos, Christian Jr., Brian, Kenneth and Marianne, Brianne, Jeffrey, Sara-Jean, Aldo Jr., Kevin and Cheryl, Amy, David. 188 Chestnut St - Wilmington, MA 01887



****** 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.**

*Rest in peace our sister, founder and dearly loved friend,
Laura.*



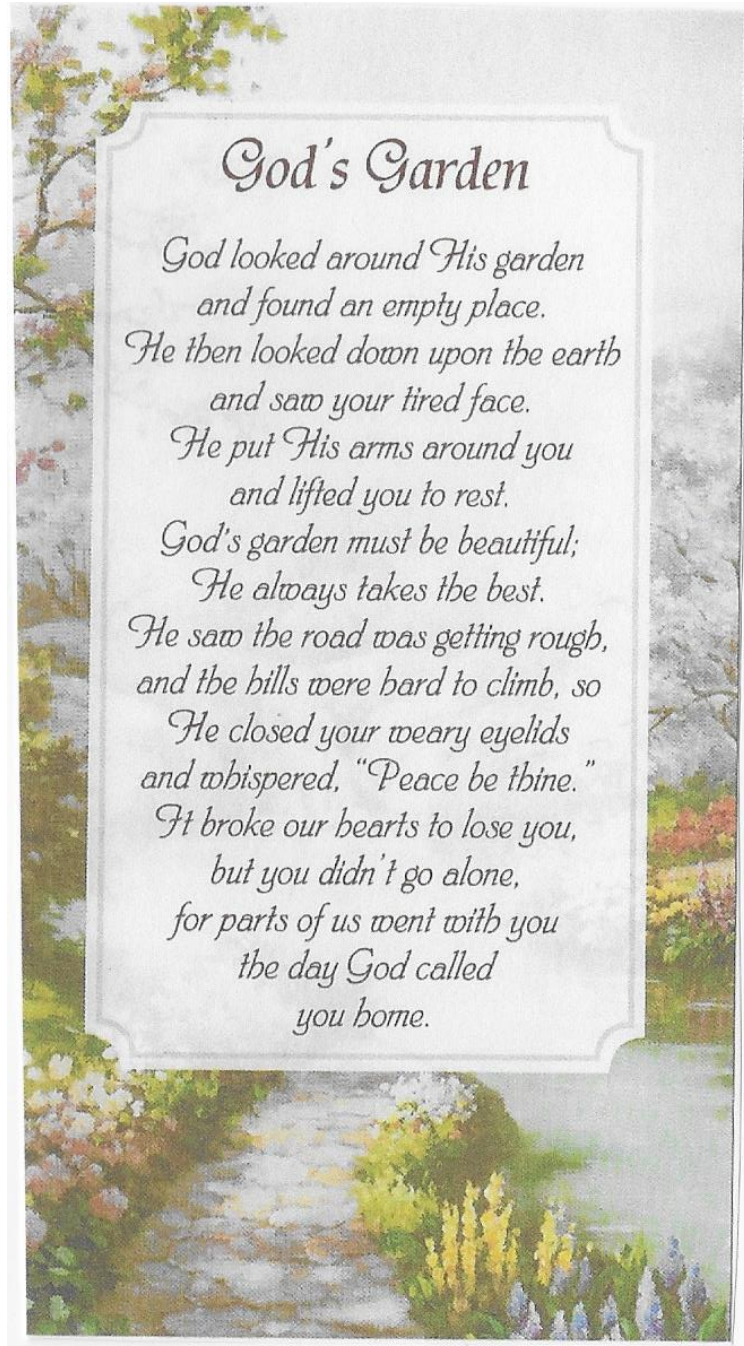
In Loving Memory

YOUR PRESENCE WE MISS,
YOUR MEMORY WE TREASURE.

LOVING YOU ALWAYS,

Forgetting you never.

Dorinda 10/6



God's Garden

God looked around His garden
and found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful;
He always takes the best.
He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb, so
He closed your weary eyelids
and whispered, "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you didn't go alone,
for parts of us went with you
the day God called
you home.