



Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy
Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge
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January 2024 Newsletter

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January 25, 2024 Monthly Dinner and meeting will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St - Wilmington, MA. Dinner will be **sandwiches - Italian, roast beef, turkey and cheese, salad and chips 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 **Monday, January 22, 2024.** Let me know what kind of sandwich you would like. WE NEED HELP SETTING UP THE TABLES AT 5:45 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 or three tickets and is optional.

Sons & Daughters of Italy Events

01/20/24 - Wilmington Lodge **Trivia Night**

02/03/24 - Wilmington Lodge **Valentine Bingo**

02/09/24 - Wilmington Lodge/Band Parents **Comedy Night (flyer attached)**

02/14/24 - Grand Lodge **Scholarship Deadline**

02/17/24 - Grand Lodge **Future of the Order Retreat**

02/24/24 - Wilmington Lodge **Mohegan Sun Casino Trip (flyer attached)**

02/25/24 - Grand Lodge **Cornhole Tournament**

02/29/24 - National **Scholarship Deadline**

03/01/24 - Wilmington Lodge **Scholarship Deadline**

03/23-24/24 - Wilmington Lodge **Diaper Drive (save the date)**

05/19/24 - Wilmington Lodge **Jersey Boys at NSMT**

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 not planning to eat dinner, come early and socialize with your brothers and sisters of the lodge**

1/25/24 2/22/24 3/28/24 4/25/24 5/23/24 6/27/23 (no July meeting)

8/22/24 9/26/24 10/24/24 11/21/24 (3rd Thursday) (no December meeting)

Council Meetings -2nd Thursday of every month 7PM at the 4th of July Building.

1/11/23 2/8/23 3/14/24 4/11/24 5/9/24 6/13/24 (no July meeting)

8/8/24 9/12/24 10/10/24 11/14/24 12/12/24



DUES - Our Membership dues are \$50.00 per year and were due on January 1, 2024. Payment payable to Wilmington Sons of Italy and may be sent to Wilmington Sons of Italy - PO Box 387 - Wilmington, MA 01887. You may also pay at a meeting. Please take care of this ASAP - much appreciated!

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>

Summer Outing - If someone would like to plan a summer outing such as the Salisbury Beach Cookout or anything else, please contact John - Jromano45@gmail.com 617-750-9749. Please note that if you'd like to get the Pavilion at Salisbury Beach you have to do it in January.

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. Also keeps in touch with members.

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.

NEW 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.

January



Trivia Night - for **Wilmington Lodge Members only**. **Saturday, January 20, 2024** at the Wilmington Senior Center. For all of you who have signed up, please be thinking of a **Team Name**. Doors open at 6:30 PM where you will be given a raffle ticket to win **Door Prizes**. Grab some food and get ready because games will begin around 7:00 PM. There is still time to sign up, but we would like a final count by **Wednesday, January 17, 2024**. There will be no tickets at the door. Send Julie an e-mail if you are thinking of signing up and she will put you on a team if you do not have one. It's a great way to meet other members. \$15 pp. Send names and **check payable to Wilmington Sons of Italy** to Julie Sbraccia-Manos - 29 Veranda Ave - Wilmington, MA 01887. **This is before our January meeting so contact Julie if you'd like to participate!** Committee members are Julie, Anna, and Lennie. Contact Julie 978-284-3260 or sbracciamanos@comcast.net

February

Valentine Bingo - **Saturday, February 3, 2024** at the Wilmington Senior Center 6:00 - 10:00 pm. Pizza, coffee and dessert. **Wilmington Lodge members only**. \$15 pp. Sign up in the book or contact Lynne to sign up.





Comedy Night - Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy and WHS Band Parents - Friday, 2/9/24. Doors open at 7:30 pm. Show begins at 9:00 pm. Please contact Kevin at 978-657-7734. This is an awesome time and one of our biggest events. We will have a raffle with over 50 prizes and a Silent Auction as

well. Prizes this year will include **2 sets of Bruins tickets** to different games - fantastic seats. We are **collecting donations** to help cover the \$200 cost of the two scratch ticket boards. If you want to donate any amount (\$2, \$5, \$10 or more) to help defray the cost of these boards, see John at the January meeting. We are also looking for bottles of cheer, you can drop those off at the January meeting as well. **(see flyer attached)**

Grand Lodge Future of the Order Retreat - Saturday, February 17, 2024 at the Watertown Lodge - 520 Pleasant Street Watertown, MA. **For members ages 21 to 40.** Voice your concerns and ideas to grow our local lodges and to help build our Italian communities throughout Massachusetts. To register contact foto@osiama.org.



Mohegan Sun Casino Bus Trip - Saturday, February 24, 2024. \$45.00 per person (includes driver's gratuity). The bus comes equipped with a bathroom, DVD system, power outlets and free Wi-fi. Depart at 7:30 am from the 4th of July Building parking lot - 142 Middlesex Ave - Wilmington, Ma Depart Mohegan Sun at 4:30 pm.

All money is due by February 8, 2024. See attached flyer. CONTACT - Lucille 339-927-1447 lmclark9999@comcast.net or Lynne 978-729-6044 Lynne_martell@comcast.net



The Sports Commission of the Grand Lodge of MA will hold its 4th Annual **Cornhole Tournament** on Sunday, February 25, 2024, at the Watertown Sons of Italy - 520 Pleasant Street - Watertown, MA. Beginning at 9:30 AM. **\$25.00 pp. Our lodge will cover this for members.** Double elimination format and matches will be played to 21 points. 2 person teams will be randomly chosen. Deadline is February 16, 2024. **Sign the sign-up sheet at the January meeting if you'd like to participate or contact Lynne_martell@comcast.net** 978-729-6044

Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy Scholarships - Our lodge scholarships are available to children entering college in the fall of 2023. **The deadline is March 1, 2024.** For scholarship guidelines and application, please contact Karen Scalzi (978-423-0960) or e-mail kscalzi@gmail.com.



Grand Lodge Scholarships are now available. Deadline is **February 14, 2024.** Apply online at <https://www.osiama.org/scholarships>

National Scholarships are now available. Deadline is **February 29, 2024.** Apply online. <https://www.osia.org/programs/scholarships/>



May

Jersey Boys at NSMT -Lennie is planning a trip to North Shore Music Theater on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 2:00 pm. The cost will be around \$60.00. Sign up in the book.



Happy January Birthday to - Pete Connors, Lisa King, Lisa Mastrorilli, Ed Palino, Carolina Prinzivalli, Rob Pustizzi, Nina Maiella.

The New Year has begun! It's time to leave the past behind and focus on a fresh start.

Birthstone - Garnet is considered a symbol of friendship, trust, protection, commitment, and love. It is also said that the one who wears it will be kept safe during travel. **Birth**

Flower - Carnation. **Astrology Zodiac Signs** - **Capricorn** -December 22nd - January 19th - said to be obstinate and willful. **Aquarius** - January 20 - February 18 - is more flexible with a "go with the flow" mentality.

According to numerology, people born in January are ruled by the number 1 for obvious reasons. January born people tend to be independent, high-spirited, analytical, and born leaders.

Famous birthdays include - Paul Revere, Betsy Ross, J. Edgar Hoover, Isaac Asimov, J.R.R. Tolkien, Mel Gibson, Isaac Newton, Dyan Cannon, Diane Keaton, Joan of Arc, Millard Filmore, Nicolas Cage, Elvis Presley, Stephen Hawking, Richard Nixon, Bob Denver, Rod Stewart, George Foreman, Joe Frasier, Jeff Bezos, Benedict Arnold, Andy Rooney, Jackie Kennedy, Benjamin Franklin, Mohammad Ali, Robert E. Lee, Edgar Allen Poe, John Hancock, Paul Newman, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Alan Aldo, William McKinely, W.C. Fields, Oprah Winfrey, Franklin D. Roosevelt. Civil Rights icon, **Martin Luther King Jr.**, was assassinated in 1968. He was born on January 15, 1929. To remember his contribution against racial subjugation, Americans observe holidays every third Monday in January. He played a crucial leadership role in the struggle for the rights of the African American population.

January is International Brain Teaser Month - answers on last page

1. When I'm young I'm tall. When I'm old I'm short. When I'm alive I glow. Because of your breath I die. What am I?
2. I'm in you but not in him, I go up, but not down, I'm in the Colosseum, nut not a tower, I'm in a puzzle, but not a riddle. What am I?
3. What has hands but cannot clap?
4. What has ears but can't hear?
5. What goes up and down but doesn't move?
6. I am full of keys but can't open doors. What am I?
7. What has teeth but can't bite?
8. What is yours to own, yet others use it more?
9. Beth's mother has three daughters. One is called Lara, the other Sara. What is the name of the third daughter?
10. What can you catch but never throw?



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



We send out "PRAYERS AND GET WELL" wishes to Kristen Tully, Fred Hogan and Joe Martell.



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

Brain teasers answers. 1. candle 2. the letter U 3. Clock 4. Corn 5. stairs 6. Piano 7. Comb
8. your name 9. Beth 10. A cold

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