



Wilmington Sons of Italy
Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge

LODGE 2183 – P.O. BOX 387 – WILMINGTON, MA 01887

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December 2018 Newsletter

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THERE IS NO DECEMBER MEETING. We hope to see you at the Christmas Diner and Show on December 29th.



Dues - The 2019 Lodge dues are due on December 31, 2018. The cost is still **\$44.00** per person. Invoices have been mailed. Please let us know if you do not receive an invoice. Make your check payable to **Wilmington Sons of Italy** and mail, in the red envelope provided to P.O. Box 387 - Wilmington, MA 01887 or you can **pay Walter** at the 1/24 meeting.

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 one dollar and is optional.

2018 Monthly Meetings - Fourth Thursday of the month (*unless otherwise noted*). Dinner is at 6:30 pm. Meeting is at 7:30 pm.

Location - St. Thomas' Villanova Hall

01/24/19 02/28/19 03/28/19 04/25/19

Council Meetings - Every **2nd Thursday** of the month at **7:00 pm**

Location - 4th of July Building (*unless otherwise noted*)

01/10/19 02/14/19 03/14/19 04/11/19

Social Events

12/29/18 - **Wilmington SOI** Adult Christmas Party (flyer attached)

01/2018 - *Grand Lodge* Calendar Raffle

02/01/19 - **Wilmington SOI / Band Parents** Comedy Night

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>

Lodge Officer Elections

Nominations for our lodge officers for a two-year term, will take place in **February**. The offices to be elected are President, Vice-President, Orator, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, (5) Trustees, (2) Master/Mistresses of Ceremony, Guard/Sentinel, (5) Arbitrators, (5) Alternate Arbitrators, (3) Delegates and Alternate Delegates. **Attached is a description of each officer's duties.**

To run for **President and Vice President**, you must have held another office. To run for **any other office**, you must have been a member for six months. To **vote** you must have been a member for one month and have paid your dues. Social members are eligible to vote but may not hold an office. If you are interested in running for an office, please contact **Charlie DeStefano** deltasuv@gmail.com or **978-404-6777**. We will also take nominations from the floor in February. There are also four seats on the Board of Directors for which we will take nominations. Contact Kevin Caira (**978-657-7734**.) **Elections** are scheduled for March and the **Installation of Officers** will take place in April.

Scholarships

Wilmington Sons of Italy Scholarships - Our lodge scholarships are available to children entering college in the fall of 2019. **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 5 years and entering Graduate school in the fall of 2019. 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 **March 1st, 2019**.



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 2019. Applications are available on the Grand Lodge Web site www.osiama.org or by contacting Paul Guida pguida@osiama.org or 617 489-5234. **Deadline February 1, 2019.**

Sons of Italy Foundation - contact the National website (www.osia.org). The direct link to the scholarship information on the National website is: <http://www.osia.org/students/scholarships.php> **Deadline February 28, 2019.**

December Events

Wilmington Sons of Italy Adult Christmas Dinner and Show - will be held on **Saturday, 12/29/18** at the Wilmington/Tewksbury Elks - 777 South St. - Tewksbury, MA. Cocktails at 6:00 pm and a catered dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Mr. Jacks will provide a **catered meal** which will include surf and turf and all the trimmings.



Entertainment by The Singing Trooper, Dan Clark and his wife Mary Colarusso. There will also be a \$10 scratch ticket swap and a 50/50 raffle. **\$50.00 pp** (**Wilmington Sons of Italy members will pay $\frac{1}{2}$ this price - \$25.00**). For tickets contact Michele 978-658-8284 mnortonen@gmail.com . **Deadline is 12/21/18**. A flyer is attached.



Wilmington Sons of Italy

Christmas Dinner

Entertainment by



The
Singing Trooper

Experience the Dynamic Power and
Passion of this Spectacular Entertainer

Dan Clark and
his wife Mary Colarusso



Saturday, December 29, 2018

Wilmington/Tewksbury Elks
777 South St, Tewksbury, MA

Cocktails at 6:00 pm followed by a catered Dinner of **Surf** and **Turf** with all the trimmings provided by Mr. Jacks at 7:00 pm

\$50.00 per person, \$10 scratch ticket swap (optional)

For tickets contact Michele Caira Nortonen 978-658-8284 or mnortonen@gmail.com

DINNER MENU (Served Family Style) INCLUDES:

Cheese and Crackers

Chicken Soup

Salad, Cheese Ravioli in a Marinara Sauce

Baked Stuffed Haddock and Roast Beef of Sirloin

Oven Roasted Potatoes/Green Bean Almandine

Rolls & Butter, Coffee

Vanilla Ice Cream with Strawberries & Italian Cookies on Each Table

Lodge officers and their duties

PRESIDENT

ART. 22. The President is the highest-ranking officer and the leader of the Local Lodge and as such:

- (a) Calls and presides over all the meetings of the Council and of the assembly.
- (b) Sees that the laws of the Local Lodge are observed and the deliberations of the Council and of the assembly are carried out.
- (c) Sees that the laws of the Order are respected and observed, and the orders of the Supreme Lodge and of the Grand Lodge are obeyed.
- (d) Controls the affairs of the Local Lodge and supervises the performance of duties by the other officers of the Council.
- (e) Signs the minutes of the meetings of the assembly and all orders of payment, checks, correspondence and all documents which invest the responsibility of the Local Lodge.
- (f) Unless the laws of the Local Lodge provide otherwise, the President appoints all committees of the Local Lodge, of which the President is an ex officio member.
- (g) Refrains from making proposals at the meetings of the assembly; participates in discussions only to clarify the issues presented, and votes only in case of a tie.
- (h) After hearing the opinion of the Orator, the President rules upon controversies involving the application of the laws. The member who disagrees with the ruling and the interpretation of the President shall appeal within 10 days to the State President, in case the Local Lodge is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, and to the National President, in case the Local Lodge is under the direct jurisdiction of the Supreme Lodge.
- (i) When disorder arises in the meeting of the assembly or of the Council, the President may silence or censure the member or members causing such disorder. If such member or members persist in causing disorder, the President may fine, silence or expel the member or members from the hall or suspend the meeting.
- (j) May appoint a Chaplain whose primary duties shall be to conduct, whenever practicable, all religious exercises of the Local Lodge. The Chaplain shall also perform such other duties relating to the office, as shall be assigned to the office from time to time by the President.

VICE PRESIDENT

ART. 23. The Vice President is the second ranking officer of the Local Lodge. As such, the Vice President assists the President and takes the President's place when the President is absent or unable to act. In the absence of the President, the Vice President performs the duties and exercises the prerogatives of the President to the same extent and with like power which the President would have, if present.

ORATOR

ART. 25. The Orator gives opinions concerning the application and interpretation of the laws of the Order and sees that the laws of the Order are observed and properly applied. In matters which relate to the administration of the affairs of the Local Lodge, the Orator is subordinate to the President. In matters relating to the exercise of Judicial Power, the Orator is subordinate to the State or National Orator. The Orator, either on the Orator's own initiative or upon complaint being made to the Orator, shall have power to prefer written charges against a member who has violated the laws of the Order.

RECORDING SECRETARY

ART. 26. The Recording Secretary is the custodian of the archives and the keeper of the seal of the Local Lodge. The Recording Secretary's duties are:

- (a) To take and record the minutes of the meetings of the Council and of the assembly, which minutes are to be read at the successive meeting.
- (b) To make up and keep up to date the membership roll of the Local Lodge.
- (c) To care for correspondence and write letters which the Recording Secretary is directed to write by the President or other higher officer in the ranking units of the Order.
- (d) To be the sole officer through whom a member may communicate with the Grand Council.
- (e) To write and send notices for meetings.
- (f) To act as the clerk of the Local Lodge Arbitration Commission when such Commission is in session, except in case the Recording Secretary is an interested party.
- (g) Within ten days after receipt, to forward to the State Recording Secretary all appeals referred or presented to the Recording Secretary by members because of administrative irregularities. The appeal when forwarded shall be accompanied by a report of the views expressed by the Council.

(h) To carry out all orders which the Recording Secretary may receive, in matters pertaining to the office, from the President or from the higher-ranking officers of the Order.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

ART. 27. The Financial Secretary is the collector and accountant of the Local Lodge. The Financial Secretary's duties are:

- (a) To collect dues and assessments, giving proper receipt therefor.
- (b) To write orders of payment, affixing the Financial Secretary's signature thereon, together with that of the President.
- (c) To present orders of payment to the Treasurer, who issues checks thereon, which checks the Financial Secretary presents to the parties to whom they are payable, exacting at the same time money due from such parties to the Local Lodge.
- (d) To make up and keep up to date financial records, particularly those entrusted to the Financial Secretary by the Grand Lodge or Supreme Lodge. Those financial records are: The ledger, the journal book, the financial statements, and the orders of payments.
- (e) To notify by mail those members who are in default with the payment of dues and assessments.
- (f) To announce members in default with the payment of dues and assessments to the assembly.
- (g) To communicate, at the end of each meeting of the assembly, the total collections and disbursements made on the day of the meeting.
- (h) To make a quarterly financial report, which report is to be audited and signed by no less than three trustees, a copy of which is to be sent to the State Financial Secretary.
- (i) To make payment of the Capita Tax, computed on the basis of the number of members listed on the membership roll at the end of each quarter, which payment shall be made, without the necessity of deliberation on the part of the assembly of the Local Lodge, not later than January 15th, April 15th, July 15th, and October 15th of each year.
- (j) To carry out all orders which the Financial Secretary may receive, in matters affecting the office, from the President and from higher ranking officers of the Order

TREASURER

ART. 28. The Treasurer is the custodian of the funds of the Local Lodge. The Treasurer's duties are:

- (a) To receive at the end of each meeting all money collected by the Financial Secretary and to issue proper receipt therefor.
- (b) To record in and keep up to date the Cash Book of the Local Lodge, in which record the Treasurer shall register monthly income and disbursements of the Local Lodge.
- (c) Not later than three days after each meeting, to deposit in previously designated banks the funds received by the Treasurer in accounts opened in the name of the Local Lodge.
- (d) To issue and sign checks upon the receipt of proper order of payment and consign them to the Financial Secretary for delivery to the payee thereof.
- (e) To withdraw funds from savings accounts opened in the name of the Local Lodge; provided the withdrawal slip bears the signature of the President, of the Financial Secretary, and of at least one Trustee, in addition to the Treasurer's; and provided further that the assembly of the Local Lodge may dispense with the signature of the Trustee when deemed advisable
- (f) To carry out such orders which the Treasurer may receive, in matters pertaining to the office, from the President or from the higher-ranking officers of the Order.

TRUSTEES

ART. 29. The Trustees supervise the affairs of the Local Lodge and are members of the Council. Their duties are:

- (a) To examine and audit the books kept by the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer of the Local Lodge.
- (b) To examine and audit the quarterly report of the Financial Secretary, certifying as to its correctness by affixing their signatures thereon; provided, however, that such report shall not be valid unless it bears the signature of no less than three Trustees in addition to that of the Financial Secretary.
- (c) To perform such additional duties, in matters pertaining to their office, imposed upon them by the laws of the Order or by the deliberations of the assembly of the Local Lodge

MASTERS AND/OR MISTRESSES OF CEREMONIES

ART. 30. The Masters and/or Mistresses of Ceremonies are officers of the Local Lodge who participate in ceremonial activities prescribed by the laws of the Order during the course of the meetings of the assembly of the Local Lodge

GUARD/SENTINEL

ART. 31. The Guard is the doorkeeper of the Local Lodge. The Guard's duty is to exclude strangers from the meetings of the assembly and to admit those members who have identified themselves by announcing their presence to the President, who, in turn, orders the Guard to either admit or exclude such members.

LOCAL LODGE ARBITRATION COMMISSION

ART. 33. The Local Lodge Arbitration Commission is the judicial tribunal of the Local Lodge. The rules and regulations which prescribe the mode of procedure, the jurisdiction, the powers and the revenue incident to the functioning of the Local Lodge Arbitration Commission are set forth in the Judicial Code of the Order. The Local Lodge Arbitration Commission is composed of five (5) regular members, known as Commissioners, and five alternate members, known as Alternate Commissioners. The Local Lodge Commissioners and the Local Lodge Alternate Commissioners are elected at the annual meeting for electing officers of the Local Lodge for a period of one (1) year and shall serve until their successors are elected and installed. Local Lodges holding biennial elections shall elect their Arbitration Commission members for a period of two (2) years and shall serve until their successors are elected and installed. Whenever a vacancy occurs among the Commissioners, it shall be filled by the Alternate Commissioner who received the highest number of votes during the election of the Alternate Commissioners.

STATE DELEGATES

ART. 34. The State Delegates are the representatives of the Local Lodge who represent it at the Grand Convention of the Grand Lodge. The State Delegates and their alternates are to be elected by the assembly of the Local Lodge once every two years and their number shall be that which is fixed by the laws of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge may permit the President of the Local Lodge to be an ex-officio member of its State Delegation.