



Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy
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April 2024 Newsletter

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April 25th meeting and dinner will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St - Wilmington, MA. Dinner will be Chinese Food for \$5.00. Dinner will begin at 6:30 followed by the meeting at 7:30.

Please RSVP by 4/22/24 to Lynne_martell@comcast.net 978-694-1632 (home) 978-729-6044 (cell)

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

04/20/24 - Wilmington Lodge "Cabrini" at Showcase Cinema in Woburn

05/05/24 - Grand Lodge MA education & Law Awards (MELA)

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

05/23/24 - Wilmington Lodge **Scholarship Dinner**

05/27/23 - Wilmington Lodge **Memorial Day Parade**

05/31/24 - Wilmington Lodge will serve lunch to Seniors at the Senior Center

06/15/24 - Grand Lodge State Convention

06/28/24 - Wilmington Lodge **Dinner on the Common for 4th of July Celebration**

08/08/24 - Wilmington Lodge **Clam Bake** (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 not planning to eat dinner, come early and socialize with your brothers and sisters of the lodge**

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.

5/9/24 6/13/24 (no July meeting)

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

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>

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; Scholarship Committee; By-Law Committee; Membership/Welcoming Committee; Media/Public Relations Committee.

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.



Diaper Drive - Congratulations on another hugely successful Diaper Drive despite the cold weather!

Thank you to our resident Easter Bunny (Alicia Johnson). Not only did she bring joy to many children's faces ,

delighted adults and pets,



she also visited Nursing homes and had pictures taken with children at the Jr. WOW Easter egg hunt!



Cookbook - Judy Agnes has volunteered to take over the planning of the cookbook. So please send your recipes to her. Even if you already sent recipes to John, please send them again to Judy. jagnes3@verizon.net You can also bring them to a meeting.

April

Cabrini - Kevin has planned a movie showing of the movie "Cabrini" at the Showcase Cinema in Woburn on **Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 12:00 noon**. Doors open at 11:00 but you cannot enter the Theater until 11:30.

The cost for **Wilmington S&DOI** is **\$5.00**. This includes popcorn and a drink. The cost for **other lodges, families and friends** is **\$20.00** which also includes popcorn and a drink. Contact Kevin 978-657-7734 or 508-633-2681.



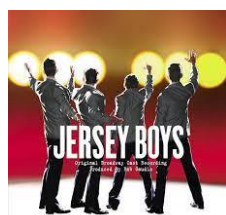
May

Massachusetts Education & Law Awards (MELA) will take place on **Sunday, May 5, 2024**, at the Quincy Sons of Italy - 120 Quarry Street - Quincy, MA beginning at 12:00 PM. The event will honor the recipients of the Law, Justice, and Public Service Awards, as well as our scholarship recipients. MELA Reservations are priced at **\$60.00** per person and must be reserved (with payment) by **April 15, 2024**. (Our lodge will pay $\frac{1}{2}$ this price for members). Congratulations to Joshua Pupa and Jaelyn Walsh and Jack Keaney who will receive Grand Lodge Scholarships.



Massachusetts Education and Law Awards

Honoring Law and Justice Awardees and Scholarship Recipients



Jersey Boys at NSMT -Lennie has planned a trip to North Shore Music Theater on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 2:00 pm. The cost is \$64.00. Sign up in the book (you can call me and I'll put your name in the book) or contact Lennie malrn1031@aol.com or 617-835-2184. **All money is due at the next meeting on April 25, 2024.**

Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy Scholarship Dinner - will take place on **Thursday, May 23, 2024**, at our regular monthly meeting where we will award our lodge scholarships. Congratulations to the following Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy Scholarship Recipients - Joshua Pupa, Jaelyn Walsh and Patricia Stevens. Congratulations to Julianna Mastrorilli, Nicholas Gorham and Jessica Stevens who will receive the Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy Graduate Scholarship.



Memorial Day Parade - Our lodge is hoping to March in Wilmington's Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27, 2024. We will try to get a trolley. Sign up in the book.

Senior Center Meal - Our lodge will be serving lunch at the Senior Center on Friday, May 31, 2024 at noon.

June

110th Annual Grand Lodge State Convention - Saturday, June 15, 2024 at the Weymouth Sons of Italy - 54 Whitman Street - Weymouth, MA.

4th of July on the Common - Our lodge will host a dinner on Friday 6/28/24. We will serve meatball subs, salad, chips and soda and dessert for \$10.00. Tickets must be purchased through the 4th of July committee.



Happy April Birthday to – Ron Aprile, Frank Asimakopoulos, Peter Buonaugurio, Brianne Caira, Jane Caira, Andrea Gillis, Maria Graffeo, John Harding, Tony Hogan, Lisa Tedescucci Lyons, Anthony Martiniello, Wendy Martiniello, Ginamarie Mastrorilli, Julianna Mastrorilli, Ray Mercuri, Walter Palino, Francesco Prinzivalli, Frank Silveira, Evelyn Olivari.

April Fun Facts

- The zodiac signs of this month are **Aries** (March 21-April 19), which is characterized as being adventurous and lively, and **Taurus** (April 20-May 20), which is characterized by generosity and dependability
- April's birthstone is **diamond**, which stands for prosperity, harmony and clarity of thought. Moreover, it is the hardest substance known to nature, fitting the tenacity and grit of those born in this month.
- April birth flowers are **daisy** and **sweet pea**. The sweet pea represents unbridled joy and daisies stand for purity, loyalty and childlike innocence.
- Professional baseball begins its season in April.
- The Titanic hit an iceberg and sank on April 15, 1912.
- Some of the famous people with an April birthday are Queen Elizabeth II, Leonardo da Vinci, Charlie Chaplin, William Shakespeare, Thomas Jefferson, and Jackie Chan.
- George Washington was inaugurated as the First President of the United States on April 30, 1789.
- On April 11, 1970, Apollo 13 was launched and ran into difficulties about two days later. It was then that the famous line "Houston, we've had a problem here" was said, and is today usually misquoted.
- April is considered the **funniest month** so here are a few laughs!
 - Did you hear about the submarine that sank on April Fools' Day? Someone left a window open.
 - What do you call a group of bunnies hopping away from you? A receding hareline.
 - What did the tree say when spring finally arrived? What a re-leaf
 - Why is everyone so tired on April 1? Because they just finished a 31-day march.
 - Why is the letter "A" like a flower? A bee comes after it.
- "April showers bring May flowers," so if the April rain ever brings you down, remember the bright side!



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 our "**PRAYERS AND GET WELL**" wishes to Michael McCoy, Christian Bolanos, and Allison Bolanos.



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Wilmington's Allison Bolanos Raises Funds For Communication Boards At 4 School Playgrounds



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

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