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December 2016 Newsletter

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The **new Venue** for our meetings is **St. Thomas' Villanova Hall**. 126 Middlesex Ave, Wilmington, MA.

December's meeting on Thursday 12/15/16 will be our Christmas Party.

2017 Monthly Meetings

FOURTH THURSDAY of the month (unless otherwise noted).

Dinner is at 6:30 pm. Meeting is at 7:30 pm.

01/26/17 02/23/17 03/23/17 04/27/16 05/25/17 06/22/17

08/24/17 09/28/17

<u>Council Meetings</u> - Every <mark>2nd Thursday</mark> of the month at 7:00 pm <u>Location - 4th of July Building</u>

01/12/17 02/09/17 03/09/17 04/13/17 05/11/17 06/08/17 08/10/17 09/14/17

Social Events

12/15/16 - Wilmington SOI Adult Christmas Party

02/03/17 - Wilmington SOI Comedy Night

03/25/17 - Wilmington SOI 50th Anniversary Celebration

Wilmington Sons of Italy Adult Christmas Party - will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 6:30 pm at St. Thomas' Villanova Hall. We will have Chinese food and BYOB. The cost is only \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for guests.

Contact Barbara DeStefano by if you would like to attend the Christmas Party 978-404-6777 or e-mail DeltaSUV@gmail.com.

There will also be a \$15.00 Yankee Swap. Participation is optional. This gift will be provided for you. Contact Karen Scalzi 978-423-0960 or e-mail kcscalzi@gmail.com. Deadline is 12/12/16.



The 2017 Lodge dues are due on December 31, 2016. The cost is still \$44.00 per person. Invoices have been mailed. This is an election year and we will be voting for a new council on March 23, 2017. In order to vote your dues must be paid. Please make your check payable to Wilmington Sons of Italy and mail to P.O. Box 387 - Wilmington, MA 01887 or you can pay Cheryl at a meeting.

AGR Store - for sale: Sons of Italy Sweatshirts (full-zip) \$27.00, Sweatshirts (pull-over) \$25.00 & T-shirts \$10.00; New purple polo shirts with lodge logo \$25.00 both men and women styles; New fleece jackets (full-zip) with logo \$35.00 both men and women styles. For sizes XXL and up please add \$2.00. Jackets can be personalized for an additional \$7.00. Contact Cheryl (978-657-7734) or e-mail cal0701@yahoo.com

HELP NEEDED

Monthly Suppers - Our lodge needs someone to chair the committee to arrange dinner for our monthly meetings. The lodge will provide funds for this. Please contact Charlie if you are interested in helping. Charlie's phone number is (978-404-6777) or e-mail deltasuv@gmail.com.

Hall Set Up and Break Down - we need everyone to break down the hall after the meeting by putting away the chairs and tables.

Scholarships

Wilmington Sons of Italy Scholarships – Our lodge scholarship are available to children entering college in the fall of 2017. 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 2017. For applications and more information please contact Karen Scalzi (978-423-0960) or e-mail kcscalzi@gmail.com.

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 2017. Applications are available by contacting Paul Guida pguida@osiama.org or 617 489-5234. Deadline February 1, 2017.

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

Grand Lodge Calendar Raffle - The Grand Lodge is having a calendar raffle for the month of January. Tickets are \$10.00 each for a chance to win \$100.00 to \$500.00 dollars. Contact Charlie DeStefano 978-404-6777 or e-mail DeltaSUV@gmail.com for tickets.

Future Events

Comedy Night - will be held on February 3, 2017 at the Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks. Tickets are

\$20.00 per person and can be bought individually or in tables of 10. Bring your own munchies. There will be a cash bar. Run in conjunction with the WHS Band Parents. There will be raffles and a silent auction and donations are welcomed. IF YOU CAN, please bring a scratch ticket to the December or January meeting to create a scratch ticket

board or you can make a cash donation. Bottles of cheer will also be appreciated to make a Basket of cheer! This is always a sell out and only 300 tickets are available so get your tickets early. Contact Kevin at 978-657-7734.

Wilmington Sons of Italy (Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli) Lodge 50th Anniversary Celebration - will be



held on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at the Wilmington/Tewksbury Elks - 777 South St. - Tewksbury, MA. Cocktails and Hors Oeuvres will be served at 6:30. Dinner will be catered by Jean's catering at 7:30pm featuring a Five Italian Feast. It will include Antipasto, Chicken Soup, Penne pasta and

meatballs, Roast Sirloin and Boneless Chicken. Dessert will be vanilla ice cream with strawberries or chocolate sauce. Lori and Bill McLaughlin will DJ. The cost is \$50.00 pp. This cost is about $\frac{1}{2}$ the actual cost. Invitations will be sent to all members and you can sign up at the meeting. Contact Kevin 978-657-7734.

National Sons of Italy Visa Rewards Card fundraiser – available to members, families and friends and includes a rewards program and no annual fee. Please visit www.commercebank.dom/rewards for details or call 1-800-645-2103.

The Sons of Italy in Massachusetts - 100th Anniversary Book - is now available for purchase - \$21.99 + \$5.00 shipping and handling. Visit the Grand Lodge online store at shop.osiama.org.

<u>Sunshine</u> - Report sunshine information to Joan Foresteire (978-658-6284)









Best Wishes to all our members with December Birthdays and Anniversaries!

We wish all our members and their families a happy and healthy holiday season!

***** 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.