



*Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy*  
**Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge**  
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## May 2024 Newsletter

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May 23<sup>rd</sup> **Scholarship** meeting and **dinner** will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St - Wilmington, MA. Dinner will be raviolis, chicken parm, ziti, meatballs and salad for **\$10.00**. **Dinner will begin at 6:15**. **Scholarships will be awarded at 7:00** followed by the meeting.

Please **RSVP by Thursday, May 16th** to [Lynne\\_martell@comcast.net](mailto: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 for three tickets and is optional.

### Sons & Daughters of Italy Events

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 serving **Dinner on the Common for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration**

07/10/23 - Wilmington Lodge Bocce begins

08/08/24 - Wilmington Lodge **Clam Bake** (save the date)

**Lodge Meetings -4<sup>th</sup> 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**

**5/23/24 6/27/23 (no July meeting) 8/22/24 9/26/24 10/24/24**

**11/21/24 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) (no December meeting)**

**Council Meetings -2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of every month 7PM at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Building.  
**6/13/24 (no July meeting)**

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

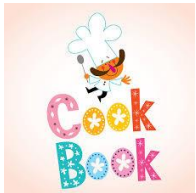
Donation requests should be made using the form on the web site so that we have all the necessary information. Just click on donation request forms on the first page at <http://www.wilmingtonsoi.org>

## 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.



**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](mailto:jagnes3@verizon.net) You can also bring them to a meeting. Judy encourages you to send a recipe that has some meaning to you and take a picture of it, if you can.

## CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy Scholarship Recipients - Joshua Pupa, Jaelyn Walsh and Patricia Stevens.

Congratulations to the following Graduate Scholarship Recipients - Julianna Mastrorilli, Nicholas Gorham and Jessica Stevens.

Congratulations to the following Grand Lodge Scholarship Recipients - Jack Keaney, Joshua Pupa and Jaelyn Walsh.



**Jersey Boys at NSMT** -Lennie has planned a trip to North Shore Music Theater on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 2:00 pm. [Malrn1030@aol.com](mailto:Malrn1030@aol.com)  
617-835-2184



**Memorial Day Parade** - Our lodge is hoping to March in Wilmington's Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27, 2024. E-mail Lynne if you are interested. [Lynne\\_martell@comcast.net](mailto:Lynne_martell@comcast.net)



**Senior Center Meal** - Our lodge will be serving lunch at the Senior Center on Friday, May 31, 2024 at 12:30 pm. Volunteers may sign up in the book.



**June**

**110<sup>th</sup> 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. 6 pm - 8pm. We will serve meatball subs, chips, soda and dessert for \$10.00. Tickets must be purchased through the 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee. Volunteers may sign up in the book



**July**



**Wilmington Lodge Summer Bocce** - will begin on **Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**. It will run for **eight weeks** throughout the summer culminating in an end of the year tournament to crown a League Champion. The games are played on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 or 7:15 at Jack Cushing's House - 72 Middlesex Ave in Wilmington. (Members only)

Sign up in the book. Or you can contact me and I'll put your name in the book.

If you would like to play, please sign up at the meeting or **contact Lisa**

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**Clambake** - Our lodge is having a Clambake at Fosters Clambake - 5 Axholme Road - in York, Maine (1 hr. drive) on **Thursday, August 8, 2024, from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. \$43 per person**. The menu includes New England clam chowder, freshly dug Maine clams, cultivated mussels, succulent Maine Lobster, sweet corn on the cob, roasted red bliss potatoes & onions, rolls & butter, hot drawn butter, blueberry crumb cake. Hickory BBQ chicken is an alternative for Lobster and there is a vegan option.



If you want 2 lobsters the is \$55. **Sign up in the book.**

Contact Maria Graffeo - 617-645-6827 or e-mail [mjgraffeo@yahoo.com](mailto:mjgraffeo@yahoo.com)



**Happy May Birthday to** – Cheryl Blundell, Kenneth Caira, Marianne Caira, Maryangela DeGrazia-DiTucci, Robert DiPasquale, Lucas Garrity, Brent Johnson, Elizabeth Jones, Rebecca Kendall, Chuck Otis, Marina Otis, Frank Puleo, Julie Sbraccia-Manos, Chris Simmons, Patricia Stevens, Susan Tocci, Kristin Tully, Sheryl Guisto Walsh, Jean Jordan, Joyce Mercer, Grace Mullens.

It is said that those born in May have a greater chance of being more successful in life and experiencing more love. While this may not be scientifically factual, it has been noticed that people born in May understand the importance of love and success more than others.

### **May Fun Facts**

- The **zodiac signs** of this month are **Taurus** (April 21 - May 20) believed to possess qualities such as dependability, intelligence, and stubbornness, and **Gemini** (May 21 - June 20) described as adaptable, talkative, and whimsical in nature.
- **Mays's birthstone** is the emerald which symbolizes rebirth and fertility and was thought to grant foresight, cure various diseases, soothe nerves, improve memory, and ensure loyalty.
- **May birth flowers** are Hawthorn and the Lily-of-the-Valley. The hawthorn means hope, while the lily-of-the-valley symbolizes sweetness or the return of happiness
- May is the month that the international song contest, Eurovision song contest is held. Some of the contest winners over the years have gone on to be incredibly successful groups, with the most notable being ABBA!
- The Empire State Building opened its doors on **May 1, 1931**. At the point of its construction, it held the record for being the tallest building in the world.
- In the US, May is National Burger Month, Older Americans Month, and National Military Appreciation Month.
- The phrase "May the Force be with You" is a play on words, and May 4<sup>th</sup> is popularly recognized as Star Wars Day.
- Mother's Day is observed on the second Sunday in May and is devoted to celebrating mothers and the impact that mothers have on society.
- Cinco de Mayo celebrated Mexico's victory over France in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Franco-Mexican war in 1862. It also celebrated with margaritas and partying and Americans spend more than \$600 million annually on beer. More than the Super Bowl or Saint Patrick's Day!
- Every year on the first Saturday in May, The Kentucky Derby, the biggest horse race in the world, is held.
- Many famous people were born in May, such as Mark Zuckerberg, Karl Marx, Clint Eastwood, Wes Anderson, John F. Kennedy, Queen Victoria, and Catherine the Great!

By the time May comes around, the spring flowers are blooming, birds are chirping, and life is starting to seem a little more joyful day by day!



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](mailto:beatlefanlinda@aol.com)



We send our "PRAYERS AND GET WELL" wishes to our brothers and sisters who are ill.



We send our prayers and condolences to Paul and Patricia Tivnan and their family on the death of Paul's father, Thomas Joseph Tivnan.



Congratulations to Doug and Lucille Clark on the birth of their great grandson, Mario Douglas Ritacco!

CONGRATULATIONS to Jennifer Bolanos on receiving Wilmington's Good Guy Award for 2024!



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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