



Wilmington Sons of Italy
Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge

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May 2020 Newsletter

THE May 28th MEETING IS CANCELLED

President

John Romano

Vice-President

Sue Connors

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Charles DeStefano

Orator

Michele Cairra Nortonen

Recording Secretary

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Lennie Malvone

Julie Sbraccia-Manos

Janet Engrem

Mistresses of

Ceremony

Laura Cairra

Mary Kiesinger

Sentinel

Cheryl Licciardi

Deputy

Betty Sandquist

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 and is optional.

2020 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 - 126 Middlesex Ave - Wilmington
06/25/20 08/27/20 09/24/20 10/22/20 11/19/20 (3rd Thursday) No December Meeting

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

Location - 4th of July Building - 142 Middlesex Ave - Wilmington

06/11/20 08/13/20 09/10/20 10/08/20 10/08/20 11/05/20 (1st Thursday)
12/10/20

Social Events

Wilmington SOI Scholarship Dinner **DATE TBD**

Fourth of July festivities on the common is cancelled

07/08/20 - Wilmington SOI Bocce possible start date (**pending guidelines**)

07/18/20 - Wilmington SOI Family Outing (**pending guidelines**)

07/26/20 - Wilmington SOI Dominators Car Show (**pending**)

09/18/20 - *Grand Lodge* Beatles Tribute Show (new date)

09/19/20 - *Wilmington SOI* Foxwoods Bus Trip **NEW DATE**

10/04/20 - *Grand Lodge* 5K Road Race (new date)

10/16/20 - *Grand Lodge* Meatball Championship Cook Off (new date)

10/25/20 - *Grand Lodge* State Convention (new date)

**** If you live in **New Hampshire** and must send us something, please try to hand deliver it as we are having problems with mail from New Hampshire.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I am writing to you all again to check in and see how you and your families are doing during this continued unparalleled time in our lives. I continue to look forward to the time when we are all able to get together and enjoy each other's company and have fun at some of our events. As the weather starts to get better, I hope this will allow you all to get outside more and get some fresh air. I think that is important, even if it is just a short walk on your street or around your block.

As you might expect, we have cancelled any lodge or council meetings in person until September for now. Hopefully, we will be able to meet then, we will keep you all informed! As you can see from the newsletter, many events are either cancelled or postponed for now. We are looking to possibly see if we might be able to have our Bocce League starting in July. We will get back to you all once we have more information in the coming weeks.

Also, we continue to do good work in the community on behalf of the lodge. We provided \$400 in gift cards to the Food Pantry at the Parish of Transfiguration and to the Wilmington Food Pantry at Easter as part of the outreach committee to help those who might need extra help during this tough time. In the June newsletter we will have a write up that we are providing food for frontline workers in our Town organized by Michele Nortonen and some of my council!

Also, remember, keep in touch with your fellow members, give a call and check in on each other, it means a lot to all of us!

As always if you need anything, please do not hesitate to call, or email me directly. I will do my best to try to help. Give my best to your family, be safe and hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,

John

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Update on correspondence: The Council has been meeting via ZOOM for the past two months. Here is some of the correspondence that we have received:

The Kiwanis send \$100.00 donation for the Diaper Drive.

We received **thank you** notes from:

- Town Manager, Jeff Hull, and the Board of Selectmen for our \$50000.00 donation to the Yentile Farm Recreation Facility.
- Parish of the Transfiguration Youth Group for our \$300.00 donation to their fundraiser for Shriners Hospital.
- Linda Tobin for the gift card and get well wishes
- Lou Intoppa for the gift card and get well wishes
- Wilmington Strings for our donation to the Rock n Roll Bingo Night. Special Olympics for our \$300.00 donation
- Wilmington Community Fund for our \$400.00 gift card donations for the Food Pantry.
- Wilmington Memorial Library for our \$650.00 donation to fund the New England Aquarium Pass.
- Parish of the Transfiguration for our donation to their Food Pantry.

Wilmington Sons of Italy Scholarships - Congratulations to our Scholarship recipients, Christian Bolanos, Jessica Stevens and Bridget O'Shea. More info on these recipients will be in our June newsletter.



September Events

Grand Lodge Beatles Tribute Night - will be held on **Friday, September 18, 2020** at the Winchester Sons of Italy - 117 Swanton Street - Winchester, MA. 6:30 PM. Bring your own snacks - appetizer and pizza will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$25.00. (Our lodge will pay half this price for members).



Wilmington Sons of Italy Foxwoods Trip - **Saturday, September 19, 2020**. The Bus will leave the Fourth of July Building Parking lot at **7:30 am** and then leave Foxwoods at **4:30 pm**. The cost is **\$35.00 pp** - includes driver gratuity, \$10 food voucher, \$15 gaming coupon and snacks. Contact Lucille Clark at 339-927-1447 or e-mail lmclark9999@comcast.net Or **Lynne Martell** - 978-694-1632 or e-mail Lynne_martell@comcast.net. Pay at a meeting or mail a check (payable to Wilmington sons of Italy) to Lynne Martell - 20 Ohio St. - Wilmington, MA 01887.



October Events

Grand Lodge 5K Road Race - **Sunday, October 4, 2020** at 10:00 am. Race starts at Belmont High School - 221 Concord Ave - Belmont, MA. \$25.00 pp. Register and pay online at www.grandlogemass.racewire.com. Complimentary BBQ at Grand Lodge headquarters following the race.

Grand Lodge Meatball Cook-off Championship - will be held on **Friday, October 16, 2020** at the Watertown Sons of Italy - 520 Pleasant Street - Watertown, MA from 7:00 - 11:00 pm. Dinner from Spinelli's will include homemade cavatelli, eggplant parmigiana, Sausage, peppers and onions, chicken marsala, salad, rolls, homemade dessert. Dancing to DJ Alan LaBella. Plus: Grand Lodge Meatball Championship Judging. Participating lodges include Brockton, Fitchburg, Methuen, Natick, Tewksbury, and Wilmington. Scratch Ticket raffle and 50/50 raffle. Tickets \$30.00 (Our lodge will pay ½ this price for members) . Non-members may also attend, and the cost will be \$30.00. Contact Karen 978-423-0960, or you can e-mail her kscalzi@gmail.com. PLEASE COME AND CHEER ON OUR MEATBALL CHAMPION!!



106th State Convention - will be held on **Sunday, October 25, 2020** at the Watertown Sons of Italy. There will be a **Pot of Gold Raffle**. Tickets are \$100.00 each. Tickets can be purchased individually or with a group of friends. 1st prize = \$10,000.00; 2nd prize = \$1,000.00; 3rd prize = \$500.00; 4th and 5th prize = \$250.00. Tickets may be obtained by contacting the Grand Lodge at 617-489-5234.



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>



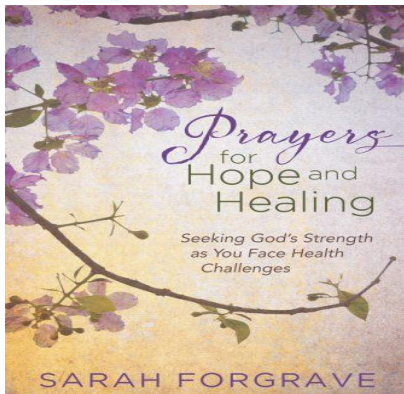
Sunshine - Report sunshine information to Joan Foresteire (978-658-6284)

We send our *best wishes* to our members with **May Birthdays and Anniversaries!**

We pray for all the health care workers and all those who have to work during this time.



We send our prayers and get well wishes to Ginny Pupa, Kayla Boebel and Peg Dicey.



and we pray for all those fighting this terrible virus.



We send our condolences to Evelyn Olivari and her family on the loss of her brother, Michael Balzotti

******* 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.