



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

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**November 21, 2024** meeting and dinner will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St - Wilmington, MA. Dinner will be **Calzones and salad** for \$5. Dinner will begin at 6:30 and the meeting will follow at 7:30. **Please bring some yummy desserts!**

**Please RSVP for dinner and/or attendance by Tuesday, November 19, 2024 to [Lynne\\_martell@comcast.net](mailto:Lynne_martell@comcast.net) or 978-694-1632 or 978-729-6044(cell) We need help setting up the tables at 5:45 pm.**

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.

### Sons & Daughters of Italy Events

11/17/24 - Wilmington Lodge Memorial Mass 10:00 am - St Dorothy's Church

11/17/24 - November Fall Fest at Villanova Hall

12/04/24 - Wilmington Lodge Craft Night

11/23/24 - Wilmington Lodge Thanksgiving Bingo

12/15/24 - Wilmington Lodge Children's Christmas Party (see attachment)

12/28/24 - Wilmington Lodge Adult Christmas Party (see attachment)

**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**

**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.  
**12/12/24**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Patricia and I would like to wish each and every one of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving. We are truly grateful for all of the good work that you all do to support us throughout the year. We are also grateful for all the good work that you all collectively do in the name of our lodge. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over the next couple of months during the holiday season.

Sincerely,

John

**Plastic cap collection** - Paul and Debbie Cipriani have a granddaughter in Michigan who is a Girl Scout and is collecting plastic caps to be recycled into benches. They can be any plastic caps, any color from water bottles, pill bottles, etc. We would like to help her by collecting caps. Contact Janet Engrem for pickup of caps. [jkje@comcast.net](mailto:jkje@comcast.net) 617-957-2460



### November

**Missing Man's Table** – There will be a Missing Man's Table at the November meeting. The symbolism of the Missing Man Table: The table is round, to show our everlasting devotion concern for our fallen and missing comrades. The cloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to serve.




The single red rose; displayed in a vase, reminds us of the life and the blood that was shed and their loved ones and friends who keep the faith and await answers. The red ribbon symbolizes our commitment, and continued determination to account for our missing. A slice of lemon on the plate is to remind us of the bitter fate of those captured and missing in a foreign land. A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears endured by those missing and their families who still seek answers after decades of uncertainty. The glass is inverted to symbolize their inability to share this evening with us. The lighted candle reflects our hope for their return, alive or dead. The chair is empty and tilted – they are not here and will remain so until they return or are accounted for. The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain us and those lost from our country, founded as one nation under God.

"YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN SO LONG AS THERE IS ONE LEFT IN WHOM YOUR MEMORY REMAINS."

**St Frances House Donations** – If you would like to donate **NEW** hats, gloves, scarves or money to the St. Frances House Homeless Shelter in Boston, you can bring your donation to the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting or contact John Romano 617-750-9749 [jromano45@gmail.com](mailto:jromano45@gmail.com)



 **Memorial Mass** – We celebrate a Memorial Mass in honor of our lodge's deceased members. It will be held on **Sunday, November 17th at 10:00 am** at St. Dorothy's Church on Main Street in Wilmington. Names of deceased members will be read before mass so **please try to arrive early** to be there when the names are read. **Coffee and donuts** will be served downstairs after mass. Also, please **make every effort to attend** this important Mass in honor of our loved one who have passed! **See attached Deceased Member List.**



**Turkey Bingo - Saturday, November 23, 2024** at the Wilmington Senior Center 6:00 - 10:00 pm. Prizes will be Thanksgiving related. Pizza, coffee and dessert  
 Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy members only. \$15 pp. **PLEASE PAY AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING.**



7pm - 9pm and the cost is \$10. Please sign up in the book or contact Julie Sbraccia-Manos 978-284-3260 for more info.

**Craft Night** - On Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Building, the Wilmington Lodge will have a **members only** craft night where you will make a Christmas Ornament, Christmas Cards and earrings. It will be from

**Children's Christmas Party** - will be held on **Sunday, December 15, 2024** from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, at the Wilmington United Methodist Church - 87 Church St. - Wilmington, MA.



**This event is for children and grandchildren of members in grades 5 and under.** Food and a visit and a present from Santa, and crafts will be available. Please contact Anna Kerkorian [amvk77@gmail.com](mailto:amvk77@gmail.com) 617-605-4662 or Lisa Lyons [skilee206@gmail.com](mailto:skilee206@gmail.com) 617 957-8157 or Lynne Martell [Lynne\\_martell@comcast.net](mailto:Lynne_martell@comcast.net) 978-729-6044. **Please**

**respond by Friday, November 15, 2024** to allow us time to shop for gifts. A confirmation will be sent. If you do not receive confirmation by November 17<sup>th</sup>, please contact us again. Please do not show up unless you have received a confirmation. We do not want to disappoint any child. **Please see the attached flyer. We also need volunteers to help with set up, crafts and clean-up!**

**Adult Christmas Party** - We are planning to have an adult Christmas Party on **Saturday, December**



**28, 2024** at the Wilmington/Tewksbury Elks Hall - 777 South Street - Tewksbury, MA. Featuring North End's own Street Magic Acapella and D.J. AMO along with some reindeer games. 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. Open to friends, relatives and other lodges for \$60.00 pp. (**Wilmington Lodge Members pay only \$30.00**) **Bring a \$10 scratch ticket for a scratch ticket swap (optional.)** Contact Kevin Caira 978-657-7734 [kevincaira57@gmail.com](mailto:kevincaira57@gmail.com). If you have any dietary restrictions, please let Kevin know. **See Flyer attached.**



**DUES** - Our Membership dues are \$50.00 per year and are due on January 1, 2025. Walter will be sending out letters shortly. You can also pay at the meeting.



**Outreach** - Lennie has contacted local churches so that we may help needy families for Thanksgiving. We will also donate 10 \$25.00 gift cards for local Veterans.



**Happy November Birthday to** - Allison Bolanos, Deborah Casey, Brittany Cimaglia, Sheryl Farrar, Diane Garrity, Fred Hogan, Cheryl Licciardi, Patti Poirier, Francesco Recchia, Christopher Romano, Jennifer Saragosa, Donna Siracusa, Carolyn Sullivan, Stephen Sullivan, Arnie Aprile, Jerry Pupa, Ginny Pupa.

- November's **flower** is the **chrysanthemum**, often associated with honesty, joy, and optimism.
- The **birthstone** for November is **topaz**, a semi-precious gem that represents friendship.
- The **zodiac signs** for November are **Scorpio** (11/1 - 11/21) sign - known for their determination and intensity and **Sagittarius** (11/22 - 12/21) - a sign characterized by its adventurous and optimistic nature.
- **November birthdays** include Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Twain, Winston Churchill, Scarlett Johansson, and Kurt Vonnegut, Emma Stone, Chrissy Teigen, Ryan Gosling, Whoopi Goldberg, RuPaul, and Bill Nye the Science Guy.
- **November 1, 1800 - John Adams Becomes First President to Live in the White House** - President Adams wrote his wife a letter on his second night living in the White House. It says, "Before I end my letter, I pray Heaven to bestow the best of Blessings on this House and all that shall hereafter inhabit it. May none but wise and honest men ever rule under this roof."
- On **November 2, 1936**, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) became the world's first regular public television service. Before this, there was no regular television service to watch.
- **November 3** - Daylight Saving Time ends; Sputnik 2 was the first spacecraft to carry an animal into space - a dog named Laika and the second spacecraft the USSR launched into Earth's orbit.
- **November 5** - Election Day.
- **November 8, 1895** x-rays were discovered by a German physicist Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen. He received the first-ever Nobel Prize for physics in 1901.
- **November 11** - Veterans Day. In 1918 World War I ends when the Allied Forces and Germany signed an armistice stating the war would end on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month.
- **November 19, 1863** President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address. Despite being just two minutes long, the speech encapsulated the essential tenets of democracy.
- **November 22, 1963**, John F. Kennedy, the 25<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, was assassinated.
- **November 28** - Thanksgiving Day - Many people believe that the first Thanksgiving took place in 1621. A group of English colonists and Wampanoag People came together to share a feast that lasted for three days. This marked the start of a long period of peace between the two groups that continued until around 1675. President Abraham Lincoln made Thanksgiving Day official on November 26, 1863. He declared a national day of Thanksgiving for the last Thursday of November each year
- **November 29** - Black Friday
- **November 30** - Small Business Saturday.



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 Joseph Martell, Jerry Pupa, Frank Puleo and Tom Siracusa.



We send our "**PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES**" to Donna Botte and her family on the death of her father, Joseph Pergola.

We send our "**PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES**" to Cheryl Licciardi, Paul Licciardi and Rebecca Kendall on the death of Cheryl and Paul's father and Rebecca's grandfather, Vincenzo Licciardi.

We send our "**PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES**" to the family of our brother and long-time member, Robert Martin - Father to Leann and Chuck Otis and Daneen Petrone; Grandfather to Katelyn and Marina Otis and Nathan Petrone; brother-in-law to Charlie and Barbara DeStefano and uncle to Kristen and Charlene DeStefano.

We send our "**PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES**" to Pete and Sue Connors on the death of Pete's sister, Betty MacDonald.



Congratulations to Lisa Lyons on the birth of her Grandson, Lorenzo Frederick Messuri!



**Buon Giorno  
del Ringraziamento!**



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

Please send any address or e-mail changes to [Lynne\\_martell@comcast.net](mailto:Lynne_martell@comcast.net) or 978-729-6044 (cell) 978-694-1632 (home).

# VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



ORDER  
Sons and  
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of Italy  
IN AMERICA

The Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge #2193 would like to honor our lodge Veterans.



Arnie Aprile Dave Blundell Aldo A. Caira\* David Caira Kenny Caira Pat Carideo\* Lennie Ciaccia Lou Cimaglia Bob DeSantis\* Charlie DeStefano Christopher S. DiCecca\* Bob Dicey Bob DiPasquale Charlie Eddy Roger Lee Farrar John Foresteire\* Jack Harding Fred Hogan Michelle Lima Joe Maiella Robert Martin\* Ray Mercuri Vinnie Oliva Robert Oliveira\* Ed Palino Frank Puleo Anthony Siracusa Sheryl Giusto Walsh Clayton Wentzell

\* Deceased Members

It is the VETERAN, not the preacher,  
who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the VETERAN, not the reporter,  
who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the VETERAN, not the poet,  
who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer,  
who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer,  
who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the VETERAN, not the politician,  
who has given us the right to vote.

