



Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy
Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge

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February 2023 Newsletter

February 23, 2023 monthly meeting 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** Please bring a **dessert** to share. Dinner will begin at 6:30. The Meeting will begin at 7:15 pm

Please RSVP to Lynne_martell@comcast.net 978-729-6044 (cell), 978-694-1632 (home) by Thursday, February 16, 2023.

WE NEED HELP SETTING UP THE TABLES AT 6:00 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

2/11/23 - Valentine Day Bingo

2/14/23 - Deadline for **Grand Lodge Scholarships**

2/19/23 - Italian Opera Presentation

2/26/23 - **Grand Lodge Corn Hole Tournament**

2/28/23 - Deadline for **National Scholarships**

3/1/23 - Deadline for **Wilmington Lodge Scholarships**

3/25/23 - **Blood Drive** with Children's Hospital (more info follow)

3/26/23 - Grand Lodge **Wine Tasting** (flyer attached)

4/18/23 - Wakefield Lodge Annual Auction (flyer attached)

4/28/23 - Wilmington Sons & Daughters/Band Parents **Comedy Night**

5/25/23 - Wilmington Lodge **Scholarship Dinner**

Lodge Meetings -4th **Thursday** of every month at 7:15 at the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St. - Wilmington, MA

3/23/23 4/27/23 5/25/23 6/22/23 8/24/23

Council Meeting -2nd **Wednesday** of every month 7PM at the 4th of July Building. 3/8/23 4/12/23 5/10/23 6/14/23 8/9/23

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>

DUES - Dues are \$50 for the year and are due January 1, 2023. Bills have gone out. If you did not receive one, please contact Walter - 978-453-3015 wpalino@comcast.net

February

Nominations for our lodge officers for a **two-year term** will take place **February 1 - 22nd**. If you would like to run for office or if you would like to nominate someone to run for office, please contact **John Romano** JRomano45@gmail.com 617-750-9749

We will also take nominations from the floor at the February 23rd Lodge Meeting.

The offices to be elected are President, Vice-President, Orator, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, (5) Trustees, (2) Master/Mistresses of Ceremony, Guard/Sentinel, (5) Arbitrators, (5) Alternate Arbitrators, (3) Delegates and (3) Alternate Delegates.

To run for President and Vice President, you must have held another office. To run for any other office, you must have been a member for six months. To vote you must have been a member for one month and have paid your dues. **Social Members CAN run for office and vote.**

There are also four seats on the Roncalli Board of Directors. Contact Kevin Caira (978-657-7734) **Please think about running for an office.** I've attached a list of Officers and their duties.

Valentines Bingo Bonanza - will be held on **Saturday, 2/11/23** at the Buzzell Senior Center - 15 School St - Wilmington. Doors open at 5:45 pm and Bingo starts at 6:15 pm. The cost is \$15 per person. For Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy Members only. 4 cards. Free pizza and soft drinks, coffee and dessert. 10 games with coverall. For more information, call John Romano at (617) 750-9749



Italian Opera Presentation - Sunday, 2/19/23 - 2pm - Methuen lodge - 459 Merrimack St - Methuen. The Italian Culture/Historical Commission of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is proud to announce a presentation by Maria Felicita Fichera, who will speak on Italian Opera with a focus on Giuseppe Verdi's "Falstaff".

Maria is originally from Sicily and is an expert on Italian Opera. She has done many of these presentations both in Italian and English. This presentation is to introduce us to the beauty of Italian Opera which is so much a part of our Italian culture. It will be a multimedia presentation which will include arias and film. There is no charge to attend, and refreshments will be served.

Please contact Italian Culture/Historical Commission Chair Armand Buonanno at 978-314-5097 or via email to abuonanno@cmitsolutions.com to reserve your seat or if you would like to help out.



The Sports Commission of the Grand Lodge of MA will hold its 3rd Annual **Cornhole Tournament** on Sunday, **February 26, 2023**, at the Waltham Sons of Italy - 99 Cedar St - Waltham, MA. Beginning at 10:00 AM. \$25.00 pp. Double elimination format and matches will be played to 21 points. 2 person teams will be randomly chosen.

Scholarships

Wilmington Sons of Italy Scholarships - Our lodge scholarships are available to children entering college in the fall of 2023. **The 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 6 years and entering Graduate school in the fall of 2023. **The deadline is 3/1/23.**



For more information please contact Karen Scalzi (978-423-0960) or e-mail kscalzi@gmail.com.

Grand Lodge Scholarships are now available. Deadline is February 14, 2023. Apply online at <https://www.osiama.org/scholarships>

National Scholarships are now available. Deadline is February 28, 2023. Apply online. <https://www.osia.org/programs/scholarships/>

March

Grand Lodge Wine Tasting - The C&E Trust of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, will be holding a **Wine Tasting on Sunday, March 26, 2023**, from 12:30 - 5:00 pm at the Sons of Italy - 196 Adams Street - Newton, MA. \$25.00 per person (**our lodge will pay ½ this price for members**). Sign up with Lynne Martell 978-729-6044 or e-mail Lynne_martell@comcast.net (flyer attached)



April

Wakefield Lodge Annual Auction - Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at St. Joseph Church Hall in Wakefield beginning at 6:00 pm. Chicken pot pie for dinner. \$15 pp (\$10 with no dinner) (see flyer attached)

Comedy Night - Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy and WHS Band Parents will host this year's Annual Comedy Night on **Friday, April 28, 2023**, at the Wilmington/Tewksbury Elks. Doors will open at **7:30pm**, and the show will start at **9pm**. Tickets will remain at **\$20** again this year. Tables of 10 are available or you can purchase individual tickets. Tickets are available from Kevin Caira, we are limiting seating to 200, tickets are going fast, please contact Kevin at (508) 633-2681 for tickets. Also looking for donations for raffles, silent auction, scratch tickets raffle. Contact Kevin kevincaira57@gmail.com 508-633-2681 or John jromano45@gmail.com 617-750-9749.





Happy belated Birthday to Robert Pustizzi and Happy Birthday to our members with February Birthdays: Jennifer Bolanos, Josephine Ciaccio, Priscilla Cipriani, Barbara DeStefano, Anna Kerkorian, Mary Kiesinger, Lucille Malvone, Dedi Pitzi, Patricia Romano, Dolores Mueller Ruocco, Janice Stevens, Jessica Stevens, Sally Radomski, Joseph Maiella.

Happy birthday, all you February babies! You're so lucky to be sharing the shortest month of the year with one of the sweetest holidays of all—Valentine's Day! As either a witty, intelligent, and strong-willed Aquarius (Feb 1-18) or a compassionate, insightful, and creative Pisces (Feb 19-29), you've got some of the best qualities around.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT FEBRUARY

- Some would say your birth flower is the iris, which represents faith, hope, and wisdom. Others say it's the violet, which represents faithfulness, modesty, and virtue. Which one's your favorite?
- According to tradition, the Roman emperor Augustus took one day off February and added it to August, the month named after him.
- There are a few dozen national monthly observances during February, including Black History Month, Bird Feeding Month, Embroidery Month, Grapefruit Month, Haiku Writing Month, and Umbrella Month. There are just as many national weekly observances during February, including Friendship Week (week 1), Flirting Week (week 2), Secondhand Wardrobe Week (week 3), and Pancake Week (week 4).
- A person born on February 29 during a leap year (which occurs only every four years) is called a "leapling" and will usually celebrate their birthday on either February 28 or March 1 in all non-leap years. The odds of being born on February 29 are 1 in 1,461 (or 0.068%) according to the Honor Society of Leap Year Day Babies.
- An impressive roster of famous people were born in February! These iconic household names include: Jennifer Aniston (2/11), Drew Barrymore (2/22), Sheryl Crow (2/11), James Dean (2/8), Charles Dickens (2/7), Michael Bolton (2/26), Thomas Edison (2/11), Michael Jordan (2/17), Norman Rockwell (2/3), Babe Ruth (2/6), John Steinbeck (2/27), and John Travolta (2/18).
- If you're a history buff, you probably also know that the following four presidents shared February birthdays: William Henry Harrison, Abraham Lincoln, Ronald Reagan, and George Washington.

We hope you have an extra wonderful birthday and enjoy all the joy it has to offer!



Please report any sunshine to Linda Tobin. Please **let Linda know if someone** is sick, has surgery, or has a death in the family. Linda's contact information is phone 978-604-4706 or e-mail beatlefanlinda@aol.com



We send our **prayers and "Get Well" wishes** to Mary Kiesinger, Frank Asimokoupoulos and Fred Hogan.



We send our **prayers and condolences** to Jerry and Ginny Pupa and their family on the death of Ginny's niece, Lisa Sampson. Condolences also to Kayla Boebel, Cynthia Rankin, Julia Rankin, Brain Pupa and Matthew Pupa.

We also send our **prayers and condolence** to Jerry and Ginny Pupa and their family on the death of Jerry's cousin, Loreto Mazzola.

We send our **prayers and condolences** to Diane, Emma and Lucas Garrity on the death of Diane's Mother and Emma and Luca's Grandmother, Marie DiLorenzo.

We send our **prayers and condolences** to Chris DiCecca on the death of his Aunt, Eleanor DiCecca.

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 or 978-694-1632.