

# Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge

LODGE 2183 – P.O. BOX 387 – WILMINGTON, MA 01887 http://www.wilmingtonsoi.org (new web site under construction)

# **December 2015 Newsletter**

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Monthly Meetings - third Monday of the month with dinner at 6:30 PM - followed by the meeting at 7:30pm.

LOCATION -Wilmington Knights of Columbus - 126 Middlesex Ave - Wilmington - behind St. Thomas Church.

12/21/15 - There will be no monthly meeting. Instead we will have our Christmas Party. An Italian dinner will be a provided by Angelina's of Tewksbury. Sign up was due at the November meeting. Cost is \$5.00 for member and \$18.00 for non-members.

Future Meetings 01/18/16 02/15/16 03/21/16 04/18/16

<u>Council Meetings</u> - Every first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm LOCATION -FOURTH OF JULY BUILDING

01/04/16 02/01/16 03/07/16 04/04/16 05/02/16

Social Events

12/21/15 - **Wilmington** Adult Christmas Party

02/05/16 - Wilmington Comedy Night

02/28/16 - *Grand Lodge* Quadrathlon of Games

03/19/16 - Wilmington 500 Club

03/20/16 - Wilmington Easter Bunny Breakfast at the K of C in Wilmington

04/10/16 - *Grand Lodge* Bowling Tournament

05/01/16 - Grand Lodge - MA Education and Law Awards (MELA)

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 Aldo aldocaira@yahoo.com.

**Dues** are \$44.00 and are due by December 31, 2015. You can mail your payment to PO Box 387, Wilmington, MA 01887. Bills were sent out in November. If you have not received one please let Lynne Martell know. (978-694-1632) Lynne\_martell@comcast.net

### **Scholarships**

Wilmington Sons of Italy Scholarships – Our lodge scholarship are available to children entering college in the fall of 2016. 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 2016. For applications and more information please contact Karen Scalzi (978-423-0960).

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 2016. Applications are available on line (<a href="www.osiama.org">www.osiama.org</a>) or you may contact Karen Scalzi (978-423-0960). Deadline February 1, 2016.

Sons of Italy Foundation – is now accepting application for the 2016 National Leadership Grant Competition. The SIF offers 10 to 12 merit-based scholarships ranging from \$4,000 to \$25,000 in a nationwide competition. The scholarship information and application (cover sheet) is currently posted on both the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts website (<a href="www.osiama.org">www.osiama.org</a>) and the National website (<a href="www.osia.org/students/scholarships.php">www.osia.org/students/scholarships.php</a>). The direct link to the scholarship information on the National website is: <a href="http://www.osia.org/students/scholarships.php">http://www.osia.org/students/scholarships.php</a>). Applicants without Internet access may call the Grand Lodge office at 617-489-5234 to request the printed material. Deadline is February 29, 2016. Contact Karen Scalzi (978-423-0960).

### **December Events**

Adult Christmas Party - Will be held on our regular meeting night, Monday December 21, 2015 at the Knights of Columbus hall in Wilmington at 6:30 pm. Sign up took place in November. An Italian dinner will be provided by Angelina's of Tewksbury. It will include chicken brachioletini and baked eggplant with cannoli's for dessert. Contact Charlie DeStefano 978-404-6777 or e-mail DeltaSUV@gmail.com.



January 2016

### January Events

Grand Lodge January 2016 Calendar Raffle -Here's how it works:

- A \$10.00 ticket purchase gives you 35 chances to win a share of \$5,400.00.
- There will be a drawing every day in **January 2016** with prizes ranging from \$100.00 \$500.00.
- Four "early-bird" drawings of \$100.00 will take place from all tickets received before December 23, 2015.
- All winning tickets are placed back in the drum for the next drawing.

A list of daily winners will be posted on the Grand Lodge website (<a href="www.osiama.org">www.osiama.org</a>)

Tickets are now available and can be purchased at the meeting or by contacting Charlie DeStefano 978-404-6777 or e-mail <a href="mailto:DeltaSUV@gmail.com">DeltaSUV@gmail.com</a>

\$2.00 of every ticket sold by our lodge will be reimbursed to us via a per capita credit.

# February Events

Comedy Night - will be held on February 5, 2016 at the Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks. \$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. Please bring a scratch ticket to the January meeting (if you can) 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.

Quadrathlon of Games - The Grand Lodge Sports Commission will hold a "Quadrathlon of Games" on Sunday, February 28, 2016 at the Quincy Sons of Italy - 120 Quarry Street - Quincy, MA beginning at 10:00 A.M. There will be four separate tournaments: Darts, Cribbage, Gin, and SCRABBLE. Coffee and donuts will be available at 10:00 A.M. and a luncheon will be served at noon. Prizes will be awarded based on the number of entrants in each tournament.

Participants may be able to play in more than one tournament. The Commission will make every attempt to accommodate those playing in multiple tournaments so there is no conflict in scheduling. Meal Tickets for non-players is \$10.00 pp. Visit <a href="http://osiama.org/events.html">http://osiama.org/events.html</a> for details. Sign up at the meeting.

### March Events

500 Club - will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the Knight of Columbus in Wilmington.

Numbers can still be purchased. Each number is only \$5.00 and only 500 tickets will be sold. Prizes are 1st place -\$500.00 2nd place -\$200.00 and 3rd 4th and 5th place -\$100.00. A \$50.00 bonus will be given to the top ticket seller so sell to family and friends not in the Sons of Italy. A special attendance prize for members

will also be drawn. You must be present to win. The prize increases by \$25.00 every drawing if the member's name drawn is not present. The prize now stands at \$75.00. If you buy a raffle ticket admission is free for members and non-members. Otherwise the cost is only \$5.00. A light dinner will be provided and members are encouraged to bring their own snacks and games to enjoy! There will be a DJ for dancing and a cash bar. Contact Aldo <a href="mailto:aldocaira@yahoo.com">aldocaira@yahoo.com</a>.

## **April Events**

Grand Lodge Bowling Tournament - The Grand Lodge Sports Commission will hold its annual Bowling Tournament on Sunday, April 10, 2016 at the Woburn Bowladrome - 32 Montvale Ave - Woburn, MA beginning at 8:30 AM. Deadline for sign up is March 25, 2016. Sign up at the meeting.

# May Events

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Massachusetts Education and Law Awards (MELA) - This event combines the awards given by the Commission for Social Justice and Scholarship Commission. Breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2016-9:00 AM at the Wyndham Boston Andover - 123 Old River Road - Andover, MA. Tickets are \$35.00 pp due by April 15, 2016.



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

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

We send our Get Well wished to Elizabeth Siracusa, Joe Peluso, and Joe Martell.



We send our condolences to Terri and Phil Zucchi and their family on the death of Terri's brother, Patrick Mesiti. We send our condolences to Joe and Lynne Martell on the death of their nephew, Marc Donovan.







#### 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 <a href="mailto:Lynne\_martell@comcast.net">Lynne\_martell@comcast.net</a> or call me (978-694-1632) with any address changes if you do not have e-mail.