



Wilmington Sons of Italy
Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge

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June 2020 Newsletter

THE June 25th MEETING IS CANCELLED



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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

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

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

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

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

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

09/19/20 - **Wilmington SOI** Foxwoods Bus Trip - PENDING GUIDELINES

10/04/20 - **Grand Lodge** 5K Road Race

10/16/20 - **Grand Lodge** Meatball Championship Cook Off

10/25/20 - **Grand Lodge** State Convention

**** 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 hope that this newsletter finds you and your families safe and healthy. With the warm weather finally here, I am hoping that you are able to get outside and enjoy the fresh air. I encourage our older members and those with underlying health conditions to continue to remain cautious. Should you need any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me directly and I will see if my council or I can help or get you help the best we can.

As you can see, several more of our planned functions have been cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus as large crowds are still banned. We will continue to keep you updated as more information becomes available on other similar activities.

On the good news front, we will be having our Bocce League beginning on July 8th. Please see the details in the newsletter. At least we have a little bit of normalcy happening. I continue to remain optimistic that we will all come through this and better days will be ahead of us. I am just praying that it will be sooner rather than later! I look forward to seeing you all in the near future, hopefully around town on a walk, at the supermarket or at the park.

Stay safe and well.

Sincerely,

John
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Update on Correspondence:

- We received a thank you note from Mary Buscone for the Get-Well Card and Gift Card.
- We received a thank you note from Evelyn Olivarie for our expression of sympathy on the death of her brother.
- We received a thank you note from Ann Carideo for the flowers and spiritual for her husband and our brother, Pat. She hopes to return to meetings in the future.
- We received a thank you note from Kayla Boebel for our prayers and get-well wishes.
- We received a thank you note from Peg Dicey for our Get-Well Card and Gift Card.
- We received a thank you note from the Wilmington Community Fund for our quarterly donation of \$500.00.

Meals for First Responders and Essential Workers in Wilmington:

At its June Council Meeting via ZOOM, Michele Caira Nortonen updated the Council on her committee's progress in delivering meals to first responders and essential workers in Wilmington. She thanked her core committee members: Janet and Kevin Engrem, Cheryl and Kevin Caira, Alicia Johnson, Julie Sbraccia-Manos, Karen Scalzi and John Romano; and gave a shout out to Brent Johnson, Laura Caira, Janelle Engrem, and Lennie Malvone, who stepped in to volunteer when needed.

On May 23rd, meals were delivered to all three nursing shifts at AdviniaCare on West Street, and a week later duplicate meals were delivered to the three shifts at CareOne on Woburn Street. The meals consisted of mini-sub prepared by Lucci's deli, pizzas by AJ's Kitchen, garden salad, potato chips, a variety of chocolate chip, macadamia chip and fudge chip cookies, and water.

The following week on June 3rd, meals similar to those brought to the two long term care facilities were delivered to the police. Chief Joseph Desmond, Deputy Chief Brian Pupa (a member of the Wilmington Lodge), Patrolman Scott Dunnett, Clerk Dawn Naimo, Lt. David Sugrue, and Officer Kevin Cavanaugh were on hand to gratefully accept the platters of food and thank the members of our lodge for their generosity and continued support.

On June 12th, the committee delivered platters of mini-sub and wraps prepared by Lucci's deli and assorted goodies to the 37 employees manning Town Hall, including the Veterans Department and the Senior Center. Town Manager Jeffrey Hull and employees from his office, Treasurer's Office, Town Clerk's Office, Recreation Department, and Engineering Department greeted the committee at the front door and expressed their enthusiastic appreciation to lodge members for the delicious looking lunch.

Three more town departments will be treated in the coming weeks: breakfast prepared by As Good As It Gets Cafe for the Public Buildings Department, a hot lunch for the Department of Public Works, and a variety of sandwiches and wraps for the Fire Department.

Congratulations to our Scholarship Recipients

The Wilmington Sons of Italy Lodge #2183 will be awarding three scholarships to undergraduate students this year all of whom reside in Wilmington. During these unprecedented times, students who are graduating from high school have missed out on all the traditions that they have waited twelve years to enjoy, from senior trips, scholarship and sporting banquets, playing that last varsity game, to walking across the stage to receive their diploma. As much as it should be an extremely happy time for them and their parents, it is also a time of uncertainty and sadness. Our hope is that they can look forward to the future, begin new adventures, and start a new phase in their lives. They have all become stronger individuals and this will make them unstoppable in the future. Congratulations!



Christian Bolanos, graduating from Wilmington High School, is being awarded the Laura Caira Award. He is an Honor Roll student and a member of the National Honor Society, receiving an Academic Achievement Award in Health Dynamics. Christian volunteered at many events and organizations, including teaching CCD, tutoring 5th grade math, and helping at the Rotary auction and road races in town. He is also a member of the Lamplighters Drama Guild, Rotary Interact Board, and was president of Jr. WOW and vice-president of the Animation Club. Christian received his Eagle Scout award, this being the highest achievement in the Boy Scouts of America. Christian was described by his principal as “a kind and gentle person who represents all that is good. Christian is a superior, well rounded candidate with a strong record of achievement, both in and out of the classroom.” He will be attending St. Anselm College this fall majoring in Forensics Science.



Bridget O'Shea, graduating from Wilmington High School, is receiving the Christopher S. DiCecca Memorial Award. Bridget is an avid hockey player, having played on the Wilmington girls' varsity hockey team for four years, this year being an Alternate/Assistant Captain, helping her team make it to the state championships. She has also played high school lacrosse for three years, (unfortunately they were unable to play this year making it her 4th year) and volleyball as a freshman and sophomore. Bridget's love for children is evident with her volunteering at Tiny Tots since 9th grade, as well as nannying for a local family and working at the CARES program. One of Bridget's teachers described her as “a respectful young woman who desires to grow as a student. She is an intellectually curious and honest young woman who is fun to be around. Bridget has been a valuable addition to my classroom each day.” Bridget will be attending the University of New Hampshire in the fall of 2020 majoring in Psychology.



Jessica Stevens, graduating second in her class from Shawsheen Valley Technical High School, is receiving the Bob and Peg Dicey Award. Jessica has received many awards throughout her high school years, including outstanding senior of the year, gold medalist at Skills USA 2019, and placing 4th in the country at the Certiport National Competition for Microsoft Word 2013. She is a member of the National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society. She has played high school basketball and softball for four years, cross country for two years and was voted varsity softball captain 2020. She was a member of the Wilmington Sons of Italy Junior Lodge upon its inception and volunteered at the Wilmington Figure Skating Club, Lucy's Love Bus, Special Olympics, and Boston Children's Hospital through Shawsheen Tech. Jessica's guidance counselor described her as a “young woman who is gifted in many areas, and yet her humble and modest demeanor has surprised me. Jessica is gifted academically, yet she is so much

more. This young woman is one of the best our school has ever seen.” Jessica will be attending University of Massachusetts – Lowell majoring in Business Administration this fall.

The Wilmington Sons of Italy would like to extend congratulations to all graduating seniors of 2020. We wish them a successful and bright future and know that they will make the best of anything that is sent their way!

The Grand Lodge monthly meeting minutes are available to view and download from the "News" tab on the Grand Lodge website (www.osiama.org)

July/August Events

Wilmington Summer Bocce - will begin on **Wednesday, July 8th**. 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 on Middlesex Ave in Wilmington. **Masks** are mandatory and you must bring your own. You will not be allowed to play without a mask. This is a Wilmington Sons of Italy rule for the protection of our members. **Hand sanitizer** will be available. Contact Sue Connors 978-447-1343 or e-mail smc19thhole@comcast.net.



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 provided or purchase. Tickets are \$25.00. (Our lodge will pay half this price for members).



Wilmington Sons of Italy Foxwoods Trip - **PENDING GUIDELINES** - **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** (payable to Wilmington Sons of Italy) - 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.



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 kcscalzi@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 June Birthdays and Anniversaries!

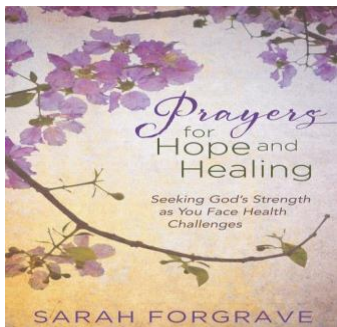
We pray for all the health care workers and all those who have to work during this time.



We send our prayers and get well wishes to Mary Buscone and Mary Kiesinger



We send our deepest condolences to Linda Tobin on the death of her mother, Lis DiChicco. Her address is 36 Henry Dr. Tewksbury, MA 01876



and we pray for all those fighting this terrible virus.

******* 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.