



## *Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge*

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### October 2017 Newsletter

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**October 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting** - will feature an Italian Feast in honor of Italian Heritage month. The Feast will include Chicken Parmigiana, macaroni, meatballs, salad, coffee and dessert. The cost will be \$5.00 and we need a **head count** so please let me know if you plan on attending dinner for the October meeting. [Lynne\\_martell@comcast.net](mailto:Lynne_martell@comcast.net) or 978-694-1632

#### 2017 Monthly Meetings

**FOURTH THURSDAY** of the month (*unless otherwise noted*).

Dinner is at 6:30 pm. Meeting is at 7:30 pm.

10/26/16 11/16/17(**3rd Thursday**) 12/28/17(Christmas Party)

Council Meetings - Every **2nd Thursday** of the month at **6:30 pm**

Location - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Building

11/09/17 12/14/17 01/11/18

#### Social Events

10/21/17- **Wilmington SOI** Disco Night

10/28/17 - **Wilmington SOI Junior Lodge** Craft Fair

10/29/17 - **Wilmington SOI** Memorial Mass (attachment)

11/16/17 - **Wilmington SOI** Turkey Shoot

11/18/17 - *Grand Lodge* Night at the Races - hurricane fundraiser

12/03/17 - **Wilmington SOI** Breakfast with Santa

12/10/17 - **Wilmington SOI** Children's Christmas Party (**SEE ATTACHED**)

01/2018 - *Grand Lodge* Calendar Raffle



**Bowling** - The Sons of Italy candlepin bowling league still has a few openings. We bowl on Sunday evenings from 6-8 at the Woburn Bowladrome on Montvale Ave. and the cost is \$17.00 per week. No experience necessary. Contact Lynne Martell [Lynne\\_martell@comcast.net](mailto:Lynne_martell@comcast.net) (978-694-1632) or Betty Aprile (978-658-9643).



**Disco Night** - There will be a disco night fundraiser to benefit Alzheimers on Saturday, **October 21, 2017** at the VFW on Vernon Street in Tewksbury from 7:00 pm - 11:00pm. You can **bring your own food**. Snacks, dessert and coffee will be provided but you can **bring some dessert to share** also. A cash bar will be available. There will be a DJ. There will also be raffles, contests and prizes. Disco dress is optional. So, put on your dancing shoes and join us! This promises to be a fun evening! Cost is only \$10pp. Please **return any unsold tickets and money for sold tickets** to Alicia **ASAP** so that we may be able to sell the unsold tickets. Contact Alicia 978-758-0876 or e-mail [amjohnson22@comcast.net](mailto:amjohnson22@comcast.net)



**Craft Fair** - The Wilmington Sons of Italy Junior Lodge is hosting their **Craft Fair** on Saturday, **October 28th** from 9-2 at St. Thomas' Villanova Hall. They are looking for **volunteers** to help out. They also would appreciate **baked goods, raffle items** and **White Elephant** items. Contact Kayla 978-604-5451 or e-mail [Wilmingtonjrsoi@aol.com](mailto:Wilmingtonjrsoi@aol.com)



**Wilmington Sons of Italy Memorial Mass** - A memorial Mass for the Wilmington Sons of Italy deceased members will be held on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Dorothy's Church at 10:30 am. **Since this is our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we would like to have a big turnout of members and families at this mass** to honor our deceased members. A list of our deceased members is attached. Please contact friends and relatives of these deceased members and invite them to this Mass.



**Mission of Deeds Blanket Drive** - The Reading Cooperative Bank is looking to donate 200 blankets to the Mission of Deeds. They are looking for new and gently used blankets for twin, full and queen size beds. You can bring a blanket to the meeting or contact Cheryl Caira [cal0701@yahoo.com](mailto:cal0701@yahoo.com) 508-633-2779.



**Wilmington Sons of Italy Turkey Shoot - 7th Annual Turkey Shoot** - following our monthly meeting on **Thursday, November 16, 2017**. Purchase 15 raffle tickets for \$5.00 to win prizes for your Thanksgiving dinner. Prizes include: Turkeys, vegetables, wine, pies, and holiday surprises.



**Grand Lodge Night at the Races** - The C&E Trust is co-hosting a "Night at the Races" as a fundraiser for the victims of the hurricanes in Florida and Texas. It will be held on **Saturday, November 18, 2017** at 7:00 pm at the **Braintree Sons of Italy** - 161 King Hill Road - Braintree, MA. Cost is \$10.00 pp and "funny money" is extra. Homemade desserts and coffee will be provided but you can also bring your own snacks. There will be raffles and a silent auction. Silent auction and monetary donations appreciated. Contact Angelo (508-655-2099) or Carol (508-259-2802).



**Wilmington Sons of Italy Breakfast with Santa** will be held on **Sunday, December 3, 2017** from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon at the K of C Hall in Wilmington. There will be two seating's: 8:30 and 10:30. **Volunteers** are needed to cook, serve, clean etc. Sign up at the meeting. Menu includes scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon, sausage, waffles, cereal, coffee, juice and milk. Donation is \$8.00 and children under 3 years are free. Tickets will be available 11/1/17.



**Wilmington Sons of Italy Children's Christmas Party** -will be held on **Sunday, December 10, 2017** at the **Knights of Columbus Hall** in Wilmington from 12:30 - 2:30 pm. The party is for children and grandchildren of members in grades five and under and is **FREE**. **Deadline** for sign up is **NOVEMBER 10TH**. See attached **flyer/sign up**. Mail to Sue Connors - 2 Blackstone St - Wilmington, MA 01887. **Volunteers** are needed to **help** out that day. Contact **Sue Connors** 978-447-1343 or e-mail her at [smc19thhole@comcast.net](mailto:smc19thhole@comcast.net).



**Grand Lodge Calendar Raffle** - will be held during January 2018. A \$10.00 ticket gives you 35 chances to win a prize ranging from \$100 to \$500. Four early bird drawings for tickets received before 12/22/17 and then one drawing every day in January. Winning tickets are placed back in the drum for the next drawing. Contact John for tickets [jromano45@gmail.com](mailto:jromano45@gmail.com).

2018 JANUARY						
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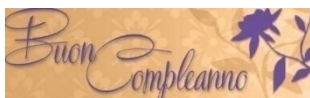
**Sunshine** - Report sunshine information to Joan Foresteire (978-658-6284)

We send our **Prayers** and "**Get Well**" wishes to Lee Farrar, Jack Krueger, Joe Peluso, Kristin Tully, Mary Keisinger, Charles DeStefano, Patricia Romano and Laura Caira.



Congratulations to Doug and Lucille Clark on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!

Happy Anniversary  
50  
Years together



**Best Wishes to all our members with October Birthdays and Anniversaries!**

**\*\*\*\*\* Note from the Recording Secretary** - Please remember to send e-mail or address changes to [Lynne\\_martell@comcast.net](mailto:Lynne_martell@comcast.net) or call me (978-694-1632) with any address changes if you do not have e-mail.



# Did you know our Lodge was named after Saint John XXIII?

## Saint John XXIII

### Saint of the Day for October 11

(November 25, 1881 – June 3, 1963)

<https://wp.franciscanmedia.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/SODOct11.mp3>

### Saint John XXIII's Story

Although few people had as great an impact on the 20th century as Pope John XXIII, he avoided the limelight as much as possible. Indeed, one writer has noted that his “ordinariness” seems one of his most remarkable qualities.

The firstborn son of a farming family in Sotto il Monte, near Bergamo in northern Italy, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was always proud of his down-to-earth roots. In Bergamo's diocesan seminary, he joined the Secular Franciscan Order.

After his ordination in 1904, Fr. Roncalli returned to Rome for canon law studies. He soon worked as his bishop's secretary, Church history teacher in the seminary, and as publisher of the diocesan paper.

His service as a stretcher-bearer for the Italian army during World War I gave him a firsthand knowledge of war. In 1921, Fr. Roncalli was made national director in Italy of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He also found time to teach patristics at a seminary in the Eternal City.

In 1925, he became a papal diplomat, serving first in Bulgaria, then in Turkey, and finally in France. During World War II, he became well acquainted with Orthodox Church leaders. With the help of Germany's ambassador to Turkey, Archbishop Roncalli helped save an estimated 24,000 Jewish people.

Named a cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953, he was finally a residential bishop. A month short of entering his 78th year, Cardinal Roncalli was elected pope, taking the name John after his father and the two patrons of Rome's cathedral, St. John Lateran. Pope John took his work very seriously but not himself. His wit soon became proverbial, and he began meeting with political and religious leaders from around the world. In 1962, he was deeply involved in efforts to resolve the Cuban missile crisis.

His most famous encyclicals were **Mother and Teacher** (1961) and **Peace on Earth** (1963). Pope John XXIII enlarged the membership in the College of Cardinals and made it more international. At his address at the opening of the Second Vatican Council, he criticized the “prophets of doom” who “in these modern times see nothing but prevarication and ruin.” Pope John XXIII set a tone for the Council when he said, “The Church has always opposed... errors. Nowadays, however, the Spouse of Christ prefers to make use of the medicine of mercy rather than that of severity.”

On his deathbed, Pope John said: “It is not that the gospel has changed; it is that we have begun to understand it better. Those who have lived as long as I have...were enabled to compare different cultures and traditions, and know that the moment has come to discern the signs of the times, to seize the opportunity and to look far ahead.”

“Good Pope John” died on June 3, 1963. Saint John Paul II beatified him in 2000, and Pope Francis canonized him in 2014.

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### Reflection

Throughout his life, **Angelo Roncalli** cooperated with God's grace, believing that the job at hand was worthy of his best efforts. His sense of God's providence made him the ideal person to promote a new dialogue with Protestant and Orthodox Christians, as well as with Jews and Muslims. In the sometimes-noisy crypt of St. Peter's Basilica, many people become silent on seeing the simple tomb of Pope John XXIII, grateful for the gift of his life and holiness. After his beatification, his tomb was moved into the basilica itself.