



Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy
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February 2025 Newsletter

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February 27, 2025 meeting and dinner will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St - Wilmington, MA. Dinner will be **Pizza and salad from OTTO pizza for \$8**. Dinner will begin at 6:30 and the meeting will follow at 7:30. **IF YOU PLAN TO EAT DINNER, PLEASE RSVP to LYNNE NO LATER THAN Monday 2/24/25, so we have enough time to properly order the food!** Please bring some yummy desserts! 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 for three tickets and is optional.

Sons & Daughters of Italy Events

02/17/25 - OTTO pizza fundraiser (flyer attached)

03/01/25 - Wilmington Lodge **Scholarship** Deadline

03/13/25 - **National Scholarship** Deadline

03/14/25 - Wilmington Lodge/Band Parents **Comedy Night** (flyer attached)

03/22/25 - Collection for Women's Clinic

03/30/25 - **Afternoon Lodge Meeting and Lodge Elections**

04/05/25 - Grand Lodge **Testimonial Dinner** (flyer attached)

04/12-13/25 - Wilmington Lodge **Diaper Drive**

04/24/25 - Grand Lodge **Trivia Night** (flyer attached)

04/25/25 - Wakefield Lodge **Charity Auction** (see flyer attached)

Lodge Meetings -4th 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.** Coffee and desserts are available for all members to enjoy.

2/27/25 3/30/25 (afternoon meeting) 4/24/25 5/22/25 6/19/25 (tentative) (no July meeting) 8/28/25 9/25/25 10/23/25 11/20/25 (3rd Thursday) (no December meeting)

Council Meetings -2nd Thursday of every month 7PM at the 4th of July Building.

3/13/25 4/10/25 5/8/25 6/12/25 (no July meeting)

8/14/25 9/11/25 10/9/25 11/13/25 12/11/25



"I would really appreciate it if everyone either sent in their dues in the mail or paid at the January meeting. As we are an all-volunteer organization, it is very uncomfortable for the officers to have to chase down members for their dues every year. We make it simple by mailing you a form and providing you with a yellow return envelope. Let's start off 2025 on a good note and send in your

dues early. **THANK YOU ALL** in advance."

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>

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 617-957-2460



Lodge Officer Elections 2025-2027

Nominations for our lodge officers for a **two-year term** will take place **February 1 - 27th**. If you would like to run for office or if you would like to nominate someone to run for office, please contact Kevin Caira (978-657-7734) kevincaira57@gmail.com.

Elections - will take place at our **March 30th afternoon meeting** from **12:15 - 1:15** prior to start of the lodge dinner.

We will also take **nominations from the floor at the February 27th Lodge Meeting**. Nominations will close on this day.

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 are eligible to vote and **may run** for any office except president and vice president.*

There are also four seats on the Roncalli Board of Directors. Contact Kevin Caira (978-657-7734) kevincaira57@gmail.com

OTTO Pizza Fundraiser - On **Monday, February 17**, OTTO Pizza in Andover - 27 Main St. - will donate 10% of all food sales to our Lodge. (see flyer attached)

March

Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy Scholarships - Our lodge scholarships are available to children entering college in the fall of 2025. Deadline is **March 1, 2025**.

Contact Karen Scalzi (978-423-0960) or e-mail kcscalzi@gmail.com.



National Scholarships are now available. Deadline is **March 14, 2025**. Apply online.

<https://www.osdia.org/initiatives/scholarships/>

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I will be doing an event on **Saturday March 22nd** from at St. Joseph's Hall on Prince Street in the North End under St. Leonard's Church from 8am to 4:30pm in conjunction with Fr. Michael Dellapenna and St. Leonard's Parish for **The Rita A. DiMento Women's Clinic**. The clinic is a walk-in clinic that provides comprehensive medical care and services for Boston's most vulnerable population, homeless women. A team of female medical professionals works alongside a licensed drug and alcohol counselor and recovery coach to bring women off the street to provide medical and recovery services, case management, connections to housing services, mental health referrals, shelter navigation and victim services and support. It offers women a safe place to relax, shower and unwind from the chaos of their daily lives. Many of these women are reluctant to seek care at co-ed clinics, where privacy and comfort can be compromised. Street outreach is done to meet women where they are at. You will find the team underground in the T, bus and train stations, the Boston Common and anywhere homeless women might be. The clinic serves as a refuge, offering a calming and confidential environment tailored to their unique needs.

Below is a **list of items** we will be collecting: **ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW IN THE PACKAGE:**

Women's Sweatpants

Leggings

Sports bras

Women's socks

New or gently worn women's sneakers

T-shirts

Individual sunblock packets

Summer baseball hats/sun hats

Fanny packs

Water bottles (refillable) or pouches

Body wipes

Small bug sprays

\$10 gift cards to Dunkins or McDonald's

(gift cards used to incentivize goals and/or medical tests, also allow use of a restroom)

I will also be collecting SPARE CHANGE OF ANY AMOUNT!

You can bring items to the February Lodge meeting or drop off at my house at 247 Burlington Ave if you can't make the event.

Thank you,

John



Comedy Night is Friday, March 14th at the Wilmington/Tewksbury Elks. Doors open at 7:30 pm. Cost is \$25. BYO food. **Tickets are going fast. Raffles** are needed such as scratch tickets, money for scratch tickets, bottles of cheers, cases of beer. **Please bring donations to the February meeting.** There will also be a silent raffle and like last year, there will be a Lottery pool where squares will be sold for \$20 each to win two Bruins Tickets in Premium seats. (Ticket value \$800.00). Contact John 617-750-9749 if you don't want to wait until the meeting. Comedians are Jody Sloane, Steve Scarfo, and headliner Tony V. **Please contact Kevin at 978-657-7734.** kevincaira57@gmail.com

Sunday March 30th Afternoon Dinner and Meeting:

Once again, we will be having an afternoon meeting to encourage and honor our most senior members to enjoy an afternoon dinner and meeting. This month is an added bonus as we will have our lodge elections as well.

Elections will be from 12:15pm to 1:15pm in a designated spot. Doors for Dinner will open at 12:30pm. Dinner will be served at 1pm and the Lodge meeting will start around 2:30pm. We will have some entertainment as well along with yummy desserts.

We should have everything wrapped up by 4pm. Once again, we will have a homemade Italian dinner cooked by some world-famous Italian chefs. We hope you all will join us.

April

Grand Lodge Testimonial Dinner - to honor our State President, Rodolfo Viscomi on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at the Watertown Lodge - 520 Pleasant St - Watertown. \$100.00 pp (our lodge will pay ½ this price for members). Cocktails at 6:30pm and Dinner at 7:30pm. Maria's Catering. Entertainment by Angelo Coviello. Semi-Formal attire. Sign up in the book. (See flyer attached.)



Diaper Drive - The Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy will sponsor a diaper drive to help support Paula's Angels by providing diapers and wipes to local mothers in need on **April 12, 2025, from 9am - 3pm and Sunday, April 13 from 9am - 2pm** at the 4th of July Building Parking lot. The **Easter Bunny** will be there to take photos with the children in Town and with our Lodge members.



Please contact Janet Engrem (617) 957-2460 or e-mail jknje@comcast.net You can bring Diapers and/or wipes to the February and March meetings. If you'd like to be on the Committee you can sign up in the book or contact Janet.



Grand Lodge Trivia Night - The Grand Lodge is hosting a Trivia Night to benefit the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum. It will be held on **Thursday, April 24, 2025** at the Watertown Lodge - 520 Pleasant St - Watertown, MA. There will be teams of 6-8 people. Doors open at 6pm. Bring your own food. Coffee and Desserts provided. Games start at 7:30pm. \$25.00 pp (our lodge will cover this cost for members). Sign up in the book. (flyer attached)



Happy February Birthday to – Jennifer Bolanos, Josephine Ciaccio, Barbara DeStefano, Anita Dodge, Lisa Duffy, Anna Kerkorian, Mary Kesinger, Lucille Malvone, Dedi Pitzi, Patricia Romano, Dolores Mueller, Janice Stevens, Jessica Stevens, Sally Radomski and Joseph Maiella.

- February's birthstone, **Amethyst** - It is viewed as a representation of love, devotion, friendship, and protection.
- February's birth flowers: **violets** - stand for diligence, fidelity, and loyalty - **Primrose** lets someone know that they are indispensable.
- February's zodiac signs: **Aquarius** (January 20-February 19) - known for being independent, creative, and humanitarian. They are also known for being progressive, analytical, and optimistic; and **Pisces** (February 20-March 20) - highly creative and imaginative, as well as compassionate and loving.
- **Famous people** born in February include : Harry Styles, Farrah Fawcett, Shakira, Nathan Lane, Zsa Zsa Gabor, James Spader, Ashton Kutcher, Chris Rock, Seth Green, Mar Steenburgen, James Dean, Nick Nolte, John Williams, Joe Pesci, Mia Farrow, Laura Dern, Jennifer Aniston, Burt Reynolds, Liam Nielsen, Eva Gabor, Sheryl Crow, Josh Brolin, Freddie Highmore, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Jerry O'Connell, Ed Sheeran, Matt Dillon, John Travolta, Sidney Poitier, Jennifer Love Hewett, Drew Barrymore, Emily Blunt, Dakota Fanning, Michael Bolton, Elizabeth Taylor, George Washington, William Henry Harrison, Abraham Lincoln, Ronald Reagan, Thomas Edison, Charles Darwin, Rosa Parks, Galileo.
- February is American Heart Month and Black History Month
- February 2 is Groundhog Day. It comes from the Pennsylvania Dutch tradition that says that if a groundhog coming out of its burrow on this day sees its shadow because of clear weather, it will go back into its lair and winter will last for another six weeks; if it doesn't see it because of cloudiness, spring will come early. The largest celebration takes place in Punxsutawney, PA where the famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil predicted the weather each year since 1886.
- February 9 is Super Bowl 2025, the biggest American sporting event of the year.
- February 12 is Abraham Lincoln's Birthday.
- February 14 is Valentine's Day.
- February 17 is Presidents Day.,

Whether you're commemorating Presidents' Day or eagerly anticipating spring, the Northern Hemisphere is set to enjoy longer days.

February is commonly referred to in Welsh as "y mis bach," which translates to "small month." Isn't this the most accurate way to describe February?



Please report any sunshine to Anna Kerkorian. Please **let Anna know if someone** is sick, has surgery, or has a death in the family. Also good news such as births, weddings, etc. Anna's contact information is 617-605-4662 or e-mail amvk77@gmail.com



We send our "PRAYERS AND GET WELL" wishes to Joseph Martell, Jerry Pupa and Joan Foresteire.



We send our prayers and condolences to Mary Kiesinger and her family on the death of her brother, Thomas Patrick Guzzetti.

We send our prayers and condolences to Joe Peluso and his family on the death of his sister.

We send our prayers and condolences to Betty Sandquist and her family on the death of Betty's sister, Janice Kalmes.

We send our prayers and condolences to Patricia and Paul Tivnan on the death of Patricia's aunt.



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 978-729-6044 (cell) 978-694-1632 (home).