



Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy
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March 2024 Newsletter

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March 17, 2024 (new date) Monthly Luncheon and meeting will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St - Wilmington, MA. Dinner will be pasta and meatballs, salad and dessert. **Doors open at 12:30** and Lunch will begin at **1:00 pm**. The Meeting will follow at 2:30 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 or three tickets and is optional.



Sons & Daughters of Italy Events

03/23-24/24 - Wilmington Lodge **Diaper Drive**

04/13/24 - "Cabrini" at Showcase Cinema in Woburn (save the date)

05/05/24 - Grand Lodge Law and Justice Breakfast

05/19/24 - Wilmington Lodge **Jersey Boys** at NSMT

05/23/24 - Wilmington Lodge Scholarship Dinner

06/15/24 - Grand Lodge State Convention

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**

3/17/24 (12:30pm) 4/25/24 5/23/24 6/27/23 (no July meeting) 8/22/24
 9/26/24 10/24/24 11/21/24 (3rd Thursday) (no December meeting)

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

4/11/24 5/9/24 6/13/24 (no July meeting)
 8/8/24 9/12/24 10/10/24 11/14/24 12/12/24



DUES ARE OVERDUE! Our Membership dues are \$50.00 per year and were due on January 1, 2024. Payment payable to Wilmington Sons of Italy and may be sent to Wilmington Sons of Italy - PO Box 387 - Wilmington, MA 01887. Membership cancellation letters will go out on April 1, 2024.

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>

Sunday, March 17, 2024 will be our March Meeting instead of March 28 which is Holy Thursday. The March 17th meeting will be held in the afternoon at the United Methodist Church. Doors open at 12:30, dinner will be at 1:00 and the meeting will begin at 2:30. **This meeting is a salute to our elder members.** Patricia Romano and several other members will be cooking pasta and homemade gravy with sausages and handmade meatballs by Janet Engrem. We hope to see you all there!

Committees

Our lodge has five Committees. Each of these has an appointed Chairperson or two but all of them need committee members. **Please consider volunteering to be on one of these important committees.** It is a great way to get more involved in the lodge. Sign up in the book.

Italian Heritage Committee; Scholarship Committee; By-Law Committee; Membership/Welcoming Committee; Media/Public Relations Committee.

NEW Hospitality Committee - will plan and provide meals at the lodge meetings and also help with the set-up and cleanup of the meal as well. 3-6 people needed.

March

Diaper Drive - The Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy will sponsor a diaper drive to help support Paula Stalker and **PAULA'S PANTRY** by providing diapers and wipes to local mothers in need. We will be collecting diapers and wipes up until the drive-by Diaper Drop off to be held on Saturday, **March 23rd from 9am - 3pm** and **Sunday, March 24th 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) 958-2460 or e-mail jknje@comcast.net
You can bring Diapers to the March meeting.



April

Cabrini - Kevin is planning a movie showing of the movie "Cabrini" at the Showcase Cinema in Woburn on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 2:00 pm. Cabrini is a 2024 American biographical drama film directed by Alejandro Gómez Monteverde and written by Rod Barr, based on a story by both. Drawing from biographies such as Too Small a World: The Life of Mother Frances Cabrini and Mother Cabrini: Italian Immigrant of the Century as well as from the writers' own research, the film details the life of Catholic missionary Francesca Cabrini, portrayed by Cristiana Dell'Anna, as she encounters resistance to her charity and business efforts in New York City. Cabrini explores the sexism and anti-Italianism faced by Cabrini and others in New York City during the late 19th century. More info to follow.

May

Jersey Boys at NSMT -Lennie is planning a trip to North Shore Music Theater on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 2:00 pm. The cost will be \$64.00. Sign up in the book.





Happy March Birthday to -Aldo Amatucci, Katherine Boebel, Christian Bolanos, Jr., Christian Bolanos, Michael Bozzella, Mary Buscone, Brian Caira, David Caira, Gino DiVecchia, Marie'Anne Durst, Rob Durst, Robert Fino, Emma Garrity, Michele Goss, Kylie McGilvray, JoAnn Roberto, Thomas Siracusa, Kevin Stevens, Patricia Tivnan, Maureen O'Brien, Clayton Wentzell.

March is Women's History Month!

March's Birthstone: Aquamarine and Bloodstone; **March Birth Flower:** Daffodil; **Astrology Zodiac Signs of March:** Pisces (February 19th - March 20th) highly creative and imaginative, as well as compassionate and loving and Aries (March 21st - April 19th) a sign thought to be passionate, motivated, and energetic.

- **March 8 is International Women's Day**, which is a day that not only celebrates the achievements of women and the progress made toward women's rights but also brings attention to ongoing struggles for equality around the world.
- **March 10** is the start of **Daylight Saving Time**, which begins at 2:00 A.M. that day. Don't forget to "spring forward" and set the clocks one hour ahead, or you may find yourself an hour late to everything!
- **March 15** is the **Ides of March!** Legend surrounds this ill-fated day. "Beware the Ides of March!"
- **March 17** is **St. Patrick's Day**. According to folklore, folks wear a shamrock on St. Patrick's Day because the saint used its three leaves to explain the Trinity.
- **March 19** brings about the **March equinox**—also called the **vernal** or **spring equinox** in the Northern Hemisphere—marking the beginning of spring. It is also **St. Joseph Day!**
- **March 24** is **Palm Sunday**, the Sunday before Easter and the last Sunday of Lent.
- **March 29** is **Good Friday**, a major Christian observance that commemorates the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ. It is a time for Christians to reflect upon his suffering and willing sacrifice to atone for the sins of mankind.
- **March 31** is **Easter Sunday**, the holiest day in the Christian calendar. It observes the most central tenet of the Christian faith—that Jesus Christ was resurrected from the dead. The resurrection represents the triumph of good over evil, sin, death, and the physical body.
- In March, Alexander Graham Bell invented the Telephone; Monopoly was invented; Cocoa Cola was invented; The Eiffel Tower was completed; President John F. Kennedy founded the Peace Corps.
- Some famous people whose birth month is in March include - Justin Bieber, Jon Bon Jovi, Shaquille O'Neal, Carrie Underwood, Queen Latifah, Bruce Willis, Reese Witherspoon, Peyton Manning, Elton John, Sarah Jessica Parker, Mariah Carey, Lady Gaga, Albert Einstein, Mr. Rogers and Dr. Seuss.

March is the time of year when animals begin waking up from hibernation. Spring brings out the flowers and birds and everything is fresh and new!



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



We send our "**PRAYERS AND GET WELL**" wishes to Kevin Engrem, and our **continued** "Prayers and Get Well" wishes to Kristin Tully.



With
Deepest
Sympathy...

We send our prayers and condolences to AJ Stanley and his family on the death of his grandfather, Kenneth Stanley.



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Congratulations to Christopher Romano who just completed his MBA in Marketing at
UMASS Lowell!



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).