



Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy
Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge

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September 2023 Newsletter

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September 28, 2023 Monthly Dinner and meeting will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St - Wilmington, MA. Dinner will be a BBQ and will include hotdogs, hamburgers, sausages, peppers & onions, Potato salad and coleslaw for **\$5** - Dinner will begin at **6:30 pm**. The Meeting will follow at 7:15 pm. Please bring some yummy desserts!

Please **RSVP** to Lynne_martell@comcast.net or 978-694-1632 or 978-729-6044 by September 25, 2023. **WE NEED HELP SETTING UP THE TABLES AT 5:30 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 and is optional.

Sons & Daughters of Italy Events

09/24/23 - Grand Lodge Bocce Tournament

09/30/23 - Wilmington Fall Festival

10/01/23 - Italian Heritage **Unity Mass**

10/02/23 - Italian Heritage Month **Kick-off Event**

10/08/23 - North End **Parade** and North End Italian American Heritage **Celebration**

10/09/23 - **Columbus Day Breakfast** (see attached)

10/12/23 - Italian Filmmakers - Wilmington Library

10/13/23 - Wilmington Lodge **Italian Heritage Golf** Tournament (attachments)

10/15/23 - Wilmington Lodge Dominators **Car Show**

10/18/23 - Growing Up Italian - Wilmington Library

10/21/23 - Northern Sicily - Wilmington Library

10/26/23 - Masks in Motion - Wilmington Library

10/28/23 - **An Evening with Luciano Sandro Russo** - Wilmington/Winchester Ladies

11/03/23 - Wilmington Lodge **Calendar Party** (attachment)

11/04/23 - Wilmington Lodge Bloodmobile

11/05/23 - Wilmington Lodge **Memorial Mass** 10am at St. Dorothy Church

11/12/23 - Wilmington Lodge - **Elvis: A Musical Revolution**

11/17/23 - Wilmington Lodge **Turkey Bingo** at the Senior Center (save the date)

12/08/23 - Wilmington Lodge **Children's Christmas Party** (save the date)

12/30/23 - Wilmington Lodge **Adult Christmas Party** (save the date)

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!*

10/19/23 (new date - 3rd Thursday) 11/16/23 (3rd Thurs.) No lodge meeting in December

Council Meetings -2nd **Thursday** (new day) of every month 7PM at the 4th of July Building.
10/12/23 11/9/23 12/14/23

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>

Suggestion Box - There will be a suggestion box at the meetings for ideas on events or activities that you would like to see happen.

As a thank you, the Wilmington Band Parents put our name on their Banner which is displayed at all football games.

Here is a photo of the Wildcat Bands 2023-2024 Banner.



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 - coordinates activities during October which is Italian Heritage Month. We run activities with the Library throughout the month. Co-chairs are Michele Siracusa and Lennie Malvone.

Scholarship Committee - reviews the scholarship by-laws and chooses recipients based on their eligibility. The chairperson is Karen Scalzi.

By-Law Committee - reviews the by-laws and suggests any necessary changes. Janet Engrem is the chairperson.

Membership/Welcoming Committee - sets up a table at our lodge activities and provides folders with information such as brochures, Calendar of Events, newsletters.

Media/Public Relations Committee - send information on Events and Happenings in the lodge, to local newspapers, on-line news sources. Co-chairs are Michele Siracusa and Lennie Malvone.

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.

Wilmington Fall Fest -Saturday, September 30, 2023, 10 am - 4 pm, 4th of July parking lot. **Our Lodge will have a table at the Fall Fest.** We need volunteers to sit at our table and hand out information about our Lodge. The Wilmington fourth of July Committee is excited to debut Fall Fest, a celebration culminating the spirit of our Community & Season. The event will feature community booths, food trucks, touch-a-truck, antique card show, an inflatable park, trackless train rides, activity tend, community meals, local crafters, vendors & business booths, raffles, live entertainment and Wilmington merchandise sales - all to benefit the Wilmington



Fun on the Fourth Celebration. You can find the schedule on this link <https://funonthefourth.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/schedule.pdf>

Contact Janet Engrem if you are able to help - jknje@comcast.net 617-750-9749



Italian Heritage Month - at the Wilmington Memorial Library (Contact Michele Siracusa - 978-604-6437 or Lennie Malvone 617-835-2184)

- **Thursday, 10/12/23 - "Famous Italian Filmmakers"** presented by Frank Mandosa, film historian. Join us for this interactive presentation where Mr. Mandosa will talk about filmmakers such as Fellini, DeSica and others. This talk includes photo displays as well as movie-themed door prizes for some patrons with winning numbers on complimentary tickets distributed. **7PM**
- **Wednesday, 10/18/23 - "Growing Up Italian"** a panel discussion with local leaders State Representative Paul Donato and the General Manager of the North Shore Music Theater, Karen Nascumbi. **7PM**
- **Saturday, 10/21/23 - "Northern Sicily"** presented by Jeff Klapes, the Traveling Librarian. This armchair journey to Northern Sicily will include photography, stories and travel tips. Our trip will start in Taormina, climb Mt Etna and follow the northern coast to Palermo, the Capital, and some of the beautiful towns of the west coast. **11AM**
- **Thursday, 10/26/23 - "Masks in Motion"** workshop presented by Chiara Durazzini of the Pazzi Lazzi Troupe. This troupe specializes in 'comedians dell arts' which was a very influential renaissance theater movement in Italy from the 16th century onward. This presentation will combine theater skits with a power point presentation on the history of the early Italian theater movement, and there is an opportunity for the audience to check out some of the traditional masks and to ask questions. **7PM**

Italian Heritage Month Committee Events (Contact Kevin Caira - 508-633-2681)

- **Sunday, 10/01/23** - October Italian Heritage Unity Mass, Saint Leonard's Church, North End, Boston. **12PM noon**
- **Monday, 10/02/23** - October Italian Heritage Month Kickoff event, Massachusetts House Chambers, Boston. Honoring: Robert DeLeo, former Speaker, Guy A. Carbone, Esq and Carolyn Bertozzi, PhD, Nobel Laureate. **6PM**
- **Sunday, 10/08/23** - North End Parade and North End Italian American Heritage Celebration. Prado, North End, Boston. **12PM noon**
- **Monday, 10/09/23** - Columbus Day Breakfast, Dante Alighieri Society Cultural Center - 41 Hampshire St., Cambridge. Featuring: Jennifer Braceras, Esq., accomplished political columnist, editor and commentator on Christopher Columbus. "The war against Christopher Columbus and why it is worth the fight." Raffle prizes drawing. Complimentary buffet breakfast. **9:30 AM** Kevin will have **tickets for the raffle** at the September meeting - 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20. Prizes include Vizio 40" TV, 2 Bruins Game Tickets, \$150 Nando Ristorante Gift Cards, Lottery Tree, Restaurant gift cards, specialty baskets and more!



13th Annual Italian Heritage Golf Classic - Hosted by the Italian Heritage Month Committee Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge #2183, Sons & Daughters of Italy, Wilmington, MA

Friday, October 13, 2023 - Hillview Golf Course - 149

North Street, North Reading, MA Registration Begins at 7:30AM. Tee Time 9:00 AM, Shotgun Start. Scramble Format



Donation \$150.00 per player - Includes: Continental Breakfast, Driving Range 7:30 AM to 8:45 AM. Hotdog, Chips, Soda/Beer at the turn, Greens Fee/Golf Cart/Gift, Contests on Course, 50/50 Raffle - Raffle Table, Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Teams, Buffet Luncheon. Additional Tickets for Buffet Luncheon only, are available for a donation of \$35.00 p.p.

Proceeds to Benefit the Italian Heritage Scholarship Fund, Cooley's Anemia Foundation and the Alzheimer's Association. Checks payable to: Sons of Italy, P.O. Box 387, Wilmington, MA 01887

For information, please call Kevin Caira at (978) 657-7734 or (508) 633-2681

HELP is needed for the raffle table. We could use donations of **raffle tickets** or **money** for raffle tickets, **bottles of cheer**, **nips** for a raffle basket. Please bring donations to the lodge meeting on September 28th or the council meeting on October 12th 7 pm at the 4th of July building.

Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy Dominators Car Show - Our lodge will be hosting a car show



with the Dominators Hot Rod Club on **Sunday, October 15th** at the Town Common/4th of July Building Parking Lot on Middlesex Ave. in Wilmington from, 8am to 3pm. Spectators are Free. **Volunteers are needed** to help with the 50/50 Raffle on the day of the event. We will need 2-4 people throughout the day from 9am to 2pm.

If you want to sit at the raffle table or walk around the lot to sell tickets. You can volunteer in 1 2,4-hour shifts if you would like. Contact John Romano jromano45@gmail.com or 617-750-9749 or sign up in the Sign-up book at the meeting.

An Evening with Luciano Sandro Russo - In celebration of Italian Heritage Month, Wilmington Sons &



Daughters of Italy and Winchester Women's Lodge proudly present an Evening with Luciano Sandro Russo for your listening & dancing pleasure. Saturday, **October 28, 2023** at the Winchester Sons of Italy Hall - 117 Swanton St. - Winchester, MA. Doors open at 6:30PM - Show time 7:00PM - 11:00PM. Donation: \$20.00 - Cash Bar. *Bring your own munchies*. **Tickets are limited. Please call or text**

Michele ([978.604.6437](tel:978.604.6437)) or **Lennie** ([617.835.2184](tel:617.835.2184)) to reserve yours. Tickets will be available at the August and September meetings. You can also sign up in the book.

November

Calendar Party - Our lodge is having a Calendar Party on **Friday, November 3, 2023** at the Wilmington Knights of Columbus Hall. You will **pick a month and decorate your table** in honor of that month. You can pick a Holiday or anything you want to represent the month. You will also provide a raffle basket worth \$25. There will be a **DJ**, coffee and cash bar. Bring your own food. This will be a **fundraiser for Winchester Hospital Breast Cancer Center**.



\$25 pp. Sign up in the book.

Contact Janet jknje@comcast.net 617-750-9749 or Patricia ptanso@gmail.com 978-988-8045 (see flyer attached)

The Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy will sponsor a **Bloodmobile** to benefit Boston Children's Hospital on **Saturday, November 4, 2023** from 9 am to 3 pm at the 4th of July building - 142 Middlesex Ave - Wilmington, MA. The **Bloodmobile** will be in the parking lot.

- Register at halfpints.childrenshospital.org.
- click the "donate blood" tab.
- search "01887"
- find the registration link by date and location.



Contact Julie Sbraccia-Manos sbracciamanos@comcast.net 978-284-3260



Memorial Mass - We celebrate a Memorial Mass in honor of our lodge's deceased members. It will be held on **Sunday, November 5th at 10:00 am** at St. Dorothy's Church on Main Street in Wilmington. Names of deceased members will be read before mass so **please try to arrive early** to be there when the names are read. **Coffee and donuts** will be served downstairs after mass. Also, please **make every effort to attend** this important Mass in honor of our loved one who have passed! Sign up in the book if you'd like to help.

ELVIS: A MUSICAL REVOLUTION - His singular name still evokes immediate recognition from people all over the world! This official Elvis Presley bio-musical takes a closer look at the rock star and cultural icon whose impact shaped the history of music and culture. This new musical explores the pivotal moments in Elvis's life through the perspectives of those who knew him best. Using different lenses to dig deeper into fact vs. fiction, **ELVIS: A MUSICAL REVOLUTION** spans from his impoverished childhood in Tupelo, Mississippi to his triumphant 1968 "Comeback Special," and his ascent to be "The King." **Sunday, November 12th at 2pm**. Tickets are \$61. Deadline for Money is September 28th Monthly Meeting. Contact Lennie Malvone 617-835-2184.





Happy September Birthday to Fausta Asimakopoulos, David Blundell, Angela Bombino, Lisa Bozzella, Jeffrey Caira, Michael Caira, Sara Jean Phillips, Lynne Martell, Sandra Oliva, Bridget O'Shea, Leann Otis, Nathan Petrone, Patricia Provenzano, Matthew Pupa, Pia Romano, Cherie Simmons, Katelyn Stevens, Linda Tobin, Katherine Trebino, Robert Dicey, Virginia Saccocea.

Here are some facts about this month!

September Zodiac Astrological Signs: Virgos (September 1st-22nd) are represented by the virgin and are known to be practical and analytical. Libras (September 23rd-30th) are represented by the scales and are known to be balanced and diplomatic. Sapphire is the official birthstone of September and is often associated with loyalty, truth, and sincerity, and often symbolizes wisdom and purity. The **birth flowers** that represent September are forget-me-not, said to represent love and memories, morning glory represents unrequited love and aster, a symbol of love and patience.

- The United States celebrates **Labor Day** on the first Monday of September to honor the contributions of workers to the country's economy and society.
- **September 11** has been designated as **Patriot's Day** which gives all of us time to reflect on the devastating terror attacks that took nearly 3,000 lives in 2001. We commemorate those who we lost and give thanks to the brave first responders who put their lives on the line. It's important to take a moment on this day to consider what we stand for as a nation. And to reflect on how we can work together to make the world a better place for all.
- September 17th is **Constitution Day**, which marks the day that the U.S. Constitution was adopted
- A "**Harvest Moon**" is the full moon closest to the autumn equinox. Before artificial lighting, such moonlight was essential to a farmer's successful harvest.
- The **September equinox** takes place in this month, and certain observances are organized around it. It is the Autumn equinox in the Northern Hemisphere, and the Vernal equinox in the Southern Hemisphere. The dates can vary from September 21st -24th
- The **first newspaper** in the United States was published on September 25th, 1690 in Boston.
- Famous people born in September include Adam Sandler, Amy Winehouse, Bill Murray, Bruce Springsteen, Confucius, Freddie Mercury, Queen Elizabeth, Stephen King, and Sophia Loren Beyoncé, Zendaya, Idris Elba, Keanu Reeves, Gwyneth Paltrow, Padma Lakshmi, Salma Hayek, , Donald Glover, and Prince Harry. Keanu Reeves, Stephen King, Estee Lauder, Michael Buble, Agatha Christie

“And then the sun took a step back, the leaves lulled themselves to sleep, and Autumn was awaked.”



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



We send out "**PRAYERS AND GET WELL**" wishes to Donna Siracusa, Sara Jean Phillips, Joe Peluso, Mary Kiesinger and Linda Tobin.



Congratulations to Kevin Caira on becoming the National 2nd, Vice President!

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).