



Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy
Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge

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December 2022 Newsletter



December 22, 2022 monthly meeting will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St - Wilmington, MA. Dinner will be **Chinese food for \$10**. Please bring a **dessert** to share. Dinner will begin at 6:30. The Meeting will begin at 7:15 pm. Following the meeting there will be a **Christmas Game**. Bring a \$10 gift card, scratch ticket or cash in an envelope to participate.

Please RSVP to Lynne_martell@comcast.net 978-729-6044 (cell), 978-694-1632 (home) by **Tuesday December 20, 2022. Help setting up at 6:00 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

12/21/22 - **Deadline** for the Cruise

1/21/23 - Wilmington/Tewksbury Sons & Daughters of Italy **Adult Christmas party** (flyer attached)

2/28/23 - **Deadline for National Scholarships (see last page for details)**

4/28/23 - Wilmington Sons & Daughters/Band Parents **Comedy Night**

5/5 - 5/12/23 - Italian American **Cruise**

Lodge Meetings -4th **Thursday** of every month at 7:15 at the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St. - Wilmington, MA

12/22/22 1/26/23 2/23/23 3/23/23 4/27/23 5/25/23 6/22/23
8/24/23

Council Meeting -2nd **Wednesday** of every month 7PM at the 4th of July Building. 1/11/23 2/8/23 3/8/23 4/12/23 5/10/23 6/14/23
8/9/23

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>

The **Grand Lodge** monthly meeting minutes are available to view and download from the "news" tab on the Grand Lodge Website - www.osiama.org

DUES - Dues are \$50 for the year and are due January 1, 2023. Bills will go out shortly.

January

Adult Christmas Party - The adult Christmas Party will be held on **Saturday, January 21, 2023**, at the Wilmington/Tewksbury Elks from 7:00 - 11:00 pm. There will be a buffet Italian dinner and dessert catered by Café Sicilia, games, a cash bar and a DJ. The Cost is \$50.00 pp, and our lodge will pay $\frac{1}{2}$ this price for Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy Members.



flyer is attached

Tickets may be purchased at the December 22nd Lodge meeting or by contacting Sue Connors smc19thhole@comcast.net or Alicia Johnson amjohnson22@comcast.net Tables of eight may be reserved with payment. **Deadline** for tickets is **January 13, 2023**. A

February

Lodge Officer Elections 2023-2025

Nominations for our lodge officers for a **two-year term** will take place **February 1 - 22nd**. If you would like to run for office or if you would like to nominate someone to run for office, please contact **John Romano** JRomano45@gmail.com 617-750-9749

We will also take nominations from the floor at the February 23rd Lodge Meeting.

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 but may not hold an office.

There are also four seats on the Roncalli Board of Directors. Contact Kevin Caira (978-657-7734) **Please think about running for an office. If you have any questions, I can provide you with a description of the duties of each office.**

April

Comedy Night - Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy and WHS Band Parents will host this year's Annual Comedy Night on **Friday, April 28, 2023**, at the Wilmington/Tewksbury Elks. Doors will open at **7:30pm**, and the show will start at **9pm**. Tickets will remain at **\$20** again this year. Tables of 10 are available or you can purchase individual tickets. Tickets are available from Kevin Caira, we are limiting seating to 200, tickets are going fast, please contact Kevin at (508) 633-2681 for tickets



May

Cruise - Join the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in American (OSDIA) and The Sicilian Tenors on the Italian American cruise of a lifetime! Partnering with Best of Times Travel, travel with us from Boston to Bermuda **May 5-12, 2023**. All OSDIA family and friends, not just members, are welcome to join!



Make sure you book through the provided website by the **deadline of December 21, 2022**, as booking outside the program exempts and precludes you from the specially organized events.

<https://www.wetravel.com/trips/osdia-the-sic-tenors-boston-to-bermuda-cruise-2023-best-of-times-travel-bermuda-48127168>



to our members with December Birthdays: Pat Botte, Wendy Carmona, Sue Connors, Samantha Davis, Alicia Johnson, Michelle Lima, Bob Martin, Alexis Mastronardi, Michael McCoy, Mary Renda, Phil Zucchi.

'Tis the season! Happy birthday to all December babies! During this wonderful (although cold) month, winter officially begins in the northern hemisphere. But are all of you snow babies really in the know about your birth month?

Here are some other December birthday fun facts that are fun to share:

As you well know, you share your birth month with a ton of festive religious holidays, such as Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. It's like the whole month is lit up in your honor!

- The birthstone of December is the turquoise, which represents prosperity, success, and good fortune.
- December's flower is the narcissus, which symbolizes rebirth and respect.
- The zodiac signs associated with December are Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec.21), which is characterized as extroverted and optimistic, and Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19), which can be described as professional and organized. Which one are you?
- Monthly observances during December include Universal Human Rights Month and Read a New Book Month. Time to snuggle up with your Kindle and learn about the world around you!
- Celebrity birthdays in December include Woody Allen (12/1), Lucy Liu (12/2), Walt Disney (12/5), Larry Bird (12/7,) Frank Sinatra (12/12), Bob Barker (12/12), Taylor Swift (12/13), Jamie Foxx (12/13), Vanessa Hudgens (12/25), Ludwig van Beethoven (12/16), Samuel L. Jackson (12/21), Sir Isaac Newton (12/25) and comic book icon, Stan Lee (12/28).

Although it may be cold outside, may you stay warm and happy on your birthday and throughout the holidays!



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 our **prayers and "Get Well" wishes** to Nina Maiella, Gino DeVecchia, Marianne Caira, Trisha Lyon, Terry Zucchi, Kenny Caira, Grace Mullens and Evelyn Olivari.



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Congratulations to Tom Siracusa on the birth of his twin grandsons - Jaxon Francis and Jett Thomas!



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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 978-694-1632.

National Scholarship

National Leadership Grants – General Information

Through the Sons of Italy Foundation® (SIF), and tens of thousands of family members located in all fifty states and the District of Columbia, the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America® (OSDIA) has awarded **tens of millions of dollars** in scholarships to date. In past years, the SIF has offered 10 to 12 merit-based scholarships (National Leadership Grants), ranging from \$4,000 to \$25,000 in a nationwide competition. These figures and the number of scholarships may vary according to funding each year.

General Eligibility: Individuals of Italian descent* (at least one Italian or Italian-American grandparent) enrolled in a four-year undergraduate program or a graduate program at an accredited academic institution for the Fall 2023 term.

Previous SIF scholarship winners are not eligible. Additional eligibility requirements may apply to specific scholarships.

* U.S. citizens and Green Card holders.

General Requirements: Please see each scholarship description for its specific requirements. The following general requirements apply to all scholarships:

- **Online application:** All requirements must be uploaded to the online application for each scholarship.
- **Transcripts:** For each scholarship, transcripts provided must be through the **December 2022** term. All transcripts must be stamped by the institution.
- **Processing Fee:** A \$35 non-refundable processing fee is required with each scholarship application. The fee includes a **one-year At-Large Membership** to OSDIA, with all At-Large Membership benefits.

Deadline: The deadline for all scholarships (unless otherwise noted) is **February 28, 2023**. All requirements for a given scholarship must be met or the application will not be considered. All scholarship materials and completed applications must be submitted online by February 28, 2023.

No exceptions will be made. The SIF takes no responsibility for incomplete or late applications.

Process: Applications are screened by education professionals. Final selection is made by OSDIA's National Scholarship, Education, and Culture Committee. Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 1, 2023. Monetary awards are presented directly to the student's academic institutions in accordance with eligibility requirements.

<https://www.osia.org/programs/scholarships/>