



Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy
Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge
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February 2024 Newsletter

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February 22, 2024 Monthly Dinner and meeting will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St - Wilmington, MA. Dinner will be **Harrow's Chicken Pot Pie for \$5**. Dinner will begin at **6:30 pm**. The Meeting will follow at 7:30 pm. Please bring some yummy desserts!

Please RSVP to Lynne_martell@comcast.net or 978-694-1632 or 978-729-6044 by **Monday, February 19, 2024**. Please let me know your **choice** of pie with vegetables or pie without vegetable. **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 or three tickets and is optional.

Sons & Daughters of Italy Events

02/14/24 - Grand Lodge Scholarship Deadline

02/17/24 - Grand Lodge **Future of the Order Retreat**

02/24/24 - Wilmington Lodge **Mohegan Sun Casino Trip (flyer attached)**

02/25/24 - Grand Lodge **Cornhole Tournament**

02/29/24 - National Scholarship Deadline

03/01/24 - Wilmington Lodge Scholarship Deadline

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

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

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

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**

2/22/24 **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.

3/14/24 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 - 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. You may also pay at a meeting. Please take care of this ASAP - much appreciated!

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 2:00. **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 are hoping to have our members who are unable to attend meetings come to this afternoon meeting. We are planning on assisting with driving members who need a ride. **If you need a ride to this afternoon meeting, please contact John (617-750-9749) or Lynne (978-729-6044) ASAP.** Sign up deadline for this afternoon meeting will be **March 1, 2024.** We are also planning a few surprises. We hope to see you all there! Special thanks to John Avarnitis and the United Methodist Church for allowing us to have this special event!

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. Also keeps in touch with members.

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.

February

Grand Lodge Future of the Order Retreat - Saturday, February 17, 2024 at the Watertown Lodge - 520 Pleasant Street Watertown, MA. **For members ages 21 to 40.** Voice your concerns and ideas to grow our local lodges and to help build our Italian communities throughout Massachusetts. To register contact foto@osiama.org.

Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun

Mohegan Sun Casino Bus Trip - Saturday, February 24, 2024. \$45.00 per person (includes driver's gratuity). The bus comes equipped with a bathroom, DVD system, power outlets and free Wi-fi. Depart at 7:30 am from the 4th of July Building parking lot - 142 Middlesex Ave - Wilmington, Ma Depart Mohegan Sun at 4:30 pm.

We have a few seats left so please let us know if you'd like to attend. See attached flyer.

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The Sports Commission of the Grand Lodge of MA will hold its 4th Annual **Cornhole Tournament** on Sunday, **February 25, 2024**, at the Watertown Sons of Italy - 520 Pleasant Street - Watertown, MA. Beginning at 9:30 AM. **\$25.00 pp.** Our lodge will cover this for members. Double elimination format and matches will be played to 21 points. 2 person teams will be randomly chosen. We will be sending 5 players.

Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy Scholarships - Our lodge scholarships are available to children entering college in the fall of 2023. **The deadline is March 1, 2024.** For scholarship guidelines and application, please contact Karen Scalzi (978-423-0960) or e-mail kscalzi@gmail.com.



Grand Lodge Scholarships are now available. Deadline is **February 14, 2024.** Apply online at

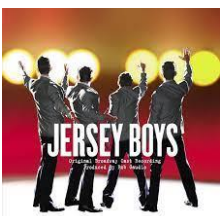
<https://www.osiama.org/scholarships>

National Scholarships are now available. Deadline is **February 29, 2024.** Apply online.

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

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 8am - 3pm** and **Sunday, March 24th from 8am - 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. Large boxes are needed also. volunteers for an hour or two on either day are needed. Please contact Janet Engrem (617) 958-2460 or e-mail jknje@comcast.net



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 around \$60.00. Sign up in the book.



Happy February Birthday to – Jennifer Bolanos, Josephine Ciaccio, Priscilla Cipriani, Barbara DeStefano, Anita Dodge, Lisa Duffy, Anna Kerkorian, Lucille Malvone, Dedi Pitzi, Patricia Romano, Dolores Mueller Ruocco, Jancie Stevens, Jessica Stevens, Sally Radomski, Joe Maiella.

- The **Zodiac signs** for February are Aquarius (January 20 – February 19) and Pisces (February 20 – March 20)
- The February **birth flowers** are **violet**, which signifies watchfulness, loyalty and faithfulness and the **primrose**, which lets someone know you can't live without them!
- February's **Birthstone** is **Amethyst**. It is considered a symbol of friendship, trust, protection commitments and love. The amethyst was thought to prevent intoxication and keep its wearer thinking sharply. It was worn by English royalty in the Middle Ages.
- Those born in February **share their birthdays with**, Jennifer Aniston, Chris Rock, Michael Jordan, Harry Styles, Drew Barrymore, Sheryl Crow, Michael Bolton, Rebel Wilson, Rashida Jones, James Joyce, Norman Rockwell, Nathan Lane, Thomas Edison, Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Alice Cooper, Garth Brooks, Ashton Kutcher, Mary Steenburgen, Ice-T, John Travolta, Smokey Robinson and Sidney Poitier.



- **Groundhog Day** – On February 2, Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow thus and early spring is predicted.

- **Superbowl Sunday** is on February 11th this year
- **Mardi Gras** – (aka "Fat Tuesday") which is the final feasting day before Lent is on February 13th.
- **Ash Wednesday**, which marks the start of Lent, is on February 14th.
- **Valentine's Day**, February 14th, is celebrated with love, flowers and chocolate. In celebration of Valentine's Day, the English poet, Elizabeth Barret Browning wrote a sonnet that includes the famous line, "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways?" which was dedicated to her husband, poet Robert Browning.
- **Presidents' Day**, celebrating the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln is on February 22nd.
- **February 29th** is Leap Day – Happening once every four years. The odds of being born on February 29th are about 1 in 1,461. Those born on a leap day can be called a "leaper" or "leapling."
- It was in February 1964 when The Beatles made their first American television appearance on the "Ed Sullivan Show." Over 73 million Americans watched!

Everyone loves to talk about Ground Hog Day, Valentine's Day, and the Super Bowl in February. However, the big news in February is that pitchers and catchers report kicking off spring training for a new baseball season. What's a truer sign of spring?



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 out "**PRAYERS AND GET WELL**" wishes to our family and friends who are ill.



With
Deepest
Sympathy...

We send our prayers and condolences to Anna Vitale Kerkorian and her family, on the death of her Mom, Carmella Vitale.



Congratulations to our Trivia Winners - 1st place- The Dynamites - John and Patricia Romano, Patricia and Paul Tivnan. 2nd place Team - The Goombahs - Frank Leverone, Maria Sordillo, Peter Buonaugurio. 3rd place Team - The Three Amici - Angela Bombino, Charlie and Lorraine Eddy.

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).