



Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy
Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge
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November 2023 Newsletter

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November 16, 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 Calzones and salad 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 Monday, November 13, 2023. 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 and is optional.

Sons & Daughters of Italy Events

- 11/12/23 - Wilmington Lodge - **Elvis: A Musical Revolution**
- 11/17/23 - Wilmington Lodge **Turkey Bingo** at the Senior Center
- 12/08/23 - Wilmington Lodge **Children's Christmas Party** (flyer)
- 12/10/23 - Wilmington Lodge **Calamari Sisters**
- 12/30/23 - Wilmington Lodge **Adult Christmas Party**
- 02/02/24 - Wilmington Lodge/Band Parents **Comedy Night** (save the date)
- 02/17/24 - Grand Lodge **Future of the Order Retreat**

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!** 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. 12/14/23

Missing Man's Table – There will be a Missing Man's Table at the November meeting. The symbolism of the Missing Man Table: The table is round, to show our everlasting devotion concern for our fallen and missing comrades. The cloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to serve.



The single red rose; displayed in a vase, reminds us of the life and the blood that was shed and their loved ones and friends who keep the faith and await answers. The red ribbon symbolizes our commitment, and continued determination to account for our missing. A slice of lemon on the plate is to remind us of the bitter fate of those captured and missing in a foreign land. A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears endured by those missing and their families who still seek answers after decades of uncertainty. The glass is inverted to symbolize their inability to share this evening with us. The lighted candle reflects our hope for their return, alive or dead. The chair is empty and tilted - they are not here and will remain so until they return or are accounted for. The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain us and those lost from our country, founded as one nation under God.

"YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN SO LONG AS THERE IS ONE LEFT IN WHOM YOUR MEMORY REMAINS."

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.

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.



St Frances House Donations - If you would like to donate **NEW** hats, gloves, scarves or money to the St. Frances House Homeless Shelter in Boston, you can bring your donation to the November 16th meeting or contact John Romano 617-750-9749 jromano45@gmail.com.



DUES - Our Membership dues are \$50.00 per year and are due on January 1, 2024. Walter will be sending out letters shortly. You can also pay at the meeting.

ELVIS: A MUSICAL REVOLUTION - North Short Music Theater - **Sunday, November 12th at 2pm.** Meet Lennie at 12:45 at door 1 to get your tickets and Broadway Club passes. Contact Lennie Malvone 617-835-2184.



Turkey Bingo - Friday, November 17, 2023 at the Wilmington Senior Center 6:00 - 10:00 pm. Prizes will be Thanksgiving related. Pizza, coffee and dessert
Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy members only. \$15 pp. Sign up in the book. **Please pay at the November** meeting. Desserts are welcome!



Natick Sons & Daughters of Italy Craft Fair - Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 9am - 2 pm - 37 Washington Ave - Natick, MA



Outreach - Lennie had contacted local churches so that we may help needy families for Thanksgiving.

We will also donate 10 \$25.00 gift cards for local Veterans.

Grand Lodge Membership Committee - is looking to add another person to the Membership Committee. If interested contact Renee Ouellette 603-508-9051 or renee@chaoscoord.com

WE'RE ONE WILMINGTON (WOW)

FESTIVAL OF TREES

DECEMBER 1-3

St. Dorothy Church (Lower Hall)
11 Harnden St, Wilmington, MA 01887

HOURS

FRIDAY, 12/1
10 AM - 9 PM
Photos with Santa!
5-9 PM

SATURDAY, 12/2
9 AM - 9 PM

SUNDAY, 12/3
11 AM - 2 PM

December

Children's Christmas Party - will be held on **FRIDAY, December 8, 2023** from 6pm - 8pm, at the Wilmington United Methodist Church - 87 Church St. - Wilmington, MA. **This event is for children and grandchildren of members in grades 5 and under.** Food and a visit and a present from Santa, and crafts will be available. Please contact Patricia Romano 978-988-8045 ptanso@gmail.com or Lynne Martell 978-694-1632 (home) 978-729-6044 (cell) or e-mail Lynne_martell@comcast.net. Please respond **ASAP**. A confirmation will be sent. If you do not receive confirmation by November 17, please contact us again. Please do not show up unless you have received a confirmation. We do not want to disappoint any child



Calamari Sisters - a comedy show at the Regent Theater in Arlington on Sunday, **December 10, 2023** at 2:00 pm. \$50.00 pp. Contact Janet jknje@comcast.net 617-957-2460



Adult Christmas Party - We are planning to have an adult Christmas Party on **Saturday, December 30, 2023** at the Moose Hall - 140 North Street - North Reading, MA. Featuring North End's own Street Magic Acappella and D.J. AMO along with some reindeer games. Cocktails at 6:00 pm followed by a catered Dinner of surf and turf with all the trimmings provided by Mr. Jacks at 7:00 pm. Open to friends, relatives and other lodges for \$60.00 pp. (**Wilmington Lodge Members pay only \$30.00**) Bring a \$10 scratch ticket for a scratch ticket swap

(optional.) Contact Kevin Caira 978-657-7734 kevincaira57@gmail.com. If you have any dietary restrictions, please let Kevin know.



Comedy Night - Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy and WHS Band Parents - Friday, 2/2/24

We are in need of volunteers for the Comedy Night Committee. Please contact Kevin at (508) 633-2681.

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@osiam.org.

There will be members from the Grand Lodge who will speak on this retreat at our November meeting. So please attend the meeting if you or your children or grandchildren are interested.

VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



The Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge #2193 would like to honor our lodge Veterans.



Arnie Aprile Aldo A. Caira David Caira Kenny Caira Pat Carideo Lennie Ciaccia Lou Cimaglia Bob DeSantis Charlie DeStefano Christopher S. DiCecca Bob Dicey Bob DiPasquale Charlie Eddy Roger Lee Farrar John Foresteire Fred Hogan Michelle Lima Joe Maiella Robert Martin Ray Mercuri Vinnie Oliva Robert Oliveira Ed Palino Anthony Siracusa Sheryl Giusto Walsh Clayton Wentzell

It is the VETERAN, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the VETERAN, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the VETERAN, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the VETERAN, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.





Happy November Birthday to - Arnie Aprile, Allison Bolanos, Deb Casey, Brittany Cimaglia, Sheryl Farrar, Diane Garrity, Cheryl Licciardi, Patti Poirier, Ginny Pupa, Jerry Pupa, Francesco Recchia, Christopher Romano, Jennifer Saragosa, Donna Siracusa.

Here are some facts about this month!

- November has one birthstone - Topaz which is symbolic of strength and honor. The ancient Greeks believed that the stone had the ability to turn oneself invisible!
- November's birth flower is Chrysanthemum which symbolizes cheerfulness.
- Scorpios (October 23 - November 22) are said to value trust and honesty above other things, as well as being quite intense yet imaginative people. Sagittarius (November 23 - December 21) are quite different, being energetic and idealistic while also generous and open-minded.
- Some famous people whose birthdays are in November include - Mark Twain, Matthew McConaughey, Leonardo DiCaprio, Ryan Gosling, Jimmy Kimmel, Whoopi Goldberg, Owen Wilson, Scarlett Johansson, Miley Cyrus, and Ben Stiller. Some of the more notable people include Mark Twain, Leonardo DiCaprio, Winston Churchill, Kurt Vonnegut, and Scarlett Johansson.
- All Saints Day is celebrated November 1 and is a national holiday in Italy. On All Souls Day, November 2, Italians bring flowers to cemeteries to honor deceased relatives. During November you'll find some music and cultural festivals and performing arts seasons are starting.
- November 3, 1957 was a historic day for both the Soviet Russia and the world. It was on this day that the first spacecraft carrying a live passenger - Leika the doge - was successfully launched.
- November 11th is a very important day where we remember the veterans we have lost in past wars and thank the military of today for protecting our country.
- On November 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address at the consecration of the National Cemetery at the site of the Gettysburg battle.
- On November 22, 1963 President John F. Kennedy was fatally shot while riding along with his wife in a procession of cars. Kennedy was the fourth US president to be assassinated, after Abraham Lincoln, James Garfield, and William McKinley.
- A rather hairy spectacle occurs in various parts of the world, including Australia, the US, and England, every year in November. It's called "Movember", and the idea is to raise money for charity by growing a mustache. Participants must shave on the first morning of November and grow their mustache throughout the month, with the ensuing amusement as an incentive for others to donate to a good cause.



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 Maria Sordillo, Jack Harding, Mary Buscone, Evelyn Olivari and Betty Aprile!



Please let me know if you have any **GOOD NEWS** that I can share with the lodge - **anything that we can celebrate!**



Buon Giorno
del Ringraziamento!



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