



Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy
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October 2023 Newsletter



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October 19, 2023 (new date) Monthly Dinner and meeting will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St - Wilmington, MA. Dinner will be stuffed shells, sausages, peppers, onions, chicken ziti & broccoli and salad. For **\$10** - 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 October 17, 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

10/15/23 - Wilmington Lodge Dominators **Car Show** (flyer)

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** (flyer)

11/04/23 - Wilmington Lodge **Bloodmobile** (flyer)

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

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**

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. 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.

Congratulation to the 2023 Bocce Champs



Jeff Pitzi, Chuck Otis, Lisa Mastronilli, Dedi Pitzi and Katelyn Otis,

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 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.



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

- **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 BAKED GOODS NEEDED**
- **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 BAKED GOODS NEEDED**

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) or Lennie (617.835.2184) to reserve yours.**



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.

- halfpints.childrenshospital.org
- Click Donate Blood tab
- Zip code 01887
- Scroll to 11/4/23
- Click on Wilmington Fourth of July Building
- Then click on a time



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! **See attached Deceased Member List.**

ELVIS: A MUSICAL REVOLUTION - North Short Music Theater - **Sunday, November 12th at 2pm.** Tickets are \$61. 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.

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 20, please contact us again. Please do not show up unless you have received a confirmation. We do not want to disappoint any child. **Please see the attached flyer.**

Calamari Sisters - a comedy show at the Regent Theater in Arlington on Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 2:00 pm. \$50.00 pp. Sign up at the meeting. Contact Janet jknje@comcast.net 617-750-9749

Adult Christmas Party - We are planning to have an adult Christmas Party on December 30, 2023 at the Moose Hall - 140 North Street - North Reading, MA. Street Magin and a DJ will entertain us. Mr. Jack's catering will feed us. More info to follow.



Happy October Birthday to – Judy Agnes, Donna Botte, Linda Caruso, Lennie Ciaccio, Raffaele Ciaramella, Lou Cimaglia, Edi-Jo Cooper, Barbara DiVecchia, R. Lee Farrar, Barbara Intoppa, Robert Littlefield, Lennie Malvone, Joseph Martell, Pat Mastrorilli, Vinnie Oliva, Gail O'Shea, Vincent Ruocco, Elizabeth Roberts, Joan Foresteire.

Here are some facts about this month!

You lucky autumn babies celebrate your birthdays in one of the most gorgeous months of the year! It's no wonder, with love-filled and charming Libra (Sept 24-Oct 23) and loyal and passionate Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 22) ruling this month. Plus it's Italian American Heritage Month.

- You have two birthstones - opals and tourmaline. Your Birth flower is the Calendula, which is in the marigold family, and is valued for its medicinal and healing properties.
- You are classified as the "Peacemaker" in astrology and are strongly motivated by a desire for justice and strive to maintain harmony in all areas of your life.
- More American Presidents were born in the month of October than any other month. They were John Adams, Rutherford B. Hayes, Chester Arthur, Theodore Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower and Jimmy Carter.
- Some famous October Birthdays include Zach Galifianakis, Julie Andrews, Kate Winslet, Matt Damon, Mario Lopez, Hugh Jackman, Angela Lansbury, Bill Gates, Julia Roberts, Mahatma Gandhi, Christopher Columbus, John Lennon and Pablo Picasso.
- In many cultures, October is associated with Halloween, a holiday that is celebrated on October 31st.
- October has a number of significant space exploration-related events. Sputnik 1, the first man-made satellite, was launched by the Soviet Union on October 4, 1957. Apollo 7 became the first manned Apollo mission to circle the Earth on October 11, 1968, opening the door for the lunar landing. The first crewed mission of NASA's Apollo program, which aimed to put people on the moon, was Apollo 7. The mission orbited the Earth several times during the course of ten days.
- October is also Breast Cancer awareness month - let us continue to pray for a cure!

There's extra good news for autumn babies – some research suggests that those born between September and November are more likely to live to 100 years old than people born during the other months of the year. So, here's to you...may you have many beautiful birthdays to come!



October as Italian-American Heritage Month was first celebrated in 1989 when it was proclaimed by President George H. W. Bush and the Congress of the U.S. to honor the achievements and contributions of Italian immigrants and their descendants living in the United States.

In the early 1900s, thousands of Italian immigrants came to the United States, searching for a better life just like many other

immigrant groups. About 5.5 million Italians immigrated to the U.S. between 1820 and 2004. The greatest influx of migration took place between 1880 and 1920 when over 4 million Italians came to America. We celebrate Italian American Heritage and Culture month every year to honor the successes and valuable contributions of Italians Americans.

The largest influx of Italian immigrants arrived when coal mining companies were recruiting thousands of men to work the deep mines of West Virginia; Italian immigrants also found work on railroads and farms. Usually, the men came first, then sent for their wives and children after they had saved enough money.

By the second half of the century, Italian Americans excelled in every career field, including law, medicine, teaching, and the arts. Religion and family have continued to be an important part of their heritage. In the new millennium, more Italian Americans are rediscovering their roots, returning to Italy to seek out a relative, baptismal records, or any other family reference.

Here are Five Ways Italians changed American History.

- America's name is Italian inspired Amerigo Vespucci, who explored the east coast of South America between 1499 and 1502, is the source of the name "America."
- An Italian explorer discovered the New World. Christopher Columbus landed on various Caribbean islands that are now the Bahamas as well as the island later called Hispaniola.
- An Italian first mapped the East coast Italian explorer Giovanni da Verrazzano was the first European to map the Atlantic coast of today's United States.
- The Declaration of Independence has Italian inspiration. Filippo Mazzei, a physician and promoter of liberty, was a close friend and confidant of Thomas Jefferson. He published a pamphlet containing the phrase "All men are by nature equally free and independent."
- The Pope helped Italian immigrants. To assist immigrants in the U.S., Pope Leo XIII dispatched a contingent of priests and nuns. Among them was Sister Francesca Cabrini, who founded schools, hospitals, and orphanages.

Each October, we come together and celebrate National Italian American Heritage Month. It is a time set aside for the 18 million Americans of Italian descent to reflect on their family's history, traditions and values. The most meaningful way to do this is by making certain your family's story is kept alive: Pass it on to your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Explain to them where your family's roots are in Italy, the difficult journey your immigrant ancestors had, the prejudices they faced when they arrived in America and the sacrifices, they and their children made to ensure a better life for all of us today.



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 all our members who are ill!



Congratulations to Linda Tobin on the birth of her Granddaughter, Madison!

Congratulations to Brother Lou Cimaglia who was voted in as Acting Town Manager!



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).