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**Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge**  
*LODGE 2183 – P.O. BOX 387 – WILMINGTON, MA 01887*

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**December 2025 Newsletter**

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**There is no December meeting. Merry Christmas (Buon Natale) and Happy New Year (Felice Anno Nuovo.)**

**Sons & Daughters of Italy Events**

12/27/25 - Wilmington Lodge **Adult Christmas Party** (flyer attached)

01/31/26 - Wilmington Lodge **Member's Trivia Night**

01/31/26 - Grand Lodge **Scholarship** deadline

02/15/26 - Bowling week 1

02/22/26 - Grand Lodge **Corn Hole** tournament

02/27/26 - National **Scholarship** deadline

03/01/26 - Bowling week 2

03/01/26 - Wilmington Lodge **Scholarship** deadline

03/06/26 - Wilmington Lodge & Band Parents **Comedy Night**

03/15/26 - Bowling week 3

04/12/26 - Bowling week 4

04/26/26 - Bowling week 5

**Lodge Meetings -4<sup>th</sup> 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.*** Coffee and desserts are available for all members to enjoy.

***no December meeting*** 1/22/26 2/26/26 3/22/26(***Sun. Afternoon***) 4/23/26

5/28/26 6/25/26 ***no July meeting*** 8/27/26 9/24/26 10/22/26

11/22/26(***Sun. Afternoon***) ***no December meeting***

**Council Meetings -2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of every month 7PM at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Building

12/11/25 1/8/26 2/12/26 3/12/26 4/9/26 5/14/26 6/11/26 ***no July meeting***

8/13/26 9/10/26 10/8/26 11/12/26 12/10/26



**DUES** - Our Membership dues are \$50.00 per year and are due on January 1, 2026. **EXTRA INCENTIVE** - If you pay your dues on or before the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, your name will be entered into a drawing to win a \$50.00 gift card. You can pay at an upcoming meeting or send you dues payable to Sons of Italy to PO Box 387 - Wilmington, MA 01887.

## DECEMBER



**Outreach** - Lennie has contacted local churches so that we may help needy families for Christmas.

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

**Adult Christmas Party** - **Saturday, December 27, 2025** at Lenzi's Function Room in Dracut.



Featuring Steve Savio and his Sea Breeze Band. **6:30 - 7:30 hors d'oeuvres.**

**7:30 Buffet Dinner** includes tossed and Caesar Salad, Lenzi's famous chicken pot pie, marinated steak tips, baked haddock, peas and carrots, whipped potatoes, rolls and butter, dessert, coffee and tea. **Dancing until 10:30pm.**

Open to friends, relatives and other lodges for \$75.00 pp. (**Wilmington Lodge Members pay only \$35.00**) Contact Kevin Cairra 978-657-7734 [kevincaira57@gmail.com](mailto:kevincaira57@gmail.com) or Michele Siracusa 978-604-6437 [mnorton@gmail.com](mailto:mnorton@gmail.com).

## JANUARY

**Grand Lodge January Calendar Raffle** - Purchase a ticket for \$10.00 which gives you 35 chances to win. There will be a drawing every day in January 2026 plus 4 bonus drawings for \$100.00 each from those tickets received on or before December 23, 2025. All winning tickets are placed back into the drum giving you additional chances to win. Winners will be posted on the Grand Lodge Web site [www.osiama.org](http://www.osiama.org) Good Luck! These make great stocking stuffers! Please see Cheryl Cairra for tickets. [cal0701@yahoo.com](mailto:cal0701@yahoo.com) 508-633-2779



**Trivia Night** - for **Wilmington Lodge Members only. Saturday, January 31, 2026** at the Methodist Church. Doors open at 6:30 PM where you will be given a raffle ticket to win **Door Prizes**. Grab some food and get ready because games will begin around 7:00 PM. \$15 pp! Committee members are Julie, Anna, and

Lennie. Contact Julie 978-284-3260 or [sbracciamanos@comcast.net](mailto:sbracciamanos@comcast.net)

Sign up in the book. Deadline to sign up is 1/24/26.



**Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy Scholarships** – Our lodge scholarships are available to children entering college in the fall of 2026. Deadline is **March 1, 2026**. Contact Karen Scalzi (978-423-0960) or e-mail [kcscalzi@gmail.com](mailto:kcscalzi@gmail.com).

**Grand Lodge Scholarships** are now available. Deadline is **January 31, 2026**. Application is attached. You may also apply online at <https://www.osiama.org/scholarships>

**National Scholarships** are now available. Deadline is **February 27, 2026**. Apply online. <https://www.osdia.org/initiatives/scholarships/>

## FEBRUARY

**Grand Lodge Corn Hole Tournament – Sunday, February 22, 2026** at the Watertown Lodge – 520 Pleasant St. – Watertown, MA. Two-man teams will be chosen randomly. Double elimination. Open to members and non-members. (Our lodge will pay for members.) \$30.00 per person. Deadline is **February 16, 2026**. **Sign up in the book or contact Lynne Martell.**



**Let's Go Bowling!** The Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy has reserved 5 dates for our **lodge members** to enjoy some **candlepin bowling** together. The dates are on **Sunday afternoons – 3:00 pm** on the following Sundays.

2/15/26 (sign up at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting)

3/1/26 and 3/15/26 (sign up at the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting).

4/12/26 (sign up at the March meeting)

4/26/26 (sign up at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting)

We will bowl at the Wakefield Bowladrome – 92 Water St. – Wakefield, MA. The cost will be **\$20.00 a week (cash only)** and will include 3 strings of bowling and shoes.

You must sign up and pay in advance (cash only) as we have to give a head count to the bowling alley.

**There is limited space available, and your spot cannot be held until you pay.** You do not have to be available for all 5 weeks, just sign up and pay for the weeks you are available. You can sign up at a meeting or contact Maria Graffeo [mjgraffeo@yahoo.com](mailto:mjgraffeo@yahoo.com) 617-645-6827 or Lynne Martell

[Lynne\\_martell@comcast.net](mailto:Lynne_martell@comcast.net) 978-729-6044. **This is meant to be fun!**

## MARCH



**Comedy Night** – Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy and WHS Band Parents – Friday, 3/06/26 at the Wilmington/Tewksbury Elks. Doors open at 7:30 pm. Show begins at 9:00 pm. \$25 per person. Please contact Kevin at 978-657-7734.



Please report any sunshine to Anna Kerkorian. Please **let Anna know if someone** is sick, has surgery, or has a death in the family. Also good news such as births, weddings, etc. Anna's contact information is 617-605-4662 or e-mail [amvk77@gmail.com](mailto:amvk77@gmail.com)



We send our **prayers** and "**get well wishes**" to Gino DeVecchia, Maria Graffeo, Ginny Pupa, Marianne Caira. .



**Happy December Birthday to -** Petrina Botte, Wendy Carmona, Susan Connors, Samantha Davis, Lucas Gorham, Alicia Johnson, Paul Licciardi, Michelle Lima-Wolfendale, Alexis Mastronardi, Michael McCoy, and Mary Renda.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1203230605357023>



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](mailto:Lynne_martell@comcast.net) or 978-729-6044 (cell) 978-694-1632 (home).