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MARCH 2026 Newsletter

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March 22, 2026 **SUNDAY AFTERNOON** lodge meeting will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St - Wilmington, MA. Doors open at noon and Dinner begins at 12:30pm. The meeting is scheduled to take place at 2:00 pm. Dinner will be sausages with peppers, onions and roasted potatoes, salad, a vegetable, bread & butter and dessert. The cost is \$5.00. **Please RSVP by Monday, 3/16/26** - 6 pm to Lynne_martell@comcast.net or 978-694-1632 (home) or 978-729-6044(cell)



Sons & Daughters of Italy Events

03/14/26 - Wilmington Lodge **Bingo Night**
03/15/26 -Wilmington Lodge **Bowling week 3**
03/21/26 - Women's Clinic Collection (**flyer attached**)
03/22/26 - Afternoon Lodge meeting
03/28 & 29 -Wilmington Lodge **Diaper Drive (flyer attached)**
04/10/26 - Wilmington Lodge Member's **Game Night** - save the date
04/11/26 - Grand Lodge **Bocce Tournament (flyer attached)**
04/12/26 - Wilmington Lodge **Bowling week 4**
04/18/26 - Garibaldi Meucci **Museum Trip (flyer attached)**
04/26/26 - Wilmington Lodge **Bowling week 5**
05/03/26 - Grand Lodge **MELA Awards**

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.** Coffee and desserts are available for all members to enjoy.

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 -2nd Thursday of every month 7PM at the 4th of July Building
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

Membership Dues

DUES - Our Membership dues are \$50.00 per year and were due on January 1, 2026. You can pay at an upcoming meeting or send you dues payable to Sons of Italy to PO Box 387 - Wilmington, MA 01887. **Please inform us if you decide not to renew your membership.** Lynne_martell@comcast.net

Yarn Collection for Comfort Blankets - Our Lodge will continue to **collect yarn** to be made into  Comfort Blankets. These blankets are put on patients that are nearing end of their lives. The blankets are then donated to the family. These blankets then give comfort to the family member. Leftover skeins of yarn as well as newly purchased will be accepted. Also collecting knitted blankets. If you are purchasing yarn, **ideally 20-24 oz 4 ply yarn is best. Please see flyer attached.** Please contact Janet Engrem with any questions 617-957-2460



Let's Go Bowling! Week three of candlepin bowling is this Sunday, 3/15/26. The dates are on **Sunday afternoons - 3:00 pm** on the following Sundays. **3/15/26** (contact Maria), **4/12/26** (sign up at the March 22nd meeting), **4/26/26** (sign up at the April 23rd 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. 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 617-645-6827. **So far this has been lots of fun!**

MARCH



Bingo Night - Saturday, March 14, 2026 at the Senior Center on Main St in Wilmington. **Wilmington Lodge Members only!** Doors open at 6:00 pm and bingo begins at 6:30pm. \$15.00 pp. Contact John Jromano45@gmail.com 617-750-9749



Collection for Rita A. Dimento Women's Clinic - March 21st 8am to 3pm. Come and stop by to have coffee and homemade goodies with President John Romano, Fr. Micheal, Mary Ponti from the Clinic and members of the North End Knights of Columbus and bring an item or two for the women's clinic. We will be in the beautiful North End at St. Joseph's Hall at St. Leonard's Church on Prince Street. Maybe even go for a fantastic lunch!! If you cannot attend that day, call me(John) and I will come by and make a pickup. **See attached flier** for list of needed items. I will also do a collection - no amount is too small or too big. \$10 Gift Cards to Dunkins, McDonalds and CVS are extremely helpful. Lastly, donations can also be made by Venmo: @patricia-romano-24. Checks can be made out to St. Anthony's Shrine. Thank you in advance. John Jromano45@gmail.com 617-750-9749.

Diaper Drive - The Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy will sponsor a diaper drive by providing diapers and wipes to local mothers in need on Saturday, **March 28, 2026, from 9am - 3pm** and Sunday, **March 29, 2026, from 9am - 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. **Please see flyer attached.**

Please contact Janet Engrem (617) 957-2460 or e-mail jknje@comcast.net

You can bring Diapers and/or wipes to the March meetings.

If you would like to be on the Committee you can sign up in the book or contact Janet.



APRIL



Members Game Night - Wilmington Lodge members only. Friday April 10th from 6pm to 10pm. Knights of Columbus Hall in Wilmington. The event will be at the Wilmington Knights of Columbus Hall. Cash Bar - Food: TBD. Bring your games and maybe some nickels, dimes and quarters. Sign up in the book. **This event is free and should be lots of fun!** Notify John Romano if interested or sign up at the meeting. 617-750-9749

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The **Grand Lodge** will hold a **Bocce Tournament** on **Saturday, April 11, 2025** at the Methuen Sons of Italy - 495 Merrimack St - Methuen, MA beginning at 8:30 AM. Any four-person team (any combination of men and women) may enter. \$160.00 per team includes breakfast and lunch and cash prizes. (Our lodge will

cover this cost for members). Deadline is April 4, 2026. Contact Lynne Martell

Lynne_martell@comcast.net 978-729-6044. **Please see flyer attached.**

TRIP TO THE GARIBALDI MEUCCI MUSEUM in New York

April 18, 2026 - 7:30 am - leave Watertown (520 Pleasant St) and arrive home at 10:30 pm. \$250.00 pp includes: round-trip bus, breakfast, lunch, dinner, driver tip, water, snacks and goody bag. **\$150.00 due 2/15/26 Please see attached for more details.** Anna Kerkorian will collect names from our lodge.

Anna Vitale-Kerkorian amvk77@gmail.com (617-605-4662)



Happy March Birthday to - Kayla Boebel, Christian Bolanos, Christian Bolanos, Jr., Michael Bozzella, Mary Buscone, Brian Caira, David Caira, Gino DiVecchia, Michele Goss, Michael Muscarella, Rosalie Muscarella, Joshua Pupa, JoAnn Roberto, Thomas Siracusa, Kevin Stevens, Carl Sutera, Patricia Tivnan, Maureen O'Brien



Please report any sunshine to **Maria Sordillo**. Please let **Maria know if someone** is sick, has surgery, or has a death in the family. Also good news such as births, weddings, etc. Maria's contact information is 617-966-4272 or e-mail msordillo2@aol.com



We send our "**prayers and get well wishes**" to Patricia Lyon, Kevin and Cheryl Caira, Mary Renda, Thomas Siracusa, Kevin Engrem, Charlie DeStefano and Mary Buscone. Hope you are all well or getting better!

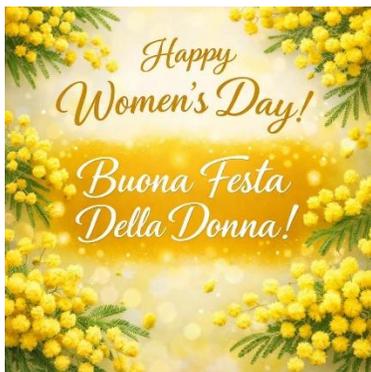
We send our condolences to Dave and Cheryl Blundell on the death of Dave's brother, Robert Edward Blundell.



Congratulations to Ginny Pupa on the birth of her **First Great Granddaughter**, Lucy Olivia Tanner!



Congratulations to Doug and Lucille Clark on the birth of you **Great Granddaughter**, Luciana Gabriella Ritacco!



Every year on March 8, Italy celebrates International Women's Day, known as Festa della Donna. Across the country, mimosa flowers are given to women of all ages as a symbol of appreciation and recognition.

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

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