



Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy
Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge

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March 2023 Newsletter

March 23, 2023 monthly meeting will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St - Wilmington, MA. Dinner will be Calzones & Salad for **\$5** Please bring a **dessert** to share. Dinner will begin at 6:30. The Meeting will begin at 7:15 pm

Please RSVP to Lynne_martell@comcast.net 978-729-6044 (cell), 978-694-1632 (home) by **3/15/23 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

3/25/23 - Wilmington Lodge **Blood Drive** with Children's Hospital (see flyer)

3/26/23 - Grand Lodge **Wine Tasting** (flyer attached)

4/1 - 4/2 - Wilmington Lodge **Diaper Drive**

4/1 - 5/31 - Wilmington Band Parents Calendar raffle (see attachments)

4/18/23 - Wakefield Lodge Annual Auction (flyer attached)

4/28/23 - Wilmington Lodge/Band Parents **Comedy Night**

5/25/23 - Wilmington Lodge **Scholarship Dinner**

6/2-6/4/23 - Grand Lodge State **Convention**

8/1/23 - Wilmington Lodge **Clam Bake**

Lodge Meetings -4th **Thursday** of every month at 7:15 at the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St. - Wilmington, MA

4/27/23 5/25/23 6/22/23 8/24/23 9/28/23 10/26/23

Council Meeting -2nd **Wednesday** of every month 7PM at the 4th of July Building. 4/12/23 5/10/23 6/14/23 8/9/23 9/13/23 10/11/23

DUES - Dues are \$50 for the year and are due January 1, 2023. Bills have gone out. If you did not receive one, please contact Walter - 978-453-3015 wpalino@comcast.net

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>



By-Law Committee - We are hoping to form a by-law committee to review and update our lodge by-laws. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact Janet Engrem (617) 958-2460 or e-mail jknje@comcast.net

March

Help the **WHS Cheer Team Make Baskets For Children in Need** For Easter. Please feel free to donate



any of these suggested items. • Ribbon • Cellophane • Coloring Books • Crayons • Arts & Craft Supplies • 5-dollar gift cards • School Supplies • Cozy socks • Toothbrushes & toothpaste • Candy All Kinds • Candy Bunnies, Chocolate eggs • Bags instead of baskets • Eggs • Small toys • Fidget toys • Journals • Snugglies - **You can bring them to the March 23rd Lodge Meeting.**

Nominations for our lodge officers for a **two-year term** will take place through **March 23rd**. If you would like to run for office or if you would like to nominate someone to run for office, please contact **John Romano** JRomano45@gmail.com 617-750-9749



We will also take nominations from the floor at the March 23rd Lodge Meeting. Social Members CAN run for office.

There are also four seats on the Roncalli Board of Directors. Contact Kevin Caira (978-657-7734). **Please think about running for an office.** The council meets once a month. We discuss correspondence. We recommend donations and amounts. We discuss Committee reports. **Sometimes we even have FUN and LAUGH!** If you cannot attend every council meeting, it's OK - life happens - you can give me anything you'd like to discuss, and I can give you notes on what was discussed. **Any council member would be happy to discuss their role with you.**

The Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy will sponsor a **Blood Drive** to benefit Boston Children's Hospital on **Saturday, March 25th** 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.

- Register at halfpints.childrenshospital.org.
- click the "donate blood" tab.
- search "01887"
- find the registration link by date and location.



Contact Linda Caurso with questions - 508-265-7566 (flyer attached)

Grand Lodge Wine Tasting - The C&E Trust of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, will be holding a **Wine Tasting** on **Sunday, March 26, 2023**, from 12:30 - 5:00 pm at the Sons of Italy - 196 Adams Street - Newton, MA. \$25.00 per person (*our lodge will pay ½ this price for members*). Sign up with Lynne Martell by **March 11** 978-729-6044 or e-mail Lynne_martell@comcast.net (flyer attached)



April

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, **April 1st from 8am - 3pm** and **Sunday, April 2nd from 8am - 2pm** at the 4th of July Building Parking lot. 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

Wilmington Band Parents Calendar Raffle - will run for the months of **April and May**. Two drawings each day. Tickets are one for \$5.00 or three for \$10.00. Visit wilmingtonbandparents.org for more information or e-mail WHSWildcatbandparents@gmail.com. John also has tickets. You can purchase them at the meeting or contact John at JRomano45@gmail.com or 617-750-9749. **Please see attachments for prizes.**



Wakefield Lodge Annual Auction - **Tuesday, April 18, 2023**, at St. Joseph Church Hall in Wakefield beginning at 6:00 pm. Chicken pot pie for dinner. \$15 pp (\$10 with no dinner) (flyer attached)

Comedy Night - Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy and WHS Band Parents will host this year's Annual Comedy Night on **Friday, April 28, 2023**, at the Wilmington/Tewksbury Elks. **BYO food but buy drinks at the bar**. Doors will open at **7:30pm**, and the show will start at **9pm**. Tickets will remain at **\$20** again this year. Tables of 8 or 10 are available or you can purchase individual tickets. There will be raffles and a silent auction. The Comedians will be Mike Koutrobis, Carolyn Plumber and Pat Collins.



Contact Kevin kevincaira57@gmail.com 508-633-2681 or John jromano45@gmail.com 617-750-9749.

Clambake - Our lodge is having a Clambake at Fosters Clambake - 5 Axholme Road - in York, Maine (1 hr. drive) on **Tuesday, August 1, 2023, from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm.** \$40 per person. The menu includes New England clam chowder, freshly dug Maine clams, cultivated mussels, succulent Maine Lobster, sweet corn on the cob, roasted red bliss potatoes & onions, rolls & butter, hot drawn butter, blueberry crumb cake. Hickory BBQ chicken is an alternative for Lobster and there is a vegan option. The cost for an extra lobster is \$53. We are looking into the possibility of getting a bus. **Sign up in the book.**
 Contact Maria Graffeo - 617-645-6827 or e-mail mjgraffeo@yahoo.com



Happy March Birthday to those of you blessed to have been born in this fabulous month! Aldo Amatucci, Rebecca Anthony, Katherine Boebel, Christian Bolanos, Jr., Christian Bolanos, Michael Bozella, Mary Buscone, Brian Caira, David Caira, Gino DiVecchia, Louis DiRupo, Jr., Marie'Anne Durst, Rob Durst, Robert Fino, Emma Garrity, Michele Goss, Kylie McGilvray, Cynthia Rankin, JoAnn Roberto, Kaitlin Robinson, Thomas Siracusa, Kevin Stevens, Patricia Tivnan, Maureen O'Brien, Clayton Wentzell.

March" is named for the Roman god of war, Mars. However, we think of it as the beginning of spring, as March brings the vernal equinox(3/20), the Full Worm Moon (3/7) and Daylight-Saving Time (3/12)! Also, International Women's Day (3/8), Ides of March (3/15), and St. Patrick's Day (3/17)

- The **birthstone for March is Aquamarine**. It represents eternal life, youth, hope, fidelity, and health. Believed to be a treasure of mermaids, anyone who wears aquamarine is said to be protected and to experience good luck.
- The **birth flower of March is daffodil**, which represents spring. Daffodils embody sunshine, friendship, and joy. It is a symbol of hope and unequalled love. Show your undivided love and express the joy that you feel by sending your loved ones a bouquet of daffodils!
- **Pisces (February 19 to March 20)** and **Aries (March 21 to April 19)** are the zodiac signs associated with the month of March. **Pisces** possess a strong sense of right and wrong and judge a situation easily. Pisces people exhibit creativity through music and art, freely offer advice, are guided by their moral compass and are overly sensitive and deeply intuitive. **Aries** individuals are very bold and ambitious, which is why many of them become leaders. They exhibit great confidence and relentless determination. They are very

- straightforward and aggressive, extremely passionate and motivated, sometimes act before thinking and inclined to bring warmth and happiness to others.

Famous Birthdays - Given the intellect and confidence that both Pisces and Aries have, it is expected that a lot of passionate individuals are born in March. They often exhibit the qualities of a leader and the characteristics of an inventor; it is not surprising to find names of brilliant leaders and inventors in the list. 3/2 - Theodor Geisel aka Dr. Seuss, Jon Bon Jovi, 3/3 - Alexander Graham, 3/6 - Shaquille O'Neal, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, 3/10 - Carrie Underwood 3/12 - James Taylor, 3/14 - Albert Einstein, 3/19 - Bruce Willis, 3/20 - Fred Rogers, 3/25 - Elton John, , - James Madison, 3/21 - Johann Sebastian Bach, 3/23 - Erich Fromm, 3/24 - Harry Houdini & Peyton Maning, 3/25 - Elton John, 3/26 - Robert Frost.



Please report any sunshine to Linda Tobin. Please **let Linda know if someone** is sick, has surgery, or has a death in the family. Linda's contact information is phone 978-604-4706 or e-mail beatlefanlinda@aol.com



We send our continued **prayers and "Get Well" wishes** to Mary Kiesinger, Frank Asimokoupoulos, Tricia Lyon, Jack Harding, Julie Sbraccia-Manos, Ken Caira.



We send our **prayers and condolences** to Lucille & Doug Clark and their family on the death of their sister-in-law, Louise Busineau.

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 978-694-1632.