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

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**November 2025 Newsletter**

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**November 23, 2025 AFTERNOON meeting in honor of our Elder Members**, will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St - Wilmington, MA.

Doors open at 12:00 noon, Dinner at 12:30 pm and the meeting will follow at 2:00 pm. Dinner will be catered by Spinelli's and will include stuffed shells, chicken, ziti and broccoli, sausages, peppers and onions, eggplant parmigiana, bread and butter, coffee and strawberry shortcake. **Please RSVP by Monday, 11/17/25 at 6PM.** to [Lynne\\_martell@comcast.net](mailto:Lynne_martell@comcast.net) or 978-694-1632 or 978-729-6044 (cell) **Please no additions after this time** as we need an accurate count for the caterer.



**Sons & Daughters of Italy Events**

11/16/25 - Wilmington Lodge **Memorial Mass** (see Deceased Member List attached)

11/23/25 - Wilmington Lodge **AFTERNOON** meeting

12/14/25 - Wilmington Lodge **Children's Christmas Party** (flyer attached)

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

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

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 for three tickets and is optional.

**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 10/25/26(Sun. Afternoon) 11/19/26 ( 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) **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

We will have the **Fallen Solder table** set up for the November afternoon meeting.

### Fallen Soldier's Table Poem

The rose stands for the family with faith and love for those who serve,  
They're held with the highest respect for that's what they deserve.  
A yellow ribbon is for the loyalty waiting for those serving abroad,  
As we pray that they're watched over and kept close to God.  
An inverted glass represents that the fallen can no longer toast,  
They cannot be an honored guest or such a gracious host.  
A lemon wedge represents the bitter loss of the fallen soldier's life,  
That causes so much pain like the sharp edge of a knife.  
The salt is put in place for all the loved ones' shedding tears,  
For the soldier is no longer present to help calm our fears.  
The candle stands tall for the blood that the soldier shed,  
It holds a place of honor and represented in red.  
The empty chair symbolizes the missing comrade who isn't here,  
Now it stands alone for the voice that we can't hear.



 **St Francis House Donations** – If you would like to donate **NEW** hats, gloves, scarves or any cash or Venmo donation as well, to the St. Frances House Homeless Shelter in Boston, you can **bring your donation to the November 23rd meeting** or contact John Romano 617-750-9749 [jromano45@gmail.com](mailto:jromano45@gmail.com) **See flyer attached**



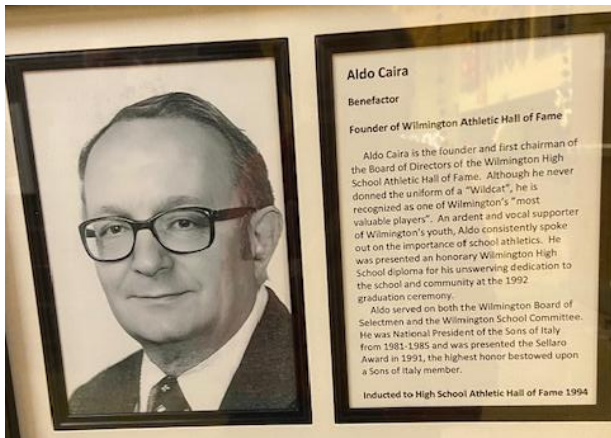
**DUES** – Our Membership dues are \$50.00 per year and are due on January 1, 2026. **EXTRA INCENTIVE** – If you pay your dues on or before the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, your name will be entered into a drawing to win a \$50.00 gift card. You can pay at an upcoming meeting or send you dues payable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



Our Lodge has been inducted into the **Wilmington High School Athletic Hall of Fame**, and we received this plaque which hangs in the High School hall. It reads – The Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge #2183, has been one of the most generous organizations in the Town of Wilmington. They have financially supported the schools and the community in general. The Lodge has supported youth sports, installed new playgrounds and equipment at the North Intermediate and Woburn Street Schools, provided stadium jackets for the Marching Band and uniforms for the Color Guard. They have provided thousands of dollars in scholarships. They have provided scoreboards for Alumni Stadium, the Dick Scanlon Baseball Field, and the Woburn Street School; indoor

batting cages for the baseball and softball teams; purchased uniforms for various Wildcat Sports Teams. They have sponsored the WHS Holiday Wrestling Tournament for over twenty-five years.

Inducted Massachusetts HS Wrestling Hall of Fame.  
Inducted to High school Athletic Hall of Fame 2012.



This plaque was also received in honor of Aldo Caira, past State President, Past National President of the Sons of Italy. It reads – Aldo Caira is the founder and first chairman of the Board of Directors of the Wilmington High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Although he never donned the uniform of a “Wildcat”, he is recognized as one of Wilmington’s “most valuable players”. An ardent and vocal supporter of Wilmington’s youth, Aldo consistently spoke out on the importance of school athletics. He was presented an honorary Wilmington High School diploma for his unswerving dedication to the school and community at the 1992 graduation ceremony. Aldo served on both the Wilmington Board of Selectmen and Wilmington School Committee.

He was National President of the Sons of Italy from 1981 – 1985 and was presented the Sellaro Award in 1991, the highest honor bestowed upon a Sons of Italy member.

Inducted to High School Athletic Hall of Fame 1994.

## NOVEMBER



**Memorial Mass** – We celebrate a Memorial Mass in honor of our lodge's deceased members. It will be held on **Sunday, November 16th 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 aftermass. Also, please **make every effort to attend** this important Mass in honor of our loved one who have passed! **See attached Deceased Member List.**



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

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

## DECEMBER



**Children's Christmas Party** – will be held on **Sunday, December 14, 2025** from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, 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.

Contact Anna Kerkorian [amvk77@gmail.com](mailto:amvk77@gmail.com) 617-605-4662 or Lisa Lyons [skilee206@gmail.com](mailto:skilee206@gmail.com) 617 957-8157 or Lynne Martell [Lynne\\_martell@comcast.net](mailto:Lynne_martell@comcast.net) 978-729-6044. **Deadline to sign up is November 15, 2025.** **HELP IS NEEDED AT NOON TO SET UP THE TABLES.** Flyer attached.

**Adult Christmas Party** – We are planning to have an adult Christmas Party on **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 Caira 978-657-7734

[kevincaira57@gmail.com](mailto:kevincaira57@gmail.com) or Michele Siracusa 978-604-6437 [mnortonen@gmail.com](mailto:mnortonen@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 Caira for tickets.



**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/>



**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 3/1/26 3/15/26 4/12/26 4/26/26

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!**



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 Frank Puleo, Angela Bombino, Kevin Caira, Guy Gemmellaro, Arnie Aprile, Joe Maiella, Jane Caira, Kevin Engrem and Tom Siracusa.



**Congratulations** to Brian Pupa on becoming Wilmington's new Police Chief!!



Congratulations to Nick Gorham on his marriage to Kaitlin Robinson!



**Happy November Birthday to** - Allison Bolanos, Deborah Casey, Brittany Cimaglia, Sheryl Farrar, Diane Garrity, Fred Hogan, Cheryl Licciardi, Patti Poirier, Christopher Romano, Jennifer Saragosa, Donna Siracusa, Ellen Sullivan, Stephen Sullivan, Arnie Aprile, Ginny Pupa

**Buon Giorno  
del Ringraziamento!**



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).



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



**Arnie Aprile   Dave Blundell   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\*  
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 Palino   Anthony Siracusa   Sheryl Giusto Walsh   Clayton Wentzell\***

\* Deceased Members

