



Wilmington Sons of Italy
Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge

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July 2020 Newsletter

No July or August Meeting

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.



2020 Monthly Meetings - Fourth Thursday of the month (*unless otherwise noted*). Dinner is at 6:30 pm. Meeting is at 7:30 pm.

Location - St. Thomas' Villanova Hall - 126 Middlesex Ave - Wilmington
09/24/20 10/22/20 11/19/20 (3rd Thursday) No December Meeting

Council Meetings - Every 2nd Thursday of the month at **7:00 pm**

Location - 4th of July Building - 142 Middlesex Ave - Wilmington

08/13/20 09/10/20 10/08/20 10/08/20 11/05/20 (1st Thursday) 12/10/20

Social Events

Wilmington SOI Scholarship Dinner **DATE TBD**

Fourth of July festivities on the common is cancelled

07/08/20 - 8/26/20 - Wilmington SOI Bocce

09/20/19 - Grand Lodge - Bocce Tournament

Grand Lodge 5K Road Race (postponed pending guidelines)

Grand Lodge Meatball Championship Cook Off (date TBD in 2021)

10/25/20 - Grand Lodge State Convention

**** If you live in **New Hampshire** and must send us something, please try to hand deliver it as we are having problems with mail from New Hampshire.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I wanted to write to you all to check in on everyone to see how you all are doing. I hope all the fathers had a good, safe, and happy Father's Day, the best you can under the circumstances! Also, I wanted to wish everyone a Happy 4th of July, I hope that you had a safe holiday weekend. It is funny, the last couple of years, I contemplated the idea of not setting up a booth on the Town Common, thinking of all the work involved and the time spent in doing so. This year, with the event taken away from us by Covid-19, I really missed being on the Common with all of you, all of my friends in town and even my family members who came from around the area. It may seem crazy, but it is true - last night I was upset that I was not scooping ice cream in a frenzy just before the fireworks started!!! I missed it.

I want to take a minute to urge all of you to be cautious as the state moves through its various stages of re-opening. Just look at what is happening around the country. With that in mind, we will not be having a lodge meeting in August. We will see how things progress for September. I am going to talk to the Council about a possible virtual lodge meeting in August however, not in our usual format, but at least in a way that we can touch base with members more than just by email.

Also, Bocce will be starting this coming week, I urge all the players to be responsible, keep social distance and remember that **wearing a mask is required by our lodge in order for you to play every week.**

Again, I ask if anyone needs help, please reach out to me or a member of the council and we will do our best to help you. My email is jromano45@gmail.com and my cell number is (617) 750-9749.

Please be safe and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Sincerely,

John

The Grand Lodge monthly meeting minutes are available to view and download from the "News" tab on the Grand Lodge website (www.osiama.org)

July/August Events

Wilmington Sons of Italy Summer Bocce - will begin on **Wednesday, July 8th**. It is for members only. It will run for **eight weeks** throughout the summer culminating in an end of the year tournament to crown a League Champion. The games are played on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 or 7:15 at Jack Cushing's House on Middlesex Ave in Wilmington. **Masks are mandatory and you must bring your own. You will not be allowed to play without a mask. This is a Wilmington Sons of Italy rule for the protection of our members. Hand sanitizer will be available.** Contact Sue Connors 978-447-1343 or e-mail smc19thhole@comcast.net.



September Events

Grand Lodge Bocce Tournament - will be held on **Sunday, September 20, 2020** at the Watertown Sons of Italy - 520 Pleasant St - Watertown, MA. Beginning at 9:00 am. \$100.00 per four-person team. Men, Women, Mixed (2 men and 2 women). Please let us know if you would like to participate.

October Events

Grand Lodge Meatball Cook-off Championship - Postponed to 2021 - date TBD

106th State Convention - will be held on **Sunday, October 25, 2020** at the Watertown Sons of Italy. There will be **NO Pot of Gold Raffle**.

Donation request 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>

MEMBERS NEWS

We would like to start a "**Members News**" Column in our newsletter. These would be things we would normally share at a meeting. But since we cannot meet, we thought it would be nice to share info in the newsletter. **So please send me your info.** It does not have to be just new info. Please send any info that has happened since we last met. This would include retirements, promotions, weddings, and other good news items about Members that might normally get shared under the Good of the Order.... etc, during the course of a meeting. Lynne_martell@comcast.net 978-694-1632

- Congratulations to Dr. Michael Caira, Jr. who was recently promoted to Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for Ashland Public Schools.
- Congratulations to Ken Caira who retired as Store Director of Wilmington Market Basket after 50 years of service to the company.
- Congratulations to Michael McCoy who retired after 30 years on the Wilmington Board of Selectmen.
- Congratulations to Charlie DeStefano who was elected Grand Knight of the Bishop Ruocco Council #9275 for Chelmsford, Westford, and Littleton Knights of Columbus.
- Congratulations to Joan Foresteire on the marriage of her Grand-daughter, Emily.
- **A special Happy 95th Birthday to our Lodge Founder, Laura Caira.**





Sunshine - Report sunshine information to Joan Foresteire (978-658-6284)

We send our *best wishes* to our members with July Birthdays and Anniversaries!



We send our prayers and get well wishes to Jerry Pupa.

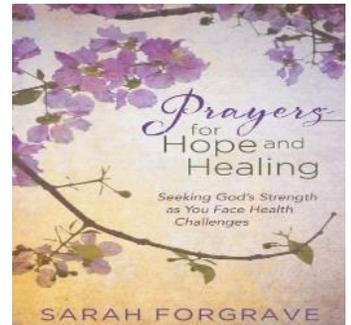


We send our condolences to Barbara Gillespie and her family, on the death of her son-in-law Dr. Thomas Q. Garvey.



We send our congratulations to Mary Kiesinger and her family on the birth of her Great Grandson, Lucas James Kiesenger.

We pray for and thank all the essential workers **especially those in our lodge** and we pray for all those fighting this terrible virus.



******* Note from the Recording Secretary** - Please **remember** to send e-mail or address **changes** to Lynne_martell@comcast.net or call me (978-694-1632) with any address changes if you do not have e-mail.