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**August 2025 Newsletter**

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**August 28, 2025 meeting** will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St - Wilmington, MA. **In place of dinner we will have "make your own Sundaes" for \$5.00.**

**PLEASE RSVP to Patricia Romano NO LATER THAN Saturday, 8/23/25.**

**[Ptanso@gmail.com](mailto:Ptanso@gmail.com) 617-880-9901**

**Sons & Daughters of Italy Events**

08/20/25 - Wilmington Lodge **Clam Bake** (flyer attached)

09/06/25 - Wilmington Lodge & Band Parents **Yard Sale** (flyers attached)

09/17/25 - **Welcome to Wilmington** - Wilmington Memorial Library

09/20/25 - Joe Gillis Memorial **Bocce Tournament**

09/21/25 - Wilmington Lodge **End of Year Bocce Tournament**

09/27/25 - **Fall Fest**

10/02/25 - Wilmington Lodge **"Italians in the North End"** by Anthony Sammarco

10/05/25 - **Italian American Unity Mass** - St. Leonard's Church at 12:00 noon.

Collation downstairs after mass

10/10/25 - Italian Heritage **Golf Tournament** (flyers attached)

10/11/25 - Wilmington Lodge **Italian Heritage Concert** (flyer attached)

10/12/24 - Mass at St Leonard's Church at 12:00 noon - **Blessing of the Columbus statue**

10/13/25 - **Columbus Day Breakfast**

10/19/25 - Wilmington Lodge **Car Show**

11/07/25 - Wilmington Lodge **Dancing Through the Decades** (save the date)

11/11/25 - Wilmington Lodge & Methodist Church **Veteran's Day Breakfast** (save the date)

11/16/25 - Wilmington Lodge **Memorial Mass** (save the date)

12/14/25 - Wilmington Lodge **Children's Christmas Party** (save the date)

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.

8/28/25 9/25/25 10/26/25 (Sunday afternoon) 11/20/25 (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  
9/11/25 10/9/25 11/13/25 12/11/25

### August




**Wilmington Lodge Clam Bake** - will be held on Wednesday, **August 20, 2025** at Foster's Clambake and Catering - 5 Axholme Road, York, ME 03909. Arrival 11:30 AM, Lunch from 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

\$46.00 per person for single lobster, or chick or vegetarian  
\$56.00 for double lobster

**Menu:** New England Clam Chowder, Freshly Dug Maine Clams, Cultivated Mussels, Succulent Maine Lobster, Sweet Corn on the Cob, Roasted Bliss Potatoes and Onions, Rolls and Butter, Hot Drawn Butter, Blueberry Crumb Cake and Beverages. **Entrée Alternatives:** *Vegetarian Entrée of Polenta with Roasted Vegetables, Marinara and Goat Cheese or Hickory BBQ Chicken is an alternative to Lobster.* Clambake will be indoors, and entertainment will be provided. Please make checks payable to: Sons and Daughters of Italy, Wilmington no later than Wednesday, **August 6, 2025**. You may carpool or drive on your own; there are many fun things to do and see to make it a great day. For more information, you may **contact** Maria J. Graffeo - Pustizzi at [mjgraffeo@yahoo.com](mailto:mjgraffeo@yahoo.com).

### September

 **Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy and Wilmington Wild Cat Band Parents Yard Sale** - will be held on **Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>** from 8am to 2pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July building parking lot. Spaces will be \$25. Remember you get two parking spaces. You must bring your own tables and chairs or other means to sell your stuff. Large pickup trucks or some vans may not fit in one spot. You will either need to remove your vehicle or buy a second spot if your vehicle does not fit. **Volunteers** are needed to help with putting up signs the weekend before, set-up, **cooking**, and clean-up. Sign up in the book. If you want to buy a space to sell, contact John at [jromano45@gmail.com](mailto:jromano45@gmail.com) or 617-750-9749. (See flyers attached)

**Welcome to Wilmington Reception** - Wilmington Memorial Library will once again host a **Welcome to Wilmington Reception** on Wed., **September 17** from 6-8 pm. Janet will set up a table.



**Joe Gillis Memorial Bocce Tournament** - The tournament is **Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**, it starts at 9:00am and usually wraps up by 3:00. Up to 12 SOI members may sign up for this tournament. **Sign up in the book.**

Contact Andrea Gillis [Gillis\\_5@Verizon.net](mailto:Gillis_5@Verizon.net) 978-694-0955



**Wilmington Lodge Summer Bocce** - will run from July 9th through September 3<sup>rd</sup> with the End of Year Tournament to crown a League Champion on **September 21st**. The games are played on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 or 7:15 at Jack Cushing's House - 72 Middlesex Ave in Wilmington. (Members only) Any questions **contact Lisa**

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**Fall Fest** - Saturday, September 27, 2025 on the Town Common. Janet will set up a table but needs volunteers to help. Please sign up in the book.

## October

### Italian Heritage Month Activities



Presentation on "Italians in Boston's North End" by historian Anthony Sammarco. **Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm** at the **Wilmington Memorial Library** - 175 Middlesex Ave - Wilmington, MA

The North End, so welcoming of immigrants since the early 19th century, had become known as "Little Italy" by 1900 and had a large

population of people who traced their ancestry to Southern Italy. During this time the North End saw the Paul Revere House become the Banca Italiana as well as the F.A. Goduti Cigar Factory. The neighborhood would evolve over the years but still has a cachet as an Italian American neighborhood. In this illustrated lecture, historian Anthony Sammarco will trace the Italians coming to Boston who created a thriving neighborhood in Boston. Beginning on September 2, you can sign up for this event in person at the library, or through the library events page online, or over the phone (978-658-2967)



**Italian American Unity Mass** - Sunday, **10/05/25** at St. Leonard's Church in Boston's North End at 12:00 noon. Collation downstairs after mass.



**15th Annual Italian Heritage Golf Classic** - Hosted by the Italian Heritage Month Committee and the Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge #2183, Sons & Daughters of Italy,

Wilmington, MA. **Friday, October 10, 2024 - Hillview Golf**

**Course** - 149 North Street, North Reading, MA Registration Begins at 7:30AM. Tee Time 9:00 AM, Shotgun Start. Scramble Format.



**Donation \$150.00 per player** - Includes: Continental Breakfast, Driving Range 7:30 AM to 8:45 AM. Hotdog, Chips, Soda/Beer at the turn, Greens Fee/Golf Cart/Gift, Contests on Course, 50/50 Raffle - Raffle Table, Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Teams, Buffet Luncheon. Additional Tickets for Buffet Luncheon only, are available for a donation of \$35.00 p.p.

Proceeds to Benefit the Italian Heritage Scholarship Fund, Cooley's Anemia Foundation and the Alzheimer's Association. **Checks payable to: Sons of Italy, P.O. Box 387, Wilmington, MA 01887** The committee is looking for your help with attaining **gifts for our raffle table, sponsors for the tournament** and/or **golfers** interested in participating.



**Raffle gifts are needed** - gift cards, bottles of cheer, scratch tickets or money, nip bottles to make a basket. Please bring a donation to the August or September lodge meetings or contact Kevin at (978) 657-7734, if you need a committee member to pick up a donation. **For information, please call Kevin Caira at (978) 657-7734 or (508) 633-2681**

**Volunteers are needed! Sign up in the book. Letters for the tournament are attached.**

**Italian Heritage Dinner Show - Saturday, October 11, 2025** - The Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy, together with the Winchester Ladies Lodge, will be presenting an evening of dinner and music featuring entertainer Luciano Sandro Russo. Menu (served family style): Chicken soup, Cheese ravioli in Italian sauce, Roast top sirloin and baked stuffed chicken, roasted potatoes, buttered carrots, hot apple crisp with whipped cream. It will be held at the Winchester Lodge - 117 Swanton St - Winchester, MA. Doors open at 6:30PM, show starts at 7:00pm, dinner served at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$60 pp, Checks payable to **Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy**. Tickets are limited and will NOT be sold at the door. Contact Mary Renda - 781-696-2730 [mrenda12@gmail.com](mailto:mrenda12@gmail.com) and Michele 978-604-



6437, [mnortonen@gmail.com](mailto:mnortonen@gmail.com)



**Blessing of the Christopher Columbus statue - Sunday, 10/12/24** - Mass at St Leonard's Church in Boston's North End at 12:00 noon

**Columbus Day Breakfast - - Monday, 10/13/15** - Dante Alighieri Cultural Center - 42 Hampshire Street - Cambridge, MA. The breakfast buffet will begin at 9:00 AM. The guest speaker will be Award-winning Stephen Puleo, author of The Great Abolitionist, Voyage of Mercy, American Treasures, The Caning, A City So Grand, The Boston Italians, Due to Enemy Action, and Dark Tide.



This event is free and open to the public. **If you need any information or have any questions, please call Kevin at (978) 657-7734 or (508) 633-2681**

**Dominators Car Show** - Our lodge will be hosting a car show with the Dominators Hot Rod Club on **Sunday, October 19th** at the Town Common/4<sup>th</sup> of July Building Parking Lot on Middlesex Ave. in Wilmington from, 8am to 3pm. Spectators are Free. **Volunteers are needed.** Contact John Romano [jromano45@gmail.com](mailto:jromano45@gmail.com) or 617-750-9749.



## November

**Dancing through the Decades - Friday, November 7, 2025** - Wilmington Knights of Columbus Lodge. To benefit our Lodge. Save the date. More info to follow. Contact Janet Engrem 978-658-9324 e-mail [jknje@comcast.net](mailto:jknje@comcast.net).



**Veteran's Day Breakfast** - The Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy, along with the Methodist Church will have a Veteran's Day Breakfast on **Tuesday, November 11, 2025**. More info to follow



**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. (Save the date)

### **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. At this time we are looking for a **Santa and Volunteers** to help run the party. Please sign up in the book. Contact Anna Kerkorian [amvk77@gmail.com](mailto:amvk77@gmail.com) 617-605-4662





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 Betty Roberts.



Congratulations to Marina Otis Hubert and her husband Mitch on the birth of her baby girl, Mia Isabella. Congratulations also to the Grand Parents Chuck and Leann Otis and her aunt Kate Otis.



Congratulations to Kevin Caira on being elected by acclamation to the office of National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President at the National OSDIA Convention in Florida!



**Happy August Birthday to** – Kevin Caira, Deb Cipriani, Doug Clark, Adelaide Corvelle, Charlene DeStefano, Chris DiCecca, Janice Hogan, Elizabeth Hughes, Daneen Petrone, Jeff Pitzi, Michele Siracusa, AJ Stanley, Linda Walsh, Peg Dicey, Lorraine Eddy.

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).