



Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy
Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge
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August 2024 Newsletter

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August 22, 2024 meeting and dinner will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St - Wilmington, MA. Dinner will be assorted cold cut wraps from Eli's Country Store and salad for \$5.00. Dinner will begin at 6:30pm. The Meeting will follow at 7:30pm. **We need help setting up the hall at 5:30 pm!** Please RSVP for dinner and/or attendance by Monday, August 19, 2024 to Lynne_martell@comcast.net or 978-694-1632 or 978-729-6044(cell)
PLEASE BRING SOME YUMMY DESSERTS!

Sons & Daughters of Italy Events

07/10 - 09/04/24 - Wilmington Lodge Bocce
09/07/24 - Wilmington Lodge and Band Parents Yard Sale (flyer and form attached)
09/14/24 - Wilmington Lodge Bocce End of Year Tournament
09/15/24 - Joe Gillis Memorial Bocce Tournament
09/27/24 - OIHMC Gala Celebration
09/28/24 - Fall Fest on the Town Common
10/11/24 - Italian Heritage Golf Tournament - Hillview Golf Course
10/20/24 - Wilmington Lodge monthly meeting on Sunday afternoon
11/02/24 - Wilmington Lodge Calendar Party (save the date)
11/17/24 - Wilmington Lodge Memorial Mass 10:00 am at St. Dorothy's Church

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**

9/26/24 **10/20/24 1PM** 11/21/24 (3rd Thursday) (no December meeting)

Council Meetings -2nd Thursday of every month 7PM at the 4th of July Building.
9/12/24 10/10/24 11/14/24 12/12/24

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>



Cookbook – Judy Agnes has volunteered to take over the planning of the cookbook. So please send your recipes to her. Even if you already sent recipes to John, please send them again to Judy. jagnes3@verizon.net You can also bring them to a meeting. Judy encourages you to send a recipe that has some meaning to you and take a picture of it, if you can. Judy also has forms if you prefer to fill out your recipe on them.

Lodge T-shirts – Janet is able to get Lodge T-shirts for \$25.00. Sizes 2XL or 3XL may be a few dollars more. They are red with our lodge logo on the front and the Italian and American flags on the back. If you would like a T-shirt contact Janet. jknje@comcast.net 617-957-2460.



Plastic cap collection – Paul and Debbie Cipriani have a granddaughter in Michigan who is a Girl Scout and is collecting plastic caps to be recycled into benches. They can be any plastic caps, any color from water bottles, pill bottles, etc. We would like to help her by collecting caps. Contact Janet Engrem for pickup of caps. jkje@comcast.net 617-957-2460



Outreach Committee needed to assist Women and Children – Lisa Duffy would like to form a Committee to raise funds to assist women and children in need. A few organizations they would like to support are "Healthy Families Organization" for women, children and babies or "Safe House" in Andover, to save children from trafficking. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact Lisa Duffy 617-233-3515 or e-mail lisachristopherduffy@gmail.com or sign up at a meeting.



July



Wilmington Lodge Summer Bocce – will run from July 10th through September 4th with the End of Year Tournament to crown a League Champion on September 14th. 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 Mastrorilli lisamastrorilli@msn.com 978-604-2909 or Dedi Pitzzi dedipitzzi@gmail.com 978-430-3375.

September

Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy and Wilmington Wild Cat Band Parents Yard Sale – will be held on **Saturday, September 7th** from 8am to 2pm on the Town Common parking lot. Spaces will be \$20. Volunteers to help with putting up signs the weekend before, set up, cooking, clean-up will be needed. Sign up in the book. If you want to buy a space to sell, contact John at jromano45@gmail.com or 617-750-9749. (See flyers attached)



Joe Gillis Memorial Bocce Tournament – Baseball Scholarship. Sunday September 15 9:00am, No Rain Date, at Jack Cushing Courts: 72 Middlesex Ave Wilmington Ma. PARKING: Jack's driveway, limited street parking, Wilmington High School lot. Please let me know if you'd like to play or sign up at the August meeting - Pending lodge approval to sponsor 3 teams. CONTACT: Andrea Gillis: 978 257 7787 Gillis_5@verizon.net

Wilmington Fall Fest -Saturday, September 28, 2024, 10 am - 4 pm, on the Town Common. Our Lodge will have a table at the Fall Fest. We need volunteers to sit at our table and hand out information about our Lodge. The event will feature community booths, food trucks, touch-a-truck, antique card show, an inflatable park, trackless train rides, activity tend, community meals, local crafters, vendors & business booths, raffles, live entertainment and Wilmington merchandise sales - all to benefit the Wilmington Fun on the Fourth Celebration. Please sign up in the book to help!



Contact Janet Engrem - jknje@comcast.net 617-750-9749



October Italian Heritage Month Committee Gala Celebration - in honor of the 25th Anniversary of the OIHMC there will be a Gala Celebration dinner dance on Friday, September 27, 2024 at Teresa's Prime Steakhouse in North Reading. Donation is \$100.00 pp. (our lodge will pay ½ this price for members). Contact Kevin Caira kevincaira57@gmail.com 508-633-2681

October



14th 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 11, 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 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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

For information, please call Kevin Caira at (978) 657-7734 or (508) 633-2681

Volunteers are needed! Sign up in the book.

October 20th: Italian American Heritage Month Celebration & Afternoon Monthly Meeting



A chance to celebrate our heritage and our elder members!

12:30pm Doors Open

1:00 - 2:30pm Dinner & Entertainment

2:30 pm Monthly Meeting

3:30 pm Coffee & Dessert



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

- **August's zodiac signs** are Leo (July 23-August 22) represented by the Lion. Leos are said to be very proud people who display great leadership, and Virgo (August 23-September 22). Virgos tend to be the thinkers of the world and masters of reason. They are more pragmatic, organized, and logical. They are analytical and hardworking people, while still being kind and loyal. Everyone needs a Virgo in their life!
- August also has two **birth flowers** – the vibrant multicolored gladiolus, said to represent generosity, strength of character, and deep sincerity and the deep crimson poppy, a sign of imagination, eternal sleep, and oblivion!
- August's primary **birthstone** is peridot, which is said to symbolize strength and healing power, protecting its wearer from nightmares and evil, ensuring harmony and happiness. Babies born in August are lucky to be guarded by peridot's good fortune.
- On August 28, 1963, **Martin Luther King Jr.** delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech during the March on Washington on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. This historic event helped inspire many people to work for civil rights and equality!
- August was a fateful month for the ancient Roman city of **Pompeii**. On August 24, 79AD, Mount Vesuvius erupted near the city. The mountain spewed out great clouds of ash, smoke, and pumice, which rained down on Pompeii's citizens. Unfortunately for Pompeii, that wasn't the end of it either – next came molten lava, which buried the remaining residents 7 feet (2.1 m) deep!
- Some **famous people** whose birth month is in August include – President Barack Obama, President Bill Clinton, singer Madonna, scientist Marie Curie, Jennifer Lawrence, Usain Bolt, Chris Hemsworth, Whitney Houston, Steve Carell, Halle Berry, Ben Affleck, Sean Connery, Charlize Theron, Neil Armstrong, Elvis Presley, Cameron Diaz, Mila Kunis, and pop star Michael Jackson.
- The first successful communication via **transatlantic telegraph cable** was made in August 1858.
- The **Perseid meteor shower**, one of the best meteor showers of the year, usually peaks in August.
- The famous painting, the **Mona Lisa**, was stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris on August 21, 1911. It was missing for over two years before being found, making it even more famous and mysterious!
- One of the most enduring motion pictures in Hollywood history, "**The Wizard of Oz**" premiered on August 10, 1939 at the Orpheum Theatre in Green Bay, Wisconsin.
- August is a notable month for one of the world's most accomplished athletes, American swimmer **Michael Phelps**. At the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing he won a total of eight gold medals, setting a record for the most gold medals by an athlete in a single Olympic Games.



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



We send our "**PRAYERS AND GET WELL**" wishes to all of our members who have been ill.



We send our prayers and condolences to Clayton Wentzell on the death of his son, Blaise Francis Wentzell.

We send our prayers and condolences to John, Patricia and Christopher Romano and Edi-Jo Cooper on the death of John's brother and Edi-Jo's father, Steven Romano.



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 978-729-6044 (cell) 978-694-1632 (home).