



Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy
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January 2025 Newsletter

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January 23, 2025 meeting and dinner will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St - Wilmington, MA. Dinner will be **Clam Chowder or Italian Wedding soup** for \$5. Dinner will begin at 6:30 and the meeting will follow at 7:30. **IF YOU PLAN TO EAT DINNER, PLEASE RSVP to LYNNE NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 1/16/25, so we have enough time to properly order the food! Please tell her your choice of soup/chowder.** Please bring some yummy desserts! Lynne_martell@comcast.net or 978-694-1632 or 978-729-6044(cell) 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 for three tickets and is optional.

Sons & Daughters of Italy Events

01/31/25 - Grand Lodge Scholarship Deadline

02/08/25 - Wilmington Lodge **Valentine Bingo** (on hold until venue is verified)

02/23/25 - Grand Lodge Corn Hole Tournament

03/01/25 - Wilmington Lodge Scholarship Deadline

03/13/25 - National Scholarship Deadline

03/14/25 - Wilmington Lodge/Band Parents **Comedy Night**

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.** Coffee and desserts are available for all members to enjoy.
1/23/25 2/27/25 3/23/25 (afternoon meeting) 4/24/25 5/22/25 6/26/25 (no July meeting) 8/28/25 9/25/25 10/23/25 11/20/25 (3rd Thursday) (no December meeting)

Council Meetings -2nd Thursday of every month 7PM at the 4th of July Building.

1/9/25 2/13/25 3/13/25 4/10/25 5/8/25 6/12/25 (no July meeting) 8/14/25 9/11/25 10/9/25 11/13/25 12/11/25



"I would really appreciate it if everyone either sent in their dues in the mail or paid at the January meeting. As we are an all-volunteer organization, it is very uncomfortable for the officers to have to chase down members for their dues every year. We make it simple by mailing you a form and providing you with a yellow return envelope. Let's start off 2025 on a good note and send in your dues early. **THANK YOU ALL** in advance."

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>

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



January



Congratulations to the Trivia Winners. 1st place team **Foo Dogs** - Paul Tivnan, Patricia Tivnan and John Romano. 2nd place team **Pasta La Vista** - Walter Palino, Joe Martell, Angela Bombino, Lynne Martell. 3rd place team **The Breakers** - Dede Sullivan, Steve Sullivan, Charlie Eddy, Lorraine Eddy.

Thank you to Julie, Anna and Lennie for organizing this. It was an enjoyable evening!

February



Valentine Bingo - Saturday, February 8, 2025 . On hold until the venue is verified.

Lodge Officer Elections 2025-2027

Nominations for our lodge officers for a **two-year term** will take place **February 1 - 26th**. If you would like to run for office or if you would like to nominate someone to run for office, please contact Kevin Caira (978-657-7734) kevincaira57@gmail.com

We will also take nominations from the floor at the February 26^d Lodge Meeting.

The offices to be elected are President, Vice-President, Orator, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, (5) Trustees, (2) Master/Mistresses of Ceremony, Guard/Sentinel, (5) Arbitrators, (5) Alternate Arbitrators, (3) Delegates and (3) Alternate Delegates.

To run for President and Vice President, you must have held another office. To run for any other office, you must have been a member for six months. To vote you must have been a member for one month and have paid your dues. Social members are eligible to vote but may not hold an office.

There are also four seats on the Roncalli Board of Directors. Contact Kevin Caira (978-657-7734) kevincaira57@gmail.com



Grand Lodge Corn Hole Tournament - Sunday, February 23, 2023 at the Watertown SOI - 520 Pleasant St - Watertown, MA beginning at 9:30 am. \$25.00 pp (our lodge will pay this fee for our members).
Sign up in the book or let Lynne know by February 14, 2025.

March



Comedy Night is Friday, **March 14th** at the Wilmington/Tewksbury Elks. Doors open at **7:30 pm**. Cost is \$25. BYO food. **Tickets are going fast**. **Raffles** are needed such as scratch tickets, money for scratch tickets, bottles of cheers, cases of beer. Someone is needed to solicit businesses and/or follow up on businesses that were given letters and told us to come back. Kevin has solicitation letters. There will also be a silent raffle and like last year, there will be a Lottery pool where squares will be sold for \$20 each to win two Bruins Tickets in Premium seats. Comedians are Jody Sloane, Steve Scarfo, and headliner Tony V. **Please contact Kevin at 978-657-7734.** kevincaira57@gmail.com

Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy Scholarships - Our lodge scholarships are available to children entering college in the fall of 2025. Deadline is **March 1, 2025**.



Contact Karen Scalzi (978-423-0960) or e-mail kscalzi@gmail.com.

Grand Lodge Scholarships are now available. Deadline is **January 31, 2025**.

Application is attached. You may also apply online at <https://www.osiama.org/scholarships>

National Scholarships are now available. Deadline is **March 14, 2025**. Apply online.

<https://www.osdia.org/initiatives/scholarships/>



Happy January Birthday to – Peter Barbella, Pete Connors, Lisa King, Lisa Mastrorilli, Ed Palino, Rob Pustizzi, Nina Maiella.

The new year is here, and it's the perfect time to cozy up with family and friends and create special memories.

- January's birthstone, the garnet, symbolizing peace, prosperity, and health.
- January has two birth flowers: the Snowdrop, a delicate white flower symbolizing hope and beauty while the Carnation adds love, fascination and charm.
- January zodiac signs: Capricorn (12/22 - 1/19) and Aquarius (1/20 - 2/18). Astrological signs infer that those born in January will have many wonderful traits, including intelligence, patience, self-motivation, and determination.
- Famous people born in January include Elvis Presley, Oprah Winfrey, Bradley Cooper, Muhammad Ali, Kate Middleton, Michelle Obama, Stephen Hawking, David Bowie, Dolly Parton, James Earl Jones, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, Paul Revere, Edgar Allan Poe, Martin Luther King Jr., Richard Nixon, Joan of Arc, J.R.R. Tolkien, Betsy Ross.
- January 1 is New Year's Day. The practice of making New Year's resolutions is said to have begun with the Babylonians as early as 2600 BC. It is another way to reflect on the past and plan ahead.
- January 5 brings Twelfth Night, an English folk custom that marked the end of Christmas merry making. It was customary for the assembled company to toast each other from the wassail bowl.
- January 6 is Epiphany. The Magi venerated and brought gifts to the infant Jesus.
- January 17 is Benjamin Franklin's Birthday. He was not only a world-renowned statesman, inventor, and scientist but was also fascinated by agriculture. He was considered the father of almanacs.
- January 20 is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Observed on the third Monday in January, it honors the principles of this civil rights leader and Nobel Prize winner dedicated to nonviolence.
- January 20 is also Inauguration Day.
- January 29 is the Chinese Lunar New Year. Celebrated widely throughout East Asia, this holiday begins with the first new Moon after the Winter Solstice and is associated with the Chinese Zodiac.



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.

Unfortunately Linda has decided to retire as the sunshine person, so **WE NEED A NEW SUNSHINE PERSON!** Thank you to Linda Tobin for being a great sunshine person!

Contact John if you are interested in this position. 617-750-9749 JRomano45@gmail.com



We send our "PRAYERS AND GET WELL" wishes to Maria Graffeo, Frank Puleo and Joseph Martell.



We send our prayers and condolences to the family of our **long-time member, Clayton Wentzel** who passed away on December 3, 2024.



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).