



Wilmington Sons of Italy
Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge

LODGE 2183 – P.O. BOX 387 – WILMINGTON, MA 01887

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February 2020 Newsletter

**Dinner for the February 27th monthly meeting will be pizza for \$5.00.
Please bring some desserts to share!**

This is our meatball cook off so don't forget to bring 10 meatballs by 6:00 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 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

03/26/20 04/23/20 05/28/20 (scholarship dinner) 06/25/20 08/27/20
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 (unless otherwise noted)

03/12/20 04/09/20 05/14/20 06/11/20 08/13/20 09/10/20 10/08/20
10/08/20 11/05/20 (1st Thursday) 12/10/20

Social Events

02/27/20 - **Wilmington SOI Meatball Cook Off**

03/07/20 - **Wilmington SOI Diaper Drive Dance Party** (flyer attached)

03/28/20 - **Grand Lodge Meatball Championship Cook Off** (flyer attached)

04/05/20 - **Wilmington SOI Easter Bunny Breakfast**

04/25/20 - **Grand Lodge Beatles Tribute Show** (flyer attached)

05/03/20 - **Grand Lodge MELA Breakfast - Scholarships**

05/09/20 - **Wilmington SOI Mother's Day Bingo**

05/17/20 - **Wilmington SOI Foxwoods Bus Trip** (flyer attached)

05/28/20 - **Wilmington SOI Scholarship Dinner**

**** 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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Dues are \$44.00 a year due on January 1st. Invoices have been sent out. If you have not received an invoice or your membership card, please contact Walter - 978-453-3015 or wpalino@comcast.net. **FYI.** New members pay a onetime registration fee of \$15 or \$25 for a couple

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>

WILMINGTON SONS OF ITALY 2019 DONATIONS:

The Wilmington Sons of Italy and the Roncalli Trust made charitable donations to various organizations and charities throughout the year totaling just over \$54,049.00. This is something every member of the lodge should be extremely proud of. A complete list of the donations will be handed out at the February lodge meeting.

Scholarships

Wilmington Sons of Italy Scholarships - Our lodge scholarships are available to children entering college in the fall of 2020. **Parents** of these children must have been members of our lodge for 4 years. Our Graduate scholarships are available to any member who has been a member for 5 years and entering Graduate school in the fall of 2019. **For applications and more information please contact Karen Scalzi** (978-423-0960) or e-mail kscalzi@gmail.com. Applications for this award must be received/postmarked no later than **March 1st, 2020**. You can **mail directly to the PO Box 387** or **bring them to the February meeting**. Scholarships will be awarded at our May 28th Monthly Meeting.



2020 National Leadership Grant Competition - The Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF) is now accepting applications for the 2020 National Leadership Grant Competition. Each year, the SIF offers 10 to 12 merit-based scholarships (National Leadership Grants), ranging from \$4,000 to \$25,000, in a nationwide competition. **The National Leadership Grant scholarship information and application are posted on the National website at: <https://osia.org/programs/scholarships/>** It is important to note that the submission requirements vary for each scholarship and applicants should pay close attention to these details. All scholarship materials and completed applications must be submitted online by **February 28, 2020**.

February Events

Wilmington Sons of Italy Meatball Cook Off - Our lodge will be competing in a **Meatball Cook Off Championship** with other lodges on March 28, 2020 at the Watertown Sons of Italy. **But first we must crown a lodge Meatball Champion**. So, get your favorite meatball recipes out and start cooking! **Our Lodge Meatball Cook off will be held at our February 27th meeting**. The meatballs (in sauce) must be available by **6:00 pm** as the judges will be meatball tasting prior to the dinner of the meeting. Karen will be at Villanova Hall at 5:30 pm and we will have steamer trays available to keep your meatballs warm. You will need to bring 10 meatballs as each judge will receive two meatballs from each contestant. All entries will be assigned a number and names will be kept confidential. The winner of the Wilmington SOI contest will then be competing at the Grand Lodge Meatball cookoff on Saturday, March 28th at the Watertown Sons of Italy Lodge from 7:00 - 11:00, which includes dinner and a DJ. Members from the Wilmington SOI will be there to cheer you on. **Contact Karen Scalzi. kscalzi@gmail.com 978-423-0960.**



March Events

Diaper Drive Dance Party - The Wilmington Sons of Italy is hosting a Diaper Drive Dance Party to benefit an organization (Gifts of Love) that supplies diapers and wipes to local families in need (these items are not supplied by federal or state funding). It will be held on **Saturday,**



March 7, 2020 from 7-11 PM at the Wilmington/Tewksbury



Elks. Cost - \$20 pp. There will be a DJ, raffles, door prize entry for a diaper donation, coffee and dessert. Feel free to bring food for your table. You can also bring diapers or wipes to the February Lodge Meeting. Contact Janet Engram 978-658-9324 jknje@comcast.net. See flyer attached!

Grand Lodge Meatball Cook-off Championship - will be held on **Saturday, March 28, 2020** at the Watertown Sons of Italy - 520 Pleasant Street - Watertown, MA from 7:00 - 11:00 pm. Dinner from Spinelli's will include homemade cavatelli, eggplant parm, Sausage, peppers and onions, chicken marsala, salad, rolls, homemade dessert. Dancing to DJ Alan LaBella. Plus: Grand Lodge Meatball Championship Judging. Participating lodges include Brockton, Fitchburg, Methuen, Natick, Tewksbury and Wilmington. Scratch Ticket raffle and 50/50 raffle. Tickets \$30.00 (Our lodge will pay $\frac{1}{2}$ this price for members) . Non-members may also attend, and the cost will be \$30.00. Karen will have tickets at the February meeting, or you can e-mail her kscalzi@gmail.com. PLEASE COME AND CHEER ON OUR MEATBALL CHAMPION!! See flyer attached.



April Events

Wilmington Sons of Italy Easter Bunny Breakfast will be held on **Sunday, April 5, 2020** from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon at the K of C Hall in Wilmington. Menu includes scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon, sausage, waffles, cereal, milk, coffee and juice. There will be two seating's: 8:30 and 10:30. Donation is \$8.00 and children 3 and under are free. **Volunteers** are needed to cook, serve, clean etc. **Sign up in the book.** We are also looking for anyone interested in contributing an **Easter basket for the raffle table.** We will also accept a **monetary donation to purchase Easter baskets, items to make baskets and candy to fill the eggs.** . For tickets Contact Lynne 978-694-1632 or e-mail Lynne_martell@comcast.net



Grand Lodge Beatles Tribute Night - will be held on **Saturday, April 25, 2020** at the Winchester Sons of Italy - 117 Swanton Street - Winchester, MA. Bring your own snacks - appetizer and pizza will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$25.00. (Our lodge will pay half this price for members). See flyer attached. Sign up at a meeting.



May Events

Grand Lodge Massachusetts Education and Law Awards (MELA) - will take place on **Sunday, May 3, 2020** at the Doubletree - 123 Old River Road - Andover, MA. Beginning at 9:00 AM. \$35.00 pp. (Our lodge will pay $\frac{1}{2}$ this cost for members) Deadline for tickets is April 12, 2020.



Wilmington Sons of Italy Foxwoods Trip - will be held on **Saturday, May 16, 2020**. The Bus will leave the Fourth of July Building Parking lot at **7:30 am** and then leave Foxwoods at **4:30 pm**.



The cost is **\$35.00 pp** - includes driver gratuity, \$10 food voucher, \$15 gaming coupon and snacks. Contact Lucille Clark at 339-927-1447 or e-mail lmclark9999@comcast.net Or **Lynne Martell** - 978-694-1632 or e-mail Lynne_martell@comcast.net.

Pay at a meeting or mail a check (payable to Wilmington sons of Italy) to Lynne Martell - 20 Ohio St. - Wilmington, MA 01887. All money due by May 2, 2020. **FYI - This is filling up fast. See Flyer Attached.**

Wilmington Sons of Italy Bingo Night - There will be a Bingo Night for **members** at the Wilmington Senior Center on School Street on **Saturday, May 09, 2020**. **Doors open at 6:00 pm**. There will be pizza, coffee and dessert. Prizes will be gift cards. **The cost is \$10**. Contact John JRomano45@gmail.com or 978-988-8045.



Wilmington Sons of Italy Scholarship Dinner - Our lodge scholarships will be awarded at the **May 28th** monthly meeting. More details to follow.



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



We send our prayers and *Get Well* wishes to Anna Rainone, Mary Kiesinger, Sue Connors, Grace Mullens, Patricia Lyon, Civitina Bombino, Jane Caira, Joe Peluso.

We send our condolences to Janet and Kevin Engrem and their family, on the death of Janet's Aunt, Phyllis Lanney.

We send our condolences to Cheryl Licciardi and Rebecca Kendall and their family, on the death of Cheryl's mother and Rebecca's grandmother, Dorothea Licciardi.



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

******* 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.