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January 2026 Newsletter

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January 22, 2026 lodge meeting will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St - Wilmington, MA. Dinner at 6:30 pm and the meeting will follow at 7:30 pm. **Dinner will be pizza and salad for \$5.00. Please RSVP by Monday, 1/19/26 - 6 pm to Lynne_martell@comcast.net or 978-694-1632 or 978-729-6044(cell) Please bring some yummy desserts!**

Sons & Daughters of Italy Events

01/31/26 - Wilmington Lodge Member's Trivia Night
01/31/26 - Grand Lodge Scholarship deadline
02/15/26 - Bowling week 1
02/22/26 - Grand Lodge Corn Hole tournament
02/27/26 - National Scholarship deadline
03/01/26 - Bowling week 2
03/01/26 - Wilmington Lodge Scholarship deadline
03/06/26 - Wilmington Lodge & Band Parents Comedy Night
03/15/26 - Bowling week 3
03/22/26 - Afternoon Lodge meeting
03/28 & 29 - Diaper Drive
04/10/26 - Members Game Night - save the date
04/12/26 - Bowling week 4
04/18/26 - Garibaldi Meucci Museum Trip
04/26/26 - Bowling week 5

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.

1/22/26 2/26/26 3/22/26(Sun. Afternoon) 4/23/26 5/28/26 6/25/26 no July meeting 8/27/26 9/24/26 10/22/26
11/22/26(Sun. Afternoon) no December meeting

Council Meetings -2nd Thursday of every month 7PM at the 4th of July Building
2/12/26 3/12/26 4/9/26 5/14/26 6/11/26 no July meeting 8/13/26 9/10/26
10/8/26 11/12/26 12/10/26

Membership Dues

DUES - Our Membership dues are \$50.00 per year and are due on January 1, 2026. **EXTRA INCENTIVE** - If you pay your dues on or before the January 22nd meeting, your name will be entered into a drawing to win a \$50.00 gift card. You can pay at an upcoming meeting or send you dues payable to Sons of Italy to PO Box 387 - Wilmington, MA 01887. **If you put your dues in the mail last minute - you are not going to be in the lottery to win the \$50 Gift Card - We are not responsible for dues arriving late.**

2025 Children's Christmas Party



JANUARY

MEMBERS TRIVIA NIGHT

WHEN: **SATURDAY JANUARY 31, 2026**

WHERE: **METHODIST CHURCH** (where Lodge meeting is held)

TIME: Doors open at 6:30 pm and games will begin at 7:00 pm.

\$15.00 per person **Includes: dinner, door prizes, gift card prizes** for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. There will be 3 rounds of 25 questions per round. After each round, we will draw 2 door prizes. **Teams of 4 will be randomly chosen.** Disclosure: any leftover gift card prizes will be donated to the next Sons of Italy event (ie) Comedy Night. Feel free to bring snacks for your table if you want.

***** Let us know by Wednesday January 21st if you will be coming. (This is important information so that we order enough food for everyone.)**

SOMETHING NEW: You may pay by VENMO to: Anna VitaleKerkorian@venmo.com. Checks can be made out to: Wilmington SDOI

Looking forward to some fun on a cold January Night!

Thank you from your Trivia Night Committee:

Anna Vitale-Kerkorian amvk77@gmail.com (617-605-4662)

Julie Sbraccia-Manos sbracciamanos@comcast.net (978-284-3260)

Lennie Malvone. Malrn1031@aol.com (617-835-2184)



Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy Scholarships - Our lodge scholarships are available to children entering college in the fall of 2026. Deadline is **March 1, 2026**. (Application attached) Contact Karen Scalzi (978-423-0960) or e-mail kcscalzi@gmail.com.

Grand Lodge Scholarships are now available. Deadline is **January 31, 2026**. (Application attached). You may also apply online at <https://www.osiama.org/scholarships>

National Scholarships are now available. Deadline is **February 27, 2026**. Apply online. <https://www.osdia.org/initiatives/scholarships/>

FEBRUARY

Grand Lodge Corn Hole Tournament - Sunday, February 22, 2026 at the Watertown Lodge - 520 Pleasant St. - Watertown, MA. Two-man teams will be chosen randomly. Double elimination. Open to members and non-members. (Our lodge will pay for members.) \$30.00 per person. Deadline is **February 16, 2026**. **Sign up in the book or contact Lynne Martell.**



Let's Go Bowling! The Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy has reserved 5 dates for our **lodge members** to enjoy some **candlepin bowling** together. The dates are on **Sunday afternoons - 3:00 pm** on the following Sundays.



2/15/26 (sign up at the January 22nd meeting) **3/1/26** and **3/15/26** (sign up at the February 26th meeting). **4/12/26** (sign up at the March 22nd meeting). **4/26/26** (sign up at the April 23rd meeting)
We will bowl at the **Wakefield Bowladrome** - 92 Water St. - Wakefield, MA. The cost will be **\$20.00 a week (cash only)** and will include 3 strings of bowling and shoes.

You must sign up and pay in advance (cash only) as we have to give a head count to the bowling alley. **There is limited space available, and your spot cannot be held until you pay.** You do not have to be available for all 5 weeks, just sign up and pay for the weeks you are available. You can sign up at a meeting or contact **Maria Graffeo** mjgraffeo@yahoo.com 617-645-6827. **This is meant to be fun!**

MARCH



Comedy Night - Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy and WHS Band Parents - Friday, **3/06/26** at the Wilmington/Tewksbury Elks. Doors open at 7:30 pm. Show begins at 9:00 pm. \$25 per person.

We are looking for donations to the raffle table - gift card, bottles of cheer....and the Scratch Ticket board - cash. Kevin has solicitation letters if you'd like to drop a few off at restaurants, grocery stores, etc. Please contact Kevin at 978-657-7734.

John will be selling **squares for Bruins Tickets** - club seats, center ice. The squares for the Bruins Tickets will be for the lottery number evening drawing on Wed. March 11th. The winning box number needs to match (EXACTLY) the middle two numbers of the lottery that evening. Squares are \$20 each.

APRIL



Members Game Night - SAVE the DATE: Friday April 10th from 6pm to 10pm: Members Game Night. Knights of Columbus Hall in Wilmington. We will play Cribbage, Scrabble, Whist, Kitty Whist, Monopoly, "Deck of Cards Raffle and More! - bring your suggestions to the next meeting. The event will be at the Wilmington Knights of Columbus Hall. Cash Bar - Food: TBD. More info to follow. Sign up in the book. Volunteers needed to teach members some of the games. Notify John Romano if interested in helping. 617-750-9749 JRomano45@gmail.com

BUS TRIP TO THE GARIBALDI MEUCCI MUSEUM in New York



April 18, 2026 - 7:30 am - leave Watertown (520 Pleasant St) and arrive home at 10:30 pm. \$250.00 pp includes: round-trip bus, breakfast, lunch, dinner, driver tip, water, snacks and goody bag. **\$150.00 due 2/15/26 Please see attached for more details.** Anna Kerkorian will collect names from our lodge. Anna Vitale-Kerkorian amvk77@gmail.com (617-605-4662)



Please report any sunshine to **Maria Sordillo**. Please let **Maria know if someone** is sick, has surgery, or has a death in the family. Also good news such as births, weddings, etc. Maria's contact information is 617-966-4272 or e-mail msordillo2@aol.com

We send our "get well wishes" to AJ Stanley, Kevin Engrem, Mike McCoy and Anna Rainone. Please keep the following members in your prayers - Frank Puleo, Joan Foresteire, Arnie Aprile, Joe Maiella, Elizabeth Roberts.



We send our **prayers** and **condolences** to Janice Stevens on the death of her father, James Delgado and to Jessica, Katelyn, Kevin and Patricia Stevens on the death of their grandfather and to their family!

We send our **prayers** and **condolences** to Cheryl and David Blundell and their family on the death of Cheryl's mother, Mary Pintabone!

We send our **prayers** and **condolences** to Mary Kiesinger and her family on the death of Mary's young Nephew, Daniel Guzzetti, Jr.





Happy January Birthday to - Peter Barbella, Peter Connors, Marie Malley, Lisa Mastrorilli, Ed Palino, Carolina Prinzivalli, Robert Pustizzi, Christina Downey, Nina Maiella.



Congratulations to Tricia Stevens on being a finalist and earning a scholarship through Moral Forum Competition at the University of Alabama! Well Done!



Congratulations to Tom Siracusa on his retirements from Hansom Air Force Base!

Congratulations to John Romano

Department of Transportation Recognizes Long-Time Employee **JOHN ROMANO**

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (DOT) presented Legislative Affairs Manager John Romano with a Certificate of Achievement Performance at their December 2025 Board Meeting. John is an exceptional employee whose experience and decisive judgement consistently elevates the work of the Highway Department. From the closures of the Sumner Tunnel to bridge projects, street-calming initiatives, lane changes, culvert work, and emergency detours, many have benefited from John's foresight during the planning process, especially his ability to anticipate who needs to be informed and when. The DOT is very fortunate to have JR leading their outreach efforts with such skill and enthusiasm. Congratulations!



John Romano, DOT Legislative Affairs Manager receives a Certificate of Achievement Performance at the December 2025 Board Meeting.

Please let me know if you have any **GOOD NEWS** that I can share with the lodge - **anything that we can celebrate!**

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