



Wilmington Sons of Italy
Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge

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January 2020 Newsletter

Dinner for the January 23rd monthly meeting will be Calzones and salad for \$5.00. Please bring some desserts to share!

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

02/27/20 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)

02/13/20 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

01/26/20 - **Grand Lodge** Cornhole Tournament

02/07/20 - **Wilmington SOI/Band** Parents Comedy Night (flyer attached)

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

03/07/20 - **Wilmington SOI** Diaper Drive Dance Party

03/28/20 - **Grand Lodge** Meatball Championship Cook Off

**** 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.

Dues are \$44.00 a year due on January 1st. Invoices have been sent out. If you have not received an invoice, please contact Walter - 978-453-3015 or wpalino@comcast.net Membership cards will be mailed in January 2020.

FYI. New members pay a onetime registration fee of \$15 or \$25 for a couple .

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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 January 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**. Scholarships will be awarded at our May 28th Monthly Meeting.



Grand Lodge - The Scholarship Commission of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts through the Charitable and Educational Trust will award a minimum of twenty (20) scholarships, at a maximum of \$1,000.00 each to properly qualified students who anticipate entering college in the fall of 2020. Applications are available on the Grand Lodge Web site www.osiama.org or by contacting Paul Guida pguida@osiama.org or 617 489-5234. **Deadline February 1, 2020**. Scholarships will be awarded at the MELA Awards on May 3, 2020.

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 competition is open to U.S. citizens of Italian descent (at least one Italian or Italian-American grandparent) enrolled in a four-year undergraduate or graduate program at an accredited academic institution for the Fall 2020 term. Previous SIF scholarship winners are not eligible. (Please note: Additional eligibility requirements may apply to specific **scholarships**.)

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**.


January Events

Cornhole Tournament - The Sports Commission will hold a Cornhole Tournament on Sunday, **January 26, 2020** at the Sons of Italy - 99 Cedar Street - Waltham, MA, beginning at 10:00 AM. The entry fee is \$20.00 per person. Members in good standing only. It includes lunch and prizes to the first and second place team. Meal tickets for non-players may be purchased in advance for \$10.00. The Tournament will be a double-elimination format and matches will be played to 21 points. To keep it a fun tournament for all participants, two person teams




will be randomly chosen from all entries received. Good luck to the following members from our lodge who will be participating in the tournament - Alicia Johnson, Sue Connors, Karen Scalzi, Mary Busone, Pia Romano and Janice Stevens


February Events

 **Comedy Night** - will be held on **February 7, 2020** at the Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks. Tickets are **\$20.00** per person and can be bought individually or in tables of 10. Bring your own munchies. There will be a cash bar. Run in conjunction with the WHS Band Parents. There will be **raffles** and a **silent auction**. This is always a sell out and only 300 tickets are available so get your tickets early. **Donations of Scratch Tickets, money to buy scratch tickets, bottles of cheer...** can be brought to the January Meeting and are greatly appreciated.

Contact Kevin at 978-657-7734.

 **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**. Bring 10 meatballs in a disposable aluminum pan to the kitchen. All entries will be assigned a number and names will be kept confidential. 5 judges will vote for the best meatball based on taste, texture and appearance. **Contact Karen Scalzi if you would like to compete.** kscalzi@gmail.com
978-423-0960.

March Events

 **Diaper Drive Dance Party - to Benefit Gifts of Love** -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 **January or February Lodge Meeting**. **Contact Janet Engram 978-658-9324** jknje@comcast.net

Grand Lodge Meatball Cook-off Championship - will be held on Sunday, March 28, 2020 at the Sons of Italy - 520 Pleasant Street - Watertown, MA. Tickets \$30.00. More info to follow.



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



We send our prayers and *Get Well* wishes to Cheryl Licciardi and Marianne Caira.

We send our condolences to Joe and Lynne Martell on the death of Joe's uncle, John Martell.



We send our *best wishes* to our members with January 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.**