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April 2026 Newsletter

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April 23, 2026 lodge meeting will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St - Wilmington, MA. Dinner begins at 6:30 pm. The meeting is scheduled to take place at 7:30 pm. **Dinner will be sandwiches - turkey and cheese or roast beef and cheese or ham and cheese.** The cost is \$5.00. Please bring some YUMMY desserts! **Please RSVP with your sandwich choice by Monday, 4/20/26 - 6 pm to Lynne_martell@comcast.net or 978-694-1632 (home) or 978-729-6044(cell)**

Sons & Daughters of Italy Events

04/12/26 - Wilmington Lodge **Bowling** week 4 (call Maria)

04/18/26 - Garibaldi Meucci **Museum Trip**

04/26/26 - Wilmington Lodge **Bowling** week 5 (sign up)

05/03/26 - Grand Lodge **MELA Awards**

05/25/26 - Wilmington **Memorial Day Parade** - Trolley (sign up)

06/07/26 - State Charity Commission - **Cyclone Harry Fundraiser** (see attachment)

06/27/26 - Wilmington Lodge **Dinner** on the Common - 4th of July Festivities (sign up)

06/27/26 - Grand Lodge **State Convention**

10/11/26 - **Italian Heritage Day Parade** in East Boston - Trolley (sign up)

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.

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

5/14/26 6/11/26 **no July meeting** 8/13/26 9/10/26 10/8/26 11/12/26 12/10/26

DUES - Our Membership dues are \$50.00 per year and were due on January 1, 2026. Send you dues payable to Sons of Italy to PO Box 387 - Wilmington, MA 01887. **Please inform us if you decide not to renew your membership.**

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Yarn Collection for Comfort Blankets - Our Lodge will continue to **collect yarn** to be made into  Comfort Blankets. These blankets are put on patients that are nearing end of their lives. The blankets are then donated to the family. These blankets then give comfort to the family member. Leftover skeins of yarn as well as newly purchased will be accepted. Also collecting knitted blankets. If you are purchasing yarn, **ideally 20-24 oz 4 ply yarn is best. Please see flyer attached.** Please contact Janet Engrem with any questions 617-957-2460



Let's Go Bowling! There are only two weeks left for bowling. The dates are on **Sunday afternoons - 3:00 pm** on the following Sundays. **4/12/26** and **4/26/26**. 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. You do not have to be available for all 5 weeks. Contact **Maria Graffeo** mjgraffeo@yahoo.com 617-645-6827. So far this has been lots of fun!

April



Good Luck!

The Grand Lodge will hold a Bocce Tournament on Saturday, April 11, 2025 at the Methuen Sons of Italy - 495 Merrimack St - Methuen, MA beginning at 8:30 AM. Our Lodge is sending two teams. Barbara and Charlie DeStefano, Peter and Gayann Barbella. Anne Ball, Maureen O'Brien, Judy Agnes, Anna Kerkorian.



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**

May

Massachusetts Education & Law Awards (MELA) will take place on **Sunday, May 3, 2026**, at the **Boston Marriott Newton - 2345 Commonwealth Avenue - Newton, Massachusetts** beginning at 9:00 AM. The event will honor the recipients of the Law, Justice, and Public Service Awards, as well as our scholarship recipients. MELA Reservations are priced at **\$40.00** per person and must be reserved (with payment) by **April 24, 2026**. (Our lodge will pay $\frac{1}{2}$ this price for members). Our lodge has five

recipients receiving Scholarships and we will cover the cost for their parents. **See attachment.**

Contact Lynne Martell 978-729-6044 Lynne_martell@comcast.net



Memorial Day Parade - Monday, May 25, 2026 - Our lodge is hoping to participate in Wilmington's Memorial Day Parade. We will be getting a **trolley** for those who cannot walk. Please **sign up in the book** or contact Lynne Martell - 978-729-6044 (cell) 978-694-1632 (home)

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June

Cyclone Harry Fundraiser - Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 1:00 pm at Salvatore's Restaurant - 354 Merrimack St - Lawrence, MA. Pasta and meatballs, salad, bread, desserts, coffee and tea will be served. A cash bar and raffles will be available. Tickets are **\$35.00** per person (our lodge will pay $\frac{1}{2}$ this cost for members)

On January 21, 2026 Cyclone Harry hit Sicily, Calabria and Sardinia and left a trail of devastation. There was severe damage estimated at more than \$500 million in Sicily alone, according to the President of the Region. Beaches have been completely wiped away. Historic piers lie in ruins. Charming boardwalks where families strolled for generations are gone. Coastal restaurants that have fed communities for decades have been eliminated. Fishing boats, which are the lifelines for local families, now sit stranded in the streets. Behind every destroyed landmark is a family whose livelihood has vanished overnight.



To address this devastation, the State Charity Commission, in conjunction with the Charitable & Educational Trust and the Lawrence Ladies Lodge, is hosting this fundraiser. Please help us support our people in Sicily, Calabria and Sardinia.

If unable to attend, monetary donations will be gratefully accepted. Please make check(s) payable to the Charitable and Educational Trust, earmarked Cyclone Harry Disaster.

Contact Charity Commission members, Cheryl Caira cal0701@yahoo.com 508-633-2779 or Lynne Martell Lynne_martell@comcast.net 978-729-6044. We would also like to make a couple of raffle baskets and would appreciate monetary donations for the baskets! Thank you in advance for your continuing generosity.



4th of July on the Common - Our lodge will host a dinner on Saturday 6/27/26. 4pm - 8pm. We will serve meatball subs, chips, soda and dessert for \$12.00. Tickets must be purchased through the 4th of July committee. Volunteers

needed to set up, serve and be runners starting at 3pm or 4pm. Bring your family and friends to help raise funds for our lodge. Let's have a Sons &

Daughters of Italy Party on the Common. Sign up in the book if you can help out. Contact John jromano45@gmail.com



October

OCTOBER IS
**ITALIAN
AMERICAN**
HERITAGE MONTH



Italian Heritage Day Parade in East Boston - Sunday October 11, 2026. Our lodge will get a **trolley**. Sign up in the book if you'd like to participate



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 "**prayers and get well wishes**" to Paul Cipriani, Gino DiVecchia, Sheryl Farrar, Lennie Malvone.

Please keep Joan Foresteire in your prayers!



Happy April Birthday to - Ron Aprile, Frank Asimakopoulos, Peter Buonaugurio, Brianne Caira, Jane Caira, Susan Cataldo, Maria Gemellaro, Andrea Gillis, Maria Graffeo, John Harding, Lisa Tedescucci Lyons, Anthony Martiniello, Wendy Martiniello, Raymond Mercuri, Walter Palino, Francesco Prinzivalli, Evelyn Olivari.



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March 26, 2025

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Congratulations to Middle School Principal Brian Caira who was honored by the Anti-Defamation League.

Michael Caira Jr. was recently appointed Superintendent of Schools in Littleton, MA!
CONGRATULATIONS!!!

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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