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## February 2026 Newsletter

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**February 26, 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 Chicken Pot Pie and Salad for \$5.00.** Please RSVP by **Monday, 2/23/26** - 6 pm to [Lynne\\_martell@comcast.net](mailto:Lynne_martell@comcast.net) or 978-694-1632 or 978-729-6044(cell) Please bring some yummy desserts!

### Sons & Daughters of Italy Events

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 (see flyer)**  
03/14/26 - Wilmington Lodge **Bingo 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  
04/11/26 - Grand Lodge **Bocce Tournament (see attached)**  
04/12/26 - **Bowling week 4**  
04/18/26 - Garibaldi Meucci **Museum Trip**  
04/26/26 - **Bowling week 5**

**Lodge Meetings -4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 -2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of every month 7PM at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Building  
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 were due on January 1, 2026. You can pay at an upcoming meeting or send you dues payable to Sons of Italy to PO Box 387 - Wilmington, MA 01887.



**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](mailto:kcscalzi@gmail.com).

**National Scholarships** are now available. Deadline is **February 27, 2026**. Apply online.

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

**Yarn Collection**  **for Comfort Blankets** - Our Lodge will be **collecting yarn** to be made into Comfort Blankets. They put comfort blankets 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. 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

## FEBRUARY



For the month of February, the **Methodist Church Food Pantry** is collecting non-perishable **spreadable items for sandwiches** such as peanut butter, fluff, mayonnaise, ketchup, jelly, Nutella, mustard, BBQ sauce. Please bring any donations to the February meeting.



**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** (contact Maria 617-645-6827) **3/1/26 and 3/15/26** ( **sign up at the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting**). **4/12/26** (sign up at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting). **4/26/26** (sign up at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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. begins at 9:00 pm. \$25 per person. BYO snacks. Cash bar.

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 [kevincaira57@gmail.com](mailto:kevincaira57@gmail.com)  
**See flyer attached.**

John will be selling **squares for Bruins Tickets** - club seats, center ice on March 31, 2026. The seats are approximately \$400.00 each - so an \$800.00 prize. The squares for the Bruins Tickets will be for the lottery number evening drawing on Monday, March 9th. The winning box number needs to match (EXACTLY) the middle two numbers of the lottery that evening. Squares are \$20 each. Contact John [Jromano45@gmail.com](mailto:Jromano45@gmail.com) 617-750-9749.



**Bingo Night - Saturday, March 14, 2026** at the Senior Center on Main St in Wilmington. **Wilmington Lodge Members only!** Doors open at 6:00 pm and bingo begins at 6:30pm. \$15.00 pp. Sign up in the book. **Must pay at the February meeting or call John for other arrangements.** Contact John [Jromano45@gmail.com](mailto:Jromano45@gmail.com) 617-750-9749



**Collection for Rita A. Dimento Women's Clinic - March 21st 8am to 3pm.** Come and stop by to have coffee and homemade goodies with President John Romano, Fr. Micheal, Mary Ponti from the Clinic and members of the North End Knights of Columbus and bring an item or two for the women's clinic. We will be in the beautiful North End at St. Joseph's Hall at St. Leonard's Church on Prince Street. Maybe even go for a fantastic lunch!! If you cannot attend that day, please **bring items to the**

**February Meeting** or call me and I will come by and make a pickup. **See attached flier** for list of needed items. I will also do a collection - no amount is too small or too big - at the meeting for those who can't get to the store. \$10 Gift Cards to Dunkins, McDonalds and CVS are extremely helpful. Lastly, donations can also be made by Venmo: @patricia-romano-24. Checks can be made out to St. Anthony's Shrine. Thank you in advance. John [Jromano45@gmail.com](mailto:Jromano45@gmail.com) 617-750-9749.

**Diaper Drive** - The Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy will sponsor a diaper drive by providing diapers and wipes to local mothers in need on Saturday, **March 28, 2026, from 9am - 3pm** and Sunday, **March 29, 2026, from 9am - 2pm** at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Building



Parking lot. The **Easter Bunny** will be there to take photos with the children in Town and with our Lodge members.

Please contact Janet Engrem (617) 957-2460 or e-mail [jknje@comcast.net](mailto:jknje@comcast.net)

**You can bring Diapers and/or wipes to the February and March meetings.**

**If you would like to be on the Committee you can sign up in the book or contact Janet.**



## APRIL



**Members Game Night - Wilmington Lodge members only. Friday April 10th from 6pm to 10pm.** 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. Sign up in the book. Volunteers needed to teach members some of the games. This event is free! Notify John Romano if interested in helping. 617-750-9749 [JRomano45@gmail.com](mailto:JRomano45@gmail.com)



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. Any four-person team (any combination of men and women) may enter. \$160.00 per team includes breakfast and lunch and cash prizes. (Our lodge will

cover this cost for members). Deadline is April 4, 2026. Contact Lynne Martell [Lynne\\_martell@comcast.net](mailto:Lynne_martell@comcast.net) 978-729-6044.



### **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](mailto:amvk77@gmail.com) (617-605-4662)



**Happy February Birthday to - Jennifer Bolanos, Josephine Ciaccio, Barbara DeStefano, Anita Dodge, Lisa Duffy, Anna Kerkorian, Lucille Malvone, Dedi Pitzi, Patricia Romano, Dolores Mueller, Janice Stevens, Jessica Stevens, Sally Radomski, Joseph Maiella.**





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](mailto:msordillo2@aol.com)

get well soon!



We send our "**get well wishes**" to our members who have been ill!  
Hope you are all well or getting better!



**Congratulations** to our Trivia winners:

**Frigid Four - 1st Place** - Guy Gemellaro, Janice Hogan, Mary Anne Kenton, Pat Tivnan

**Fab 4 - 2nd Place** - Lisa Duffy, Thomas Gorham, Mike Muscarella

**Tavola Tre - 3rd Place** - Janet Engram, Pia Romano, Paul Tivnan, Maria Gemellaro



**Congratulations** to Lou Cimaglia on his retirement as the Wilmington Director of Veterans Services!

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](mailto:Lynne_martell@comcast.net) or 978-729-6044 (cell) 978-694-1632 (home).