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**Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge**  
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**May 2025 Newsletter**

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**May 22, 2025** monthly meeting will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St - Wilmington, MA. Dinner will be Chicken parm, ravioli, meatballs, salad, bread and dessert for \$10. This is our Scholarship Dinner which will begin at **6:15** pm. The Scholarship Ceremony will take place at 7:00 pm and the meeting will follow. **Please RSVP by Saturday 5/17/25** to [Lynne\\_martell@comcast.net](mailto:Lynne_martell@comcast.net) or 978-694-1632 or 978-729-6044(cell)

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 for three tickets and is optional.

**Sons & Daughters of Italy Events**

05/13/25 - Flowerpots, corn hole, bocce with 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at **Senior Center**

05/22/25 - Wilmington Lodge **Scholarship Dinner**

06/06/25 - Rotary Trivia

06/19 - 06/22/25 - Grand Lodge **Convention**

06/27/25 - Wilmington Lodge **Dinner on the Common** for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festivities

07/09/25 - Wilmington Lodge **Bocce** begins

09/06/25 - Wilmington Lodge & Band Parents Yard Sale (save the date)

10/10/25 - Italian Heritage Golf Tournament (save the date)

10/11/25 - Wilmington Lodge Italian Heritage Concert (save the date)

10/19/25 - Wilmington Lodge Car Show (save the date)

11/16/25 - Wilmington Lodge **Memorial mass** (save the date)

**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.

**6/25/25 (Wednesday) (no July meeting) 8/28/25 9/25/25 10/23/25**

**11/20/25 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) (no December meeting)**

**Council Meetings -2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of every month 7PM at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Building.

**6/12/25 (no July meeting) 8/14/25 9/11/25 10/9/25 11/13/25 12/11/25**

**Plastic cap collection** - Paul and Debbie Cipriani have a granddaughter in Michigan who is a Girl Scout and is collecting plastic caps to be recycled into benches. They can be any plastic caps, any color from water bottles, pill bottles, etc. We would like to help her by collecting caps. Contact Janet Engrem for pickup of caps. [jkje@comcast.net](mailto:jkje@comcast.net) 617-957-2460



**Donation requests 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>

**Congratulations to the new 2025-2026 Lodge Officers** - The Council is the administrative and controlling body of the Lodge when the assembly is not in session. Any questions or concerns may be raised to a council member who will then bring your concerns to the entire council at our monthly council meeting.



President - John Romano; Vice-President - Janet Engrem; Past President - Sue Connors; Orator - Lennie Malvone; Recording Secretary - Lynne Martell;

Financial Secretary - Walter Palino; Treasurer - Paul Tivnan; Trustees - Lisa Tedescucci Lyons, Anna Vitale Kerkorian, Maria Graffeo, Mary Buscone, Pia Romano; Mistresses of Ceremony - Cheryl Caira and Mary Kiesinger; Sentinel - Patricia Romano.

On **Tuesday, May 13th**, our Shawsheen leaders (3<sup>rd</sup> graders) will be taking a bus to the **senior center** to make flowerpots with seniors. Then the seniors are going to teach them bocce and corn hole. Seniors who are interested should contact the senior center or keep a lookout in case they have to sign up. It will be from 9:15-11:00.



**Building Re-Use Committee Public Forum** - The Wilmington Building Re-Use Committee needs your input! Please join us for a Public Forum to discuss the viability of repurposing the Buzzell School (former Senior Center) on **Wednesday, May 14, 2025**, at 6:30pm at Wilmington Town Hall room 9.



Christian Bolanos will receive our Graduate Scholarship at the Scholarship dinner on May 22, 2025! Congratulations to Christine Buskey, Pia Romano's niece, on receiving the Grand Lodge of MA Stanley Radomski Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 donated by Sally Radomski! Stan was a member of the Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge for 40 years before his passing.



**Rotary Trivia** - Rotary Trivia will be held on Friday, June 6, 2025 at the Wilmington Knights of Columbus Hall. Doors open at 6pm. Cash bar. BYO snacks. \$100 for table of four. Our lodge will pay for three teams. Please contact Lynne if you'd like to participate or sign up in the book. [Lynne\\_martell@comcast.net](mailto:Lynne_martell@comcast.net)

## June

**The 111<sup>th</sup> State Convention** - will be held on Thursday 06/19/25 through Sunday 06/22/25 at the Springfield Sheraton. There will be a **Pot of Gold Drawing**.



Tickets are \$100.00 each. Tickets can be purchased individually or with a group of friends. 1<sup>st</sup> prize = \$10,000.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize = \$1,000.00; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize = \$500.00; 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> prize = \$250.00.

Tickets may be obtained by contacting Cheryl Caira [cal0701@yahoo.com](mailto:cal0701@yahoo.com) 508-633-2779 or Betty Sandquist. For each ticket sold by our lodge we receive \$5.00 off of our per capita bill.



**4<sup>th</sup> of July on the Common** - Our lodge will host a dinner on Friday 6/27/25. 5pm - 7pm. We will serve meatball subs, chips, soda and dessert for \$11.00. Tickets must be purchased through the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jromano45@gmail.com)

## July



**Wilmington Lodge Summer Bocce** - will begin on **Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**. It will run for **eight weeks** throughout the summer culminating in an end of the year tournament to crown a League Champion. The games are played on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 or 7:15 at Jack Cushing's House - 72 Middlesex Ave in Wilmington. (Members only). Our lodge will cover the cost. Contact Lisa Mastrorilli [lisamastorilli@msn.com](mailto:lisamastorilli@msn.com) 978-604-2909

or Dedi Pitzi [dedipitzi@gmail.com](mailto:dedipitzi@gmail.com) 978-430-3375. Or you can contact Lynne, and I'll put your name in the book.

**Save the date: Saturday, October 11, 2025** - The Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy, together with the Winchester Ladies Lodge, will be presenting an evening of music featuring entertainer Luciano Sandro Russo. More details will be forthcoming in the months ahead but mark your calendars - this will be a wonderful evening!



**Happy May Birthday to** - Cheryl Blundell, Kenneth Caira, Marianne Caira, Maryangela DeGrazia-DiTucci, Robert DiPasquale, Brent Johnson, Elizabeth Jones, Rebecca Kendall, Chuck Otis, Marina Otis, Frank Puleo, Julie Sbraccia-Manos, Chris Simmons, Patricia Stevens, Emmy Sutera, Susan Tocci, Kristin Tully, Sheryl Guisto Walsh, Jean Jordan, Joyce Mercer, Grace Mullens.



Please report any sunshine to Anna Kerkorian. Please **let Anna know if someone** is sick, has surgery, or has a death in the family. Also good news such as births, weddings, etc. Anna's contact information is 617-605-4662 or e-mail [amvk77@gmail.com](mailto:amvk77@gmail.com)



We send our "**PRAYERS AND GET WELL**" wishes to Ed Palino, Anna Kerkorian, Karen Scalzi, Maria Sordillo, Marie'Anne Durst, Linda Tobin and Mary Kiesinger.



Congratulations to Cheryl and Dave Blundell on the birth of their Granddaughter, Rue!

Congratulations to Kevin Caira on his re-election to the Board of Selectmen!!



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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