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**March 2025 Newsletter**



**March 30, 2025 afternoon meeting** and lunch will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St - Wilmington, MA. Dinner will be **pasta with homemade gravy, homemade meatballs, sausages, bread & butter, salad, dessert, coffee, water and soda** for \$5.00. Dinner will begin at 1:00 pm and the meeting will follow at around 2:30 pm. **PLEASE RSVP to LYNNE**

**NO LATER THAN Friday 3/21/25.**

[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**

04/05/25 - Grand Lodge **Testimonial Dinner** (flyer attached)

04/06/25 - La Messa Italiana - St. Leonard's Church

04/12-13/25 - Wilmington Lodge **Diaper Drive**

04/24/25 - Grand Lodge **Trivia Night** (flyer attached)

04/25/25 - Wakefield Lodge **Charity Auction** (see flyer attached)

05/04/25 - Grand Lodge **MELA** (Scholarships and Law awards)

05/13/25 - Flowerpots, corn hole, bocce with seniors at **Senior Center**

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

**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.

**4/24/25 5/22/25 6/19/25(tentative) (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.

**4/10/25 5/8/25 6/12/25 (no July meeting)**

**8/14/25 9/11/25 10/9/25 11/13/25 12/11/25**

**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>

**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



### **Lodge Officer Elections 2025-2027**

**Elections** - will take place on Sunday **March 30th** from **12:15 - 1:15** at the United Methodist church **1<sup>st</sup> floor room 1-1**.

**You can only vote in person during this one-hour time frame.**

You will be voting for **3 Delegates**. Those running are - Alicia Johnson, Julie Sbraccia-Manos, Joseph Martell and Lynne Martell.

You will also be voting for **4 seats on the Roncalli Board**. Those running are - Thom Gorham, Lennie Malvone, Julie Sbraccia-Manos, Joseph Martell and Lynne Martell

### **April**

**Grand Lodge Testimonial Dinner** - to honor our State President, Rodolfo Viscomi on Saturday, **April 5, 2025** at the Watertown Lodge - 520 Pleasant St - Watertown. \$100.00 pp (our lodge will pay  $\frac{1}{2}$  this price for members). Cocktails at 6:30pm and Dinner at 7:30pm. Maria's Catering. Entertainment by Angelo Coviello. Semi-Formal attire. Sign up in the book. (See flyer attached.)



**Italian Mass - La Messa Italiana** - ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH - 320 Hanover St - North End, Boston, MA - **Sunday, April 6** at 10:30 AM. The Cultural Committee of the Massachusetts Sons & Daughters of Italy invites you to join us for an Italian Mass in the North End. After Mass, we will go for a short ***passeggiata (an after-dinner walk)*** and get coffee together. Please RSVP by emailing Paola Contini at [pt8698@yahoo.com](mailto:pt8698@yahoo.com) 320 Hanover Street, North End, Boston MA

**Diaper Drive** - The Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy will sponsor a diaper drive to help support Paula's Angels by providing diapers and wipes to local mothers in need on **April 12, 2025, from 9am - 3pm** and **Sunday, April 13 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 March meeting.**

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



**Grand Lodge Trivia Night** - The Grand Lodge is hosting a Trivia Night to benefit the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum. It will be held on **Thursday, April 24, 2025** at the Watertown Lodge - 520 Pleasant St - Watertown, MA. There will be teams of 6-8 people. Doors open at 6pm. Bring your own food. Coffee and Desserts provided. Games start at 7:30pm. \$25.00 pp (our lodge will cover this cost for members). Sign up in the book. Please note that this is the same night as our April Lodge meeting. (flyer attached)



Wakefield Lodge's 13<sup>th</sup> **Annual Charity Auction** - Live auction - silent auction - raffles. Friday, **April 25, 2025** at 6PM at St. Joseph's Parish Hall - 173 Albion St. Wakefield, MA. Classic Italian dinner and dessert from Avellino's of Medford at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$25 pp (check or Venmo @Paula-Sasso-1) Contact Paula - 781-799-6203 or [wakefielddosia@gmail.com](mailto:wakefielddosia@gmail.com) for tickets by April 17, 2025.

## May

On **Tuesday, May 13th**, our Shawsheen leaders 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. It will be so nice!



**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 or Betty Sandquist.



**Happy March Birthday to** – Kayla Boebel, Christian Bolanos, Christian Bolanos, Jr., Michael Bozzella, Mary Buscone, Brian Caira, David Caira, Gino DiVecchia, Marie'Anne Durst, Rob Durst, Bob Fino, Emma Garrity, Michele Goss, Michael Muscarella, Rosalie Muscarella, Joshua Pupa, JoAnn Roberto, Thomas Siracusa, Kevin Stevens, Carl Sutera, Patricia Tivnan, Maureen O'Brien.

- March has two **birthstones** - bloodstone and aquamarine. **Bloodstones** are green gems flecked with bright red iron oxide. Wearing them symbolizes health and strength. March's other stone is **aquamarine**, a beautiful blue that symbolizes purity of spirit and soul.
- March's **birth flowers** are **daffodils**, which represent rebirth and hope and **jonquils**, which represent affection and love.
- March's **Zodiac signs** are **Pisces** (2/20 - 3/20) - known for emotional intelligence, creativity and intuition and **Aries** (3/21 - 4/20) - known for being passionate and independent. Whether a Pisces or an Aries, people born in March have so many wonderful qualities, and are often known to be outspoken and passionate or emotionally attuned and creative. On top of their stellar personalities, March babies tend to have unique careers and tend *not* to be at higher risk for certain illnesses. Perhaps it's because they usually tend to look on the bright side!
- **Famous people** born in March include Justin Bieber, Dr. Seuss, Albert Einstein, Mr. Rogers, Harry Houdini, Glenn Miller, Jon Bon Jovi, Michelangelo, Jerry Lewis, Rob Lowe, Elton John, Robert Frost, Diana Ross, Lady Gaga, Warren Beatty, Mariah Carey.
- March 4 - **Mardi Gras** 🎉 or "Fat Tuesday," is a festive celebration known for its vibrant parades, music, and delicious food. It is the final feasting day before the Christian tradition of Lent begins on the following day, Ash Wednesday.

In like a lion, out like a lamb, March is a month packed with special days.

- March 5 is **Ash Wednesday** which marks the start of Lent.
- March 8 - **International Women's Day** 🌍 A global day celebrating the achievements of women and advocating for gender equality.
- March 9 is the start of **Daylight Saving Time**, which begins at 2:00 A.M. that day. Don't forget to "spring forward" and set the clocks one hour ahead!
- On March 10, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell made the **first phone call**.
- March 15 is the **Ides of March!** Legend surrounds this ill-fated day. Beware the Ides of March!
- March 17 - **St. Patrick's Day** 🍀 A celebration of Irish heritage filled with green attire, festivities, and traditions. St. Patrick was Italian.
- March 20 brings about the **March equinox**—also called the **vernal** or **spring equinox** in the marking the beginning of spring.

March marks the arrival of the colorful spring season, with blossoms and warmer days!





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 Joan Forestiere, Christian Bolanos, Rob Pustizzi, Paul Licciardi, Kevin Caira, Deb Casey, Charlie DeStefano, Kristin Tully, Maria Graffeo.



We send our **prayers and condolences** to the family **Dolly Saccoccea**, a long-time member who passed away on February 2, 2025.

We send our **prayers and condolences** to the family of **Jerry Pupa**, a long-time member and past President of our lodge who passed away on March 2, 2025. His

family members who are members of our lodge include his wife Ginny Pupa, his son Brian Pupa, his Grandchildren Kayla Boebel, Joshua Pupa, and Matthew Pupa.

We send our **prayers and condolences** to Carlina Prinzivalli and her family on the death of her Aunt.

We send our **prayers and condolences** to Frank Leverone and his family on the death of his Mother, Peg Leverone.



Tom and Michele Siracusa sent a donation to our Lodge in memory of Dolly Saccoccea!



CONGRATULATIONS to Kevin Caira on his retirement!  
CONGRATULATIONS to Patricia Tivnan on her retirement!

Congratulations to Sara-Jean Phillips, who was appointed Vice-Principal of Pennichuck Middle School in Nashua.

Congratulations also to Brian Caira who was recently appointed, on a permanent basis, to Principal of Wilmington Middle School

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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