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September 2025 Newsletter

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September 25, 2025 meeting will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St - Wilmington, MA. Dinner will be Harrows Chicken Pot Pies, salad and rolls for \$5.00. **Please RSVP** by **Monday, 09/22/25** to Lynne_martell@comcast.net or 978-694-1632 or 978-729-6044(cell)
Please bring some yummy desserts!

Sons & Daughters of Italy Events

09/17/25 - **Welcome to Wilmington** - Wilmington Memorial Library

09/20/25 - **Joe Gillis Memorial Bocce Tournament**

09/21/25 - **Wilmington Lodge End of Year Bocce Tournament**

09/27/25 - **Fall Fest**

10/02/25 - **Wilmington Lodge "Italians in the North End"** by Anthony Sammarco

10/05/25 - **Italian American Unity Mass** - St. Leonard's Church at 12:00 noon.

Collation downstairs after mass

10/10/25 - **Italian Heritage Golf Tournament** (flyers attached)

10/11/25 - **Wilmington Lodge Italian Heritage Concert** (flyer attached)

10/12/25 - **Mass at St Leonard's Church at 12:00 noon - Blessing of the Columbus statue**

10/13/25 - **Columbus Day Breakfast**

10/19/25 - **Wilmington Lodge Car Show**

11/02/25 - **Wilmington Lodge - The Cher Show** at NSMT

11/07/25 - **Wilmington Lodge Dancing Through the Decades** (save the date)

11/11/25 - **Wilmington Lodge & Methodist Church Veteran's Day Breakfast** (save the date)

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

12/14/25 - **Wilmington Lodge Children's Christmas Party** (save the date)

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.

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.

9/25/25 10/23/25 (switched back to Thursday) 11/23/25 (Sunday afternoon meeting) (no December meeting)

Sunday, November 23, 2025 - Afternoon meeting - A chance to celebrate our elder members! 12:30pm Doors Open (more info to follow). We will have the Fallen Solder table set up for this meeting.

Council Meetings -2nd Thursday of every month 7PM at the 4th of July Building
10/9/25 11/13/25 12/11/25

September

Welcome to Wilmington Reception - Wilmington Memorial Library will once again host a **Welcome to Wilmington Reception** on Wed., September 17 from 6-8 pm. Janet will set up a table.



Wilmington Lodge Summer Bocce - End of Year Tournament to crown a League Champion will be held on **September 21st**. Any questions contact Lisa Mastrorilli lisamastrorilli@msn.com 978-604-2909 or Dedi Pitz dedipitzi@gmail.com 978-430-3375.



Fall Fest - Saturday, September 27, 2025 on the Town Common from 9am - 4pm. Janet will set up a table but **needs volunteers** to help. Please sign up for an hour or two. Please sign up in the book or contact Janet. 978-658-9324 e-mail jknje@comcast.net.

October

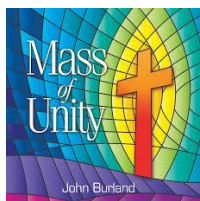
Italian Heritage Month Activities



Presentation on "Italians in Boston's North End" by historian Anthony Sammarco. **Thursday, October 2nd at 6:30 pm** at the **Wilmington Memorial Library** - 175 Middlesex Ave - Wilmington, MA
Anthony Sammarco will trace the Italians coming to Boston who created a thriving neighborhood.



You can sign up for this event in person at the library, or through the library events page online <https://wilmlibrary.libnet.info/events?n=60&r=range&start=2025-10-02> , or over the phone (978-658-2967). This event is free - generously sponsored by the Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy. **Please sign up in the book if you are attending. We also need goodies for this night. Please indicate in the book if you are able to provide goodies.**



Italian American Unity Mass - Sunday, **10/05/25** at St. Leonard's Church in Boston's North End at 12:00 noon. Collation downstairs after mass.

15th Annual Italian Heritage Golf Classic - Hosted by the Italian Heritage Month Committee and the Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge #2183, Sons & Daughters of Italy, Wilmington, MA. **Friday, October 10, 2024 - Hillview Golf Course - 149 North Street, North Reading, MA** Registration Begins at 7:30AM. Tee Time 9:00 AM, Shotgun Start. Scramble Format.



Donation \$150.00 per player - Includes: Continental Breakfast, Driving Range

7:30 AM to 8:45 AM. Hotdog, Chips, Soda/Beer at the turn, Greens Fee/Golf Cart/Gift, Contests on Course, 50/50 Raffle - Raffle Table, Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Teams, Buffet Luncheon.

Additional Tickets for Buffet Luncheon only, are available for a donation of \$35.00 p.p.

Proceeds to Benefit the Italian Heritage Scholarship Fund, Cooley's Anemia Foundation and the Alzheimer's Association. **Checks payable to: Sons of Italy, P.O. Box 387, Wilmington, MA 01887**

The committee is looking for your help with attaining **gifts for our raffle table, sponsors for the tournament and/or golfers** interested in participating.

Raffle gifts are needed - gift cards, bottles of cheer, scratch tickets or money, nip bottles to make a basket. Please bring a donation to the September lodge meeting or contact Kevin at (978) 657-7734, if you need a committee member to pick up a donation. **For information, please call Kevin Caira at (978) 657-7734 or (508) 633-2681. Volunteers are needed! Sign up in the book. Letters for the tournament are attached.**

Italian Heritage Dinner Show - Saturday, October 11, 2025 - The Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy, together with the Winchester Ladies Lodge, will be presenting an evening of dinner and music featuring entertainer Luciano Sandro Russo. Menu (served family style): Chicken soup, Cheese ravioli in Italian sauce, Roast top sirloin and baked stuffed chicken, roasted potatoes, buttered carrots, hot apple crisp with whipped cream. It will be held at the Winchester Lodge - 117 Swanton St - Winchester, MA. Doors open at 6:30PM, show starts at 7:00pm, dinner served at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$60 pp, Checks payable to **Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy**. Tickets are limited and will NOT be sold at the door. Contact Mary Renda - 781-696-2730 mrenda12@gmail.com and Michele 978-604-6437, mnortonen@gmail.com



Blessing of the Christopher Columbus statue - Sunday, **10/12/25** - Mass at St Leonard's Church in Boston's North End at 12:00 noon

Columbus Day Breakfast - - Monday, 10/13/15 - Dante Alighieri Cultural Center - 42 Hampshire Street - Cambridge, MA. The breakfast buffet will begin at 9:00 AM. The guest speaker will be Award-winning Stephen Puleo, author of *The Great Abolitionist*, *Voyage of Mercy*, *American Treasures*, *The Caning*, *A City So Grand*, *The Boston Italians*, *Due to Enemy Action*, and *Dark Tide*.



This event is free and open to the public. If you need any information or have any questions, please call Kevin at (978) 657-7734 or (508) 633-2681

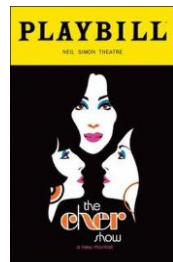
Italian Heritage Month Raffle Fundraiser 2025 - Winners will be pulled at the Columbus Day Breakfast. Drawing for Many Fantastic Prizes! 1st prize - A week stay at Villa Mimosa - Salina, Sicily (May/October); 2nd prize - Four Seasons Boston - One Night Deluxe Stay; 3rd prize - 2 Boston Bruins Hockey Game Tickets; 4th prize - \$300.00 Nando Ristorante Gift Certificate; Also: Whole Prosciutto, Gift Cards, Specialty Baskets & more. Donation: 1 ticket for \$10.00 or 5 tickets for \$25.00. Contact **Kevin Caira** for tickets. **(978) 657-7734 or (508) 633-2681**. Tickets will also be available at the September meeting.



Dominators Car Show - Our lodge will be hosting a car show with the Dominators Hot Rod Club on **Sunday, October 19th** at the Town Common/4th of July Building Parking Lot on Middlesex Ave. in Wilmington from, 8am to 3pm. Spectators are Free. **Volunteers are needed.** Please sign up in the book. Contact John Romano jromano45@gmail.com or 617-750-9749.



November



The Cher Show at NSMT -Lennie has planned a trip to North Shore Music Theater on Sunday, November 2nd at 2:00 pm. Sign up in the book (you can contact me (Lynne) and I'll put your name in the book) or contact Lennie malrn1031@aol.com or 617-835-2184. **All money is due at October 26th monthly meeting.** Ticket prices will be available soon.



Dancing through the Decades - Friday, November 7, 2025 - Wilmington Knights of Columbus Lodge. To benefit our Lodge. \$25 pp. BYO snacks. Contact Janet Engrem 978-658-9324 e-mail jknje@comcast.net.



Veteran's Day Breakfast - The Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy, along with the Methodist Church will have a Veteran's Day Breakfast on **Tuesday, November 11, 2025**. More info to follow



Memorial Mass - We celebrate a Memorial Mass in honor of our lodge's deceased members. It will be held on **Sunday, November 16th at 10:00 am** at St. Dorothy's Church on Main Street in Wilmington. Coffee and donuts will be available downstairs after mass.

December

Children's Christmas Party - will be held on **Sunday, December 14, 2025** from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, at the Wilmington United Methodist Church - 87 Church St. - Wilmington, MA. **This event is for children and grandchildren of members in grades 5 and under.** Food and a visit and a present from Santa, and crafts will be available. Contact Anna Kerkorian amvk77@gmail.com 617-605-4662 or Lisa Lyons skilee206@gmail.com 617-957-8157 or Lynne Martell Lynne_martell@comcast.net 978-729-6044.



Deadline to sign up is November 15, 2025. Please see flyer attached!



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



We send our prayers and "get well wishes" to Joan Foresteire and Pete Connors.



Happy September Birthday to – Fausta Asimakopoulos, Gayann Barbella, David Blundell, Angela Bombino, Lisa Bozzella, Jeffrey Caira, Michael Caira, Sara-Jean Phillips, Lynne Martell, Sandra Oliva, Leann Otis, Nathan Petrone, Patricia Provenzano, Matthew Pupa, Pia Romano, Cherie Simmons, Maria Sordillo, Katelyn Stevens, Linda Tobin, Robert Dicey.

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 or 978-729-6044 (cell) 978-694-1632 (home).