

Sons of Italy Lodge 685 Newsletter

April, May, June 2013



Special points of interest:

- * New Lodge Officers elected in March.
- * Lodge 100th Anniversary coming in 2017.
- * **Pasta Dinner 4/14/13**

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Meet the New President

At the March General meeting I was elected to serve as President of Akron Lodge 685.

To introduce myself: I work at Goodyear in Supply Chain. I am a member of St. Hilary Parish. I am on the Board of Directors for APICS, The Association for Operations Management. I grew up in Stow and graduated from Walsh Jesuit. I have an MBA from the University of Akron. I am a former Army Officer and veteran of Desert Storm. My wife Elizabeth, my son Joseph and I have lived all over the country. We returned to Ohio eight years ago. We are very happy living close to our

Reverse Raffle

The Reverse Raffle was held on March 9th at the St. George Hall. This year's theme was the Lucky Leprechaun. Many lucky members won cash prizes. Along with the \$1,500 Grand Prize, there were cash prizes for Side

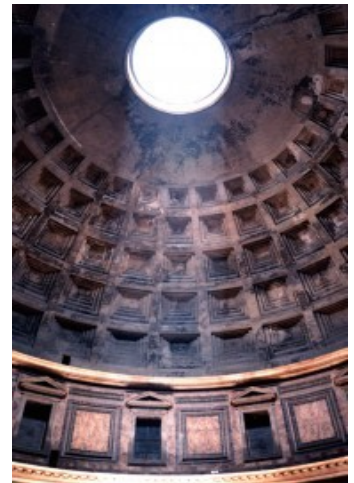
extended family and for the opportunity to be members of the Son's of Italy Lodge 685.

My first order of business is to thank Norm Ross for the fantastic work he did in running the Lodge over the last few years. Because of Norm's efforts The Son's of Italy is often cited as the best run, most active, and fun club compared to all other Italian American organizations in Akron. Norm should be commended for all that he has done. Norm has served as a role model for me. His shoes will be hard to fill. Norm's success could not be achieved

without his beautiful wife Toni by his side. Toni opened up her home and her heart to the members of the club.

Buon Fortuna

Rick Vitullo



Boards, Lucky Lottery Tickets, Bingo, 50/50, and a Pot of Gold full of great prizes. The event was a huge success, thanks to the hard work of Chairs Norm and Toni Ross. Thanks to all that volunteered their time and talent to the

event. The event raised over \$7,000 for the Lodge and \$1,400 will be set aside for the Lodge Scholarship Fund. The food was superb, and the guests all had a wonderful time.



Project Rise



Akron Public Schools has recently recognized our lodge with a “Volunteer of the Year” award for the Lodge’s work in support of Project Rise.

Last Christmas, Akron’s Sons of Italy Lodge No. 685 collected and wrapped more than 400 toys and games for children served by Project RISE (Realizing Individual Strength through Education). Project RISE is a federally funded, collaborative effort by Akron Public Schools, local shelters and the Akron community to provide supplemental educational services to children and youth experiencing homelessness.

‘When you arrive

*at a fork in the
road, take it.’*

Yogi Berra

On March 11th St. Pat’s Benefit Card Party was held at the Quirk Cultural Center. Proceeds are designated to the Akron’s Sons of Italy Lodge No. 685 “Project Rise.”

Thanks to retired Akron Public School Teacher Mary Schifano for Chairing this event.

100th Anniversary

In 2017 Akron Lodge 685 will celebrate the 100 year Anniversary. Planning for the celebration is already beginning. Akron Lodge will host the State Convention in 2017 plus many other special events for that year.

Help Wanted

Club Newsletter Editor. Manages quarterly publication of Lodge 685 newsletter.

Writer. Compose articles and press releases.

Phone Callers. Notify club members of upcoming events.

Event Chairman. Plan and organize fundraising and social events.

We can use your help. If you can volunteer a few hours per month to the club, your service would be greatly appreciated. Any level of experience is welcome.

If you are interested, please call Rick Vitullo.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April	May	June
Pasta Dinner St. George, 4/14 12-3pm Host: Margida Family	Initiation Dinner, Galaxy 5/1 5pm Host: Joe and Nancy Rinella	Style Show, Fairlawn CC 6/12 Host: Madeline Bozelli
Morra Competition, Todaro's 4/17 6pm Host: Ital. Businessmen		State Convention 6/14-6/16
Bus Trip to Cleveland 4/27 Host: Chi Chi Rossi		General Meeting, Anthony's 6/23 1pm
		IBH Golf Outing, Fairlawn CC 6/24 Host: Vince Murdocco

Buon Campleanno!

April Birthdays

Michele Braden
Guiseppe Cassman
Mary Chapman
Vito DeCarlo
Anthony DeLuca
Leonard Falcone
Mary Frisone
John Gaglio
Steve Garritano
Lisa Hennessy
Terry Hennessy
Lisa karas
Beverly Lampers
Francesca Mallardi
Isabelle Marchetta
John Mascola
Guido Margida Jr.
Salvatore Musarra
Carlo Palmieri
Judy Park
Linda Parenti-Pinto
Rachele Pramick
Jonathan Ross
Norman Ross
Dominick Ruby
Virginia Sideri
Stephanie Simcox

May Birthdays

Dennis Alteri
Maryanne Buchanan
Lynne Callahan
Charles Crimaldi
John Delassandro
Elizabeth DeCarlo
Lori DeLuca
Delores DeCresce
Donna Ferrante
Maria Gaglia
Dominic Gionti
Kathleen Hovey
Mary Marino
Mary Jane Massoli
Gino Pinalta
Thomas Pinto
Kenneth Romansky
Cecilia Rossi
William Skidmore
David Zampelli

June Birthdays

James Abbott
Frank Aiello
Mary Jane Falcone
Stella Gantous
Mariann Harmel
Susan Lindeman
Diana Margida
Dennis Paonessa
Mary Paparone
Phillip Ratcliff
Donna Sapp

*"I have been impressed
with the urgency of
doing. Knowing is not
enough; we must apply.
Being willing is not
enough; we must do."
Leonardo DaVinci*





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| President.....Rick Vitullo | Trustees: |
| Vice President.....Dennis Paonessa | Tomasina Elavasky |
| Past President.....Norm Ross | Vince Murdocco |
| Financial Secretary.....Mary Bratta | Antoinette Ross |
| Treasurer.....Debi Rauckhorst | Ron Tedeschi |
| Secretary.....Elizabeth Conte - Vitullo | Judy Willgues |
| Orator.....Jack Schifano | |
| Sergeant at Arms.....Phil Ratcliff | |
| Master and Mistress of Ceremonies.....Pat and Rosina Puhak | |
| Membership.....Rose Margida | |
| Historian.....Marian Paparone | |
| Arbitration.....Bess Ratcliff and Mary Schifano | |