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*Sons of Italy in America  
Akron Lodge 685  
418 Keith Ave  
Akron, Ohio 44313*

*President: Patrick Puhak*

*Vice President: Vince Murdocco*

*Orator: Joe Rinella*

*Past President: Jack Schifano*

*Financial Secretary : Andrea Conti*

*Treasurer: Debi Rauckhorst*

*Recording Secretary: Michelle Hujar*

*Chaplain-Dennis Paonessa*

*Mistress of Ceremonies: Nancy Rinella*

*Master of Ceremonies: Dewey Wineland*

*Sgt. At Arms: John Hujar*

*Historian: Don Ferrante*

*Membership: Carol Wilson*

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*Janet Gliha*

*Rosina Puhak*

*Ed Rauckhorst*

*Mary Schifano*

# *Akron Lodge 685 Newsletter*

*April May June 2018*

## ***Notes from the President:***

*Just a reminder, our next meeting on April 15 is our covered dish meeting. If you haven't contacted me about what dish you are bringing, please let me know by April 12. Our lodge will provide chicken, beverages, plates, silverware and napkins; we ask that members provide a side dish or dessert. This is a good time for everyone to socialize with our members. We have some new members and we would love to see members who haven't been to a meeting recently. We are also asking if members have any suggestions as to what local charities our lodge can make donations this year. The charity should be a qualified non-profit. Please send me the name of the charity and the contact person. We will be voting on the top charities at our April meeting and the top five responses will be eligible to receive donations this year. Please contact me at 330-714-0341 or via email at ppuhak@neo.rr.com.*

*Also, remember as Sons of Italy members, your President's job is to provide you the pertinent information of our lodge. You must be kept informed. A lot of information from Board and Trustees meetings is discussed. We try to pass this information along to you. We have approximately two hours to do this. A lot of information is compiled through the members, emails, phone calls, newsletters, fundraisers.*

## ***Mark Your Calendar:***

***April 7-Reverse Raffle-St George Community Center***

***April 15- General Meeting 1:30pm Anthony Kucko Community Room***

***May 2-Intiation Dinner-The Venue***

***June 10- General Meeting 1:30pm Anthony Kucko Community Room***

***July 12-14-Italian Festival-Lock 3 Akron***

***August 26-Family Picnic-Lions Park, Cuyahoga Falls 12 noon***

***September 16- General Meeting 1:30pm Anthony Kucko Community Room***

***September 21-Wine Tasting-Silver Springs Park, Stow 6:30 pm***

***September 24-Fall Card Party-Quirk Cultural Center, Cuyahoga Falls 5:30 pm***

***October 7-Italian Heritage Celebration St Anthony's Church***

***October 13-Beer sales for Rolling Thunder Summit County Fairgrounds***

***October 13-Columbus Day Cotillion***

***October 21- General Meeting 1:30pm Anthony Kucko Community Room***

***November 4-Memorial Mass/Brunch St Anthony's Church 10:30 am***

***November 16-Toy Wrapping-Anthony Kucko Community Room 7 pm***

***November 24-Volunteering at the Holiday Tree Festival***

***December-Christmas Party TBA***



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### ***New officers***

*We had few officer and chairman changes at the last meeting. Dewey Wineland was voted in as Master of Ceremonies. I want to thank Dewey for agreeing to fill this position and thank Steve Garritano for his service. Dennis Paonessa was appointed Chaplain, as we bid farewell to Mark and Mary Jones as they have relocated to Florida; we wish them well. Past President Don Ferrante has agreed to be our historian; I'm sure he will do a great job in this position. I also want to thank Nicole Smith for chairing the social media area. Nicole will be responsible for updating information on our facebook page and handling publicity for our lodge.*

### ***Initiation/Scholarship Dinner***

*In this newsletter, there is a flyer for our Initiation/Scholarship Dinner at the Venue in Tallmadge. We have quite a few members to be initiated and we would like to see all of our members attend this as we welcome the new members to the Akron Lodge. We will also be awarding Scholarships at this event. As of now we don't know who will receive scholarships this year.*

*Please notify **Bess Ratcliff** if you know of any member that is ill or in the hospital at(330) 896-9287*

*If you know someone who would like to be a member, please contact Membership Chairperson **Carol Wilson** at 330-836-5291, or an application may be printed from our website: [sonsofitalyakron.org](http://sonsofitalyakron.org)*

*If a member passes away, please have the member's family contact the President **Patrick Puhak** at 330 714-0341 to arrange for the Lodge to conduct the Ceremony at the Funeral Home.*

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## *Buon Compleanno!*

### *April*

Guiseppe Cassano  
Mary Chapman  
Anthony DeLuca  
Angelo DeVitis  
Leonard Falcone  
Steve Garritano  
Lisa Hennessy  
Terry Hennessy  
Beverly Lampers  
Isabelle Marchetta  
John Mascolo  
Carlo Palmieri  
Linda Parenti-Pinto  
Judy Park  
Rachele Pramick  
Jonathan Ross  
Enrico Tersigni  
Nancy Rossi

### *May*

Dennis Altieri  
Lynne Callahan  
Anthony Corsino  
John Dalessandro  
Deborah Deptuch  
Dolores DiCresce  
Donna Ferrante  
Maria Gaglio  
Kathleen Hovey  
Michelle Hujar  
Mary Marino  
Mary Jane Massoli  
Thomas Pinto  
Kenneth Romansky  
Cecilia Rossi  
William Skidmore  
David Zampelli

### *June*

James Abbott  
Frank Aiello  
Patricia Basile  
Karen Cicirello  
Andrea Conti  
Mary Jane Falcone  
Susan Lindeman  
Dennis Paonessa  
Phillip Ratcliff  
Joe Rinella III

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE  
ORDER SONS OF ITALY AKRON LODGE #685  
2018 INITIATION DINNER, CEREMONY & SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION**

**When: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 Time: Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m.**

**Where: Location- The Venue Banquet Center-10 Tallmadge Circle ( Rt 91-South Ave)  
Adjacent to Danny Boys Restaurant**

**Cost: New Members being initiated & Scholarship Winners have no cost. Guests of  
New Members and All Other Guest Meals are \$25.00 each.**

**Buffet Dinner includes: Tossed Garden Salad, Rolls, Penne Pasta w/Marinara or Alfredo Sauce, Grilled-  
Marinated Chicken Breast or Lemon Chicken, Roast Beef Au Jus, Whipped Potatoes w/gravy &  
Vegetable Medley of Broccoli-Carrots-Cauliflower. Dessert is Various Pies. Drinks include Water, Decaf  
& Regular Coffee, Hot Tea, Ice Tea, Lemonade, Soda). A Cash Bar-\$3 Beer, \$4 Wine, \$5 Mixed Drinks.**

**A raffle will benefit the Alzheimer's Fund , the Cooley's Anemia Fund, and the Doug Flutie Autism  
Fund. Raffle gifts will be very much appreciated. Some suggestions include: gift baskets, cheese, olive  
oil, flowers, plants, and gift certificates. WE CAN NO LONGER RAFFLE WINE OR ANY ALCOHOL.  
Please bring your donated raffle items to the Initiation Dinner.**

**Please make your check payable to "Sons of Italy Akron Lodge #685" and mail check with the  
reservation form located at the bottom of this page to:**

**JOE RINELLA at 1112 Cobblestone Dr, Tallmadge, OH 44278**

**YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY APRIL 27, 2018. ANY  
QUESTIONS ABOUT RESERVATIONS, CALL JOE RINELLA AT (330) 388-8037.**

**We look forward to seeing each of you at the Initiation Dinner this year as we formally welcome our new  
members and scholarship recipients.**

**Sincerely,  
Joe & Nancy Rinella, Co-Chairs**

**-----Reservation-Form-----  
CURRENT MEMBER and GUESTS' NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_**

**NEW MEMBER(s) NAME(s) BEING INITIATED: \_\_\_\_\_**

**(Remember, No Charge to New Members being initiated and scholarship recipients)**

**# Of Meals: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 25.00 each = Total Check Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**