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*Sons of Italy in America
Akron Lodge 685
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Notes from the President:

I want to thank everyone who attended the Spaghetti Dinner at the Carovillese Lodge on June 11. We had about 30 people who attended.

I was unable to attend the Grand Lodge Convention in June, but I want to thank Vice President John Hujar who represented the Akron Lodge along with Donna Ferrante, Sue Lattavo and Vera Thornton. Also to members Terry Lattavo who is a Past President of the Grand Lodge and a National Trustee as well as Don Ferrante who was reelected as a Trustee for the Grand Lodge. For those who missed the last meeting, all the delegates gave superb reports. One of the items covered at the convention was launching a new website for the Grand Lodge which would allow all the lodges in Ohio to have a website coming from the Grand Lodge's website. This will allow members from across the state to view activities from lodges around the state. The Grand Lodge will do necessary software updates to the website and the local lodge's websites at no charge unless they want something special on their website. This will be a great savings for the Akron Lodge. I applaud the Grand Lodge for taking the initiative in setting up this website. Details will be forthcoming.

Please see the flyer for our Family Picnic on August 25, 2019

Mark Your Calendar:

July 11-13-Italian American Festival
Lock 3, Akron

July 11-13-Sons of Italy Booth at the
Italian American Festival

August 25-Family Picnic-Lions Park

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

September 23-Card Party-Quirk Center
Cuyahoga Falls 5:30 pm

October 12-Columbus Day Cotillion-
Tangiers 5 pm

October 20- General Meeting 1:30pm
Anthony Kucko Community Room

November 3-Memorial Mass Brunch,
10:30 a.m. at St. Anthony's Church

November 15-Toy Wrapping- for Project
RISE Kucko Anthony Funeral Home 7pm

November 23-Volunteering at the Holiday
Tree Festival

December-TBA Christmas Party

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Initiation/Scholarship Dinner

We had a very nice turnout for the dinner on May 1, 2019. Scholarships were awarded to Montgomery Hujar and Robert Morganti. I wish to express my appreciation for Past President Guido Margida Sr and his wife Rose for funding one of the Scholarships. We also received funding from the Norm Ross Memorial Fund and Pete and Diane Kalgreen. We also initiated five members: Marilyn Marino-Latine, Kathleen Musitano, Lisa Musitano Smith, Anthony Signorino and Vera Thornton.

Grand Lodge Convention

Our delegates who attended the 54th Biennial Grand Lodge Convention gave their reports. John Hujar discussed by law changes, Sue Latttavo sent a written report on the development of a new Grand Lodge website, Donna Ferrante talked about ways to increase membership and Vera Thornton gave a report on Italian Heritage and Culture and how to make the meetings more interesting.

Italian American Festival

The Italian American Festival will be held on July 11-13, 2019 at Lock 3 in Akron. Under the direction of John and Andrea Conti our Lodge will sponsor a booth at the Festival. Thank you to everyone who volunteered at our booth. Also thank you to everyone who volunteered for the Council from selling raffle tickets, selling beer tickets, working the Gondola booth chaired by Dennis Paonessa. The Akron Lodge is well represented at the Italian Council with many of our members holding offices: Ed Rauckhorst as Festival Treasurer, Vince Murdocco as Council Treasurer, Debbie Rauckhorst as Parliamentarian, John Conti, Nick DiOrio, Jo Murdocco, Dennis Paonessa and Pat Puhak as Trustees. John and Michelle Hujar chair the Scholarship Breakfast with Tomasina Elavsky handling the reservations. Much time is devoted to planning the Italian American Festival and we are glad to be able to be a part of Council.

Donations to Charities

We are going to donate money to charities this year at our Christmas Party. Please submit your suggestions by the September meeting. At the September meeting you will have the opportunity to speak for 5 minutes on the charity you are suggesting. It is up to who ever suggests a charity that they verify they are a 501 (c). We will take a vote at the October meeting to decide which charities will receive money. Recipients who received donations last year are not eligible this year. The charities suggested should be from the area.

Card Party

The annual fall Card Party will be held September 23, 2019 at the Quirk Cultural Center beginning at 5:30 pm. The co-chairs are Sue Lindeman and Toni Ross. Raffle tickets are being sent to all members by the end of July. If you are planning on attending please contact Sue or Toni. You don't have to play cards to attend. Some people play other games or just socialize with those at their table. For \$8.00 you get an Italian Sandwich from Devitis, a side dish, chips, dessert and beverage.

Memorial Mass/Brunch

There is a flyer in this newsletter for the Memorial Mass/Brunch. The Mass is 10:30 am at St Anthony Church on November 3, 2019 with the brunch following at The Venue in Tallmadge.

*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 applications can be printed from our website.*

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Congratulations!



Buon Compleanno!

Luglio

Keith Apffel
Frank Bevilacqua
Rosetta Dalessandro
Catherine DeLuca
Janet Gliha
Diane Kalgreen
Rose Margida
Louis Mascolo
Phyllis Mascolo
Judith Pallotta
Bess Ratcliff
Anthony Signorino
Lisa Musitano Smith

Agosto

Alfred Basile
Diane Brophy
John Conti
Janet DeVitis
Diane Evans
Mary Jane Kelly
Eleuterio Lattavo
Fr. Nicholas Mancini
Patricia Mascolo
Jaclyn Mure
Joseph Musitano
Michael Pera
Nancy Rinella
Antoinette Ross
Carmela Ventura

Settembre

Lisa Aglioti
Jackie Cassamento
James DeMarco
Nicholas DiOrio
Donald Ferrante
Eric Maghes
Anthony Marino
Maria Murdocco
Janet Mure
Kathleen Musitano
Robert Papparone
Joseph Rinella
Anthony Sgro
Michele Sgro

Sons of Italy Summer Picnic

August 25 from 12 - 5pm



Join us for: Bocce Ball Tournament, Raffle, Corn Hole, Sausage Sandwiches and Friendship!

Location: Lions Park Lodge, 641 Silver lake Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls.

Don't forget to bring: Side Dish to Share, Utensils, Tablecloth, Plates and a Raffle Item.

Bocce ball tournament winners win \$10 each and there will also be a "Just for Kids" raffle.

**Any questions call/email John and Michelle Hujar
Mehujar@yahoo.com
330-780-6214**

All are Welcome!



SONS OF ITALY LODGE #685 CARD PARTY

Monday, September 23, 2019

Quick Cultural Center, 1201 Grant Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls

5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Card party proceeds support the Sons of Italy's Charities such as:

Alzheimer's Association; Cooley's Anemia;

Doug Flutie Foundation for Autism; and Project Rise- a program for new toys for homeless children which are distributed by Akron Public Schools

ADMISSION TICKET.....\$8.00 per person

Includes Italian sandwich, side, chips, dessert and beverage.

RAFFLE PRIZES.....Tickets are 6 for \$5.00

First place winner-\$200 cash! Second place winner-\$100 cash!

Plus many other raffle baskets! Winner need not be present to win.



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