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*Sons of Italy in America
Akron Lodge 685
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April, May, June 2019

Notes from the President:

I want to thank everyone who attended the Spaghetti Dinner at the Carovillese Lodge on March 19. We had close to 60 guests and everyone was served meals promptly. Someone made a suggestion to have it again in June and then play bocce afterwards at their court. I will announce the date at the next meeting.

I wish to express my appreciation to the outgoing officers, Vice President Vince Murdocco, Orator Joe Rinella III, and trustees Dee Dee Dicresce, Rosina Puhak and Mary Schifano. I welcome all the new officers for this term and look forward to your suggestions.

Don't forget for the meeting on April 28 to bring a dish to share, either a side dish or dessert; the Lodge will furnish chicken and beverages. We will eat first and then begin our meeting.

The Akron lodge provided refreshments at the April 1 Italian Council meeting.

I would like to thank Toni Ross and Jo Murdocco for preparing and cooking the sausage and peppers, Dennis Paonessa for getting the beverages and Vince Murdocco, Rosina Puhak and Don Ferrante who helped serve and clean up.

Mark Your Calendar:

April 6-Reverse Raffle-St George Community Center -5:45 pm

April 28-General Meeting 1:30 pm
Covered Dish Meeting

May 1- Initiation/Scholarship Dinner

June 21-22-Grand Lodge Convention

June 30- General Meeting 1:30pm

Kucko Anthony Community Room

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

Kucko Anthony Community Room

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

October 12-Columbus Day Cotillion-
Tangiers

October 20- General Meeting 1:30pm

Kucko Anthony 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 Community Room 7pm

November 23-Volunteering at the Holiday
Tree Festival

December-TBA Christmas Party

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Initiation/Scholarship Dinner

Please see the enclosed flyer for the Initiation/Scholarship Dinner to be held on Wednesday May 1, 2019 at the Venue in Tallmadge. What better way to welcome our newest members and congratulate this year's Scholarship recipients. Chairpersons Joe Rinella III and Lenora Rinella have organized this wonderful event and hope that everyone can attend.

Grand Lodge Convention

The Grand Lodge Sons of Italy Convention will be held June 21-22 in Columbus. At our meeting in March we elected 4 delegates who will attend the convention: Donna Ferrante, John Hujar, Sue Lattavo and Vera Thornton. They will give a report at our meeting on June 30.

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. Please consider volunteering a shift on one of these days as it requires everyone's help to make this successful. We are also looking for someone to chair this booth for next year. There will be sign up sheets at the April meeting. There will also be sign up sheets to volunteer to sell beer tickets and to serve beer and wine for the Festival. The Italian Council also awards scholarships to children of Italian descent. Applications must be postmarked by May 9, 2019 and may be obtained from the Italian Council website it-am-org or you may contact President Pat Puhak at 330-714-0341.

Please remember in your prayers the following members who have been ill from January to March: Mary Jane Falcone, Mary Bratta, John Conti, Debi Rauckhorst, Tom Pinto, Linda Pinto, Mary McCreary, Terry Lattavo, Nick DiOrio, Ross Signorino, Carmela Ventura, Mary Schifano, Tony Morganti, Susan Cianciola, Dennis Paonessa.

*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!

aprile

Guiseppe Cassano
Mary Chapman
Anthony DeLuca
Angelo DeVitis
Steve Garritano
Lisa Hennessy
Terry Hennessy
Beverly Lampers
Ryan Lattavo
John Mascolo
Carlo Palmieri
Linda Parenti-Pinto
Judy Park
Rachele Pramick
Joe Rinella IV
Jonathan Ross
Enrico Tersigni
Nancy Rossi

maggio

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

giugno

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 THE SONS OF ITALY, AKRON LODGE #685
2019 INITIATION DINNER & SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION**

When: Wednesday, May 1, 2019

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

Time: Doors Open 5:30p.m. / Dinner 6:15p.m.

Cost: New Members Being Initiated & Scholarship Winners – Provided At No Charge
All Others - \$25.00 Per Person

Buffet Dinner includes: Tossed Garden Salad, Rolls, Penne Pasta (Marinara or Alfredo Sauce), Marinated Chicken Breast, Asiago Chicken, Roast Beef (Au Jus or Horseradish on the side), Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy & Green Beans. Dessert - Cheesecake Petits Fours (Chocolate, Raspberry or Plain). Included Drink Choices: Water, Decaf & Regular Coffee, Hot & Iced Tea, Lemonade, Various Pop.

Cash Bar Available: (\$3 Beer, \$4 Wine, \$5 Mixed Drinks).

There will be a raffle that will benefit the Alzheimer's Fund , Cooley's Anemia Fund, and the Doug Flutie Autism Fund. Raffle baskets donations would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Lenora Rinella if you are willing to donate for the raffle. **PLEASE NOTE: WE CAN NOT RAFFLE ANY ALCOHOL PRODUCTS.**

Mail check and the reservation form located below to:

Sons of Italy Initiation Dinner
c/o Joseph Rinella
1112 Cobblestone Drive
Tallmadge, Ohio 44278

Please make your check payable to: **Sons of Italy, Akron Lodge #685**

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019.

Please Direct All Questions to Lenora Rinella at (330) 592-9695.

We look forward to seeing each of you at the dinner as we formally welcome our new members and recognize our scholarship recipients for 2019.

Warmest Regards,
Joseph and Lenora Rinella, Co-Chairs

----- **CUT HERE & RETURN THE BELOW FORM WITH YOUR CHECK** -----
CURRENT MEMBER / GUESTS' NAMES: _____

NAME OF MEMBER(s) BEING INITIATED: _____
(No Charge to New Members Being Initiated)

Of Meals: _____ @ \$ 25.00 - Total Check Amount: \$ _____ Check# _____