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Akron Lodge 685
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Notes from the President:

As we begin the year 2018, let us be thankful for the many blessings God has bestowed on us. During the past year the Akron Lodge participated in many happy occasions and we also mourned the loss of several of our longtime members. Just last week we lost Julie Paonessa. As you can see from the calendar for 2018, we have many events scheduled. I hope that each of our members can attend these events and volunteer to work at many of these functions. We are in the planning stages of holding a pasta dinner for either February or March. At the suggestion of one of our members, and with Executive Board approval, we will be donating more funds to local charities. We will continue to support Cooley's Anemia, The Alzheimer's Association and Doug Flutie Foundation for Autism through donations to the Grand Lodge of Ohio. If any member has suggestions on what the Akron Lodge can do for the greater Akron community, please send your request to me by email: ppuhak@neo.rr.com or by mail to 418 Keith Ave, Akron OH 44313 or you can bring them to a meeting.

Mark Your Calendar:

January 21- General Meeting 1:30pm
Anthony Kucko Community Room
February 18- General Meeting 1:30pm
Anthony Kucko Community Room
February/March-Pasta Dinner-TBA
March 18- General Meeting 1:30pm
Anthony Kucko Community Room
April 7-Reverse Raffle-St George
Community Center
May 2-Intiation Dinner-The Venue
Tallmadge Circle
June 10- General Meeting 1:30pm
Anthony Kucko Community Room
July 12-14-Italian Festival
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Columbus Day Cotillion

The Council of Italian-American Societies held their 70th Anniversary Columbus Day Cotillion on October 14, 2017 at Guy's Party Center. The guests enjoyed a beautiful dinner along with delicious Italian cookies baked by council members. The evening was well planned by our members Michelle Hujar and Tomasina Elavsky with Cheryl Koshar helping with the reservations. Deborah Deptuch did a wonderful job in designing the program book. The Akron Lodge sponsored one of the Debutantes, Mia Isabella Latine, daughter of new member Marilyn Latine and grandparents of longtime members Tony and Mary Marino. The Junior Debutante was Isabella Rose Barb, granddaughter of Tomasina Elavsky. We were proud that one of the Merit Awards was won by Eric Maghes, who is always ready to lend a hand. Recently retired Akron Police Captain Dan Zampelli was presented a special award in honor of his years on the police force. The surprise of the evening was Council President Harry Ciccolini announcing that the President's Award was being given to Vince Murdocco, past President of the Italian Council. We congratulate everyone on receiving these deserving awards.

Memorial Mass/Brunch

There were approximately 70 guests who attended the Memorial Brunch on November 5, 2017 at the Venue in Tallmadge. We were pleased that this event was so well attended. Dennis Paonessa did an outstanding job as emcee with Toni Ross helping with planning the menu and taking care of the reservations. During the past year we lost the following members: Past President Norm Ross, Joseph Mure, Elizabeth DeCarlo, Vito DeCarlo, Joseph Belvedere Mary Paporone. In honor of our 100th Anniversary we also thanked the Past Presidents who are still with us: Jack Schifano, Guido Margida Sr, Carlo Palmieri, Don Ferrante and Tony Marino

Wine Tasting

Everyone had a good time at this year's Wine Tasting which was held on November 4, 2017 at Silver Springs Lodge in Stow. Thanks to our co-chairs Lou and Karen Mascolo and John and Phyllis Mascolo for hosting this event and also for everyone who donated food and helped that evening.

Toy Wrapping

Thanks to all the members who donated money or toys as we wrapped more than 230 toys this year on November 17, 2017 at Kucko Anthony Community Room. A big thank you to Mary Schifano who started this event and continues to chair this worthwhile event.

Volunteering at the Holiday Tree Festival

Every year a group of our members give up part of their Saturday evening during Thanksgiving weekend to donate their time at the Holiday Tree Festival sponsored by Children's Hospital. They assisted in selling raffle tickets and Christmas decorations or doing face painting for visitors. Thanks to Dennis Paonessa for recruiting the volunteers.

Christmas Party

For the 5th year, Ed and Dee Dee DiCresce co-chaired our annual Christmas Party on December 2, 2017 at St. George's Church Hall in Fairlawn. The hall and tables were beautifully decorated as guests enjoyed the hors d'oeuvres and buffet dinner prepared by TLC Catering and wonderful music by the Gene Fiocca Band. The special surprise was the presentation of the Peter Silletti Award which was given to Ed and Dee Dee DiCresce for all of their years of service to the Sons of Italy. Congratulations Ed and Dee Dee!

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Buon Compleanno!

Gennaio

Kathryn Frazzini Culver
Mark Jones
Cheryl Koshar
Anthony Margida
Guido Margida, Sr.
Aaron Rini
Vita Signorino-Moore
Thomas Teodosio
John Thomas
Harry Vezzani
John Villilo
Anna Zampelli

Febbraio

Thomas Abbott
James Caruso
Zachary Conti
John Deputch
Tomasina Elavsky
Tara Falcone-Pizer
Jackie Germano-Cassano
Joseph Pallotta
Lenora Rinella
Patricia Rossi
Jack Schifano
Ross Signorino
Daniel Zampelli

Marzo

Kathryn Brunn
Charlotte Buzzelli
Theresa Crimaldi
Edward DiCresce
Jeff Gliha
John Hujar
Mary Jones
Janet Leach
Eric Massoli
Josephine Murdocco
Vincent Murdocco
Donna Marie Pallotta
Michael Pallotta
Louise Pollard
Yolanda Schoblocher
Vincent Sgro
Virginia Ventrone
Jane Webb



