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

Deepest condolences for recent passing. Nigel Hujar, son of John and Michelle Hujar and grandson of Cheryl Koshar who passed away on June 14 at the age of 29. Fellow member Louise Pollard passed away on June 19. Louise was also Judi Willgues' aunt. Our deepest sympathies to the families.

We have many events planned for the remainder of the year. The Italian-American Festival at Lock 3 in Akron is July 12-14. If you aren't volunteering, please try to come down and enjoy the food and entertainment. The opening ceremony features the singing of the American and Italian National anthems by Michelle Hujar and the presentation of the flags from all the regions of Italy.

At the last Grand Lodge meeting held in May, a change was made to encourage young men and women to join the Sons Of Italy. Effective July 1, 2018, anyone between the ages of 16-21 may join the lodge and will not have to pay dues until they reach their 21st birthday.

One other event has been added; an Italian American Community Heritage Picnic is being held on Sunday, September 30 at the MAPS Museum in Green. This event is being done to bring the Italian community together and besides members of the Italian organizations in the area, there are many Italians in Summit County who do not belong to any lodge or club and we hope that they may wish to join one of our organizations. Details to follow.

Mark Your Calendar:

July 12-14-Italian Festival-Lock 3 Akron

August 8-Baseball outing Rubber Ducks

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

September 30-Italian American

Community Heritage Picnic-MAPS

Museum

October 7-Columbus Day Celebration

St Anthony's Church 10:30 am

October 13- Rolling Thunder Fundraiser

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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Initiation/Scholarship Dinner

Although Joe Rinella was unable to attend as co-chairperson for this dinner, his wife Nancy along with a few other members were able to assist at this event. We awarded scholarships to Zachary Conti and Kimberly Kramer. Our thanks to the Norm Ross Family, Guido and Rose Margida, and Pete and Diane Kalgreen who made donations that made these scholarships possible. We also initiated the following members: Cheryl Koshar, Carol Morganti, Tony Morganti, Lenora Rinella, Joseph Rinella IV, Aaron Rini, Dave Tersigni and Enrico(Hank) Tersigni.

Family Picnic

Please see the flyer in the newsletter for our Family Picnic on Sunday, August 25 at Lions Park Lodge in Cuyahoga Falls. John and Michelle Hujar have many activities planned. You are welcome to bring guests to this picnic.

Wine Tasting

Co-chairs Don and Donna Ferrante will be sending flyers to all members shortly for the Wine Tasting on Friday, September 21 at Silver Springs Park in Stow. There will be a good selection of Italian wines to taste, plus plenty of appetizers and desserts.

Card Party

The Sons of Italy Card Party is being held on Monday, September 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the Quirk Cultural Center. Chairperson Sue Lindeman will be sending raffle tickets in the mail shortly as well as information on purchasing admission tickets. Even if you can't attend the card party, please purchase the raffle tickets that will be sent.

*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*

*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!

Julio

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

Agosto

Alfred Basile
Mary Bratta
Diane Brophy
Susan Cianciola
John Conti
Janet DeVitis
Diane Evans
Susan Francis
Eleuterio Lattavo
Fr. Nicholas Mancini
Patricia Mascolo
Jaclyn Mure
Joseph Musitano
Sylvia Palmisano
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
Robert Papparone
Joseph Rinella
Anthony Sgro
Michele Sgro
Judith Willgues

Sons of Italy Summer Picnic August 26 from 12 - 6pm



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
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330-780-6214

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!