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Akron Lodge 685
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Akron Lodge 685 Newsletter

April May June 2023

Notes from the President:

Sorry the newsletter is a month late.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio held their quarterly meeting on Saturday, April 29, 2023. While we were not represented because the meeting was in Dayton, Don Ferrante who is a State Officer filled me in on highlights of the meeting. One item is the National Sons of Italy website has a members only section which requires a user ID and password which should be requested from Sue Lattavo. Her email is soigrandlodgeofoh@att.net. The Grand Lodge of Ohio Convention is June 15-17 in Columbus. Representing the Akron Lodge will be John Hujar, Donna Ferrante, Jack Schifano and Mary Schifano. I wish to thank all the convention delegates for volunteering to attend this convention. They will give a report at our meeting on June 25. Congratulations to this year's Scholarship recipients from the Akron Lodge: Francesca Cerutti, Jocelyn Hujar, Diana Metzler and Natalie Thornton. A special thanks to new member Jennifer Bolen who donated money to fund one scholarship. The Scholarships will be presented at our Banquet on May 24, 2023. A flyer is attached.

Upcoming events

May 24 Scholarship/Initiation Dinner

June 15-17 Grand Lodge Ohio Convention

June 25 Regular meeting

August 3-5 Italian American Festival

Downtown Akron

August 20 Family Picnic

September 17 Regular meeting

October 15 Regular Meeting

November 19 Memorial Mass

December Christmas Party TBA

Hospitality Chairperson

Our Hospitality Chairperson is Kay Metzler. If you know someone who is in the hospital or ill, please contact her at 330-329-6566.

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Reverse Raffle

Although the final numbers are not yet available, our proceeds from this year's event will be close to what was made last year. Thanks to Michelle and John Hujar and their entire committee. It takes a lot of volunteers to put on such an event. Besides that evening, the committee had to go to the shed to get all the items needed to put together this fundraiser. Everyone had an enjoyable evening with good friends and good food and drink.

Italian American Festival

The Italian American Festival is planned for August 3- 5, 2023. Due to construction in Lock 3, the festival will start in front of the Civic Theatre up Main Street to Cascade Plaza. There will lunch time concerts at the Cascade Plaza. The festival will also continue on Bowery Street with the main stage behind the Civic Theatre. The musical acts that have been booked are Doobie Brothers Tribute on Thursday, Abba Tribute band on Friday and Crosby, Stills, and Nash Tribute on Saturday. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Please see the Italian Council website: it-am.org. Details are still being worked out so vendors will have access to water and electric. We are planning to have a booth along with several other local Italian clubs. Also, as last year the Scholarships will be awarded at a breakfast on July 29 at St. George Church on Ridgewood Road, Fairlawn.



buon compleanno

aprile

GIUSEPPE CASSANO
BART CLEMENTE
BEVERLY LAMPERS
RYAN LATTAVO
JOHN MASCOLO
JUDY NICOLOSI
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DEBORAH DEPTUCH
DOLORES DICRESCE
DONNA FERRANTE
JOCELYN HUJAR
MICHELLE HUJAR
JOHN MANCINELLI
DAVID ZAMPELLI

giugno

FRANK AIELLO
FRANCESCA CERUTTI
KAREN CICIRELLO
ANDREA CONTI
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MARY JANE FALCONE
SUSAN LINDEMAN
MARIA MACCHIARELLA
DENNIS PAONESSA

You are invited to the Sons of Italy Akron Lodge #685 2023 Scholarship and Initiation Dinner and Ceremony

When: Wednesday, May 24th, 2023

Time: Doors open at 6:00pm, dinner at 6:45pm

Where: Guy's Party Center, Central Ballroom, 500 E. Waterloo Rd, Akron, OH 44319

Cost: New members being initiated, and Scholarship winners have no cost. Guests of new members and all other guests' meals are \$35 each.

Buffet dinner includes: Warm bread sticks, individually tossed salad, boneless fried chicken, Italian sausage, pasta primavera, roasted red skin potatoes, and Italian garden mix vegetable. Dessert will be available. Drinks include water, coffee, tea, and lemonade. A cash bar will be available.

A raffle will benefit the Alzheimer's Fund, the Cooley's Anemia Fund, and the Doug Flutie Autism Fund. **Raffle gifts are appreciated on or before the event.** Some suggestions include gift baskets, cheese, olive oil, flowers, plants, and gift certificates. Please bring your donated items to the event or contact Michele DeMarco to arrange drop-off.

Please make checks payable to "Sons of Italy Akron Lodge #685" and mail with the form below to:

Michele DeMarco
2044 E. Turkeyfoot Lake Road
Akron, OH 44312

Your reservation for dinner must be received by **Wednesday, May 17th, 2023**. Any questions about reservations can be directed to **Michele DeMarco** at **330-697-9974**.

Looking forward to seeing everyone as we formally welcome our new members and celebrate scholarship winners!!

Sincerely,
Michele DeMarco – Chair

~~~~~ **Reservation Form** ~~~~~

Current Member and Guest names: \_\_\_\_\_

New member/Scholarship winner name, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Meals: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 each = Total Check Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*no charge for new member or scholarship winner