



Summer 2021

AVANTI

Antonio Meucci Lodge #213, OSIA • White Plains, NY

UPCOMING Events

July

- 7/14 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 7/27 General Meeting, 7:30pm

August

- 8/11 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 8/24 General Meeting, 7:30pm

September

- 9/8 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 9/12 Annual Lodge Picnic
- 9/28 General Meeting, 7:30pm

October

- 10/9 Entertainment Night, 7:00pm
- 10/10 Columbus Wreath Ceremony
- 10/13 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 10/26 General Meeting, 7:30pm

November

- 11/7 Memorial Mass OLMC
- 11/10 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 11/12 Pocketbook Bingo
- 11/23 General Meeting, 7:30pm

December

- 12/5 Children's Christmas Party
- 12/8 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 12/31 New Years Eve Party

A Message from your President: Mario Cermele



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we start a truly new beginning in our personal lives and bring back our activities at the lodge we are recovering from this diabolical pandemic. To many of us and our families it has been a nightmare. It gives us all a special reminder that all our lives are precious and can change in any given moment. During this pandemic our lodge has suffered the loss of several officers and family members. As brothers and sisters, we have supported these families with our comfort, love and support knowing that all our efforts were much appreciated.

As we start to come back first and foremost, we owe a deep debt of gratitude to our Past President Antonio Amato and First Lady Tina

Amato and the entire former board for keeping our lodge alive and running in the best possible way. Our lodge has survived and is thriving thanks to all of them we are better and stronger doing what we do best. Congratulations and thank you to all of you from myself and the newly installed board.

Our motto is Sempre Avanti and it is shown always by the way our members come forward to help and support our new projects namely the beautification of our front yard including the cleanup and planting of the flowers a sight to behold and to enjoy by all. (See photos on our web site and Facebook page). To all who participated my heartfelt thanks. White Plains Beautification Committee has fulfilled our expressed wishes and has turned what once was an abandoned park into a small oasis, that we proudly sponsor with Antonio Meucci Lodge posted for all to see.

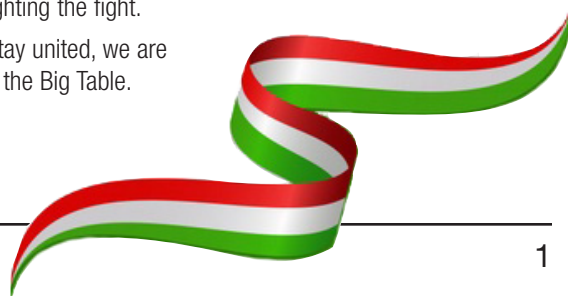
2021 Bocce Tournament our first outdoor activity is under the leadership of Brother Sam Amello, Sister Margaret Bernabei, Brother Vito Cirioni along with the assistance of Christopher Amello (a soon to be member). Our courts are under the total care of our brother Giuseppe Rosamilia, he is truly a superior artisan and thanks to Brother Anthony Micelli our court is very well illuminated (you can't miss seeing a throw). The Lodge is totally grateful and thanks both brothers for their talent and generous work at no cost to the lodge. Also, thanks to Brother Micelli our bar area is well lighted and is much appreciated by all those who use this room at the lodge. As President I say greetings to you my brothers and many thanks from all of your brother and sister members your generosity is much appreciated.

On Friday June 25th Sister Lucy and Brother Ray Tocci took up a challenge to bring our 1st event to our lodge a reunion. It was a sell out with a pasta dinner, music, Ray's ice cream wagon and the sparkling sparklers brought to all by the Meucci Rockettes. It was a wonderful event enjoyed by all. Sister Lucy and Brother Ray received many calls on Saturday morning by those in attendance thanking them for a wonderful event much needed by all, it was a celebration of heritage, friendship and love of our lodge. A big hug and thank you Sister Lucy and Brother Ray and your committee. We look forward to more events.

We are still working and supporting and ask you all to continue to do so and keep Columbus Holiday and Statues in our lives. We must keep fighting the fight.

My message to all of you is stay strong, stay united, we are second to none we have earned a seat at the Big Table. Sempre Avanti.

Mario Cermele
President





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OFFICERS 2021

Executive Board

Mario Cermele, President
Camille Tarone, 1st Vice President
Rita Cestone, 2nd Vice President
Antonio Amato, Immediate Past President
Cathy Grisanti, Orator
Caroline Baviello, Recording Secretary
Flavia DiNota, Corresponding Secretary
Annamaria Forte, Financial Secretary
Lina Amello, Treasurer
Michael DiSavino, Principal Trustee

Trustees

Tina Amato • Antonio Vincenzo Capicotto
Antonella Capicotto DeLia • Rita Carolini
Dominick D'Ambrosio • Charles Guastella
Maria Pippo • John Rubillo
Lucy Tocci • Nick Vaccarelli

Ceremonial Officers

Tony Cestone • Mary Morra

Sentinels

Joyce Ciccone • Antonio Pippo

Arbitration Committee

Gino DiMiceli • Nick Tucci
Dina Roselli • Richard Strobel
Joseph Tassone • Annunziata Vernillo

Past Presidents

Antonio Amato • Antonio Capicotto
Mario Cermele • Teresa Rivero
Frank Tarone • Rose Tassone • Charles Tota

Chaplain

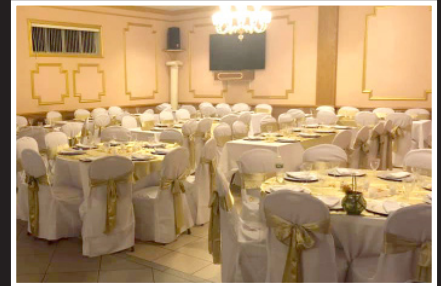
Joe Tanzi

District Lodge Deputy

Margaret Forte

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**Let's Party! The Lodge is available for your NEXT EVENT!
Contact Brother Mario at 325-1239 for available dates**



Congratulations

to our new District Lodge Deputy **Margaret Forte**.

Thank You

to our Past District Lodge Deputy **Cathy Lembo-Lloyd**
for all her years of service to the Antonio Meucci Lodge.

Thank you

to **Brother Luigi DiNota & Sister Flavia DiNota** for coordinating
the gravesite visit for **Brother Lenny & Sister Catherine Mignini**.
It was a very nice turnout of officers, family and friends
who paid their respects to the **Mignini & Cestone Families**.

Get Well Wishes

to the following Brothers and Sisters for a speedy recovery:

**Umberto Amato, Anna Burgio, Antonella De Lia,
Katherine Fusca, Mary Morra, Paula Pesaturo,
Vincenza Puja, Carmine Schiavello,
Patsy Sposato, Peter Viviano**

OFFICERS' MEETINGS

2nd Wed. of every month @ 7:30pm

July 14 • Aug. 11 • Sept. 8
Oct. 13 • Nov. 10 • Dec. 8

GENERAL MEETINGS

4th Tuesday of every month @ 7:30pm

July 27 • Aug. 24 • Sept. 28
Oct. 26 • Nov. 23

Members are NOT required to RSVP for general meetings.

If your phone number, address or email has changed please notify
Annamaria Forte of your new contact information: 914-772-8718.



New Arrivals

Congratulations to **President Mario Cermele & First Lady Pamela** on the birth of their granddaughter Camilla Valentina. Proud parents are Dr. Amy & Michael Olio.

Congratulations to **Sister Fillomena & Brother John Rubillo** on the birth of their granddaughter Lucy Rose. Proud parents are Diane and Michael Tresca.



Special Milestone Anniversaries

Congratulations

Sister Clara & Brother Patsy Sposato
on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Sister Tina & Brother Tony Amato
on their 55th Wedding Anniversary

Sister Rita & Brother Tony Cestone
on their 60th Wedding Anniversary

Sister Franca & Brother Tony Capicotto
on their 65th Wedding Anniversary

With Sympathy

Deepest Sympathy to **Brother Michael & Yolanda Clarizio** on the passing of Antonio Fulgenzi brother of Yolanda.

Deepest Sympathy to **Brothers Salvatore & Danny Cassanelli** on the passing of daughter and sister AnnaMaria Cassanelli.

Deepest sympathy to the **Mignini and Cestone** family on the passing of **Brother Lenny & Sister Catherine Mignini**.

Deepest sympathy to **Brother Felice Cristofaro** on the passing of his wife Wanda.

Deepest Sympathy to **Sister Mary Riguzzi** on the passing of her husband Richard.

Deepest sympathy to **Past President Teresa Rivero**, on the passing of her husband **Brother Domenico** and father to **Sister Maria Rivero Hoffman, Brother Ralph** and **William**.

Deepest Sympathy to **Brother Joe and Lillian Tanzi** on the passing of sister in law and sister Rosa Galasso.

Deepest Sympathy to **Brother Greg Sullivan** on the passing of his twin sister Cynthia Dunne.

Deepest Sympathy to the Trapasso family on the passing of their father **Brother Augustine Trapasso**.

Deepest Sympathy to **Brother Ron Cardillo** and family on the passing of his wife **Sister Margaret**.

Deepest Sympathy to **Past President Teresa Rivero** and family on the passing of **Brother Raffaele Rivero** brother in law and uncle.

Deepest sympathy to **Brother Charles Guastella** and family on the passing of his sister Angelina Guastella.

Photos of Our Lodge



Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to all our Scholarship winners: Jason Amato, Alyssa Bange, Alessia Cappello, Olivia Lembo.

Jason Amato is the recipient of the Scholarship in memory of Frank Tarrone

The following New York State awards were given to: Olivia Lembo who won the NY State Grand Lodge District IV LeAmiche Lodge #2550 Scholarship & the Christopher Agostino & Deceased members of the Anthony Maggiacomo Lodge # 2320 Memorial Scholarship

Thanks to the Scholarship Committee: Sister Rita Maria Carolini Chairperson, Sister Cathy Grisanti, Sister Annamaria Forte, Sister Jean Borrelli-Illardi, Sister Lucy Tocci, Sister Camille Tarone and Brother Joe Tanzi.

Special thank you to Brother Vito Cirioni for presenting a \$500.00 scholarship to White Plains High School Student Alexa Donahue in memory of Carlo, Berta & Gino Cirioni.



Repairs and Gardening



BOCCE Tournament 2021 - Come to see your favorite team!



Columbus Statue Rally NYC



Events Calendar



September 12 - Annual Lodge Picnic

Contact: Bro Charles Tota at 914-924-0347 or Bro Nick Vaccarelli at 914-424-8345

October 9 - Entertainment Night

Contact: Bro Umberto Amato 914 907-8755

October 10 - 10am Columbus Wreath Ceremony, Tibbets Park, White Plains

Contact: TBD

November 7 - Annual Memorial Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, White Plains, NY

Contact: Sis Rita Cestone at 914-948-3608

November 12 - Pocketbook Bingo

Contact: Sis Cathy Grisanti at 914-523-6158

December 5 - Children's Christmas Party

Contact: Sis Camille Tarone 914-946-5694

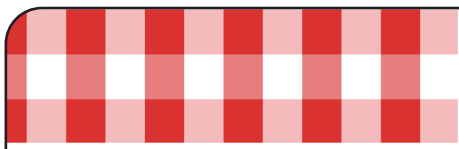
December 31 - New Years Eve Party

Contact: TBD

Sister Lucy Tocci is selling NY State Grand Lodge \$100.00 Raffle Tickets. Contact Lucy at 914-683-5448



ANTONIO MEUCCI LODGE #213 Annual Picnic



Place: Ridge Road Park Field #1 Harsdale, New York

Date: Sun., September 12, 2021
Time: 12:00 pm

Reservations:
Call Charles Tota 914-924-0347
Or Nick Vaccarelli 914-424-8345

Price: \$35.00 for adults
\$15.00 for children 10-17
Children under 10 FREE

A Little Reminder

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New State President

June 27, 2021: The Father Donald B Licata Lodge #2435 of District IV proudly endorses Michele Cangiano Ment as our new State President. Congratulations to President Elect Michelle and the newly elected incoming officers.



New President Michelle Ment and her husband Brother Eric Ment



Outgoing state President Tony Naccarato and his wife Sister Mary

Pasta Night - Reunion of the Lodge

Thank you to Sister Lucy and Brother Ray Tocci for all their hard work on the Pasta Reunion Night.



Columbus Statue



This is a donation from Casa Calabria.



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The Avanti will be published 4 times a year. Please mark your calendar for the events you would like to attend so you don't miss out on our wonderful events throughout the year.