



Fall 2023

AVANTI

Antonio Meucci Lodge #213, OSDIA - White Plains, NY

UPCOMING Events

September

- 9/13 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 9/26 General Meeting, 7:30pm

October

- 10/8 Wreath Ceremony, 10:00am
- 10/11 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 10/14 Vito Cirioni Day, 8:00am
- 10/24 General Meeting, 7:30pm
- 10/27 Halloween Party

November

- 11/5 Memorial Mass OLMC, 10:30am
- 11/8 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 11/17 Pocketbook Bingo, 5:30 pm
- 11/28 General Meeting, 7:30pm

December

- 12/10 Children's Christmas Party, 1pm
- 12/13 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- *** No General Meeting ***
- 12/31 New Year's Eve Party

A Message from your President: Mario Cermele



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome, it has been a very busy summer for all of us here at the lodge and now as the leaves begin to fall, we are ever so happy to start working on several events. As you begin to read this Avanti it is filled with happy events coming, I urge you all to mark your calendars and prepare along with us to enjoy our beautiful lodge, you will see the great work done by several of our members, walls, and concrete panels outside were cleaned and the driveway was repaved.

Our membership drive is so successful that soon we will be the #1 Lodge in the State, the Kensico Italian Festival celebrations broke all records-great time had by all, so much work by so many. Lodge picnic was exceptional with plenty of food and fun for all. A big

thank you to all of you who made this all possible without the hard work and time by those who volunteer all this would not be happening.

COLUMBUS DISCOVERED AMERICA WE NAMED IT. WE BUILT IT; WE SERVED IT. WE RESPECT IT. WE LOVE IT. As we approach the month of October please join us, it is your duty. On October 8th our Lodge will have a Columbus Statue Wreath Ceremony in White Plains, NY – a ceremony that has been performed by our Lodge for well over a century. Our speaker this year will be our very own Br Judge Francis Nicolai. We need your support! We will gather at the Statue on Broadway on Sunday by 10:00am. After the Wreath Ceremony you all are invited back to The Lodge for a wonderful complimentary breakfast prepared by First Lady Sr Pamela Danza and Chairperson Sr Rose Tassone. October 9th we will march in the Columbus Day Parade up 5th Avenue in New York City, join us! October 18, there is a raising of the Italian Flag at the Michaelian Bldgs. and the Italian Flag will be flown over the fountains downtown.

On October 14th we will be having a Brother Vito Cirioni Day starting at 8am followed by bocce games, corn hole, raffles, and food a day of fun for all in order to raise funds towards the Vito Cirioni scholarship. Please call Bro. Anthony Micelli for more information 914-879-6884.

November 5th, 2023 Annual Memorial Mass at Mt Carmel, White Plains. This year the celebrant will be Father Sorgie, and we will also have a celebration of life by unveiling a beautiful plaque dedicated to Br Tony Capicotto who made our Lodge building a reality. Brunch to follow at the lodge by First Lady Sister Pamela call 914-980-1055, or Sr Rita Cestone 914-948-3608.

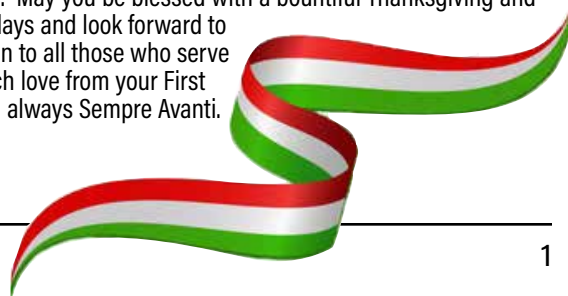
On Nov 17 will be another Pocketbook Bingo, Chairperson Sister Cathy Grisanti call 914-523-6158 for more info.

We now have a pod cast called THE LIONS DEN at 213 hosted by Br. Adam Pacecca, Br. Joe Griffo, and Br Nando Alpuche they have attracted and reached all our members with their talk show, lodge reviews and guests. Please listen, it is free and on your computer. Enjoy.

Children's Christmas Party will be hosted once again by Sister Camille Tarone and Sister Pamela Danza.

As I said in the beginning of my letter, we have many activities and events going on please see all the information on the following pages. May you be blessed with a bountiful Thanksgiving and stay well as we all enjoy the colorful fall days and look forward to the next season. My heartfelt thanks again to all those who serve and volunteer you are the best. With much love from your First Lady Sister Pamela and myself we remain always Sempre Avanti.

Fraternally,
Mario Cermele, President





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OFFICERS 2023

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
- Rosalia Miceli, Corresponding Secretary
- Annamaria Forte, Financial Secretary
- Lina Amello, Treasurer
- Dominick D'Ambrosio, Principal Trustee

Trustees

- Nando Alpuche - Tina Amato
- Rita Carolini - Antonella Capicotto DeLia
- Anthony Miceli - Gino Di Miceli - John Rubillo
- Richard Strobel - Lucy Tocci - Nick Vaccarelli

Ceremonial Officers

- Heidi Banziger - Tony Cestone

Sentinels

- Adam Pacceca - Dina Roselli

Arbitration Committee

- Maria DiMiceli - Joe Griffo (Pres.) - Charles Guastella
- Carlo Riccobono - Tina Salerno

Past Presidents

- Antonio Amato - Antonio Capicotto - Teresa Rivero
- Frank Tarone - Rose Tassone - Charles Tota

Chaplain

- Joe Tanzi

District Lodge Deputy

- Margaret Forte

LAMOSIA

- Pamela Danza (Treasurer) - Antonio Amato
- Rose Tassone - Teresa Rivero - Charles Tota

Antonio Meucci Lodge #213 Inc. Directors

- Umberto Amato - Michael Di Savino - Raymond Tocci

The Avanti is the official newsletter of the Antonio Meucci Lodge #213 and it is published Quarterly. Please submit all items for publication by the next day after the General Meeting preceding the month of publication. Contact Margherita Capicotto for all new submissions at fivecaps@optonline.net.

Let's Party!

The Lodge is available for your NEXT EVENT!
Members fee for rental \$500 + Insurance. Pricing Effective 2023
Contact Brother Mario at 325-1239 for available dates



Gift of sight luncheon

OFFICERS' MEETINGS

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

Oct. 11 - Nov. 8 - Dec. 13

GENERAL MEETINGS

4th Tuesday of every month @ 7:30pm

Oct. 24 - Nov. 28

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.

Deepest Sympathy

To **Sister Josephine DeMaria** on the loss of her beloved husband **Brother Antonio DeMaria**.

To **Brother Joe Rosamilla's** on the loss of his mother in law **Francesca Miele**.

To **Brother Danny Miele** on the loss of his sister **Francesca Miele**

Get Well Wishes

To our brothers and sisters
Anna Burgio, Pat Carolini, Matteo Cermele, Roselle Cucuzza, Katherine Fusca, Alberto Greco, Eugene Miceli, Connie Morabito, Charles Tota, Joe and Liz Zingone

Sending prayers and healing to all those not feeling well at this time.



Congratulations

Congratulations to **Sister Rita Carolini** on the marriage of her son **Gino** to **Jason Noble**.

Congratulations to **President Mario Cermele & First Lady Pamela Danza** on the engagement of their daughter **Nicole Cermele** and **Chris Mazingo Jr**

3RD ANNUAL WEST HARRISON ITALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 22, 2023
11:30 A.M. - 6:30 P.M.

LAKE STREET, WEST HARRISON

LIVE MUSIC FROM



LISA MESSINA
ANGELO VENUTO



DJ STEFANO



DJ SERG

FEATURING ITALIAN FOOD, GAMES, PRIZES, MUSIC,
FIREWORKS AT DUSK, AND MUCH MORE!

HOSTED BY:

MIKE GIORDANO AND ANDREA MORANO-SAGLIOCCO

You are invited



Westchester County Executive George Latimer
Invites you to

Join us as we Raise
the Italian Flag in Celebration of

Italian Heritage Month

Wednesday, October 18 • 6 p.m.

Michaelian Office Building
148 Martine Ave.

White Plains, NY 10601

Reception to Follow

Please RSVP to communications@westchestercounty.ny.gov by Wednesday, October 11.

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Westchester County
George Latimer
Westchester County Executive

Kensico Dam Italian Festival



Annual Picnic



Summer Bocce Champions



The Christopher Columbus Statue in the City of White Plains

We will continue our annual Lodge tradition commemorating Columbus Day that has spanned over 100 years on **October 8 at 10:00 am** at Tibbets Park on North Broadway in White Plains, NY. The statue has now been designated as an historical landmark on North Broadway. The Preservation Commission member and former City councilman Larry Delgado was an instrumental contributor to securing the statues new legal status. The statue is a beautiful marble statue and base carved in Carrara, Italy under the direction of sculptor Peter Celi of the Bronx. It was commissioned in 1913 at the cost of \$3000 which was raised by Italian residents of the then village of White Plains. We can only imagine the pride they must have felt when the Monument was dedicated in 1915. Because of Columbus, immigrants, first from Europe and then from all over the world, sought political and religious freedom, economic opportunities and a better life in America. We remember and cannot forget the hardships, discrimination, injustice and stereotyping faced by early Italian immigrants.


We hope you all can join us as we celebrate our heritage and stand up and say you are proud to be Italian.



Annual Memorial Mass

Sunday November 5 at 10:30 am there will be a Memorial Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 92 South Lexington Ave White Plains, NY. This is our mass celebrated by Father Anthony Sorgie who will celebrate in Italian. We will remember our departed brothers and sisters of our lodge. Following the mass please join us at the Antonio Meucci Lodge #213 for the Celebration of Life for our dear departed brother and Past President and builder of our lodge Antonio L. Capicotto. The ceremony will begin at noon. We will be remembering Antonio with an unveiling of a plaque followed by brunch. Please RSVP to Rita Cestone at 914-948-3608 or Sister Pamela Danza 914-980-1055.

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MEMORIAL MASS
FOR ALL DEPARTED MEMBERS
HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
OUR DEAR DEPARTED BROTHER AND PAST PRESIDENT
ANTONIO L. CAPICOTTO
NOVEMBER 5th 2023 | 10:30am
Mt. CARMEL CHURCH • WHITE PLAINS, NY
(Mass will be in Italian)

FOLLOWING MASS:
Meet at Lodge for Brunch
and
MEMORIAL PLAQUE PRESENTATION
IN BROTHER ANTONIO'S NAME

FOR BRUNCH RESERVATIONS
PLEASE CONTACT
SISTER
PAMELA DANZA
(914) 980-1055

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Events Calendar



October 8 - 10:00am Columbus Day Wreath Ceremony Tibbets Park, N. Broadway, WP
Contact: Sister Rose Tassone 914-557-2421

October 27- Haunted lodge Halloween Party
Contact: Sister Tina Salerno 914-774-5540

November 5 - 10:30am Memorial Mass
for deceased members at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church White Plains. Following mass the celebration of Life for Past President Antonio L Capicotto at the lodge.

Nov. 17 - Pocketbook Bingo
Designer Pocket book BINGO Doors OPEN at 5:30, games begin at 7:00pm. Tickets \$50. Come Join a fun night out to win beautiful authentic designer handbags. Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffles.
Contact: Sister Cathy Grisanti 914 523-6158

Dec. 10 - 1:00pm Children's Christmas
Call for more information.
Contact: Sister Camille Tarone 914-946-5694 or Sister Pamela Danza 914-980-1055

**Ep. 2
Special Guest:
Pres. Mario Cermele**

THE LION'S DEN @ 213
AN ITALIAN-AMERICAN PODCAST

HOSTED BY:
Adam Pacecca, Joe Griffo & Nando Alpuche

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A Little Reminder

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Check us out on our social media pages to stay up to date on current events at the Antonio Meucci Lodge#213



Facebook: Antonio Meucci Lodge 213 White Plains

Instagram: @Antonio.Meucci.Lodge

Website: <https://antonioimeuccilodge.com>

ANTONIO MEUCCI LODGE, N° 213
presents

**LEARN HOW TO PLAY
ITALIAN CARDS**

SCOPA
BRISCOLA
TRESSETTE

**THURSDAY NIGHTS
7:00 PM**

PLAY, LAUGH, AND HAVE FUN

\$5 DONATION
RECOMMENDED BUT NOT REQUIRED


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**COLUMBUS
WREATH CEREMONY**

OCTOBER 8, 2023 | 10:00 am • TIBBITS PARK
(North Broadway & Lake Street - White Plains, NY)

FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST AT THE LODGE



GUEST SPEAKER
FRANCIS A. NICOLAI

CONTACT:
Sister PAMELA DANZA
(914) 980-1055

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presents

**HAUNTED
LODGE**

HALLOWEEN PARTY

FRIDAY OCTOBER 27, 2023 | 7:00PM

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN DANCING AND GREAT FOOD
COSTUMES MANDATORY!!

MUSIC & VIDEO BY:
DJ NANDO

\$55/PERSON

INCLUDES APPETIZERS
HOT DINNER BUFFET
BEER WINE & SODA
RAFFLES
PRIZE FOR BEST COSTUME

**BRING
DESSERT
TO
SHARE!**

RSVP BY:
OCTOBER 13, 2023
CONTACT:
TINA CHILLEM SALERNO
(914) 774-5540

A SOCIAL COMMITTEE PRODUCTION
By: Anthony Miceli, Sis. Rosalia Miceli, Br. Adam Pozzani, Br. Joe Grillo, Sis. Nina Chillemi, Sis. Tina Chillemi Salerno, Br. Nando Alpocho
President Mario Carmelo

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 10th, 2023 @ 1:00pm

**CHILDREN'S
Christmas
PARTY**

JOIN US FOR ENTERTAINMENT, DESSERTS,
A PRESENT FOR EACH CHILD AND A VISIT FROM SANTA!

RSVP ASAP
with each child's name,
age, and gender.
Sis. Camille Tarone
Ph: (914) 946-5694
Ph: (914) 772-1768
tarone96@aol.com
or
Sis. Pamela Danza
Ph: (914) 980-1055

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YOUR TABLE &
DESSERT TO
SHARE!**

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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.



ANTONIO MEUCCI


Antonio Meucci was born in Florence on April 13, 1808, the eldest of nine children. Meucci began his academic career in the Florence Academy of Fine Arts at the age of 15 and eventually came to be a stage designer and technician at the Teatro della Pergola in Florence. It was here that he created an acoustic pipe telephone that could be used to communicate between the stage and the control room at the opera house.

He and his wife later moved to Cuba where he continued to work with innovations involving electricity, both for the theater world and beyond. His work included electroplating for the Army and using electrical impulses for pain relief. It was through this latter mentioned work he discovered the "electrophonic" effect which eventually led him to designing the "telegrafo parlante" or talking telegraph.

In 1850, Meucci and his wife settled in Staten Island, NY where he would set up a brewery, with his friend Giuseppe Garibaldi, and a tallow candle factory. However, he never lost interest in working with electricity and electrical innovations, and by 1856 he had created a system to communicate through wires, which was useful so he could speak with his invalid wife who was in a separate part of the house from where he worked. From 1856 to 1870 he created more than 30 telephone prototypes. Then, in 1871 he applied for a patent for his now-called "sound telegraph", however a failure to mention electromagnetic transmission of vocal sound on the patent caused it to lapse in 1874 and be taken by Alexander Graham Bell.

The legacy of Antonio Meucci must never be forgotten. He is a prolific and brilliant inventor who had his hand in various inventions and a man who can stand in the Pantheon of all great Italian inventors and thinkers.

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Brother Adam Paccora



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**WHO WAS
ANTONIO
MEUCCI**

