



Summer 2023

AVANTI

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

UPCOMING Events

July

- 7/12 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 7/23 Kensico Dam Festival
- 7/25 General Meeting, 7:30pm

August

- 8/9 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 8/22 General Meeting, 7:30pm
- 8/27 Annual Lodge Picnic

September

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

October

- 10/8 Wreath Ceremony
- 10/11 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 10/24 General Meeting, 7:30pm
- 10/28 Halloween Party

November

- 11/5 Memorial Mass OLMC
- 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



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Hoping that all of you are well and enjoying your summer. We here at the Lodge have been very busy getting ready for several events coming soon. I would like to thank all of you for your continuous and generous support and participation of all the activities. The membership has been growing by leaps and bounds, and we anticipate that we continue this forward. Our Lodge is very well recognized and admired in the State of New York not only for our increase in membership but our continuous events. We continue to support our brothers and sisters at the Grand Lodge, our community and maintain a positive image of whom we are and what we stand for Liberty, Fraternity and Equality.

As many of you have heard already of the passing of our Past State President Michelle Ment a dear friend of mine, we extend our deepest sympathy to her husband Eric and their family. May she rest in peace.

At this year's NYSOSDIA Convention in Albany our Lodge was represented by our nine delegates from the executive board. Our Avanti newsletter received the Most Promising newsletter award, Sister Margherita Capicotto, Editor and VP Sister Camille Tarone accepted the award, Br Gino Di Miceli was presented a jacket for recruiting the largest number of new members. Also, at this time the Lodge made generous contributions to several charities.

While back home we marched in the White Plains Armed Forces Parade, we were few but proud, thank you to Br Nick Fragnito for bringing out his two antique cars, those who marched job well done.

We sponsored the Funny Bunny Easter Egg Hunt for the children of White Plains along with a generous donation to the City of White Plains Dept of Recreations. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate so it was held inside however the reception of the attendees were incredible. A huge thank you to Sisters Lina Amello and Lucy Tocci along with myself and brothers Ray Tocci and Charles Tota.

The Scholarship Committee under the guidance of Sr Rita Carolini had an outstanding evening, read more information on the next pages, and enjoy the pictures.

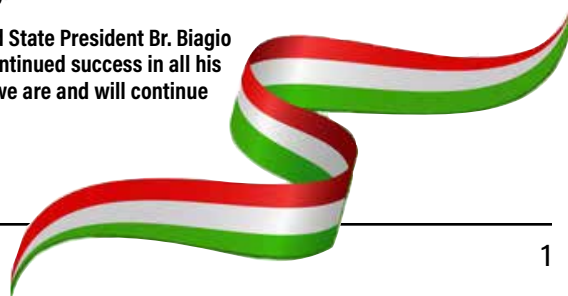
Bocce tournament is in full swing, under the leadership of Br. Anthony Miceli and Sister Margaret Bernabei come by the Lodge and see young and old members having a great time.

If you have not seen our beautiful Lodge landscape and bocce court please come by and see the outstanding picture-perfect job that was done by our Br. Giuseppe Rosamelia. The beautiful wooden fence was constructed by soon to be new member Signor Frank Autera.

And finally, as this Avanti goes to press, we are diligently working on our biggest fundraiser for the Lodge, the Kensico Dam Italian Festival sponsored by Antonio Meucci Lodge Inc. on Sunday July 23. Our committee (wonderful members) have been meeting and have been planning every Wednesday of the week for the past 2 months, in preparation of this big event. Those working endless hours are Br Ray Tocci, Br Mike Di Savino, Sr Cathy Grisanti, Br Charles Tota, Sr Camille Tarone, Sr Caroline Baviello, Sister Pamela Danza, Brother Tony and Sister Tina Amato, Sister Lucy Tocci, Sister Lina Amello, and Brother Dominick D'Ambrosio and our inhouse wizard Br Nando Alpuche. At times obstacles do arise, we rise above it all and we succeed. We are truly blessed with all of you and your talents. Thank you thank you. On another note, you all have received your raffle tickets by now and we thank you for all your financial support. Please remember to return all tickets along with your raffle money.

We say congratulations to our newest elected State President Br. Biagio Isgro and First Lady Marisol. We wish him continued success in all his endeavors, knowing that he is proud of who we are and will continue to do the work of our order.

Sempre Avanti,
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 Paccoca - 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



**Church of St. John the Evangelist
& Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

FESTA Italiana!

4 Fun-Filled Nights Celebrating Faith, Family and Friends

Thurs. & Fri. July 13 & 14, 6 pm - 11 pm

Saturday July 15, 5 pm - 11 pm

Sunday July 16, 2 pm - 9 pm

Traditional Italian Procession

Sunday July 16 at 1 pm followed by Mass

**at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
92 S. Lexington Ave., White Plains, NY**

- **Homemade Italian Food**
- **Air Conditioned Casino**
- **Peaches & Wine**
- **Espresso Bar**
- **\$10,000 Raffle**
- **Games & Prizes**
- **Nightly Entertainment**
- **Children's Entertainment**

OFFICERS' MEETINGS

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

July 12 - Aug. 9 - Sept. 13
Oct. 11 - Nov. 8 - Dec. 13

GENERAL MEETINGS

4th Tuesday of every month @ 7:30pm

July 25 - Aug. 22 - Sept. 26
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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to newly elected OSDIA State President **Biagio Isgro Jr. and First Lady Marisol.**

Deepest Sympathy

To the Eric Ment family on the loss of our beloved **NY State President Michelle Ment.**

To **Edith Zuzolo** and Family on the loss of her husband **Peter** Past State and National President.

To **Victoria Puja** on the loss of her sister-in-law Lisa Abatino.

To **Maria Verde** on the loss of her father-in-law past member **Alberto Verde.**

To the Marzella family on the loss of their mother **Philomena Marzella.**

To **Stephen Formica** on the loss of his mother-in-law Carol Henle.

New Arrivals

Congratulations to **Brother Edward and Sister Annamaria Luciano** on the birth of their grandson Justin Michael proud parents are Melissa and Eric Spoor.

Engagements

Congratulations to **President Mario Cermele and First Lady Pamela Danza** on the engagement of their daughter Danielle to Matt Pagni.

Get Well Wishes

To our brothers and sisters **Nadia Cappello, Tony Cestone, Benedetta Corvino, Margaret Forte, Mike Grisanti, Connie Morabito, Teresa Rivero, Dina Roselli, John Rubillo, Joe Salerno, Joe Tanzi, Charles Tota, Nina Villareale, Joe and Elizabeth Zingone.**

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

Bocce Tournament



Cornhole Tournament February 2023



Thank you to Br. Sal Cappello for organizing this HUGE event. The participation of members and non-members was phenomenal. Congratulations to the winners of the Tournament. Winning Team Wrong Hole- Jordan and Shirley Clay, Joel Sonny, and Mike Fascilla. Runners Up was Team 4 Baggin Your Cornhole- Anthony and Lorenzo Luciano and Ricky Thomas. Thank you to all who helped at the Snack bar area.



Carnevaletine Day Celebration

A beautiful evening was held on February 11, 2023. The committee transformed the lodge into a beautiful venue. Br. Nando Alpuche, President Mario Cermele, Sr. Nina Chillemi, Br. Joe Griffo, Br. Anthony and Rosalia Miceli, Br. Adam Pacecca and Sr. Tina Salerno, were committee members.



St. Patrick and St. Joseph Dinner Dance



A beautiful event celebrated both Saints on March 18, 2023, Thank you to Chairpersons Brother Sam and Sister Lina Amello for a beautiful celebration. We also had a surprise visit from the students of the McGough Academy of Irish Dance to entertain us.



Installation Night

Installation Night for our new Officers took place on March 28, 2023. The ceremony was conducted by incoming State President Biagio Isgro Jr. and NY State Deputy Marianne Bortone-Prince and State Principal Trustee Nancy Mascolo also in attendance was District Lodge Deputy Margaret Forte followed by a reception.

Congratulations to all our new Officers, and thank you to all who have served in the past.



Funny Bunny Easter Egg Hunt



The City of White Plains Parks and Recreation Funny Bunny Easter Egg Hunt was sponsored by the Lodge and the following members were in attendance and participated in running the event for the children of White Plains. Thank you to President Mario Cermele, Sister Lina Amello, Brother Ray and Sister Lucy Tocci and Brother Charles Tota.



Pocketbook Bingo - April 21, 2023



A big thank you to Sr. Cathy Grisanti chairperson and her committee, and to Br. Dominick D'Ambrosio and Br. Mike Di Savino for doing a great job as callers.

Events Calendar



July 23 - Kensico Dam Italian Festival, 12-6pm

Aug. 6 - Padre Pio Religious Shrine Retreat/Day Bus Trip

Cost \$55/per person. Hot lunch, drink and dessert will be provided. Bus departs 8:00am from New Rochelle City Hall. Mass, Museum Tour included. Contact Sister Maria Pippo for reservations 914-636-7870.

Aug. 27 - Annual Picnic

Ridge Road Park, Hartsdale, NY Music, Games, Raffle, Food and Magician plus MORE.



Contact: Brothers Charles Tota 914-924-0347, Anthony Miceli 914-879-6884, and Nick Vaccarelli 914-424-8345

October 8 - Columbus Day Wreath Ceremony

November 5 - 10:30am Memorial Mass for deceased members at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church White Plains. Followed by breakfast.

Nov. 17 - Pocketbook Bingo

Contact: Cathy Grisanti 914 523-6158

Dec. 10 - Children's Christmas

Contact: Sister Camille Tarone 914-946-5694 and Sister Pamela Danza 914-980-1055



Italian Heritage Festival

AT THE KENSICO DAM

SUNDAY JULY 23, 2023 | 12:00PM - 6:00PM

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING

ENTERTAINMENT SHOW MOBILE, DELICIOUS ITALIAN FOOD, ARTS & CRAFTS, CHILDREN'S GAMES, DANCING & MUSIC, ITALIAN CULTURAL EXHIBITS, FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

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The Lodge is a member of the Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA), the oldest and largest national organization in the US of Italian-American men and women. Antonio Meucci Lodge #213, Inc. is the charitable arm of Antonio Meucci Lodge #213 and a 501(c)(3) organization.






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://antonioameuccilodge.com>

Scholarship Award Winners - Congratulations to all!

Julia Del Pozzo was the recipient of the Antonio Meucci Lodge #213, 2023 Scholarship.

Kristian Mignini was the recipient of a special scholarship given to him by Vice President Camille Tarone in memory of his grandparents Brother Lenny and Sister Catherine Mignini.

Sophia Alexandrou was the recipient of the Vito Cirioni scholarship at the White Plains HS Senior awards night.

Marcello Cappello was the recipient of the NY State Graduate Scholarship Award. He is the son of Brother Sal and Sister Nadia Cappello. The award was presented to Marcello by NY State President Biagio Isgro Jr.



Scholarship committee: Sisters Cathy Grisanti, Lucy Tocci, Pres. Mario Cermele, Julia Del Pozzo recipient, Chairperson Sister Rita Carolini, Kristian Mignini recipient, Sisters Camille Tarone, Jean Borelli-Illardi and Brother Joe Tanzi



Sister Lucy Tocci, Sophia Alexandrou recipient, and Sister Rosemary Cirioni



OSDIA NY State Convention 2023 held in Albany, NY

The following delegates represented Antonio Meucci Lodge #213 at the convention Sister Rita Carolini, Brother Anthony and Sister Margherita Capicotto, Sister Pamela Danza, Brother Gino Di Miceli, Sister Cathy Grisanti, Sister Camille Tarone and Brother Charles Tota.

Our Lodge was the winner of the MOST PROMISING newsletter for our AVANTI. Vice President Camille Tarone and AVANTI Editor Sr. Margherita Capicotto accepted the award on behalf of the Lodge.



Brother Gino Di Miceli received a jacket for all his efforts in bringing more than 10 new members into the lodge in 2022. The lodge also was recognized with other lodges for having many new members in 2022.






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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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**WHO WAS
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