



Winter 2023

AVANTI

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

UPCOMING Events

February

- 2/8 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 2/28 General Meeting, 7:30pm

March

- 3/8 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 3/18 St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dinner Dance, 7:00-10:00pm
- 3/28 General Meeting, 7:30pm

April

- 4/12 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 4/21 Pocketbook Bingo, 6:00pm
- 4/25 General Meeting, 7:30pm

May

- 5/1 Scholarship Application Due
- 5/10 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 5/23 General Meeting, 7:30pm

June

- 6/8-10 Annual State Convention
- 6/14 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 6/27 General Meeting, 7:30pm

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

November

- 11/5 Memorial Mass OLMC
- 11/8 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 11/28 General Meeting, 7:30pm

A Message from your President: Mario Cermele



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We want to wish all of you the best that 2023 can give you. This past year was bittersweet. Our Lodge has many new members who have joined our ranks and share our passion. Sadly, we also lost many key members of our innermost circle. I know personally I will miss them dearly, however; we will carry on.

From our Past Venerable Br. Antonio Capicotto. Read this passage and it says so many things about all of us and our heritage.

**"Con il nostro Glorioso Passato, viviamo in un orgoglioso Presente Aspettiamo un-Brillante Futuro."
With our Glorious Past we live in a Proud Present, we look forward to a shining Future" these words were spoken many times.**

Our calendar agenda for 2023 is very active. Please join Committees, participate, by supporting our Lodge and the Order. Let all know that we are a force to reckon with. Always be aware of the negativity that is being pushed by some new individual, attacking our Heritage, Language programs, and most of all our Columbus icon and holiday.

Many thanks to our Past President Sr Teresa Rivero for coming back to help us with our first event for 2023 Pasta and Tombola. Thank you Br. Luigi Di Nota for calling our games and keeping cool, calm and collected under an extreme happy crowd. Also thank you to Br Anthony Miceli and Sr Rosalia Miceli for being chairpersons for this event, it was a great night thank you to all who came to support this event.

Our 2023 Corn Hole Tournament just ended and what a Tournament it was. Br Sal Cappello is a one-man Turbo engine. Br Sal made this a remarkable experience a major draw, and very popular with our members. The attendance to watch the games crowded the Lodge nightly, and all had a great time. Congratulations Br Sal and his son Antonino as well as Antonella Cappello and Guy DeSantis the 2023 Corn Hole Champions. Runner Up goes to Team Fascilla. Congratulations to TEAM CAPTIAN Mike Fascilla, Madison Fascilla, Jordan and Shirley Clay and Joel Sonny.

This coming February 11th our Social Committee is hosting CarneValentine night, I believe that what has been planned will truly make for an amazing night. It will be an elegant extravaganza. New members, new ideas, make for a better Lodge.

Look over our new website redesigned by Br Joe Griffo (amazing work). Check out our website www.antonioameuccilodge.com

Our Instagram account handled by Sr Rosalia Miceli. Our Facebook account by Sr Margherita Capicotto, Our Avanti Editors Sr Rita Cestone, Sr Camille Tarone and Sr Margherita Capicotto. Keep up to date on all our events and activities check us out on social media.

On March 28 we are installing a new Slate of Officers, many thanks to our Nominating Committee and their Chairperson Sr Pamela Danza for a job well done. Please join us that evening as our new officers will be installed.

Many have suggested that we have a social night event, where social games can be played, a computer help corner, teaching Italian cards, maybe serve some light meal, etc. We are looking to possibility having this on Thursday nights. Our Lodge is a great mix of personalities, get involved, help it grow and you never know what it can do for you.

In closing looking forward to a great 2023, join us, all are welcome, bring in new members there are a lot of us out there who share our pride, and let our children grandchildren know our story.

Liberty Equality, Fraternity
Sempre Avanti
Your President and First Lady
Br Mario & Sr Pamela



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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
- Flavia DiNota, Corresponding Secretary
- Annamaria Forte, Financial Secretary
- Lina Amello, Treasurer
- Michael DiSavino, Principal Trustee

Trustees

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

Ceremonial Officers

Tony Cestone

Sentinels

Gino DiMiceli • Antonio Pippo

Arbitration Committee

- Nando Alpuche • Maria DiMiceli • Stefano Matera
- Anthony Miceli (Pres.) • Rosalia Miceli • Dina Roselli
- Tina Salerno • Richard Strobel • Joseph Tassone

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 • Luigi DiNota • 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



Saving Columbus see OSIA website on social justice.

<https://www.osia.org/commission-for-social-justice/columbus-day>

Winners of 2023 CORNHOLE



Team Cappello won
Sal, Antonino, Antonella and Guy DeSantis

Runner up: Team Fascilla
Mike and Madison Fascilla,
Jordan and Shirley Clay, Joel Sonny

PASTA TOMBOLA NIGHT

Thank you Teresa Rivero
for helping at event
and making it a success.



OFFICERS' MEETINGS

- 2nd Wed. of every month @ 7:30pm
- Feb. 8 • March 8 • April 12 • May 10
- June 14 • July 12 • Aug. 9
- Sept. 13 • Oct. 11 • Nov. 8 • Dec. 13

GENERAL MEETINGS

- 4th Tuesday of every month @ 7:30pm
- Feb. 28 • March 28 • April 25
- May 23 • June 27 • 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.

With Sympathy

Sister Franca Capicotto, and the Capicotto Family on the loss of their dear husband, father and grandfather
Bro Antonio L. Capicotto

Brother Guy DeSantis on the loss of his mother Sandra DeSantis.

Brother Michael DiSavino, Bro Alberto Greco and Maria on the loss of their father Pasquale Greco.

Brother Lucio Gatti on the loss of his sister Pasqualina Cavallaro

Sister Rita Carolini on the loss of her brother John Mioli

Brother Sam & Sister Lina Amello on the loss of his father Raffaele Amello and **Brother Sam's** Aunt Pia Greto who also passed away.

Brother Umberto Amato on the loss of his sister-in-law Rosalia DiSalvo

Sister Suzanne Tarulli on the loss of her father Ferdinand Lucia.

Anna Gallo on the loss of her husband
Brother Mario Gallo and to his Sister Teresa and Brother-in-law Richard DeGroat

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

New Arrivals

Congratulations to **Brother Joe & Sister Rose Tassone** on the birth of their grandson Jack. Proud parents Joe Jr. & Kim Tassone.

Congratulations to **Brother Joseph & Sister Tina Maria Salerno** on the birth of their baby girl Marina God Bless.

Congratulations to
Pres. Mario Cermele and First Lady Pamela Danza on the birth of their grandson Vincenzo Gerardo Di Matteo. Proud parents Ashley & Gerry DiMatteo

Congratulations to **Brother Carmelo and Sister Joyce Ciccone** on the birth of their grandson Franco Arcciuolo and granddaughter Luciana Arcciuolo.

Congratulations to **Sister Daniela Rose** and her husband Kareem on the birth of her daughter Liliana.

Congratulations to **Sister Giovanna Luciano** on the birth of her two grandchildren-Sophia and Lia.

Congratulations to **Sister Julieann and Brother George Spiconardi** on the arrival of their son Noah.

Engagements

Congratulations to **Brother Pat and Kim Carolini** on the engagement of their daughter Damiana to Dominic DiMiceli son of Brother Gino and Sister Maria DiMiceli.

Congratulations to **Brother Tony and Sister Rita Cestone** on the engagement of their grandson Daniel John to Kelli Rose Schenkel. The wedding is planned for October 2023. May God Bless their new life together.

Anniversaries

Congratulations to **Brother Antonio & Sister Maria Pippo** on their 56th Wedding Anniversary on April 23. Married in 1967 in their town of Montemiletto Italy. Wishing you many more years of happiness.

Congratulations to **Brother Edward & Sister Antonella DeLia** on their 25th Wedding Anniversary this past September. Wishing you many more years of happiness.

Looking for Volunteers to be a Friendly Visitor for older adults in Westchester. Check out our website for all our volunteer opportunities. www.DOROTUSA.org

Are you an older adult feeling isolated please reach out to DOROT we are here to help. Call or email us to participate in our social programs and services.

**Volunteer.
Participate.
Get Connected!**



Connections are blooming this Spring! Volunteer or connect 1:1 through programs like Birthday & Activity Response Teams, Tech Coaching, Friendly Visiting, and Telephone Friends. Group peer activities include events onsite, University Without Walls (phone) or Onsite@Home (Zoom). There's something for everyone! Learn more by calling or emailing today.

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Humanitarian

Charitable Donations

The Antonio Meucci Lodge #213 Inc. has made the following charitable donations in 2022

Scholarships Including Vito Cirioni	\$ 500
Total Scholarships donation	\$ 7,000
Gift of Sight	\$ 2,000
White Plains Beautification Foundation	\$ 1,600
The Shepherd's Flock	\$ 1,500
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church	\$ 1,200
St. Anthony's Church	\$ 1,000
NY State Grand Lodge Charities	\$ 700
Garibaldi Meucci Museum	\$ 600
Italian Welfare League	\$ 500
Medal of Honor Post 112	\$ 100
Fieri Scholarship Fund	\$ 100

TOTAL DONATIONS \$16,800

Ukrainian Relief

Our lodge has made a donation to a Ukrainian Relief organization to help the refugees get supplies as well as a monetary donation. We gave \$500 to the needed refugees.



Shepherd's Flock

Thanks to the Antonio Meucci Lodge's more than generous donation of \$1,500, coupled with individual members contributions which together totaled \$3,000, the Shepherd's Flock was able to continue working to help and serve the poor in our community with basic necessities.

Our mission is to help organizations including The Mentoring Program/ Lifting Up Westchester; Bethel Baptist Church; The Coachman; Westhab; Cancer Support Team; Corpus Christi/Holy Rosary School; St. Peter's Episcopal Church; Don Bosco Community Center and others.

Part of your combined monetary gift has already been used to purchase a much-needed recliner for an ill cancer patient. The remainder is being used to feed the poor throughout the year. We purchase "Stop and Shop Cash for Causes" food gift cards which gives us a discount of 5%. The more we save, the more food we give to the poor.

The Shepherd's Flock is a self-sustained ministry of the Sisters of the Divine Compassion. It began its mission in March 2011 and has been instrumental in helping the above organizations. It is a 501©3 not for profit, non-sectarian community-based organization. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank each and every one of the members of the Antonio Meucci Lodge #213.

May God bless you for your generosity and for changing poor people's lives by giving them hope with confidence.

With Gratitude,
Sr. Alice Conrad, RDC



The Vito Cirioni Bocce Tournament 2022



The Vito Cirioni Fall Bocce Tournament first place winners and champions Team Miceli. Second Place winners Team Cappello. Congratulations to all 16 teams who participated. Thank You to our Bocce committee Anthony Miceli, Margaret Bernabei and Anthony Miceli Jr.



Children's Christmas Party - The Polar Express



Columbus Day Parade NYC

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DAILY NEWS \$176 MNTHS Ends Soon

New York City's Columbus Day Parade 2022

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Italian and Italian-Americans proudly display their flag's colors while watching the 78th Annual Columbus Day Parade as it returns to Fifth Avenue in New York City. (Luiz C. Ribeiro for New York Daily News)



Events Calendar



Feb 11 - Carnevalentine

Contact: Anthony Miceli 914-879-6884
 Rosalia Miceli 914-563-4909
 Joe Griffo 914-275-3273
 Tina Chilleni Salerno: 914-774-5540
 Nando Alpuche: 917-418-6990

Mar. 18 - St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dinner Dance

April 21 - Pocketbook Bingo

Contact: Cathy Grisanti 914 523-6158
 or Camille Tarone 914-772-1768

July 23 - Kensico Dam Italian Festival, 12-6pm Volunteers needed + corporate sponsors needed

Aug. 6 -Padre Pio Religious Shrine Retreat/Day Bus Trip
 Barto, PA - Mass, Museum. Bus departure 8:00am. Contact: Maria Pippo 914-636-7870

Aug. 27 - Annual Picnic
 Ridge Road Park, Hartsdale, NY Music, Games, Raffle, Food and Magician plus MORE. Contact: Charlie Tota 914-924-0347

All members are welcome to March 28th meeting to the installation of new officers. Come support our new board and leadership for the lodge.

Pocketbook Bingo



Antonio Meucci Lodge Scholarships

Over the years, the Annual Antonio Meucci Lodge #213 Scholarship program has expanded in many categories.

The Annual Antonio Meucci Lodge #213 Scholarships is awarded to a child or grandchild of a lodge member in good standing where dues are paid. In addition, the member must have joined the Lodge at least one year prior to the deadline of the Scholarship application.

There is also a scholarship to honor the memory of Past President Brother Frank Tarone. This scholarship is for someone who will pursue a career in the **Vocational/Technical Fields**.

These applications can be found on the Antonio Meucci Lodge Website: www.antoniomeuccilodge.com/forms The deadline for the Scholarship applications and all supportive materials:

Must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2023.

If you have any questions you can contact Sis Rita Carolini for further information at 914 656-4095

Also through the Antonio Meucci Lodge #213 Inc., the family of the late Brother Vito Cirioni will be awarding a perpetual The Vito Cirioni Memorial Scholarship in his name to a worthy senior recipient of White Plains High School. The criteria for the scholarship follow the guidelines of The Antonio Meucci Lodge #213 Scholarships. The selection for this winner is made by White Plains High School in Vito's name. Anyone who wishes to donate to this scholarship can do so by writing a check to the Antonio Meucci Lodge#213 Inc. and mail to 279 Maple Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606.

Additional Scholarship Opportunities

<https://www.niaf.org/programs/scholarships>

<https://columbusfoundation.org/students/scholarships>

Grand Lodge Scholarships of New York

In addition the Grand Lodge Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America has their own Scholarships that students can apply to.

Please note their deadline is March 31, 2023

Eligibility: Applicant must be of Italian descent and a resident of New York State. Undergraduate and graduate awards are presented to high school or college students who will begin full-time study for the fall academic term of the year their application is eligible to apply for competition. The scholarship awards are based on academic excellence and service. Students must have an average of 85% or above to apply.

Application Deadline: Applications and all supportive materials **must be postmarked no later than March 31 2023.**

Application Fee: **An application fee of \$10.00**, made payable to the NYSOSIA Grand Lodge Foundation, Inc. must be included with each application. For more information you can go to nysosia.org website and you can review the guidelines and download the SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION pdf.

Grants

The NYSOSIA Grand Lodge Foundation, Inc. also awards several grants for students with special needs. **The requirements for grants are the same as noted above with the exception of the need for a minimum of an 85% average. Also, all grant applicants are required to submit a written document of special need.**

If you have any questions regarding the State Scholarships you can contact Sis Margaret Forte District IV Chairperson for further information at 914 337-1387



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



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Website: <https://antoniomeuccilodge.com>



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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.