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A Message From the President, Antonio Meucci Lodge #213



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Finally Spring is upon us, and I personally can't wait for the warmer weather of Summer. As previously mentioned in my past Newsletters the Lodge is doing so many wonderful things and planning some exciting events. Hopefully, there is something for everyone and look forward to seeing you at some of these events.

On April 30th, Five of our Board members attended the Fieri Scholarship breakfast at the Bronx Zoo Lion's Den. We were excited to see one of our past scholarship recipient Julia DelPozzo daughter of Brother Joe DelPozzo and Dr Fulvia Milite-DelPozzo win a \$5000.00 Scholarship from the Italian American Forum. Congratulations Julia, we are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. Also thank you to Sisters Rita Carolini, Cathy Grisanti, Antonella Capicotta-Delia, and Brother Joe Tanzi for attending with me.

On May 2nd, the Lodge had a Comedy night chaired by Past President Mario Cermele. What a night of laughter and fun. The comedians were hysterically funny, especially RoRo Antonuccio. She definitely hit home with her act and brought me back to my childhood growing up in an Italian family. "So is it Sauce or Gravy. The consensus was it was Sauce".



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On Thursday May 15th . The Antonio Meucci Lodge will present a \$1000.00 Scholarship to a worthy student at White Plains High School. The winner this year is Abigail Darchelle. Abigail will receive the Vito Cirioni | Antonio Meucci Lodge Scholarship. This scholarship is in memory of our dear departed Brother Vito Cirioni a long time member of the Lodge, as well as the members of the Antonio Meucci Lodge. Sister Rosemary and myself along with Chairperson Rita Maria Carolini will be in attendance.

Another successful fundraiser for the Lodge has always been Pocketbook Bingo. That is scheduled for Friday May 16th. Sister Cathy Grisanti is the Chairperson, and Sister Pamela Danza is taking reservations. If interested please reach out to Sister Pamela for availability she can be reached on 914 980-1055.

On May 27th at our General Meeting we will not only install some new members who are excited to join our Lodge, but we will be presenting our Scholarship awards to our worthy candidates. I know Chairperson Sister Rita Maria Carolini and her committee have been working very hard going through the applications. So please join us that night as we celebrate the accomplishments of these individuals, the future of our Italian Heritage.

Another event we will be having in the month of May, is Movie Night. On Thursday May 29th. 7:00pm we will show the movie Cabrini, the story of Mother Frances Cabrini. It's free of charge. You can bring your own comfortable chair or lounge chair to enjoy the movie on our new 85 inch TV. For reservations



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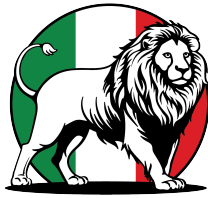
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*please call Sister Lucy Tocci 914 683-5448 or IPP Mario Cermele
914 325-1239*

*On June 13th the Lodge will have a steak night. The cost is \$65.00
per person. More information to follow, but you can make reservations by calling
Brother Richie Strobel 914 672-6070.*

*On June 14th, another event the Lodge will be doing in conjunction with
Stepinac High School will be an Oldies concert featuring the music of the Brooklyn
Bridge, Jackie Wilson, The Chiclettes etc. at Stepinac High School. The tickets are
\$50.00 per person, and for every ticket we sell the Lodge will receive \$10.00 back.
A great fundraiser for the Lodge. Call me for reservations on 914 772-1768.*

*One of our major fundraising events for the year will be in July where
we will celebrate our Italian Heritage at the Kenisco Dam. The date of the Festa is
July 20th. This year our honoree will be Nick Prisco from Prisco Appliances. The
Lodge is looking for any support possible with sponsorships, donations, vendors
etc. You can see our website for more information. Also our members will be receiving
raffle tickets in the mail. Your support would greatly be appreciated as we raise
money to support all our charitable donations through out the year. Volunteers are
also needed for that day. If interested in volunteering you can call Sister Caroline
Baviello 914 760-4095. Our next Festa meeting is May 20th, 7:00 so please feel
free to join us.*



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I liked to give a shoutout to Brothers Nando, Adam and Joe for another successful edition of your Podcast. It has gotten a lot of attention and your last guest Brother Bill Castello from the Garibaldi- Meucci Museum was very interesting and informative. I learned some interesting facts about Meucci and I can't wait to plan a trip to the museum.

The Cornhole playoffs are still underway, and we will soon begin the Spring/ Summer Bocce season. The Bocce season should begin in the next few weeks, however if you are interested in getting a team together there will be a meeting on May 8th, 7:00 pm at the Lodge.

Another event to save the date will be our annual picnic on August 31, 2025. Brothers Charles Tota, Anthony Miceli, and Nick Vaccarelli will Chair the event. More information to follow.

In closing I like to send special congratulations on some milestone anniversaries. To Brother Tony & Sister Rita Cestone 64 years, Brother Tony & Sister Tina Amato 59 years, Brother Joe & Louise Monticelli 59 years, and Brother Joe and Sister Rose Tassone 57 years. Amazing, congratulations to all of you.



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This Saturday May 10th Giovanni Roselli (AKA Romeo Roselli) nephew to Brother Charles Tota, Sister to Sister Dina Roselli and son of Brother Vince Roselli will be wrestling at the Westchester County Center. Tickets are still available. If interested you can reach out to Brother Charles Tota 914 924-0347.

I also would like to recognize Mr. Anthony Carolini son of Sister Rita Maria Carolini on his appointment as the new Principal of the Hawthorne Elementary School, in Hawthorne N.J. I can't help but remember you, your brother and sister growing up in the Lodge attending events with your parents. Your father Brother Nat would have been so proud of your accomplishments.

Also let's not forget the month of May is Military appreciation month. To all our veterans and military personnel we salute you and thank you for your service to this great country of ours, America.

*Sempre Avanti
President Camille.*