



Spring 2025

AVANTI

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

UPCOMING Events

June

- 6/11 Officers Meeting, 7:30pm
- 6/12 District IV Scholarship presentation
- 6/13 Steak Night, 6:30pm
- 6/14 Oldies Night at Stepinac HS
- 6/24 General Meeting, 7:30pm
- 6/26-6/29 NYS Convention

July

- 7/9 Officers Meeting, 7:30pm
- 7/20 Italian Heritage Festival Kenisco Dam
- 7/22 General Meeting, 7:30pm

August

- 8/13 Officers Meeting, 7:30pm
- 8/26 General Meeting, 7:30pm
- 8/31 Lodge Family Picnic

September

- 9/10 Officers Meeting, 7:30pm
- 9/23 General Meeting, 7:30pm

October

- 10/8 Officers Meeting, 7:30pm
- 10/12 Wreath Ceremony
- 10/13 NYC Columbus Day Parade
- 10/24 Halloween Party
- 10/28 General Meeting, 7:30pm

November

- 11/2 Memorial Mass @ OLMC
- 11/12 Officers Meeting, 7:30pm
- 11/14 Pocketbook Bingo
- 11/25 General Meeting, 7:30pm

December

- 12/7 Children's Christmas Party

A Message from your President: Camille Tarone



To My Brothers and Sisters,

Since becoming your President this is my first letter written for the Avanti. The last few months, as many of you know I have been writing monthly Newsletters to keep you abreast on what is going on in the Lodge. I do know there are quite a few of our members that do not have email and rely on the Avanti for the news on the Lodge as well as upcoming events that may be happening. If by chance you do have an e-mail and would like to share it please send an e-mail to antonioameuccilodge213@gmail.com and we will happily add you to the distribution list.

The Lodge is doing so many wonderful things and planning some exciting events in the near future. Hopefully, there is something for everyone and look forward to seeing you at some of these events.

Spring/Summer are always busy times for us at the Lodge. The Bocce season will begin the first week in June. Even if you are not playing Bocce I invite you to come watch the games. Trust me the games are exciting, intense and the teams are very competitive and enjoyable to watch.

On May 16th, the Lodge had another successful Pocketbook Bingo. I need to thank Chairperson Sister Cathy Grisanti and her amazing committee for all their hard work to make this event such a successful one.

At our last General meeting on May 27th, we installed 6 new members. To Sister Damiana & Brother Dominick DiMicelli, Sisters Dora Griffo, Rosemary Reo and Brothers Stephen Sorano, and Dale Ferraro Wilker, I would like to extend my personal congratulations for joining the Lodge. We also presented 13 Scholarships to worthy students of our members children. Congratulations to Olivia D'Ambrosio, Alex Del Pozzo, Alexa DiSalvo, Sofia Engongoro, Marco Griffo, Isabella Malandro, Jessica Olenchak, Olivia Pennella, Jack Paolo Srihari, Giada Stumpo, Sienna Tassone, Daniela Tornatore, Giulia Zingone. We are so proud of all your accomplishments.

I am encouraging all our members to support our major fundraiser which is our Italian Heritage Festival at the Kenisco Dam on Sunday July 20th. This year we will be honoring Nick Prisco of Prisco Appliances. Come enjoy the food, entertainment and the camaraderie with being with your Brothers and Sisters as we celebrate our Italian pride.

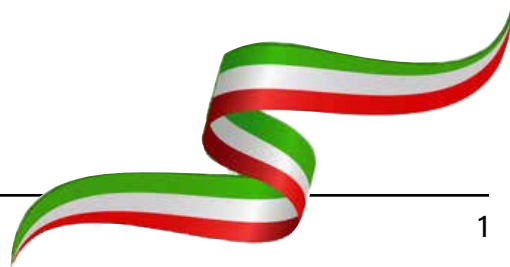
I like to give a special shout out to Brothers Nando Alpuche, Adam Paccoca, and Joe Griffo for another exciting edition of their Podcast. The Podcast has gotten a lot of attention not only from our Lodge but with other Lodges, and the National OSDIA. If you have the time you should listen to it.

In closing, I would like to thank IPP Mario Cermele for all your support, advice and guidance as I transition to this new role as President. I also would like to personally thank my Board of Officers from the bottom of my heart for stepping up, and I know with your desire, passion and commitment to the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy we will continue to move this Lodge forward.

I would like to congratulate all of our High School and College graduates. Here's wishing you a bright future and may all your dreams and aspirations come true.

Brothers and Sisters may you always remember our motto **Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.**

Sempre Avanti,
President Camille





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OFFICERS 2025

Executive Board

Camille Tarone, President
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Tina Amato, Rita Carolini, Maria DiMiceli
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Umberto Amato, Michael Di Savino, Raymond Tocchi

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.

Our March Installation welcomed new President Camille Tarone and her new slate of Officers

Installation of officers for term 2025-2027. Our congratulations to our New Lodge President Camille Tarone along with her new team of officer's. A sincere thank you goes out to our outgoing President, Mario Cermele and his officers for their exemplary service. We appreciate everything you have contributed to our lodge over the years.



Our February initiation welcomed many new members to join our Lodge which included IPP Mario Cermele's family members.



Our March initiation welcomed Dale Wilker, Damiana DiMiceli, Stephen Sorano, Dora Griffo, Rosemary Reo and not photographed Dominick DiMiceli.

OFFICERS' MEETINGS

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

Feb. 12 • March 12 • April 9 • May 14

June 11 • July 9 • August 13

Sept. 10 • Oct. 8 • Nov. 12 • Dec. 10

GENERAL MEETINGS

4th Tuesday of every month @ 7:30pm

Feb. 25 • March 25 • April 22 • May 27

June 24 • July 22 • August 26

Sept. 23 • Oct. 28 • Nov. 25

Members are NOT required to RSVP for general meetings.

Deepest Sympathy

To **Brother Danny Miele and the Rosamilia Family**
on the passing of Danny's brother Frank

To **Brothers Christopher and Alexander Famularo** on the passing
of wife Denise and mother to Christopher

To **Brother Carlo Riccobono** on passing
of his father in law Peter Luongo

To **Brother John DiPilato and Sister Antoinette Cinicola** on the passing
of their Sister-in-law Carolyn DiPilato

To our **late Brother Carlo & Sister Emelia Scalfani**
on the passing of their daughter Dina

To **Brother Joe and Sister Toni Marie Amato**
on the passing of Toni Marie's brother John Ruggiero

To **Brother Pasty and Sister Clara Sposato** on the
passing of their sister in law Margaret Mantelli

To **Sister Gina Penirelli** on the passing
of her sister Maria Forcone

To **Brother Mike DiSavino** on the passing
of his Aunt Maria Gentile

To **The families of Rosa Ortiz, and Sisters Lynda & Lillian Innocenzi**
on the passing of **Sister Mary Morra**.
Mary was a long time member
of the Lodge and will sorely be missed.

To **Brother Gerry & Sister Elena Pesce** on the passing
of Gerry's two sisters Silvia Cutaia, and Ida Esposito

Military Appreciation

The month of May was Military appreciation month.

To all our veterans and military personnel,
we salute you and thank you for your service
to this great country of our AMERICA.

Get Well Wishes

To our Brothers and Sisters

**Carmine Drago, Rose Tassone, Teresa Rivero,
Anna Maria Forte, Madeline Matteuci,
Lucy Tocci, Antonio Mule, Ralph D'Andrea,
Nina Marie Chillemi, Vincenzo Roselli**

Sending prayers and healing to all those not feeling well.

Congratulations

To **Sister Dina Roselli** on the promotion of her son
Brother Daniel Cochrane to 2nd Lieutenant
to West Harrison Fire Department

Congratulations to Anthony Carolini
son of **Sister Rita Maria Carolini**
on his appointment as the new Principal of the
Hawthorne Elementary School, Hawthorne New York

Milestone Anniversary Congratulations Wishes

Brother Tony and Sister Rita Cestone - 64 years

Brother Tony and Sister Tina Amato - 59 years

Brother Joe and Louise Monticelli - 59 years

Brother Joe and Sister Rose Tassone - 57 years

Congratulations to all of you!

Congratulations to All our Graduates

Congratulations to all our High School and
College Graduates. We are so proud of your
accomplishments and we know you will make
us even prouder as you continue with your
academic studies or in your professional career.

If you would like to publish milestones about your family i.e. weddings, births, anniversaries etc.
please contact Sr. Margherita Capicotto at 914-980-7987 and your information will be added to next AVANTI.

Scholarship Award Winners - Congratulations to all!

These are from Fieri Scholarship Breakfast.
Congratulations to Scholarship recipients Scholarship winner was Julia DelPozzo daughter of Brother Joseph and Dr. Fulvia Mille-DelPozzo.



The Antonio Meucci Lodge #213 Scholarship Awards for 2025. Congratulations to Olivia D'Ambrosio, Alex DelPozzo, Alexa DiSalva, Sofia Engongoro, Marco Griffo, Isabella Malandro, Jessica Olenchak, Olivia Pennella, Jack Srihari, Giada Stumpo, Sienna Tassone, Daniela Tornatore and Julia Zingone. What a group of amazingly smart individuals. The work they have put into their high school career has been impressive. Good luck to all of them on their next chapter of life in College.



We also had two guest speakers, previous scholarship winners, Julia DelPozzo and Jessica Santoli, return to address the new scholarship winners. We would also like to thank The Scholarship Committee, led by Rita Carolini, and her committee members. Their tireless efforts and commitment were instrumental in the selection process.

Congratulations to WPHS Senior Abigail Dorchak on receiving the Vito Cirioni Scholarship.

Rosemary Cirioni awarded Abigail at the scholarship ceremony at WPHS. Madame President Camille Tarone and Rita Carolini were also in attendance



Funny Bunny Easter Egg Hunt at White Plains High School

The Funny Bunny Event was sponsored by The Antonio Meucci Lodge for the city of White Plains. It was held at White Plains High School. Children pre K to 5th grade participated in hunting for 15,000 eggs. Thank you members who volunteered. Left photo: Sister Cathy Grisanti, Mayor Roach, Sisters Caroline Baviello, Lina Amello, Maria DiMiceli, Pres. Camille Tarone, Sister Lucy Tocci. Not pictured Brothers Ray Tocci, and Adam Pacceca. Right Photo: President Camille Tarone, Funny Bunny, Beth Bricker City of WP Parks and Recreation Dept.



Comedy Night



Left to right: President Camille Tarone, Brother Nando Alpuche, Comedian Eric Haft, Comedian RoRo Antonuccio, Brother Anthony Miceli, IPP Mario Cermele, Sister Cathy Grisanti, and Brother Richie Strobel

Winners of this years CORNHOLE Tournament

First Place Ferrari - Joe, Roberto, Massimo & Maurizio Rosamilia, Danny Miele, and Gerry Padula

Second Place Ebony & Ivories - Joel Sonny, Margaret Bernabei, and Glen Kreiger

Third Place The OLD NY Jets - John Rubillo & Danny Cassanelli



Congratulations to our winners!

Thank You to our Chairpeople Margaret Bernabei, Joel Sonny, Maurizio Rosamilia & John Rubillo

Garden Committee



Thank you to our gardeners who keep our lodge looking beautiful.

Past President Mario Cermele, Brother Frank Autera, Brother Dominick D'Ambrosio, Brother Nick Fragnito, Madame President Camille Tarone

Not present Past President Tony Amato, & Brother Tony Santoli

Events Calendar



June 13 - Steak Night \$65.00 per person
Chairman Richard Strobel
914-672-6070

June 14 - Oldies Night at Stepinac H.S.
\$50.00 per person.
Call President Camille 914-772-1768

July 20 - Italian Heritage Festival
Kensico Dam

August 31 - Lodge Family Picnic

October 12 - Wreath Ceremony

October 13 - NYC Columbus Day Parade

October 24 - Halloween Party

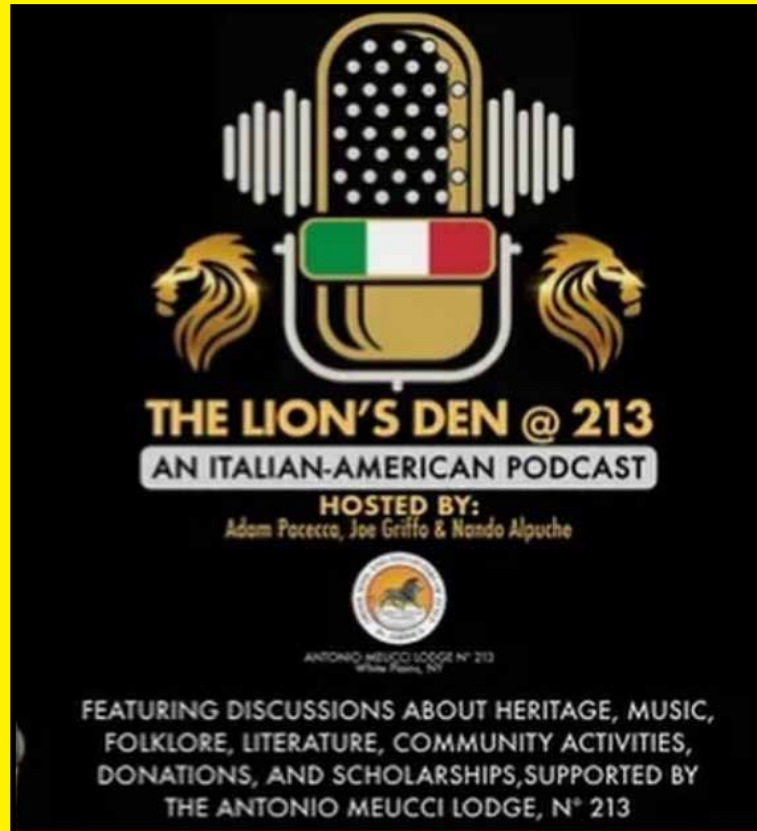
November 2 - Memorial Mass

November 14 - Pocketbook Bingo

December 7 - Children's Christmas Party

If you have moved, changed email or phone please notify us with your new contact information so we can keep our records up to date.
 Contact Camille Tarone at
 914-772-1768 or
 email tarone96@aol.com

Check out our PODCAST see link.
<https://antoniomeuccilodge.com/the-lions-den-podcast>



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Adopt a Park



Lucy Tocci and Camille Tarone with Ken Jenkins at the Adopt A Park appreciation breakfast.

NY OSDIA Annual State Convention

This year the annual convention will be held on June 26-29, 2025 at the Crowne Plaza Albany, Desmond Hotel.

Our Lodge is one of the oldest Lodges in the State and the largest in District IV. Due to the numbers of members in our Lodge we are required to send 10 Delegates which includes the President, and Vice President. This year the people who will be attending the convention are. President Camille Tarone, IPP Mario Cermele, Sisters Cathy Grisanti, Caroline Baviello, Roselle Cucuzza, Pamela Danza, Rosalia Miceli, Dora Griffo, and Brothers Anthony Miceli, and Joe Griffo.

Many events and activities will take place during the weekend including the appointment of a new State President Arthur Sperra.

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STEAK NIGHT

JUNE 13, 2025 Doors open at 6:30pm

\$65 Per Person

INCLUDES

ANTIPASTO
Cheese, Cured Meats, Olives, Roasted Peppers, Hot Peppers & Bread

PASTA
Penne Alla Vodka

SALAD

MAIN COURSE
12oz Ribeye Steak Cooked to Order
Baked Potato
Vegetable
Alternatives: Chicken & Vegetarian Available

COFFEE & DESSERT

BEER, SODA, WATER

FOR RESERVATIONS:
Brother Richie Strobel: (914) 672-6070
IPP Mario Cerniele (914) 324-1239

Music By:
DJ MIKE

RSVP by June 5th, 2025
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Italian Heritage Festival

AT THE KENSICO DAM
1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla, NY 10595

SUNDAY JULY 20, 2025 | 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!

HONORED GUEST


NICK PRISCO
Prisco's Home Appliance Center,
White Plains, NY

LIVE ON-STAGE ENTERTAINMENT BY:


CAROZZA ENTERTAINMENT

MUSIC ON THE PATIO BY:


DJ MARCELLO "MCO"

HOSTED BY:


NANDO ALPUCHE

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Carnevale




Pocketbook Bingo





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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 as 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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