

Fall 2024

AVANTI

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



UPCOMING Events

November

- 11/15** Pocketbook Bingo
11/26 General Meeting, 7:30pm

December

- 12/8** Children's Christmas Party
12/18 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm



Cornhole just started at the Lodge. Come down to support your team. Co-Chairs Sister Margaret Bernabei and Joel Sonny are chairing that event.

They play Monday and Wednesday nights starting at 7:00pm



A Message from your President: Mario Cermele



My Brothers and Sisters

Wishing you all the happiest of holidays with health, happiness and peace.

Our Lodge has been so active and full of life, from Comedy night to Pocketbook Bingo, Halloween Night, Corn Hole, and the Bocce Tournament just to name a few. We truly appreciate the incredible support from

all of our members.

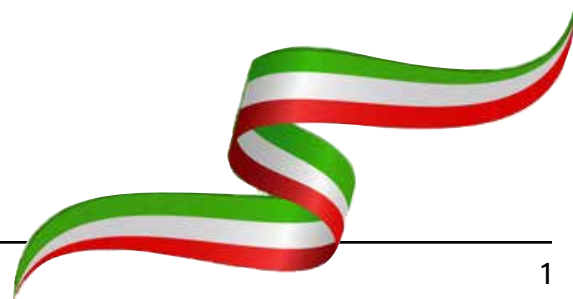
Our membership has grown and is still growing. Thank you all because through your support, we are able to reach out and help our many needy charities, and help many people have a happier holiday. You guys are truly the best.

Just a small note to each and everyone of you, I don't know when the next Avanti will be published, so I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during my term as president. Next year our Lodge will have a new President and slate of officers, and I ask you to offer them the same support you have offered my administration.

I am looking forward to the new administration, and will always be there to help in any way needed.

Sempre Avanti
Fraternally
Your President
Mario Cermele

We have added new members to our lodge. We just installed a totally of 18 since this past summer. Please say Hi to a new member if you see them at an event and welcome them to our lodge.





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OFFICERS 2024

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
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Joe Tanzi

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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 + \$150 clean up fee + Insurance. Pricing Effective 2024

Contact Brother Mario at 325-1239 for available dates & times



Election of Officers

The Lodge will be holding elections for a new slate of Officers for the incoming year of March 2025. The State protocol is that notification must be given to all members who wish to be an Officer 90 days notice in

writing. Since we do not have a December meeting notifications need to be completed by November. The nominating committee will meet and interview candidates for office and shall present its report, including recommendations of candidates for office, at the regular meeting held in January preceding the election. In January 2025, the slate of Officers will be read, and if any candidate who wishes to run from the floor, an election will be done in February, with installation of the new Officers in March. Candidate must be a member for 6 months and in good standing of the Lodge to run for a position. If anyone is interested in becoming an Officer please let Pamela Danza Chairperson of the nominating committee know of your intention. Pamela can be reached at 914 980-1055.

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

OFFICERS' MEETINGS

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

August 14 • Sept. 11

Oct. 9 • Nov. 13 • Dec. 18

Members are NOT required to RSVP for general meetings.

GENERAL MEETINGS

4th Tuesday of every month @ 7:30pm

August 27 • Sept. 24

Oct. 22 • Nov. 26

Deepest Sympathy

To **Brother Angelo and Sister Marietta Materia**
and entire family on the passing
of Angelo's sister Domenica

To the Family of **Brother Joeseeph Delfino**
on his passing

To **Brother Thomas Minafra**
on the passing of his nephew Steve Nikolla

To **Sister Margaret Colavito**
on the passing of her husband Anthony Colavito

To the family of **Sister Anna Burgio** on her passing

To **Sister Alice** of Shepherds Flock on her passing

Get Well Wishes

To our brothers and sisters

**Antonio Amato, Frank Amato Sam Amello,
Margaret Bernabei, Sal Cassanelli, Yolanda Clarizio,
Lucy Codella, Marceo Correra Jr., Mike Grisanti,
Penny Pepe, Vincenza Puja, Lillian Tanzi,
Teresa Rivero, Joe and Liz Zingone**

Sending prayers and healing to all those not feeling well.

Thinking of You

Lillian Tanzi wife of Joseph Tanzi

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.

Professor Scafani

This Morning we gathered at Westchester Community College by the Gateway Building grounds where Br Carlo was an institution for well over 50 years.

A beautiful oak tree was planted, it was a very moving ceremony led by WCC College Dean. She read a beautiful tribute written by Lodge Brother Vito Tassone (a former student and friend to Br Carlo) followed by a wonderful eulogy given by Br Carlo daughter Dina. I along with Sr Camille brought best wishes to Sr Emilia from our Lodge.



Rita R. Cestone Hall of Fame

On October 13 we honored our Sister Rita R. Cestone for her 40 plus years as a member of the Antonio Meucci Lodge #213. She is now a member of our Hall of Fame. Rita has dedicated many years to the lodge and is very deserving. She personifies the ideals and principles of our beloved Order. Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity. She was presented with many proclamations from our County Executive George Latimer, Commissioner of Social Justice Robert Ferrito, plus many other awards. Her name was also in lights at the Westchester County Center showcasing her as our Hall of Fame recipient. Thank you to Sister Pamela Danza and her committee for planning this beautiful celebration for Rita.



Bocce Season



Our bocce season kicked off in May with a fantastic turnout of 14 teams competing fiercely. Game days were held during the week from Monday through Thursday. Each team brought their A-game this season, showing off their skill and sportsmanship. We were met with a great crowd of spectators every evening, cheering on the teams. The championship game took place on October 8th, featuring an intense face-off between Team Mount Vernon and Team Ferrari. The match was a nail biter that extended into the early morning hours, keeping everyone on the edge of their seats. Team Mount Vernon (Captain Guy DeSantis, Tommaso DeSantis, Chris Giordano & Chris Saccomona) emerged victorious, taking home the gold medal. On October 17th a championship dinner was held where Team Mount Vernon

received their gold medals and Team Ferrari was awarded silver medals. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported our bocce season! Thank you to co-chairpersons Brother Anthony Miceli and Sister Margaret Bernabei for all of their hard work to organization this great event. We can't wait for next season.

Halloween Party

What a fantastic night at our Haunted Shipwreck Halloween party. The night was filled with plenty of food, drink and dancing. All costumes were amazing. Congratulations to our Costume winners.

Best couple costume: Colonel Sanders - Frank Autera, and The Chicken - Camille Tarone

Best female costume: The Scopa Queen - Roselle Cucuzza

Best male costume: Beetlejuice - Mike Grisanti

A huge thank you to our social committee for organizing such a fun event. Also thank you to DJ's Nando and Marcello and Cermeles Catering.



Columbus Day Wreath Ceremony & NYC Parade



On October 13 we had our annual Columbus Day wreath ceremony. Thank you to Brother Judge Pat Gizzo and Sister Mara Persampieri for speaking at the ceremony and presenting the wreath.

Our lodge also had a representation at the NYC Annual Columbus Day Parade. Thank you to everyone who came out to support us.



Events Calendar



November 15 - Pocketbook Bingo

December 8 - Childrens Christmas Party

We had the following successful events this past summer and fall season:

6/7 St. Anthony's Festival where we had a membership booth

9/14 Gift of Sight where the Lodge presented a check for \$2000

9/22 The Casino bus trip to Resorts World Casino

10/2 dedication at WCC for Professor Sclafani

10/20 West Harrison Festival membership table

11/15 Comedy night

Check out our recent podcast about Dual Italian Citizenship

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Shepherd's Flock Toy Drive

Dear Brother and Sisters,

Thank you in advance for continuing the legacy of Sr. Alice Conrad who founded SHEPHERD'S FLOCK at the age of 80. With great sadness, Sr. Alice passed away unexpectedly on October 27, 2024 at the age of 94.

The Antonio Meucci Lodge has been very generous to this organization in providing donations to children and their families with much needed items. Sr. Alice's intention was always "taking care of the poorest of the poor, especially the working poor" in our Community.

Now with Christmas rapidly approaching, the following guidelines might be helpful in deciding what to buy in donating to our Shepherd's Flock Toy Drive. All items must be new. With this toy drive, there are children actually receiving a new toy for the first time in their lives. But clothing is also needed. Size does not matter.

PLEASE do not buy any toy that requires batteries. Even if the toy comes with batteries, the parents are not in a financial position to buy more batteries when needed as they are too expensive.

Some guidelines: Dolls, arts & crafts, books, trucks, cars, games, make up/nail polish for teenagers, shirts, sweaters, socks gloves, hats etc.

All items for this Toy Drive are needed by Thursday, Dec. 5th. The Toy box is located at the front entrance of our Lodge or leave them at the front door. Donations will be picked up daily.

Again thank you so much for your generosity to SHEPHERD'S FLOCK.

If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Lucy Tocci 914 683-5448.


Donation to the Gift of Sight Luncheon





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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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**WHO WAS
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