



# AVANTI

ANTONIO MEUCCI LODGE N° 213 • OSDIA • WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

9/10 Officer's Meeting 7:30pm  
 9/20 Liberty Cruise 7:00pm  
 Chair Anthony Miceli (914)  
 879-6884

### OCTOBER

10/8 Officer's Meeting 7:30pm  
 10/12 Wreath Ceremony  
 10:00AM  
 RSVP Pamela Danza  
 (914)980-1055  
 10/13 NYC Columbus Day  
 Parade  
 10/25 NYS Plenary Meeting  
 10/26 Boo Bash Kids Halloween  
 12:00pm  
 Chair: Chris Famularo (347)  
 203-5991  
 10/28 General Meeting 7:30pm

### NOVEMBER

11/2 Memorial Mass  
 11/12 Officer's Meeting  
 11/14 Pocketbook Bingo



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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



To My Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the Fall/Winter addition of the Avanti. As you can probably see the Avanti has a new look and feel than the previous ones published. The reason for that is because the Avanti is now being designed in-house by Brothers Nando Alpuche and Joe Griffo along with the help of Sister Margherita Capicotto. Thank you so much for stepping up to help with this undertaking.

These past few months the Lodge was so busy with events that were very successful such as our first Steak Night and of course the Italian Heritage Festival at the Kenisco Dam

which was unbelievable. We also had our annual picnic. That was another fantastic day where the weather was absolutely perfect. Special thank you to Chairpeople Brothers Anthony Miceli, Nick Vaccarelli, and Charles Tota, and of course IPP Mario Cermele with all the food preparation. However, the highlight of the day was we had our newly elected NYS President Arthur Spera, and NYS Past President Anthony Naccarato and their wives in attendance. Just fabulous. Over the next few months the Lodge has some great events planned that may interest you and your family. We will have the Bocce championship games, and on September 20th we have a boat ride planned aboard the "The Princess" which leaves from New Rochelle and cruise down the Hudson River. I would like to thank the Social Committee for planning this exciting event. We also will have a children's Halloween "Boo-Bash on October 26th. Please see our website for more information and the flyers.

October is always a busy time for us at the Lodge, and this year is no different. October is traditionally when we celebrate Italian Heritage month and I encourage everyone to come to the Columbus Wreath Statue celebration at Tibbits Park in White Plains, followed by a continental breakfast at the Lodge. I ask you to join us as we celebrate just how proud we are to be Italian. Hope to see you there.

On November 2, we will have our memorial mass in Italian/English that honors our deceased members of the Lodge at Mt. Carmel Church, and let's not forget that we will have another Pocketbook Bingo scheduled for November 14th which is always a sold out event. So mark your calendars.

As previously mentioned the Avanti will only be printed quarterly and mailed to those people who do not have an email address, however I do write a monthly Newsletter to keep you abreast on what is going on in the Lodge. If you want to receive the Newsletter please send an email to [antoniomeuccilodge213@gmail.com](mailto:antoniomeuccilodge213@gmail.com), and we will be happy to add you to the list.



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## OFFICERS 2025

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**Umberto Amato, Michael DiSavino, Raymond Tocci**

## Congratulations

**To Sister Vincezia Puja** on the marriage of her granddaughter Cristina Birittieri to her husband Andrew.

**To Brother Adam Pacecca** for attending the **2025 FOTO Convention** in Orlando Florida. **FOTO** which stands for the **Future of The Order** provides a platform for young adults ages 21-40 to discuss and share the future of the organization and Italian Identity. Thanks for representing our Lodge

Congratulations to first time grandparents. **To Brother Frank Zappa** on the birth of his grandson Santino, and to **Brother Joe & Sister Roseann Racioppo** on the birth of their grandson Alfonso 'Alfie' Tortorici.

**To Brother Luigi & Sister Jean Illardi** on the upcoming marriage of their son Joseph to Taylor

**To Sister Maria Theresa Quaranta** who was inducted as a member into the **NYSOSDIA** Celebrated Authors Society

**To Sister Lisa LaRocca**, who was recognized by County Executive Ken Jenkins with a special proclamation proclaiming **Lisa LaRocca Day in Westchester County**. Sister Lisa was awarded this distinct honor for all the years she has worked with the Sharp Again Organization. This is an organization that focuses on taking healthy measures to prevent and even reverse the effects of dementia.

### Milestone Anniversary & Birthday Wishes

**Brother John & Filomena Rubillo.** 50 Years  
**Brother Sal & Nancy Garo-** 50 Years  
**Brother Sam & Sister Lina Amello** 25 Years  
**Brother Umberto Amato** on his upcoming 90th Birthday in October.

## Get Well Wishes

**To All our Brothers and Sisters, and Extended Family**

Tony Amato, Umberto Amato, Dora Griffo, Annamaria Forte, Margaret Forte, Nina Maria Chillemi, Ralph

D'Andrea, Josephine DeMaria, Nick Fragnito, Michael Grisanti, Anthony Lembo, Antonio Mule, Vicky & Vicenzia Puja, Teresa Rivero, John Roselli, Joseph Sciamie, Patsy Sposato, Lillian and Joe

## Deepest Sympathy

**To The Riguzzi Family** on the passing of **Sister Mary Riguzzi** a long time member of the Lodge. May she rest in the arms of the Lord as she will sorely be missed.

**To Brother Mike Clarizio** on the passing of his sister Cesarea Regina

**To Sister Suzanne Tarulli** on the passing of her mother Agatina Maria Lucia

**To Sister Mara Persampieri** on the passing of her father Angelo Cerilli

**To The Lembo Family** of the passing of **Sister Genevieve Lembo** a long time friend of the Antonio Meucci Lodge and a Past President and Founder of **Le Amiche Lodge**

**To The Montemarano Family** of the passing of **NYS Past First Lady Rosemarie Montemarano** and wife of **NYS Past**



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

## OFFICER'S MEETINGS

2nd Weds of Every Month @ 7:30pm

Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 9, Mat 14, Jun 11, Jul 9, Aug 13, Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10

## GENERAL MEETINGS

4th Tues of Every Month @ 7:30pm

# LODGE NEWS



## HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Wishing everyone a very Happy Halloween. Halloween is an ancient time-honored tradition which celebrated the end of the harvest and the beginning of winter. Later on, as Christianity spread, it became known as All Hallows' Day, the day before All Saints Day. Then that tradition became a more modern holiday featuring costumes, trick-or-treat-ing, and celebrations of both the living and the dead. However you enjoy the day, we wish everyone a safe and happy Halloween.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE



The true meaning of Thanksgiving is centered on expressing gratitude for life's blessings, gatherings with family and friends and giving back to the community. We wish everyone a day filled with Love, Joy, Laughter, and of course, delicious food.

## REMEMBERING THE FALLEN ON 9/11

This year on 9-11, marks 24 years on the horrific attacks on the American people in US history when United Airlines flight struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center, then minutes later another plane struck the South Tower. Many innocent lives were lost that day and some of those lives lost hit very close to home as we lost **Joseph Riveriso** son to our Past President Teresa Riveriso and Brother Domenico Riveriso. We also lost **Michael McHugh** nephew to IPP Mario Cermele, and so many others that had deep ties to our OSDIA family. May they rest in peace and know they are dearly missed and remain in our hearts for eternity.



REMEMBER & HONOR  
9/11

### *Military Appreciation*

The month of November we celebrate Veteran's Day. Veteran's Day honors all those who have served in the military, in a time of war or peace. We would like to thank you for your service and acknowledge your ultimate sacrifice.



## Babbo Natale: Italy's Beloved Father Christmas

In Italy, the holiday season carries its own unique traditions, and at the heart of it stands Babbo Natale—the Italian name for Santa Claus. Translating to “Father Christmas” or “Daddy Christmas,” Babbo Natale is the cheerful, red-suited figure who embodies the Spirito di Natale (Christmas Spirit), bringing joy and gifts to children across the country.

### Origins and Evolution

The story of Babbo Natale finds its earliest roots in **Saint Nicholas**, a 4th-century bishop celebrated for his kindness and secret acts of generosity, especially toward the poor. Over centuries, this legacy of giving transformed and merged with other cultural traditions.

The modern image—jolly, plump, and dressed in a bright red suit with a white beard—was popularized in the 19th century through poems and illustrations. Italy fully embraced this version in the mid-20th century, and from

then on, **Babbo Natale** became a central figure of the Italian Christmas celebration.

### Traditions and Symbolism

Much like Santa Claus in other parts of the world, Babbo Natale represents warmth, generosity, and the spirit of giving. On Christmas Eve, he travels through snowy skies to deliver presents to eagerly awaiting children, filling homes with excitement and wonder. Yet, Italy's rich cultural tapestry means that **Babbo Natale** is not alone in bringing gifts. In many regions, other beloved figures take the spotlight:

**La Befana** – An old woman who rides a broomstick, delivering sweets or coal on January 6th, especially cherished in central and southern Italy.

**Saint Lucy (Santa Lucia)** – Celebrated in parts of northern Italy, she brings gifts on December 13th.

### A Symbol That Unites.

Whether it's Babbo Natale, La Befana, or Saint Lucy, the message remains the same: Christmas in Italy is about generosity, family, and joy. Together, these traditions weave a festive story that continues to light up Italian homes each holiday season.



*Merry Christmas*



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# CROWDS CELEBRATE ITALIAN CULTURE AT ANNUAL ITALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL IN VALHALLA, NY

## Italian Heritage Festival

AT THE KENSICO DAM

### LIVIN' LA DOLCE VITA!

The sights, sounds and flavors of Italy came to Valhalla, NY as the Italian Heritage Festival, sponsored by Antonio Meucci Lodge N° 213, Inc returned to Kensico Dam Plaza this past Sunday, July 20, 2025.

Whether you're Italian by heritage or just at heart, this vibrant cultural celebration always has something for everyone.

The festival drew hundreds of Westchester County residents who were all eager to enjoy the music and take part in the fun of "La Dolce Vita."

The Festa featured mouthwatering Italian cuisine, engaging children's games, captivating cultural exhibits, handmade arts and crafts, and upbeat music from Carozza Entertainment on The Main Stage & DJs Nando & Marcello in the food court.

As we do each year, The Antonio Meucci Lodge honored another exemplary Italian-American, Nick Prisco —Owner of Prisco Appliance in White Plains, NY.

Of course, the festivities bring out a who's who of the county including County Executives, Social Media Influencers and previous honoree Lisa LaRocca of News 12 Westchester.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said, "Cultural festivals have long been a cornerstone of community life, acting as a vibrant tapestry that weaves together the diverse threads of society. In an increasingly globalized world, they are a reminder of our shared humanity and the rich diversity that defines us."

Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Kathy O'Connor said: "Kensico Dam Plaza provides a unique setting for a wide variety of activities. It's a spot where nature, community and fun all come together."

To participate in next year's festa as a volunteer, contact Sis Caroline Baviello. For Vendor spots or sponsorship opportunities, contact Sis Cathy Grisanti.



Lodge Chaplain Joe Tanzi (Ctr) with Color Guard



Sister Lucy Tocci at AML213 Membership Booth



Lisa LaRocca of News 12 Westchester, Pres. Camille Tarone, 2025 Honoree Nick



White Plains Mayor Thomas Roach, Pres Camille Tarone, and



## ITALY'S CELEBRATED HOLIDAYS, EVENTS and RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS

### September

*In September Italy is known for a variety of festivals and holidays, including religious celebrations, historical reenactments, and harvest festivals. Key events include Regata Storica in Venice, the Festa della Rificolona in Florence, and the Feast of San Genaro in Naples. Additionally, September marks the start of the vendemmia, or grape harvest particularly in Tuscany with numerous wine-related festivals.*

*September 7th: Festa della Rificolona*

*September 8th: Feast of the Madonna*

*September 14th: Volto Santo Festival*

*September 15th: Feast of Our Lady of Sorrow*

*September 19th: Feast of San Gennaro*

*September 29th: Feast of San Michele (Saint Michael)*

### October

*In October Italy celebrates harvest season, food, film, and gaming with events like the Alba White Truffle Festival and the Lucca Comics & Games Festival, along with traditional Chestnut Festivals throughout Tuscany. Other events include the Rome Film Fest, the EuroChocolate Festival in Perugia, and a Medieval Procession in Florence. Autumn is also a popular time for wine harvest celebrations and food festivals across different regions, including those focused on pistachios, salami, and mortadella.*

*October 4th: Feast of St. Francis of Assisi*

*October 12th: Columbus Day*

*October 31st: All Hallows' Eve*

### November

*In November, Italy celebrates the national public holiday of All Saints' Day, followed by All Souls' Day, and hosts a variety of food and music festivals, including the Alba White Truffle Fair in Piedmont, the Eurochocolate Festival in Perugia, the Festa della Salute in Venice, and the Roma Jazz Festival in Rome. Other notable events include Festa di San Martino and local chestnut festivals across the country.*

**November 1st:** All Saints Day

**November 2nd:** All Souls' Day

**November 21st:** Feast of Madonna della Salute (Venice)

### December

*Italy celebrates various events in December, centered on the Christmas season, including the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the start of the Christmas season, followed by Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, known as Natale. The month concludes with New Year's Eve (Capodanno). Other events include the Feast of Santa Lucia, held in cities like Syracuse and Verona. December is also known for La Befana where Italians celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany in the beginning of January, and as the legend goes La Befana brings gifts to good children and coal to naughty ones.*

**December 7th:** Feast of Saint Ambrose- Milan

**December 8th:** Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**December 13th:** Feast of Saint Lucia

**December 24th-25th:** Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

**December 26th:** Feast of Saint Stephen

**December 31st:** New Years

## AML 213 - ANNUAL PICNIC

Sun, Trees, Great Food and Amazing Company! That's how AML213 celebrated the end of summer at Ridge Field Park in Harstdale, NY.

It was a day filled with laughter, games and a tremendous menu that would make anyone's mouth water. Brother Charlie Tota and VP Anthony Miceli headed this event with support from IPP Mario Cermele and his amazing staff at Cermele's Caterers. Guests were treated to Brother Nick Vaccarelli's famous Spaghetti Aglio e Olio!

The Tug of War rivalry is getting much more spirited each year; and the Egg Toss took the game day highlights. Card games like Scopas, Tre Sette & Briscola were played at the tables and DJ Marcello kept the people moving with his music selections. A Special thank you to all the dignitaries and sister lodges that attended to make this day just that much brighter.

We'll see you next year!

To volunteer for next year's picnic, touch base with VP Anthony Miceli.



# Bro Adam Pacecca at FOTO

In any organization, it is important to make sure that younger generations become involved and bring their knowledge and expertise to the leaders for continued success in the organization. As the oldest and largest Italian-American organization in the country, OSDIA is no exception. This is why the Future of the Order (FOTO) forum was created. This forum brings together young adults from the Order to share issues and ideas from all over the country, coming from local and state lodges, and helps to create new ideas and innovations to keep OSDIA strong for generations to come.

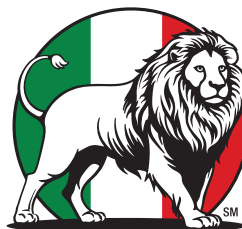
A group of 15 young people with five forum leaders was invited to the 59th Biennial OSDIA national convention in Orlando, FL to meet our national leaders and delegates as well as work on a topic that was assigned to us. We learned about the history of OSDIA as well as all the great work that is being done on every level to promote and preserve our Italian heritage as well as help our neighbors in need. We also were able to witness national officer elections and were able to meet and speak with national officers, delegates and other dignitaries from all over the country.

The Forum discussed topics pertaining to membership, especially recruiting and retaining members and being able to spread the word about the Order to younger generations. We then put together a presentation for the national leaders to show them the idea we came up with, which is a Lodge Cookbook. The Lodge Cookbook will be a database where lodges can contribute what they are doing well and can find ideas if they are in need of help with anything in their lodge. This would include



topics such as fundraising, planning feasts and events, creating social media pages and podcasts, ideas for increasing membership, and creating junior lodges, to name a few. It is a great way for lodges to help each other out and we can all become stronger as we move forward. After the work was done for each day, we enjoyed dinner dances, Grand Lodge hospitality suites, as well as games of bocce and Scopa!

The ability to participate in the FOTO forum cannot be understated. Not only does it show there is a contingent of young people willing to get more involved with the Order, but it also helps us to understand the rich history and great work of our organization. We also realize what we can still do to keep writing our story. There are so many opportunities for growth and attending this conference really was inspiring and makes me and my brothers and sisters in FOTO want to be more involved and bring OSDIA into the future and beyond.



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## HONORING CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS A Legacy of Discovery? By Brother Joe Griffo



Christopher Columbus is remembered as one of history's most significant explorers, a man whose courage and determination helped open a new chapter in the story of civilization. In 1492, with the support of Spain, Columbus set out into uncharted waters with a bold vision: to find new lands by sailing west across the Atlantic. At a time when much of the world remained a mystery, his willingness to risk everything for discovery was an extraordinary act of faith and perseverance.

Columbus's voyage stands as a turning point in history. His successful crossing connected Europe and the Americas, two worlds that had long been separated. This encounter sparked the Age of Exploration, a time of new ideas, trade, and cultural exchange that transformed societies and shaped the course of the modern era. Through his daring, Columbus helped to expand the boundaries of human knowledge, and his achievements inspired generations of explorers who followed in his path.

What makes Columbus so enduring as a historical figure is not only the discovery itself, but the qualities he embodied. He faced skepticism, doubt, and great risk, yet he pressed forward with courage and conviction. His journey reminds us that true progress often begins with visionaries who dare to go beyond the limits of the known. Columbus symbolizes the adventurous spirit that drives humanity to push boundaries, seek new opportunities, and embrace the promise of the unknown.

As we commemorate Christopher Columbus, we honor more than a man; we celebrate the spirit of exploration, ambition, and discovery. His legacy continues to remind us that the world we live in today was shaped by those willing to chart new courses and open new doors. Columbus's voyages were not only a feat of navigation but also a triumph of determination—an achievement that continues to inspire us centuries later.

On this day, we reflect on his historic accomplishments and the vision that made them possible. We remember Columbus as a symbol of bravery, ambition, and unity between continents. His story serves as a timeless reminder that with courage and faith, humanity can achieve the extraordinary.

## Antonio Meucci: The Forgotten Pioneer of The Telephone

When we think of the telephone, the name *Alexander Graham Bell* usually comes first. Yet, years before Bell's patent in 1876, an Italian inventor named Antonio Meucci had already developed a remarkable device capable of transmitting sound through wires. He called it the "*teletrofono*." Meucci's story is one of ingenuity and perseverance, but also of hardship and missed recognition—a reminder that innovation often depends as much on resources as on creativity.

Antonio Meucci was born on April 13, 1808, in Florence, Italy, where he studied design and mechanical engineering at the Florence Academy of Fine Arts. Skilled and imaginative, he nurtured a passion for invention early in life. In 1850, he immigrated to the United States, settling in Staten Island, New York, where he continued his experiments while supporting himself and his wife through modest means.

By 1857, Meucci had succeeded in creating a working prototype of what he called the *teletrofono*—a kind of "talking telegraph." His

invention could carry voice signals along wires, laying the groundwork for modern communication.

Recognizing the significance of his work, he filed a patent caveat in 1871, which served as a temporary notice of his invention. Unfortunately, due to financial hardship and illness, he was unable to renew or expand this caveat into a full patent.

This lapse proved costly. In 1876, just a few years later, Alexander Graham Bell filed and was granted a patent for the telephone. With Bell's patent secured, Meucci's claims were overshadowed and largely forgotten. While Bell achieved fame and commercial success, Meucci died in October 1889, poor and unrecognized for his extraordinary contribution.

It would take more than a century for history to begin correcting this oversight. In 2002, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution officially acknowledging Antonio Meucci's pioneering role in developing the telephone. This long-delayed recognition restored his place in the story of one of the



world's most transformative inventions.

Meucci's life highlights not only the brilliance of his mind but also the struggles faced by inventors working without wealth or powerful connections. His journey from Florence to New York, from innovation to obscurity, and finally to posthumous recognition, is a powerful reminder that history's greatest breakthroughs are often built on the work of those who never lived to see the credit they deserved.

# EVENT GUIDE



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with each child's name,  
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# CULTURAL CLASSROOM



## BIOGRAFIA

### ALESSANDRO VOLTA

Born February 18, 1745, Como, Lombardy  
Died March 5, 1827, Como, Lombardy

**Alessandro Giuseppe Antonio Anastasio Volta** was an Italian chemist and physicist who was a pioneer of electricity and power, and is credited as the inventor of the electric battery and the discoverer of methane. He invented the voltaic pile in 1799, and reported the results of his experiments in a two-part letter to the president of the Royal Society, which was published in 1800.

With this invention, Volta proved that electricity could be generated chemically and debunked the prevalent theory that electricity was generated solely by living beings. Volta's invention sparked a great amount of scientific excitement and led others to conduct similar experiments, which eventually led to the development of the field of electrochemistry.



## TRAVELROME

The "Rome Jubilee" refers to Jubilee 2025, also known as the Holy Year, a significant event in the Catholic Church that starts on Christmas Eve, 2024, and concludes in January 2026. It's a time of spiritual renewal, pilgrimage, and forgiveness for Catholics worldwide, centered around the opening of Holy Doors at major basilicas in Rome, including St. Peter's Basilica. Millions of pilgrims are expected to visit Rome during this period to participate in religious rites and seek a plenary indulgence.

# CUCINA

## C O R N E R

### Bucatini all'Amatriciana

**Cook** 25 mins • **Active** 20 mins  
**Total** 25 mins • **Serves** 4 servings

#### Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon (15 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
- 6 ounces (170 g) guanciale, cut into slices about 1/8 inch thick and then into 3/4- by 1/4-inch strips (see notes)
- Pinch red pepper flakes
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) dry white wine
- 1 (28-ounce; 794 g) can whole peeled tomatoes, crushed by hand
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 pound (450 g) dried bucatini pasta (see notes)
- 1 ounce (30 g) grated Pecorino Romano cheese, plus more for serving

#### Directions

1. In a large skillet, heat olive oil over medium-high heat until shimmering.
2. Add guanciale and pepper flakes and cook, stirring,

until lightly browned, about 5 minutes.

3. Add wine and cook, scraping up any browned bits on bottom of pan, until nearly evaporated, about 3 minutes.
4. Add tomatoes and bring to a simmer. Season with salt and pepper.
5. Meanwhile, boil pasta in salted water until just shy of al dente, about 1 minute less than package recommends. Using tongs, transfer pasta to sauce, along with 1/4 cup pasta cooking water.
6. Cook over high heat, stirring and tossing rapidly, until pasta is al dente and sauce has thickened and begins to coat noodles.
7. Remove from heat, add cheese, and stir rapidly to incorporate.
8. Season to taste with more salt and pepper. Serve right away, passing more cheese at the table.

#### Notes

Guanciale (cured pork jowl) will give the sauce the best texture, but if your best option is good pancetta, use it instead.

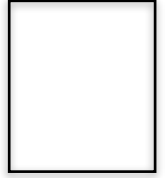


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