



Fall 2019

AVANTI

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

UPCOMING Events

September

- 9/11 Officer's Meeting, 8pm
- 9/14 Entertainment Night, 7pm
- 9/24 General Meeting, 8pm

October

- 10/6 Wreath Ceremony & Breakfast
- 10/9 Officer's Meeting, 8pm
- 10/20 Columbus Day Dinner Dance
- 10/22 General Meeting, 8pm

November

- 11/3 Annual Memorial Mass
10:30 am - OLMC Church
- 11/13 Officer's Meeting, 8pm
- 11/26 General Meeting, 8pm

December

- 12/6 Pocketbook Bingo
- 12/8 Children's Party
- 12/11 Officer's Meeting, 8pm
- 12/31 New Year's Eve Party



A Message from your President: Antonio Amato



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,
As I write to you today I am looking back and thankful for all that we all have and Thank God as we see tomorrow come. My family and I have just returned from Italy and this brings to mind how important it is to have a very special heritage that we all share. Italy was just beautiful and full of our many traditions that we celebrate with our families. Hoping you all are having or had a

wonderful summer.

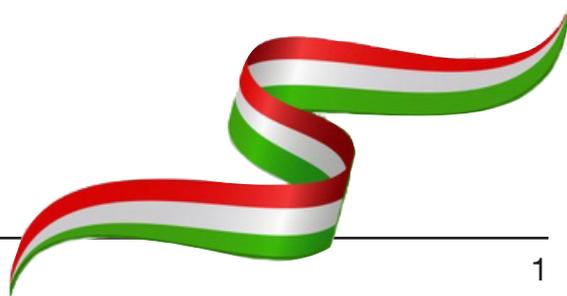
Here at the lodge we had several events starting with the bocce tournament, under the leadership of Brothers Joe Amato and Vito Cirioni and their committees, see winners on the following pages. Many of us had graduations, engagements, weddings and births and still more to come. I want to thank especially Brother Mario Cermele and his committee for our Italian heritage festival at the Valhalla Dam Plaza in July unfortunately Mother Nature gave us an extremely hot day so our attendance was down however his committee still worked through it all. The music was great, food delicious and our heritage was strong.

Ferragosto was held thanks to Brothers Umberto Amato and Dominick D'Ambrosio all went well, food was delicious, music was great and every one in attendance enjoyed themselves. Also a big thank you to Brothers Charles Tota and Nick Vaccarelli for their leadership along with their committee for a great picnic as usual a fun day was had by all.

Also coming will be entertainment night on September 14th hosted by Sister Caroline Baviello please join us for another fun evening. We now look forward to fall and our events, the Wreath ceremony in White Plains at the Columbus statue on Oct 6, 2019 followed by a breakfast at the lodge. And then our big event of the year Our Man of the Year Columbus Day Dinner Dance hosted by Sisters Rose Tassone and Pamela Danza honoring our own Brother Antonio L. Capicotto, a very well deserved honor. The celebration will take place on October 20, 2019. See details in this issue and for all other upcoming events.

Our love to all from Sister Tina and myself as I remain Sempre Avanti.

Antonio Amato
President





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OFFICERS 2019

Executive Board

- Antonio Amato, President
- Vito Cirioni, 1st Vice President
- Rita Cestone, 2nd Vice President
- Teresa Rivero, Immediate Past President
- Catherine Mignini, Orator
- Caroline Baviello, Recording Secretary
- Flavia DiNota, Corresponding Secretary
- Annamaria Forte, Financial Secretary
- Lina Amello, Treasurer
- Cathy Grisanti, Principal Trustee

Trustees

- Tina Amato • Umberto Amato
- Antonio Vincenzo Capicotto • Rita Carolini
- Michael DiSavino • Rachel Filasto
- Charles Guastella • Maria Pippo
- Camille Tarone • Nick Vaccarelli

Ceremonial Officers

- Tony Cestone • Mary Morra

Sentinels

- Lenny Mignini • Antonio Pippo

Arbitration Committee

- Sam Amello • Salvatore Battiato
- Antonella Capicotto DeLia • Concetta Bevilacqua
- Domenico Rivero • Joseph Tassone
- Vito Tassone • Annunziata Vernillo

Past Presidents

- Antonio Capicotto • Mario Cermele
- Teresa Rivero • Frank Tarone
- Rose Tassone • Charles Tota

Chaplain

Joe Tanzi

State Lodge Deputy

Cathy Lembo Lloyd

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!
Contact Brother Mario at 325-1239 for available dates**



**Have an idea for an event or want to chair an event?
Let Brother Mario know! Call him at (914) 325-1239.**

In Memory of John Petito



We will miss our **Brother John Petito**, who will always be remembered for his love of our Lodge and the endless free help and advice he gave to all of our Brothers and Sisters. Through his knowledge of the tax laws he guided the Antonio Meucci Lodge #213's business matters and corporate structure for the betterment of all its members, which will help us well into the future.

His knowledge of non-profit status to help create our charitable foundation which has helped our lodge reach out to those in need and receive recognition for our charitable efforts. May he rest in peace.

OFFICERS' MEETINGS

2nd Wednesday of every month
at 8:00 pm

September 11 • October 9
November 13 • December 11

GENERAL MEETINGS

4th Tuesday of every month
at 8:00 pm

September 24
October 22 • November 26

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.

ANTONIO MEUCCI LODGE #213

cordially invites you to attend its
105th Columbus Day Dinner Dance
Honoring Our Past President

Antonio L. Capicotto

Sunday, October 20, 2019, 3:00 - 8:00 PM
Surf Club on the Sound

370 Davenport Ave., New Rochelle, NY 10805

Cocktail Hour, Open Bar, Dinner & Dancing

Entertainment by: Jack Gigli Band

RSVP: by October 15, 2019.

\$100 per person Checks payable to:

Antonio Meucci Lodge #213 Inc.

For further information contact

Pamela Danza 914-980-1055/Rose Tassone 914-557-2421



Antonio L. Capicotto has been a member of the lodge for 45 years. He was President/Venerable of the Lodge for a total of 6 years. During his tenure as

Venerable he increased lodge membership by 400%. Antonio designed, supervised and helped construct our lodge building, secured the financing and saw to it that all the bond holders were paid back. He chaired multiple events for the Lodge and was a State Trustee for 4 years. He has been a Delegate to the Grand Lodge convention for 42 years, Member of the Grand Lodge Election Board for 3 years, Member of the Grand Lodge Budget Committee for 3 years, State Deputy to the A. Manzoni Lodge and Giuseppe Fiorito Lodge each for 4 years. Antonio was a Lodge Hall of Fame Awardee in 2007, he received the Vincent Sellaro Award from the Grand Lodge in 2008 and his family was honored as Family of the Year by the Grand Lodge in 2016 among other honors. Antonio has devoted his life to advancing the principals of the Sons of Italy and has aspired to advancing the needs of his fellow Italian Americans. Antonio has been married to Sister Franca Marino Capicotto for 63 years and they have 3 children (all members of OSIA) and 8 grandchildren.

Get Well wishe to: **Connie Bevilacqua,**
Flora Cassarella, Rose Tassone & Charile Tota.

Deepest Sympathy to the Scatola Family on the loss of their mother **Sister Theresa Scatola.**

Congratulations

Sister Joyce and Brother Carmelo Ciccone became grandparents on 7/12/19 to Gianna Arciuolo, her Daddy is Sister Joyce's son Michael and her Mommy is Nina. Congratulations to all.

Congratulations to **Brother Nick and Sister Bernadetta Vaccarelli** on the marriage of his son Vito and Irina Vaccarelli.



Congratulations to **Nicola and Angela Fragnito** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Wishing them all the best for Love and Happiness.

Brother Giacomo Vernillo became a USA citizen on July 12, 2019. He arrived in March of 1992 to visit his sister Giovanna Luciano, who is also a member of our lodge. He comes from his home town of Tufaravalle, Italy located in the region of Benevento. He is married to Sister Annunziata and they have two children Paolo and Maria Antonia. In 2002 he started his own business, the family reside in Valhalla, NY.

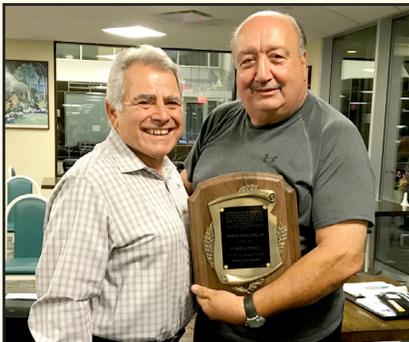
Brother Giacomo highly recommends the Calver Center located in Port Chester to anyone who is interested in becoming a citizen, classes are available to all nationalities. On behalf of all your brothers and sisters from Antonio Meucci Lodge we wish you best of wishes.

Annual Picnic



Thank You Past President Mario

Thank you to President Mario for the past 12 years as president of lodge. We thanked him for all of his hard work and dedication to the Antonio Meucci Lodge. Thank you to First Lady Pamela Danza as well for all her hard work.



Ferragosto

Our Ferragosto Celebration was a success. Thank you to all that helped. Special thank you to Chairman Brother Umberto Amato and Brother Dominick D'Ambrosio and all volunteers who assisted.



Italian Heritage Festival at the Kensico Dam



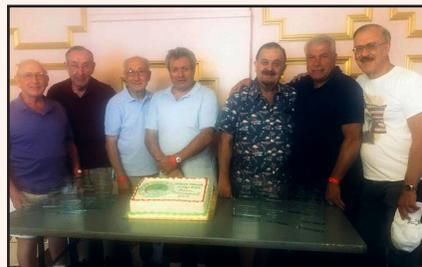
Bocce Tournament

Our Bocce Tournament was a success and everyone enjoyed the competition. The winners of the tournament are South Team #5, and second place went North Team#9.

Champions – South Team #5:

Vito Cirioni (Captain), Andy Labella, Bill King, Carlo Chiulli, John Paul Chiulli

Runner Up – North Team #9: Dominick Riverso (Captain), Rafaele Riverso, Joe Tanzi, Joe Tassone Sr., Carmine Portanova



Events Calendar



September 14 - Entertainment Night
 7pm at the Lodge Italian Singer and Italian Comedian.
 Contact: Sis Caroline Baviello
 914-760-4095.

October 6 - Wreath Ceremony and Breakfast Tibbets Park, White Plains.
 Contact: Sis Rose Tassone 914-557-2421 & Sis Pamela Danza: 914-980-1055.

October 20 - Columbus Day Dinner Dance "Man of the Year" Antonio L. Capicotto. Surf Club, New Rochelle, NY. 3-8:00 pm Cocktail Hour, Open Bar, Dinner and Dancing.
 Contact: Sis Rose Tassone 914-557-2421 & Sis Pamela Danza 914-980-1055.

November 3 - Memorial Mass
 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, White Plains, NY. Contact: Sis Rita Cestone
 914-948-3608.

December 6 - Pocketbook Bingo
 at the Lodge.
 Contact: Sis Cathy Grisanti
 914-523-6158.

December 8 - Children's Party
 at the Lodge.
 Contact: Sis Camille Tarone
 914-946-5694.

December 31 - New Year's Eve Party
 at the Lodge.
 Contact: Sis Teresa Rivero
 914-997-7388.

THE ANTONIO MEUCCI LODGE PRESENTS

Designer Pocketbook **BINGO**

Friday, Dec. 6

Play for authentic designer handbags!





BYO Welcome!

- Doors Open at 6pm
- Games begin at 7pm
- \$40 in advance
- \$45 at the door
- RSVP by Nov. 29

50/50 Raffle and Door Prizes!

Includes 10 Bingo Games, Dauber and Door Raffle Ticket
 Players get 10 bingo game sheets (3 cards per sheet); additional sheets are \$10 each.

LIMITED SEATING SO RESERVE BY NOVEMBER 29 WITH OUR FORM NOW!
 Questions? Contact Sis. Cathy Grisanti at (914) 523-6158 or Sis. Lucy Tocci at (914) 683- 5448.

DESIGNER POCKETBOOK BINGO EVENT RSVP FORM (use back if needed)

Complete, detach and include check payable to "Antonio Meucci Lodge #213" and mail to:



Pocketbook Bingo Event
 The Antonio Meucci Lodge #213
 279 Maple Avenue
 White Plains, NY 10606

Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Name of Guest: _____

Name of Guest: _____

Name of Guest: _____

Check Total: # of Adults _____ @ \$40 each = \$ _____

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Our Annual Memorial Mass

in honor of all deceased members
of the Antonio Meucci Lodge #213
will be held at
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, White Plains
on Sunday November 3rd at 10:30am.

Mass will be followed by a breakfast at the Lodge.
Contact Sister Rita Cestone at 914-948-3608
with any questions.

Wreath Ceremony and Breakfast

On October 6, 2019 the Antonio Meucci Lodge # 213 will be holding it's Annual Columbus Day Wreath Ceremony at the Statue on North Broadway, White Plains at 10:00 am.

Come and join all the Past Presidents, Brothers and Sisters as we kick off the celebration of October Italian Heritage Month.

After the ceremony, all are invited back to the Antonio Meucci Lodge, 279 Maple Ave, White Plains, where a breakfast will be hosted by Sister Pamela Danza. See you there!



Santa says it's time for our annual

CHILDREN'S Christmas Party

**Sunday
December 8
1:00 PM**

FREE For Kids of All Ages!

**Join us for Entertainment, Desserts,
a Present for Each Child, a Visit from
Santa and a Special Surprise!**

Presents given to all children and grandchildren of Lodge Members between the ages of infants to 9 years old. Please RSVP as soon as possible with each child's name, sex, and age: Sis. Camille Tarone at Tarone96@aol.com, (H) (914) 946-5694 or (C) (914) 772-1768 or Sis. Pamela Danza, (C) (914) 980-1055.



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Please bring baked goods for our dessert table!



Entertainment Night

Place: Antonio Meucci Lodge #213
Date: Sat. September 14th, 2019
Time: 7:00 pm

Price is \$45.00 for Members
\$50.00 Non-Members

Price Includes Food, Drinks, Dessert

Featuring the talent of
Andrea Amoruso
Musica Italiana dal vivo & Comedian

Reservations by 9/1:
Sis Caroline Baviello 914-760-4095





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Order Sons of Italy in America
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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.