



Spring 2022

AVANTI

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

UPCOMING Events

April

- 4/13 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 4/22 Pocketbook Bingo
- 4/26 General Meeting, 7:30pm

May

- 5/1 Scholarship Application Due
- 5/11 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 5/24 General Meeting, 7:30pm

June

- 6/2-6/4 Annual State Convention
- 6/8 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 6/28 General Meeting, 7:30pm

July

- 7/13 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 7/24 Kensico Dam Festival
- 7/26 General Meeting, 7:30pm

August

- 8/10 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 8/23 General Meeting, 7:30pm

September

- 9/14 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 9/18 Annual Lodge Picnic
- 9/27 General Meeting, 7:30pm

October

- 10/9 Wreath Ceremony
- 10/12 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 10/25 General Meeting, 7:30pm

November

- 11/6 Memorial Mass OLMC
- 11/9 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 11/11 Pocketbook Bingo
- 11/22 General Meeting, 7:30pm

December

- 12/4 Children's Christmas Party
- 12/14 Officer's Meeting, 7:30pm
- 12/27 No General Meeting
- 12/31 New Year's Eve Party

A Message from your President: Mario Cermele



My Brothers and Sisters, it has been a long hard road and still we have ways to go, but with our Faith and Strength we need to keep fighting and succeed.

Your Lodge is and has been a place where all of us can find comfort, support, and join us as we try to return to some kind of new normal.

The Lodge has many new members, with new ideas, the latest our Corn Hole Tournament, is a complete success.

Our Hall is filled with laughter, activities, and competition, please stop by as we are now in the playoffs soon to the championship games.

Our fight with the dark forces, that always attack our Columbus statues and our Heritage, is very strong and we are winning.

We support our Italian Language Programs and call out those who wish our Heritage harm and us.

If you see or hear something, bring it to the body.

We are now the largest Lodge in District IV, continue with our membership drive, we have been very blessed. Not only have our membership has increased, but also all newcomers share the same passion and ideals. Our Lodge has been for over a century a beacon of Strength and Pride, and all of us must continue to do our part to continue this agenda.

We have achieved much but let no one forget the hard work and sacrifices that all of our family elders and us endured. Assimilation and acceptance are now part of our children's lives, and yes, we have earned a seat at the big table. We must be very vigilant of our surroundings and pass on to our children our Pride, our love for who we are.

Simply The Best as I always say.

Sempre Avanti ieri, Oggi e Domani.

Your President,

Br. Mario

PS.

Sister Pamela and I want to wish each and every one a very Happy Easter.

On a personal note,

Covid has been both good and bad to all of us. Like all of you we lost many good friends but Sister Pamela and I have gained 4 wonderful Grandchildren, from 19 months to 3 weeks old. We have now Luciano Vito, Camilla Valentina, Marcello Mario, Michelina Eleanor and who knows.....

All our love Stay Strong Join us



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OFFICERS 2022

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
- Flavia DiNota, Corresponding Secretary
- Annamaria Forte, Financial Secretary
- Lina Amello, Treasurer
- Michael DiSavino, Principal Trustee

Trustees

- Tina Amato • Antonio V. Capicotto
- Antonella Capicotto DeLia • Rita Carolini
- Dominick D'Ambrosio • Charles Guastella
- Maria Pippo • John Rubillo
- Lucy Tocci • Nick Vaccarelli

Ceremonial Officers

- Tony Cestone • Mary Morra

Sentinels

- Gino DiMiceli • Antonio Pippo

Arbitration Committee

- Nadia Cappello • Maria DiMiceli • Stefano Materia
- Anthony Miceli • Rosalia Miceli • Dina Roselli
- Tina Salerno • Richard Strobel • Joseph Tassone

Past Presidents

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

Chaplain

Joe Tanzi

District Lodge Deputy

Margaret Forte

LAMOSIA

Pamela Danza- Treasurer

Antonio Meucci Lodge #213 Inc. Directors

Umberto Amato • Luigi DiNota • 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!
Contact Brother Mario at 325-1239 for available dates**



SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022 • 12-6 PM

Italian Heritage Festival



GREAT ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD, EXHIBITS AND FUN FOR ALL AGES!



VOLUNTEERS AND VENDORS WELCOME • SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Contact: Chairperson Mario Cermele at (914) 325-1239 or mcermele1@verizon.net.

OFFICERS' MEETINGS

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

- April 13 • May 11 • June 8
- July 13 • Aug. 10 • Sept. 14
- Oct. 12 • Nov. 9 • Dec. 14

GENERAL MEETINGS

4th Tuesday of every month @ 7:30pm

- April 26 • May 24 • June 28
- July 26 • Aug. 23 • Sept. 27
- Oct. 25 • Nov. 22

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.

New Arrivals

Congratulations to
President Mario Cermele & First Lady Pamela
on the birth of their grandson Marcello Mario.
Proud parents are Ashley & Gerry DiMatteo.

President Mario Cermele & First Lady Pamela
on the birth of their granddaughter Michelina Eleanor.
Proud parents are Dr Amy & Michael Olio.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to **Sister Julieann Herdman & Bro George Spiconardi** on their recent marriage.

Anniversaries

Congratulations to **Brother Antonio & Sister Maria Pippo**
on their 54th Wedding Anniversary on April 23.
Married in 1967 in their town of Montemiletto Italy.
Wishing you many more years of happiness.

Congratulations

The following 2021 New York State Grand Lodge award
was given to Alessia R. Cappello, daughter to
Brother Sal & Sister Nadia Cappello. Alessia received
the Nicholas J. Lomuscio Memorial Scholarship and
the Fiorito/Fay Italian Studies Scholarship.

Congratulations to Sophia Carolini on her recent graduation
from Concordia/Iona School of Nursing. Sophia is the
daughter of **Brother Pat & Kim Carolini**. Happy to
report that Sophia was hired by White Plains Hospital.

Get Well Wishes

to the following Brothers and Sisters for a speedy recovery:

**Salvatore Cassanelli, Antionette Cinicolo,
Pamela Danza , Cathy Grisanti, Marietta Materia,
Vicky Puja, Giuseppe Rosamilia, Teresa Rivero,
Joanne Ryan, Rose Tassone, Joe Tassone
& Giacomo Vernillo**

With Sympathy

Deepest Sympathy to **Brother Danny Cassanelli** and
Brother Salvatore Cassanelli on the passing of their son
and grandson Danny Cassanelli Jr.

Deepest Sympathy to **Sister Connie Morabito** on the
passing of her brother Charles Sirico

Deepest Sympathy to **Brother Carlo Chiulli** on the
passing of his brother-in-law Eugene Ciotola

Deepest Sympathy to **Sister Lucy and Brother Ray
Tocci** on the passing of his sister Lillian Candreva

Deepest Sympathy to **Sister Joyce Ciccione and Sister
Jean Illardi** on the passing of their Aunt Caroline Drago

Deepest Sympathy to **Brother Vito & Sister Pasqualina
Sacchetti** on the passing of her Sister Maria Andriola

Deepest Sympathy to **Sister Caoline Baviello & Sister
Maria Pippo & Brother Antonio Pippo** on the passing of
Claudio Pippo Brother-in-law to Sister Caroline & nephew
to Maria & Antonio

Deepest Sympathy to **Sister Rosemary Cirioni** on the
passing of her husband **Brother Vito Cirioni**

Deepest Sympathy to **Sister Vincenzia Puja & Sister
Vicky Puja** on the passing of their nephew Maurizio
Papasodero

Deepest Sympathy to **President Mario Cermele and
First Lady Pamela** on the passing of their sister-in-law
Domenica (Mima) Galbo

Deepest Sympathy to the **Cappello & Materia Families**
on the passing of **Sister R. Sarina Cappello**

Deepest Sympathy to the **Falcone Family** on the passing
of **Sister Jo Falcone**

Deepest Sympathy to **Brother Luigi DiNota** and **Sister
Flavia DiNota** on the passing of his uncle Andrea Savaesi

RECENT EVENTS

Silver Lake Event at LAGO

Steak & Cigar Night



Halloween Party



BOCCE Tournament 2021



Corn Hole



Columbus Day Parade NYC



Events Calendar



Designer Pocketbook **BINGO** **SOLD OUT!**

If you would like to join the waiting list please contact:
Cathy Grisanti 914 523-6158 or Camille Tarone 914-772-1768

April 22 - Pocketbook Bingo (SOLD OUT)

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May 1 - Scholarship Application Due

Contact: Sis Rita Carolini 914 656-4095

June 2-4 Annual State Convention

Desmond Hotel, Albany

July 24 - Italian Heritage Festival at

Kenico Dam Contact: Pres Mario Cermele at 914-325-1239

September 18 - Annual Lodge Picnic

Contact: Bro Charles Tota at 914-924-0347 or Nick Vaccarelli at 914-424-8345

October 9 - Wreath Ceremony,

10 am - Tibbits Park, White Plains

November 6 - Annual Memorial Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, White Plains, NY

Contact: Sis Rita Cestone at 914-948-3608

December 4 - Children's Christmas Party

Contact: Sis Camille Tarone 914-946-5694

December 31 - New Years Eve Party

Contact: TBD



*A Little
Reminder*

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Scholarships

Over the years, the Annual Antonio Meucci Lodge #213 Scholarship program has expanded in many categories. As an educator, it gives me great pride every year in awarding the accomplishments of our young men and women.

The Annual Antonio Meucci Lodge #213 Scholarships is awarded to a child or grandchild of a lodge member.

We also created a new scholarship to honor the memory of Past President Brother Frank Tarone. This scholarship is for someone who will pursue a career in the Vocational/Technical Fields.

These applications can be found on the Antonio Meucci Lodge Website: www.antoniomeuccilodge.com/forms

The deadline for the Scholarship applications and all supportive materials:

Must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2022.

If you have any questions you can contact Sis Rita Carolini for further information at 914 656-4095

Also this year, through the Antonio Meucci Lodge#213 Inc., the family of the late Brother Vito Cirioni will be awarding a perpetual **The Vito Cirioni Memorial Scholarship** in his name to a worthy senior recipient of White Plains High School. The criteria for the scholarship follow the guidelines of The Antonio Meucci Lodge #213 Scholarships. Anyone who wishes to donate to this scholarship can do so by writing a check to the Antonio Meucci Lodge#213 Inc. and mail to 279 Maple Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606.

Columbus Statue Saved

The historic Columbus Statue in downtown Syracuse will stay where it is.

The pivotal ruling by New York Supreme Court Justice, Gerard Neri, blocks Syracuse Mayor Ben Walsh from removing the statue. The statue built in 1934, was paid for by local Italian –American immigrants and given to the city. Countless Italian-Americans at the time had been subjected to crushing discrimination, which included

lynching's, marginalization and suppression. The statue was a point of pride and a symbol of anti-discrimination.



We are proud that the Antonio Meucci Lodge Inc. (our charitable arm) donated \$800.00 to the Syracuse cause. The money was used to purchase lawn signs all over Syracuse. The case was brought to court and we WON! Be PROUD, stand STRONG. There is STRENGTH in UNITY.

L'UNITA FA LA FORZA



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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.