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A Message From the President, Antonio Meucci Lodge #213



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It's just about a month since I took Office. Needless to say it's been definitely a learning experience, and a challenging one to say the least. I have to give thanks to my Board who has helped me through the process. I also need to give a special thank you to Past President Mario Cermele who is always there to guide me and give advise as needed

The Lodge is doing so many wonderful things and planning some exciting events, that I hope you the members will take part in. The Cornhole tournament is winding down, and we will soon be embarking on our Spring/Summer Bocce season. For those who never seen any of the games, take it from me they are intense and enjoyable. Perhaps some of our members would like to get a team together. There will be a meeting May 8th, 2025 7:00 pm to discuss teams, Bocce rules etc. So if interested join us.

The Lodge has been going through some recent upgrades and sprucing up. Most recently, we upgraded the lights both inside and outside of the building, and purchased 3 new flags an American, Italian, & POW for the front of the building. Soon we will be planting our annual flowers. Special thank you to Brothers Frank Autera, Mario Cermele, Mike Disavino and Ray Tocci, Sisters Pamela Danza and Lucy Tocci for coordinating the upgrades, and facilitating the clean up of the basement.



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On April 1st, twelve members of our Board attended the Cooley's Anemia Dine Around. I'm happy to say we were the only Lodge that donated \$500 to the cause. Thanks to Brothers Anthony Miceli, Mike Disavino, Charles Tota, Ray Tocci, Frank Autera, Sisters Rita Carolini, Cathy Grisanti, Pamela Danza, Lucy Tocci, Dina Roselli and Roselle Cucuzza for attending. Special thank you to Cermele Catering for donating some food to the Dine Around.

This past Saturday on April 1, 2025 the Lodge sponsored the Funny Bunny in conjunction with the City of White Plains Parks and Recreations. Our Lodge donated \$1500 towards the event and it was a great time to see the smiles and excitement on the children's faces. Special thank you to Sister Caroline Baviello for coordinating the event for the Lodge. Thank you to Sisters Maria Dimicelli, Cathy Grisanti Lina Amello, Lucy Tocci, Brothers Adam Pacecca and Ray Tocci for helping out that day.

Don't. Forget we are still collecting Prom Formal wear until April 30th. Clothes can be dropped off on Monday & Thursday nights. I'm happy to report the Lodge has donated \$250 to Operation Prom Network Inc. to support the cause. Also Sister Lucy and Brother Ray Tocci are still collecting clothes for Shepherd's Flock. Any questions on what is needed you can call Sister Lucy on 914 683-5448



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The Lodge will be having another Comedy Night on May 2. Brother Mario Cermele will be chairing the event. More information to follow, but reservations can be made by calling him on 914 325-1239.

Another successful fundraiser for the Lodge has always been Pocketbook Bingo. That is scheduled for Friday May 16th, 2025. Sister Cathy Grisanti is the Chairperson, and Sister Pamela Danza is taking reservations. If interested please reach out to Sister Pamela for availability she can be reached on 914 980-1055.

The deadline for the Lodge Scholarship awards is fast approaching. All applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2025. Please check our website for the various Scholarship opportunities for our members children. If you have any questions you can reach out to Sister Rita Maria Carolini the Chairperson for Scholarships on 914 656-4095.

One of our major fundraising events for the year will be in July where we will celebrate our Italian Heritage at the Kenisco Dam. More to come, but we are looking for volunteers that can help with the event. The next Festa meeting is scheduled for April 30th at 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

If you know of any one who would like to be a member, please reach out to me. Applications can be found on our website. We will be doing an installation of new members and Scholarship presentation on Tuesday May 27, 2025.



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*In closing, May God bless you and your family Peace, Love and Joy
this Easter season, Buona Pasqua*

Sempre Avanti,

President Camille,