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Sons and Daughters Of Italy

Akron Lodge 685

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Akron, Ohio 44313

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Akron Lodge 685 Newsletter

April May June 2024

Notes from the President:

We lost a great member on March 26, 2024

Joseph Rinella Jr who was a member for many years passed away after a long illness.

Joe was very involved with the Reverse Raffle and our event was dedicated to him. Besides all the events including the Scholarship/Initiation Dinner with his wife Nancy, he was the chairman for many years for the Italian Festival and recruiting beer ticket sellers. Some years ago, he organized a trip to Las Vegas for Lodge members. Quite a few members went and had great time. At his funeral service, Michelle Hujar sang a beautiful hymn, Dennis Paonessa delivered a magnificent eulogy and Joe's brother shared some great stories about Joe. Our condolences to the family.

I also wish to mention that Rose Margida passed away on January 8, 2024. Though not a current member, she, along with her late husband Guido were longtime members of the Akron Lodge and we did perform the ritual for her at the funeral home. Guido and Rose were in charge of many activities such as the pasta dinners and when the Italian Festival was held in Cuyahoga Falls, they were in charge of the Sons of Italy booth. Guido and Rose also donated scholarships for several years to the Akron Lodge and they both could found helping at the Card party and many other events. She will surely be missed.

Upcoming Events

May 19-Initiation/Scholarship luncheon

June 23-Regular Meeting

July 11-13 Italian American Festival, Akron

Sons and Daughters of Italy Booth

August 18-Family Picnic-Lions Park

September 15-Regular Meeting, 1:30 pm,

Anthony Funeral Home, 1990 S Main St

October 20-Regular Meeting, 1:30 pm

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December- 7 Christmas Party-St George

Hospitality Chairperson

Our Hospitality Chairperson is Kay Metzler. If you know someone who is in the hospital or ill, please contact her at 330-329-6566.

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REVERSE RAFFLE

The Reverse Raffle was held on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at St George Fellowship Hall. With over 200 attendees we raised more than double what we did last year. We wish to thank for the following businesses and individuals who donated to our raffles: Carovillese Club, Clemente Travels, Cornerstone Market, DeVitis Italian Market, Dontino's La Vita Gardens, Moore Family Funeral Homes, Pallotta's Pastries, and Vacarros Trattoria. The individuals were: Mikki and Jim DeMarco, MaryAnn and Richard Hujar, Cheryl Koshar, Kay Metzler, Debi and Ed Rauckhorst, Carol Wilson, Marsha and Dewey Wineland, and Anna and Danny Zampelli.

Thanks to co-chairs Michelle and John Hujar and their volunteers:

Volunteers:

Lisa and Frank Aglioti

Chris Bova

Che Che Cannizzaro

Dan Clemente

Andrea and John Conti

Deb Deptuch

Jo Dusi

Kathy Hovey

Montgomery Hujar

Cindy Jolley

Cheryl Koshar

Eric Maghes

Sister Maria

John Mascolo

Lou Mascolo

Judy and Mike Nicolosi

Dennis Paonessa

Pat Puhak

Andrea Rauckhorst

Debi and Ed Rauckhorst

Joe Rinella III

Nancy Rinella

Aaron Rini

Vita Signorino-Moore

Greg Welsh

Carol Wilson

As you can see, it takes a lot of members to put on an event. The way the raffle tables were set up was well organized so it was easy to purchase a ticket. The Lucky 13 ticket sales were great, and next year, we will need to point out that the winner this year was the number 13. That should help our sales. Joe Rinella IV donated money to the club for the Raffle and Vera Thornton donated her winnings back to the scholarship fund. Thank you both.

COOLEY'S ANEMIA FUNDRAISER

To raise money to donate to Cooley's Anemia, Cheryl Koslar suggested a Super Bowl Squares raffle which she has found to be successful from taking charge of it for many years for other groups. The cost was only \$5 per square with a chance to win at least \$100. The squares were sold by members to friends and co workers and even members of the Italian Council. When the Kansas City Taylor Swifts, I mean the Chiefs were victorious we were able to make a donation of \$500 to Cooley's Anemia. Look for us to have this every year. You can root for your favorite team and have a chance to win some cash.

INITIATION SCHOLARSHIP LUNCH

If you haven't received a flyer, there is one enclosed with this newsletter. We will have one scholarship recipient and five members to be initiated. This year we will have the lunch instead of our meeting on May 19, 2024 with the meal being catered by Antonio's. Mikkie DeMarco has selected a wonderful menu and the cost is only \$15.00. Scholarship recipients and new members are complimentary. Please plan on attending this event so we can support our new members and show them what a great club we have.

CABRINI MOVIE

New member Angie Agnoni organized an outing for members to watch the film Cabrini, which is based on the true story of Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini, the patron saint of Immigrants. We attended the screening on March 9 and it was a well produced movie. Afterwards we enjoyed a delicious dinner at Papa Joes. Mother Cabrini was the first U.S. citizen to be canonized a saint by the Catholic Church, on July 7, 1946.

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Buon Compleanno!

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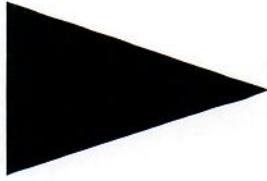
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BART CLEMENTE
BEVERLY LAMPERS
RYAN LATTAVO
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JOHN MASCOLO
JUDY NICOLosi
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NANCY ROSSI
ENRICO TERSIGNI

MAY

KATHLEEN BOZZELLI
HOVEY
ANTHONY CORSINO
JOHN DALESSANDRO
DEBORAH DEPTUCH
DOLORES DICRESCE
DONNA FERRANTE
JOCELYN HUJAR
MICHELLE HUJAR
JOHN MANCINELLI
DAVID ZAMPELLI

JUNE

FRANK AIELLO
KAREN CICIRELLO
ANDREA CONTI
REBECCA DILIDDO
MARY JANE FALCONE
SUSAN LINDEMAN
MARIA MACCHIARELLA
DENNIS PAONESSA
JOSEPH RINELLA III



Date: 05/19/2024

Doors Open: 1:30pm, Lunch at 2:00pm

Anthony-Kucko Community Room

1990 S. Main St., Akron, OH 44301

2024 Scholarship and Initiation Luncheon and Ceremony

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A raffle will benefit the Alzheimer's Fund, the Cooley's Anemia Fund, and the Doug Flutie Autism Fund. **Raffle gifts are appreciated on or before the event.** Some suggestions include gift baskets, cheese, olive oil, flowers, plants, and gift certificates. Please bring your donated items to the event or contact Michele DeMarco to arrange drop-off.

Your reservation for dinner must be received by **Monday, May 13th, 2024.** Any questions about reservations can be directed to **Michele DeMarco** at **330-697-9974.**

Looking forward to seeing everyone as we formally welcome our new members and celebrate scholarship winners!!

Buffet Dinner Includes:

- Bread rolls
- Garden Salad
- Chicken Marsala
- Italian sausage with peppers
- Rigatoni
- Roasted red skin potatoes
- Green Beans

Cupcakes for dessert.

Drinks include water, coffee, lemonade, beer, and wine.

Reservation Form

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Please make checks payable to "Sons of Italy Akron Lodge #685" and mail with the form to:

Michele DeMarco
2044 E. Turkeyfoot Lake Road
Akron, OH 44312

Member and Guest names _____

New member/Scholarship recipient name, if applicable _____

of Meals: _____ @ \$15.00 each = Total Check Amount: \$ _____