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Sons and Daughters of Italy in America  
Akron Lodge 685



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## *Akron Lodge 685 Newsletter*

### *Notes from the President:*

October is Italian Heritage Month. The Italian Council of Summit County events on October 13 include Mass at St Anthony's at 10:30 am, followed by a lunch in the school Gym. There will be Italian music and videos from the Italian Festival. The deadline for reservations is October 2, 2024.

On September 7, 2024 we lost a great member, James DeMarco. Jim was a long-time member and served as an officer during the years and was always there to volunteer at our events. Our condolences to Mikki and the family. If you came to the calling hours, you saw Jim's restored Ford Truck that he was proud to be it's owner.

The Toy Wrapping Party to benefit Project RISE will be November 22 at 6pm at Anthony Funeral Home. I wish to thank Jo Dusi for chairing this worthwhile event and I want to thank Mary Schifano who started this event and was chair for many years. Please bring several unwrapped gifts and the lodge is providing funds to purchase other gifts/toys. If you have scissors and scotch tape, please bring them that night. As always the Lodge will provide pizza and beverages after the gifts have been wrapped.

Congratulations to Cheryl Koshar who was elected as a Trustee to fill the vacancy after Jack Schifano asked to step down.

### *Upcoming Events*

October 20-Regular Meeting, 1:30 pm

Anthony Funeral Home, 1990 S Main St

Toy Wrapping for Project RISE, Nov 22 6 pm

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December- 7 Christmas Party-St George

Ridgewood Road, Fairlawn 5 -?

We are still accepting nominations to donate for 2024. Please let me know before the meeting. No nominations will be accepted at the meeting. We will vote at our meeting on October 20 and the top charities will receive the donation at our Christmas party. The Charity must be a 501 C 3

### *Hospitality Chairperson*

Our Hospitality Chairperson is Kay Metzler. If you know someone who is in the hospital email at [akronmft@gmail.com](mailto:akronmft@gmail.com)

St Anthony's Church is holding a pizza contest on Saturday, October 19, 2024 following the 4 pm mass. The cost is \$5.00 per person and includes 2 pieces of pizza and a beverage (beer, wine, soda, water) Additional beverages may be purchased. The contest is to determine who makes the best homemade pizza. The judges will determine the winner.

