



*Sons of Italy in America
Akron Lodge 685
130 Akers Ave.
Akron, Ohio 44312*

President: Jack Schifano

Vice President: Pat Puhak

Past President: Norm Ross

Financial Secretary ;Mary McCreary

Treasurer: Ed DiCresce

Recording Secretary: Phyllis Dnkins

Mistress of Ceremonies: Phyliss Mascolo

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April, May, June

March Election Results:

The following Officers were elected :

Notes from the President:

I am looking forward to being your President for the next two years. These years will be critical for our Lodge as we will be preparing for our **One Hundredth Anniversary** as a Lodge. We will need all members to help in preparing for this celebration. I know this will happen because we are a strong club.

Mark Your Calendar:

April 19th: General Meeting (Covered Dish) 1:00pm Kucko-Anthony Community Room. Everyone attending should bring a cover dish. Lodge will furnish chicken.

May: No General Meeting.

May 6th: Initiation Dinner Galaxy Restaurant, Doors open at 5:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm, Cost is \$21.00/per person. Please check attached flier for more information. or contact Joe Rinella at (330) 388-8037.

June 14th: General Meeting- 1:00pm- Kucko-Anthony Community Room.

Deadline for information for the July newsletter.

June 17th: Style Show at the Fairlawn Country Club. Doors open at 11:30am, lunch at 12 noon. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Deadline is June 12, 2015. Raffle benefits The Pete Mauren Center. For more information contact Madeline Bozzelli at

President : Jack Schifano, **Vice President:** Pat Puhak, **Financial Secretary:** Mary McCreary, **Orator :** John Mascolo, **Treasurer :** Ed DiCrease, **Recording Secretary :** Phyllis Dinkins, **Mistress of Ceremonies:** Phyllis Mascolo, **Master of Ceremonies:** Steve Garritano, **Guard:** Jeff Gliha, **Trustees:** Bess Ratcliff, Debi Rauckhorst, Joe Rinella, Antoinette Ross; Mary Schifano

Welfare of the Lodge:

Facebook: We need a member who knows their way around Facebook to update our page and keep it current with Lodge information. If you are interested in this job contact Jack Schifano at (330) 794-0947 or e-mail at photomanjs@sbcglobal.net

Picnic: We need 2 members to chair the annual Family Picnic on August 23, 2015. You will work with the current chairpersons this year and take over next year. Contact Mary Schifano at (330) 794-0947

Italian Festival Booth: July 9-11th. We need one member to be in charge of our festival booth this year. You would run the booth with the help of member volunteers. Contact Jack Schifano at (330) 794-0947 or e-mail at photomanjs@sbcglobal.net

Please notify **Bess Ratcliff** if you know of any member that is ill or in the hospital at (330) 896-9287.

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Reverse Raffle:

The Sons of Italy Reverse Raffle of March 7, was once again a huge success. 232 members, family and friends attended this annual, popular event held at St. George Family Center on Ridgewood Road in Fairlawn.

The "big board" winners this year included: Bill and Dora Raymond, DeAnna Akers, John and Phyllis Mascolo, Dan Main and Vanessa Fana.

The holder of the opening key to the Treasure Chest, valued at \$400, was Phyllis Mascolo and the winner of the Cash Explosion board was Becky Blankenship. In her excitement at winning, she commented that she "...always wanted to win that board".

This year we offered a new game, Sacco Dei Regali, (Bag of Gifts). This game was put together and manned by members Rose Young and Linda Miller. The game was received with much enthusiasm as witnessed by 30 bags selling within the first half hour. Thank you Rose and Linda for a job well done!

We would like to thank our awesome committee for their valuable help and support in putting this raffle together. And, a very special "thank you" to all the workers who sold and attended to the various games; we could not have succeeded without their help. And, last but not least, we wish to commend the numerous members who weathered the cold and came out to support our event.



Wine Tasting:

The Annual Sons of Italy Wine Night took place on Saturday, February 14th at the Silver Springs Lodge in Stow. In spite of snow and cold temperatures, we had 93 tickets purchased and about 81 persons that braved the weather and made it out. Members and guests were able to taste 10 different wines, sample hors d'oeuvres and desserts and received a complimentary wine glass. Music was provided by Acoustic Co. Mary Bratta won the Heads & Tails Basket and Ray Leone won the 50/50 raffle and then donated half the proceeds back to the Lodge. Many thanks, to all who donated and volunteered to make this event a success. We are going to have a Follow up Meeting to plan for next year. We invite anyone interested to join the committee. We welcome new ideas and enthusiasm. Contact Lou Mascolo at lmascolo@kw.com or John Mascolo at jonomas@hotmail.com. Committee: Lou & Karen Mascolo, John & Phyllis Mascolo, Norm & Toni Ross, Keith Apffel & Sue Bonk Volunteers: Committee members and Melanie Leone, Karen Byrd

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Beverly Lampers for Twenty-five years as a member of the Sons of Italy Lodge 685.

Buon Compleanno!



April

Guiseppe Cassano, Mary Chapman, Vito DeCarlo, Anthony DeLuca, Angelo DeVitis, Leonard Falcone, Mary Frisone, Steve Garritano, Lisa Hennessy, Terry Hennessy, Lisa Karas, Beverly Lampers, Frances Mallardi, Isabelle Marchetta, John Mascolo, Salvatore Musarra, Carlo Palmieri, Linda Parenti-Pinto, Judy Park, Manuel Perella, Rachele Pramick, Jonathan Ross, Norman Ross, Dominic Ruby, Stephanie Simcox

May

Dennis Altieri, Maryanne Buchanan, Lynne Callahan, Anthony Corsino, John Dalassandro, Elizabeth DeCarlo, Lori DeLuca, Deborah Deputch, Dolores DiCresce, Donna Ferrante, Maria Gaglio, Kathleen Hovey, Fred Lamalfa, Mary Marino, Mary Jane Massoli, Thomas Pinto, Kenneth Romansky, Cecilia Rossi, William Skidmore; David Zampelli

June

James Abbott, Mary Aiello, Patricia Basile, Karen Cicirello, Mary Jane Falcone, Susan Lindeman, Dennis Paonessa, Mary Paparone, Phillip Ratcliff; Donna Sapp

