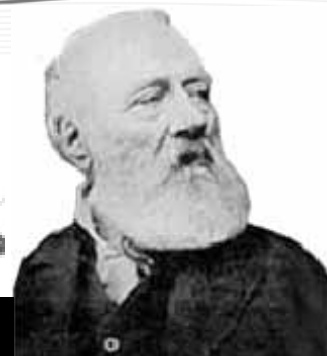


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Lodge Rings in New Year in Style



(Clockwise from above) The Grisanti, Carolini and Tarone families; Luigi and Flavia DiNota who chaired the event; and the Capicotto family all enjoy the last hours of 2011 before ringing in the new year.

Meucci revelers of all ages gathered at the lodge for the annual New Year's Eve party, hosted by chairs Bro. Luigi and Sis. Flavia DiNota. Everyone enjoyed dancing to the music provided by DJ Kenny amidst the glittery décor and festive

balloons. When the clock finally struck midnight, the crowd heralded the arrival of 2012 with cheers, hugs and well wishes to each other.

Here's to a wonderful new year to all our Brothers and Sisters and Lodge, where the best is yet to come!



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A Message From Your PRESIDENT

Teresa Rivero

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year! I want to wish you a very happy and heartfelt new year from my family to yours. I am very excited to begin this new year with you and look forward to what 2012 will bring.

This past year went by so quickly, didn't it? It's so hard to believe that 2011 is over for our Lodge, but it did go out with a bang. Plus, we shared in lots of festivities over its last month for sure.

We started in early December with our Christmas Party at La Grotta II. It was a lovely evening, and I have to thank **Sis. Pamela Danza** for chairing the event. The choir did a great job of entertaining us, and we had such fun seeing "Frosty the Snowman" come to life for our party. Thanks go to **Bro. Frank Tarone** for dressing up for us (and also for the children at their Lodge Christmas party). I also want to say thank you to **Sis. Camille Tarone** for taking care of the raffle. As usual, she brought her magic touch to the wrapping table, and all the gifts looked so pretty.

At the Children's Christmas Party, both the kids and their parents and grandparents enjoyed the activities and entertainers wonderfully put together for us by chairs **Patty Moore and Charles Guastella**. Thanks so much to **Sis. Patty and Bro. Charlie** for always coming through for us and the children. **Sis. Patty** also needs to be commended for her work on the holiday charitable campaigns. She collected about 250 new toys for the Toys for Tots organization and \$700 in Shop Rite gift cards to help feed needy families in our community. Much appreciation to all who

gave so generously.

Our Officers' Christmas Party was a merry affair thanks to **Bro. Alan Merenstein** and his committee. We are also grateful to **Bro. Mario Cermele** for catering it; the food was really delicious.

Finally, we had our New Year's Eve Party and **Domenico and I** had a marvelous time at the Lodge's celebration, joining in with many of our Brothers and Sisters to welcome the new year. Our many thanks to **Bro. Luigi and Sis. Flavia DiNota** for producing such a terrific event for all of us.

Before I end, I'd also like to thank **Sis. Rita Cestone and Sis. Cathy Mignini** for putting together the Memorial Mass in November. It was so nice to hear the Mass in Italian, and the breakfast afterwards was very nicely done. Thanks ladies!

Just a few notices regarding our members that you should know:

- Happy Anniversary to **Sis. Emily and Bro. Delfino D'Angelo**, who are celebrating 57 years together in 2012.
- Condolences to the family of **Sis. Margaret Cardillo** on the passing of her sister-in-law, Teresa Cardillo.
- Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Bro. Sal Callarame**, who passed away suddenly in December. Bro. Sal had just joined us and had quickly proven himself to be a hard worker and caring Lodge member. He left us much too early, and he will be missed.

Fraternally yours and Sempre Avanti,


Teresa Rivero

A Gentle Reminder to all Members:

Please pay your 2012 dues! Individual: \$55 • Husband & Wife: \$100
Dues statements will be mailed out in January so please submit promptly.

The following is a notice from Bro. Antonio Capicotto, ex-president of the Board of the Lamosia Corporation:

To all members of the Antonio Meucci Lodge # 213: A special meeting of Lamosia Corporation is being called for **January 17, 2012** at the lodge at 8 pm sharp. The purpose of the meeting will be the nomination and election of a new board of directors and all the new business that will be brought to the table.

EVENTS CALENDAR

ON, ABOUT AND AROUND THE LODGE

PLEASE NOTE

- All events are held at the Lodge unless otherwise indicated
- Members are NOT required to RSVP for general meetings. A contact number is provided in case you have questions about the meeting itself.

OFFICERS' MEETINGS are on
WEDNESDAYS at 8:00 pm sharp.
(The 2nd Wednesday of every month.)

January 11
February 8
March 14

GENERAL MEETINGS are on
TUESDAYS at 8:00 pm sharp.
(The 4th Tuesday of every month.)

January 24
February 28
March 27

Contact: Sis. Rita Cestone, (914) 948-3608.

SAVE THE DATES!

March 17—St. Joseph's Dinner Dance
April 14—Entertainment Night
April 22—Hall of Fame Dinner Dance

Saturday, February 11 **7:00 pm**
Sweethearts Dance



Grab your sweetie and your dancing shoes and head over to the lodge for a night of fun and romance in celebration of St. Valentine's Day. Dinner, music and dancing, with lots of slow

songs to get close to!
\$50 pp. RSVP please.

Contact: Sis. Tina Amato, Chairperson, (914) 328-1533.

Saturday, February 25 **3:00 pm**
Children's Carnevale Party



Open to pre-schoolers and up, this fun and enlightening event will feature an introduction and welcoming by Re Carnevale, videos of Carnevale celebrations in Venice, a display of photos, artwork, Carnevale masks and figurines, the kickoff flyover by La

Colomba (the dove), music and dancing, a mask making workshop, a masquerade procession, pizza, refreshments and more. Please bring a dessert to share.

\$5 pp; ages 4 and under FREE. RSVP please.

Contact: Co-Chairpersons Bro. Joe Amato, (917) 589-7443, Sis. Santina Tassone, (914) 424-8659 or Bro. Vito Tassone, (914) 424-8374.

Saturday, March 31 **7:00 pm**
La Sera Del Vino

Finally, an evening especially for the Meucci wine enthusiast! Join us in our first-ever wine-tasting party and silent auction. Whether you're a wine novice or an aficionado, you'll enjoy

sampling the various wines from around the world that will be available courtesy of local wine shops for tasting and purchase. Cleanse your palette between samplings with a buffet of delicious hot and cold appetizers and peruse the items up for bid, all while listening to the vocal talents of Italian and Italian-American music singer Nina Longordo. \$25 pp. RSVP please.



Contact: Bro. Joe Lembo, Chairperson, (jlembo@kohlerronan.com)/(203) 733-0658, or Co-Chairs Bro. Steve Lembo (slembo@kohlerronan.com)/(914) 320-3849 and Bro. Roberto Caso, (914) 420-1636.

SNAPSHOTS

A LOOK AT LODGE LIFE AND EVENTS IN PHOTOS



For the latest calendar information and photos of events, check out the calendar section of our website at www.antoniomeuccilodge.com/calendar.htm.



MEMORIAL MASS (Page 4, top left) — Before the Holiday Season began, the Lodge remembered their departed Brothers and Sisters at a special Mass in Italian on November 6 officiated by a visiting Italian priest at Mount Carmel Church in White Plains, where Bro. Vito Tassone gave the first reading. The event was chaired by Sis. Rita Cestone and Sis. Cathy Mignini, who also put together a wonderful breakfast reception afterwards at the lodge. **CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE** (Page 4, top right and clockwise) — Members (from left to right, Lenny and Cathy Mignini, Teresa and Domenico Rivero, Rosemary and Vito Cirioni, Luigi and Flavia DiNota and Vera DiNota) enjoyed the party at La Grotta II in Yonkers on December 3, where Frosty the Snowman (Bro. Frank Tarone) appeared as part of the Antonio Meucci Mens Choir's performance. Led by choir director President Teresa Rivero, the choir (from left to right, Bros. Charles Tota, Mario Cermele, Tony Amato, Lenny Mignini, Frank Tarone, Vito Cirioni, Umberto Amato and Domenico Rivero) sang various carols in Italian and English. Sis. Camille Tarone did a fabulous job wrapping and presenting the raffle gifts, and the event was chaired by Sis. Pamela Danza, here accompanied by Bro. Mario Cermele. (This page, above) — Various members and their guests celebrate at their festive tables.



Fun Abounds at Kids' Christmas Party

The 67 youngsters who attended this December's holiday children's gathering were certainly delighted and engaged by the wonderful entertainment lined up for them by Chairpersons Patty Moore and Charles Guastella, who this year marked their 22nd year of hosting the annual juvenile event.

"It's always my favorite day of the year," said Sis. Patty, and judging by many of the attendees' faces, there are more than a few others in her company.

Kicking off the afternoon was a reading of *Cosmic Carol* by the author, children's writer and illustrator Lawrence Pitonza, who also brought along characters in costume from his book and gifts for the young audience. Next, Jo Jo the Clown performed her magic to everyone's delight, even concluding her act with a live rabbit that later greeted newly-made fans. This was followed by the traditional dressing up in costumes by the co-chairs, and even after so many years Sis. Patty and Bro. Charles continue to surprise us. This time, they were fireplaces dancing to the song "Santa Claus Got Stuck in My Chimney."

Of course no Christmas party can be complete without Santa Claus, (Bro. Pat Carolini) who arrived on cue with gifts and his special guest, Frosty the Snowman (Bro. Frank Tarone). Yummy desserts baked by members were then enjoyed. Many happy children left with memories to spare and a whole year to be good and await this wonderful event's return.

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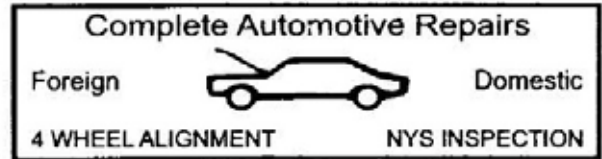
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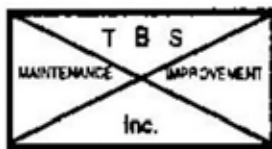
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