



July/August 2016

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A Message From Your **PRESIDENT**

Mario Cermele

My Brother and Sisters,

A happy and belated Fathers Day to all, and a Happy Fourth of July.

Mark your calendars for our annual **Italian Heritage Festival** on Sunday, July 24th: the majestic Kensico Dam will resonate with the great sounds of our Italian music and the wonderful scent of our food. Be there. Join us. Help us make it a wonderful day and, if mother nature approves, we will make it profitable for our Lodge to continue its growth and positive message, as it was displayed by our wonderful children and scholarship recipients.

To those who have fallen out of sorts from the Lodge, please note, we miss you and wish that you would reconsider coming back to join us and help maintain and grow what you have started many years ago.

Truly, to each and every one of you that have gone the extra mile for our Lodge, my eternal gratitude.

The Lodge is now the host of the largest Bocce Tournament in the County. It is a great success. There have been a few bumps here and there, but when each of us thinks that we are the BEST, sparks will fly and so does the laughter, the friendship and it has been great. Stop by on championship night and admire how well the game is played. Our banquet and homemade wine making contest is open to all. Soon the children will follow with the opening of their tournament.

Our Lodge beautification is well on the way. Soon we will meet and address our landscape needs.

Please join us as we celebrate a great summer with our new **Ferragosto a la Loggia**. We, the committee, are looking for all of you to come enjoy and have a great time. We promise to keep the cost as low as possible per UNA SERATA INSIEME.

A very special thanks goes to our house rental "dynamo" couple, Sister Catherine and Brother Leonard Mignini. The Lodge has been able to tackle and solve many old negatives and because of their hard work and dedication we are able to meet and clear all of our obligations and continue to grow.

As we go forward, we must continue to open doors for our children's future, showcase our pride and heritage, and remind all that our motto always has been and will always be: **"Sempre Avanti"**. Please join us in any way possible.

Vi ringrazio con tutto il cuore.

Your President,



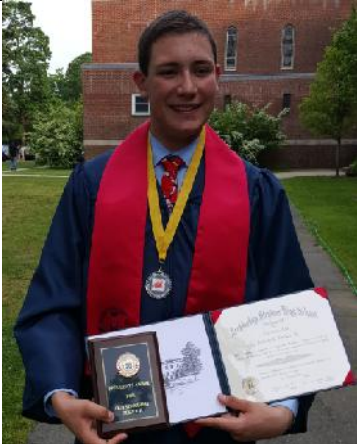
Awarded

The May 24 general meeting of the Antonio Meucci Lodge #213 included a presentation of five scholarship awards. This is always a proud and happy time of year for High School seniors, their families and the lodge to be able to welcome these bright and talented students and to wish them well in their college endeavors. Sis. Rita Carolini thanked Pres. Mario and the Board for support of the scholarship program and also thanked her committee: Sisters Annamaria Forte and Lucy Tocci and Bro Joe Tanzi and presented the Scholarship Awards.



Pictured: President Mario Cermele; Monica Colasuonno (Italian teacher and past Antonio Meucci Lodge scholarship recipient); Sister. Lucy Tocci; scholarship recipient Giulia Capicotto (attending Quinnipiac University); scholarship recipient Julia Amato (attending Boston College); scholarship recipient Matthew Garrison (awarded the Cirioni Family Memorial Scholarship, attending Bryant University); scholarship recipient Amanda Cermele (attending Syracuse University); scholarship recipient Luciana Gizzo (attending Sacred Heart University); scholarship chair, Sister Rita Carolini; Brother Joe Tanzi; Sister Annamaria Forte.

Congratulations to Our Youngest Member



Anthony Tomatore, Jr., the lodge's youngest member, graduated from Archbishop Stepinac High School on May 26. He earned high recognition by receiving The Order of the Crusader award which is awarded to only two students that devote time to help the school. He also earned the President Award for Service for his volunteerism. Anthony will attend St. John's University in Queens to study Journalism/Media Communications.

La Festa Italiana!

Sunday, July 24



Italian Heritage Festival

Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
12 - 7pm

Our booths will offer sausage and peppers, wine and peaches, beer and other refreshments. There will also be live entertainment, and other food and merchandise vendors. Bring a lawn chair and spend the day "Italian style".

Grazie! Special Thanks to our Major Sponsor:
The Generoso Pope Foundation
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Grazie!

Man of the Year Named!

Mark Your Calendars for the Annual Lodge Dinner Dance Honoring Brother Vito Cirioni as "Man of the Year" for his continuous and tireless service to the lodge, his can-do attitude and his pride in our Italian heritage.



Join us on October 30, 2016 at Hilltop Manor, Mahopac. Contact Sisters Rose Tassone 914-949-9472 or Pamela Danza 914-980-1055 for more information

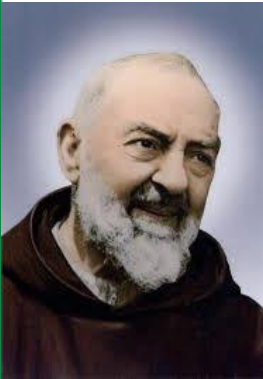
Join Us for the Day

Padre Pio

Sunday,
August 7

Depart
New Rochelle
at 7:30am

\$50 includes
food



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Mario Cermele
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Member News

Tanti Auguri a ...

- Sister Rosemary and Brother Vito Cirioni on the birth of their first grandson, Vincenzo Michele Chiara on June 24. And to Nonna, Sister Katherine Fusca.
- Sister Rose and Brother Joe Tassone on the birth of their grandson, Ryan Peter Tassone on May 18.
- Brother Pasquale Gizzo who was elected to serve as Harrison Town Justice
- All families celebrating Graduations, Communions, Confirmations.

Reach out to our Brothers and Sisters to wish them good health and a speedy recovery:

- Sisters Rosa Carolini, Patty Moore, and Nina Villareale; and Brother Ronnie Cardillo and to Vincenzo Fusca

Condolences to ...

- The families of Brother Vinnie Bevilacqua and Past President Tony Cucciarre who passed in June.



New York State Convention

- 54 of 66 active NYS Lodges attended with 320 delegates
- Over \$85,000 was raised for Cooley's Anemia and other charities.
- Congratulations to the Capicotto family who was named the NYS Grand Lodge Family of the Year
- Find out more about the convention at: <http://www.nysosia.org/news>

Ferragosto

Friday, August 5, 2016

at the Lodge
Details to follow

Contact:

Bro Umberto Amato 914-907-8755
Domenico D'Ambrosio 914 948-2630



Annual Lodge Picnic



Sunday, August 28 at
12:00 pm

We'll be saying good-bye to summer "Meucci Style", at Ridge Road Park in Hartsdale. Join us for traditional picnic foods, dessert, coffee, kids activities and a DJ for your listening and dancing pleasure. Bring Bocce, Horseshoes, sports equipment, etc. Adults \$30; Ages 11-17 \$15; Under 10 free

For more info, reservations or to donate desserts or bottles of cheer (for our raffle), Contact:

Bro. Charlie Tota 914-924-0347
Bro. Frank Tarone 914-761-3350
Bro. Nick Vaccarelli 914-424-8345

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 PRES. MARIO CERMELE 914-325-1239

Thought for the day:

La pratica vale più della grammatica

... Experience is the best teacher



2016 Calendar

Date	Event	Contact
16 May –12 July	Adult Bocce Tournament	Bro. Joe Amato
14-July	Bocce Championship Game and Dinner	
18 July – 4 Aug	Children's Bocce Tournament	Bro. Vito Tassone
24-July	Italian Heritage Festival at Kensico Dam	Pres. Mario Cermele
05-Aug	Ferragosto	Bros Umberto Amato & Domenico D'Ambrosio
7-August	Padre Pio Trip	Sis. Maria Pippo
28-August	Annual Lodge Picnic	Bro. Charlie Tota
9-October	Columbus Statue Wreath Laying and Breakfast	Sis. Rose Tassone
22-October	Halloween Party	Bro Pat Carolini
30-October	Annual Columbus Dinner Dance	Sis. Rose Tassone & Pamela Danza
6-November	Memorial Mass and Breakfast	Sis. Rita Cestone
11-December	Children's Christmas Party	Sis. Patty Moore
31-December	New Year's Eve Party	Sis. Teresa Rivero

Giocare a Bocce



OFFICERS' MEETINGS
 2nd WEDNESDAY
 Monthly at 8:00pm

GENERAL MEETINGS
 4th TUESDAY
 Monthly at 8:00pm