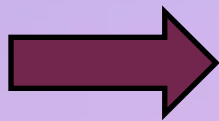




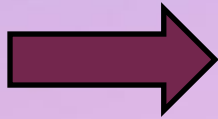
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Save the Date: Thursday, January 9, 2025



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THURSDAY,  
January 9th, 2025



WHERE: ELKS LODGE in Delray  
265 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Delray Beach, FL 33483

TIME: 6:30pm - 9pm

SPECIAL GUESTS: FAU Italian Studies Club

DONATION: Adults - \$10  
FAU Italian Students - FREE  
Please bring your favourite dish!

All proceeds will be donated to The Italian Studies Department Endowment Chair to continue the great programs for Study Abroad, Art, Films, and Educational Seminars here and internationally.

The OSDIA "Nonne Night" has become a tradition and FAU students of Italian look forward to it every year. It's their welcome to the new semester and to ring in the New Year. They cannot believe that their Italian class comes with their Nonnes' (grandmothers') home-cooked dishes! Let's make it a great success!

CALL: WENDY at 561-715-1361 to RSVP with your food items by January 6th

PAYMENT: Zelle is preferred... please Zelle to sgtbonanno@yahoo.com to confirm your reservation.

Or send a check and give it time to arrive by January 6th. Make check payable to Sgt Bonanno Lodge, and mail to:

Sgt Bonanno Lodge #2549  
PO Box 970101  
Boca Raton, FL 33497-0101



6th Annual Potluck Dinner  
Traditional Nonne Night  
with FAU Italian Club Insieme!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
BUON ANNO NUOVO!!

MANGIAMO Insieme!!

Our Grand Lodge of Florida Officers will be here to make a presentation as well.

Bring YOUR favourite Meal, Appetizer, Salad, or Dessert (enough for at least 10 people)

We will serve drinks: Sodas, Water (and Coffee with Dessert)

CASH BAR: Wines and Beer will be available for purchase next door at the bar

INVITE AND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

We need YOU ... sign up for Committees!! You must check in at the door to receive a door prize ticket!

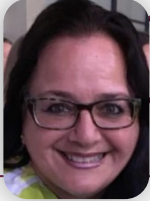
RSVP by January 6<sup>th</sup> to WENDY so we have a head count for food and goodies



Don Ciccio

Invite your friends, and introduce them to our Sons and daughters of Italy





# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wendy Corso-Ruud

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.. everywhere we go... YES! I love this season!


December started off with our spectacular **Christmas Party** at the Venetian Isles Clubhouse! Thank you, Joan, for all the time and energy you and Joe put in to making it beautiful, as we came together to celebrate the kick-off of the Holiday Season. We were truly surrounded by love while dining with friends, eating delicious foods and enjoying the wonderful and entertaining DJ Jeanne, who got everyone up on the dance floor.. **do the hustle!** The evening ended with a surprise appearance by **Babbo Natale** (thanks, Jim, for your Christmas Spirit), who shared candy canes whilst inviting all the naughty and nice attendees to sit on Santa's lap for a photo op. A small thank you gift was shared with everyone as a reminder that **Christmas Hugs** are for all.

On Thursday, **January 9<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30pm, we will gather for our Annual **NONNE NIGHT**, where we will be hosting **Club Insieme**, the FAU Italian Studies group. It's a **POTLUCK** dinner, so remember to let us know which culinary delight you will be bringing to share with the group, be it a main dish item, an appetizer, salad, or dessert (bring enough for at least 10 people). We can't wait to show these FAU *studenti* the tastes of their Italian **NONNE (grandmothers)** and instill in them the international love language of Italian FOOD! Please RSVP by Jan 6th so we can do a head count and arrange for seating. Donations are welcome by zelle or check and will be donated to FAU's Italian Studies Department.

On Thursday, **February 13<sup>th</sup>**, we will **SHARE THE LOVE**, as we all bring in our donations for the **Forgotten Soldier Project**. See the list of items we are looking for in this newsletter and bring them either Jan 9 or Feb 13, so we can present them to Lynelle from FSP.

It's **Membership RENEWAL** time! Please **renew your membership** as soon as possible (NOTE: dues have increased a bit). Enclosed is a new **application** to print, and if you need help, we're here for you!

Again, if you need a ride or help getting to our meetings, just reach out and we will get you there.

From the bottom of my evil little heart,  my wish for you is to embrace the love and spirit of this beautiful Christmas Season. We were raised by our mama with the motto "**THE MORE THE MERRIER!**" so if you will be alone on Christmas and would like to join our crazy Sicilian family shenanigans (*there will be pasta!*), you are more than welcome, just give me a shout. As always, feel free to invite family and friends to join us at our monthly meetings and let us be your "Italian" famiglia. If you have any questions, give me a call at 561-715-1361.

With love and hugs, Wendy

*Cari fratelli e sorelle,*

Sta iniziando a somigliare molto al Natale... ovunque andiamo... SI! Adoro questa stagione!

Dicembre è iniziato con la nostra spettacolare festa di Natale alla Venetian Isles Clubhouse! Grazie, Joan, per tutto il tempo e l'energia che tu e Joe avete dedicato a renderla meravigliosa, mentre ci riunivamo per celebrare l'inizio della stagione delle feste. Eravamo davvero circondati dall'amore mentre cenavamo con gli amici, mangiavamo cibi deliziosi e ci divertivamo con la meravigliosa e divertente DJ Jeanne, che ha fatto ballare tutti... fai il tuo lavoro! La serata si è conclusa con un'apparizione a sorpresa di Babbo Natale (grazie, Jim, per il tuo spirito natalizio), che ha condiviso bastoncini di zucchero mentre invitava tutti i partecipanti cattivi e buoni a sedersi sulle ginocchia di Babbo Natale per una foto. Un piccolo regalo di ringraziamento è stato condiviso con tutti per ricordare che gli abbracci di Natale sono per tutti.

Giovedì 9 gennaio, alle 18:30, ci riuniremo per la nostra NONNE NIGHT annuale, dove ospiteremo Club Insieme, il gruppo di studi italiani della FAU. È una cena POTLUCK, quindi ricordatevi di farci sapere quale delizia culinaria porterete da condividere con il gruppo, che si tratti di un piatto principale, un antipasto, un'insalata o un dessert (portatene abbastanza per almeno 10 persone). Non vediamo l'ora di mostrare a questi studenti della FAU i gusti delle loro NONNE (nonne) italiane e di instillare in loro il linguaggio internazionale dell'amore per il CIBO italiano! Vi preghiamo di confermare la vostra presenza entro il 6 gennaio, così potremo fare un conteggio e organizzare i posti a sedere. Le donazioni sono ben accette tramite zelle o assegno e saranno donate al Dipartimento di studi italiani della FAU. Giovedì 13 febbraio CONDIVIDERE L'AMORE, poiché tutti noi porteremo le nostre donazioni per il Forgotten Soldier Project. Consultate l'elenco degli articoli che stiamo cercando in questa newsletter e portateli il 9 gennaio o il 13 febbraio, così potremo presentarli a Lynelle della FSP.

È il momento del RINNOVO dell'iscrizione! Vi preghiamo di rinnovare la vostra iscrizione il prima possibile (NOTA: le quote sono aumentate un po'). Se hai bisogno di aiuto, contattaci, siamo qui per te!

Di nuovo, se hai bisogno di un passaggio o di aiuto per raggiungere i nostri incontri, contattaci e ti porteremo lì. Dal profondo del mio piccolo cuore malvagio, il mio desiderio per te è di abbracciare l'amore e lo spirito di questa splendida stagione natalizia. Siamo stati cresciuti con il motto "PIÙ SIAMO, PIÙ BUON ANNO!" quindi se sarai solo a Natale e vorresti unirti alle nostre folli buffonate di famiglia siciliana (ci sarà la pasta!) sei più che benvenuto, fammi un fischio. Come sempre, sentiti libero di invitare familiari e amici a unirsi a noi ai nostri incontri mensili e lasciati essere la tua famiglia "italiana". Se hai domande, chiamami al 561-715-1361.

Con amore e abbracci, W

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024

If you wish to announce a special event, please send your Information to me no later than the 23rd of each month.

SEPTEMBER 2024		OCTOBER 2024	
12	Business Meeting - Members Appreciation 	<del>10</del>	Italian Heritage Night
		27	The Sicilian Tenors - Boca Black Box
NOVEMBER 2024		DECEMBER 2024	
14	Salute to Veterans / Giving Thanks Forgotten Soldier Program Introduction 	1	The Nutcracker Ballet
		6	Christmas Party - Venetian Isles Clubhouse
JANUARY 2025		FEBRUARY 2025	
9	Nonne Night/ FAU Club Insieme - POTLUCK Dinner 	13	Valentines Day / Elections
		TBA	Picnic at the Park! BBQ 
MARCH 2025		APRIL 2025	
13	St Joseph's / St Patrick's Homemade Pasta Night 	10	Mozzarella Night
		TBA	Show me the money
MAY 2025		JUNE 2025	
8	Porchetta(?) Night	TBD	Luncheon or Dinner 
JULY 2025		AUGUST 2025	
TBD	Luncheon or Dinner 	TBD	Luncheon or Dinner 

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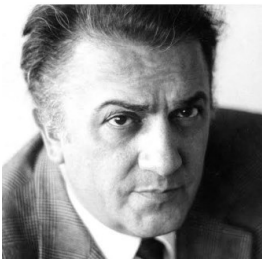
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# FAMOUS ITALIAN QUOTES



**“Il fine giustifica i mezzi.”**  
The end justifies the means  
-Niccolò Machiavelli



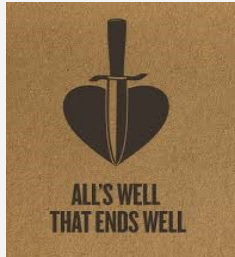
**“Una lingua diversa è una visione diversa della vita.”**  
A different language is a different vision of life  
- Federico Fellini

**BUON COMPLEANNI**  
dicembre

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- 2 Lila Mazzara
- 6 Sydney Corso-Kostecki
- 8 Connie Zanoni
- 18 Angie Catania
- 21 Claudia Sylvester
- 31 Etelvina Froeb

2024  
DECEMBER

## PROVERBS or SAYINGS in ITALIAN



**Tutto is bene quel che finisce bene**  
Everything is well that ends wells

**Chi aspettar puote, viene a cio che vuole**  
Who can wait, will eventually arrive



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# SAVE THE DATES

## Monthly Meeting Schedule for 24-25

Thursday Evenings 6:30pm at the ELKS Lodge

- ◆ September 12 Business Meeting - Potluck
- ◆ October 10 Italian Heritage
- ◆ November 14 Veteran Appreciation / Forgotten Soldier Program
- ◆ December 6 Christmas Party
- ◆ **January 9, 2025 Nonna Night / Membership Drive**
- ◆ February 13 Show the Love / Member Appreciation / Forgotten Soldier Collection
- ◆ March 13 St Joseph's / St Patrick's
- ◆ April 10 Mozzarella (?) Night
- ◆ May 8 Porchetta (?) Night
- ◆ June/July/August Summer Luncheons/Dinners



We will be planning different venues for our enjoyment this year and we would like your ideas and suggestions. Additional details to follow on each date. Preferred Method of Payment for Membership, Meetings and some Events is Zelle. Zelle: sgtbonanno@yahoo.com or send a check. We look forward to hearing from you.



# SEMPRE AVANTI

By Gene Costanzo, Scholarship Chair

## SGT BONANNO LODGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

**Our Scholarship Program** for our Bonanno Members will open **January 1, 2025, and end March 30, 2025.**

1. Member must be in good standing. and a member for at least one year.
2. Applicant must be related to member and been selected in writing, to a College/University in writing, no later than March 31,
3. submitted to the Membership chairperson.
3. We give two Scholarships per Year. If more applicant's apply, they will need to submit an essay to be approved by our scholarship committee.
4. The applicant must present the acceptance letter and information and we will forward the fund to the administration office listed on the letter.
5. Maximum scholarship \$500 each.
6. Any questions, please call your President or Scholarship Chair.





# CHRISTMAS PARTY PHOTOS

What a wonderful time of the year!! We had a grand time at our Christmas Party on Dec 6, with a surprise visit from Babbo Natale! Thanks to everyone who joined in on the fun... and a Very Happy Christmas to ALL of our amazing members!



Santa Baby!



President Wendy and VP Bob have been a bit naughty but Santa gave them gift anyway!

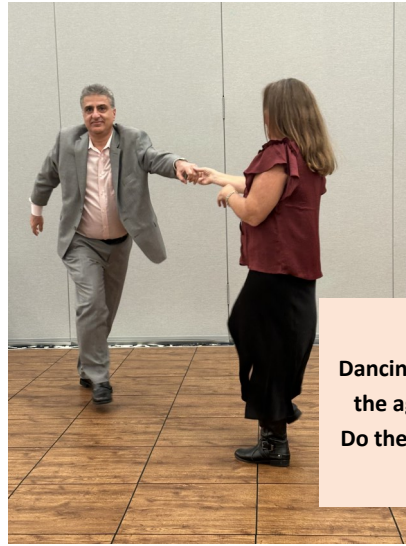


Our newest member embraced the Christmas Spirit and entertained our guests as Babbo Natale!





# FAMIGLIA FESTA FUN



Dancing was on the agenda..  
Do the Hustle!!



Good friends,  
good food,  
good times!





# FAMIGLIA FUN



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# EVENT RECAP

## TRIBUTE TO VETERANS / FORGOTTEN SOLDIERS OUTREACH NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP

Over 50 members and friends came together for our November meeting, where our MC Kay S (thanks, KK, retired Air Force) opened up the evening for our great speakers sharing amazing stories about our valued Veterans, (thanks, Rosemarie P), as well as a great tie-in of Veterans and our Italian Heritage (thanks, Joan). Great BIG thanks to all who volunteered! xoxo

Lynelle from the **Forgotten Soldiers Outreach** program shared our newest collaboration and **we will be collecting items at our January and February meetings** to “send that little bit of home to our troops” in the monthly “We Care” packages.

### ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED from our members may include:

**Toiletries/Hygiene <sup>\*\*</sup>(TRAVEL SIZE)\*\***

- Baby Wipes
- Baby/Foot Powder
- Dental Floss
- Tampons
- Lip Balm/Chapstick
- Mouthwash
- Hand Lotion
- Tissues (packets)
- Shave Cream Packets
- Sunscreen
- Shampoo
- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Bar Soap
- Razors
- Q-tips
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Additional Items:**
- Crew Socks
- Insect Repellent
- Wipes
- Scotch Heavy Duty Packing Tape
- Foot Warmers
- Hand Warmers

**Food Items**

- Trail Mix
- Sunflower Seeds
- Individual Crackers
- Fruit Roll Ups
- Beef Jerky/Sticks
- Rice Krispies Treats
- Microwave Popcorn
- Bagged Popcorn
- Ramen Noodles
- Candy/Gum
- Dried Fruit Snacks
- Breakfast Bars
- Individual Cookies
- Snack Bars
- Protein Bars
- Cup of Noodles
- Foil Tuna & Salmon Packets/Pouches
- Individual Packed Drink Mixes
- Oatmeal/Grits Packets
- Microwavable Ravioli / Mac & Cheese
- Individual Packages Nuts or Dried Fruit
- Peanut Butter Cups (Jif to Go)



We appreciate all the items that we receive; however, we cannot ship aerosol cans, pork products, tobacco, lewd/pornographic materials or alcohol. We do not accept hotel toiletries, canned food, boxes of pasta, cereal or expired and/or used items.

**OSDIA MEMBERS:** You can find items on their Amazon wish list and have them shipped directly: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/18B7ZCFLBPYYD?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/18B7ZCFLBPYYD?ref=wl_share)

# Membership Application

## Sergeant F.M. Bonanno Lodge #2549

Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, Inc.

Website: <http://www.osdiaboca.org>

Answer all questions - Type or print legibly

Type of membership:  Regular Member  Social Member  Transfer  Reinstatement

I, hereby apply for membership in the Sgt Bonanno Lodge #2549 of the Grand Lodge of Florida, Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, Inc. (OSDIA.)

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you  of Italian descent  married to  adopted by someone of Italian descent?

If you **DO NOT** have an Italian surname, indicate relationship of your Italian lineage and family name to be considered for Regular membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever held membership in the Order Sons of Italy in America?  Yes  No

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Sponsor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Membership - \$60 Regular or Social Member; \$110 per couple**

You can join by doing the following:

1. Mail application with check to: Sgt Bonanno Lodge, PO Box 970101, Boca Raton, FL 33497-0101  
**OR**
2. Pay by Zelle at: SgtBonanno@yahoo.com and bring application to meeting.

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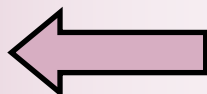
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## Annual Dues for 2025

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<b>Individual:</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>
<b>Couple:</b>	<b>\$110.00</b>
<b>Social:</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>



## Membership Payment Schedule

Member dues are paid annually every January. In September, dues are reduced to \$30, with the option to pay for the remainder of the year or pay the annual dues for the next year and have the last Three Months Free.

## Lodge Information

Lodge Meetings will be held at 6:30 PM on the second Thursday of every month. We will begin meeting in September, temporarily at the Delray Elks Lodge.

Meeting continue until May, when we break for the Summer, at which time we will hold social gathering June, July, and August.



## SCHOLARSHIPS

If anyone has a child or grandchild planning on attending College and would like to apply, Every year, Sgt. Bonanno Lodge has available at least one \$500 scholarship, which will be sent directly to the College of their choice. Please talk to us for more information. **Caveat: Members must be in good standing. Contact Gene now!**

## Past Lodge Presidents

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## Lodge Meeting Rules

Please sign in our attendance book before entering meeting, with each person on a separate line.

Please be courteous and respond to our events in a timely manner, as many events have deadlines. We try to plan events with an accurate number of members who will attend.

If there are fees for an event, we prefer you pay thru ZELLE online or to send a check **by the deadline** to the Bonanno Lodge

Lastly, as a courtesy, the Elks of Boca Raton will be opening the bar on the night of our meetings for our members, so please be sure to tip the bartender as you would in any other bar.

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