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Thursday March 14, 2024



WHERE:

Delray Elks Lodge #1770 245 NE 4th Ave, Delray Beach

TIME: 6:30 PM

COST:

Members-\$15.00, Guests-\$20.00

by March 10, 2024. RESERVE **CALL: Angie Torres Catania at** 787-221-0785 to reserve. If you would like to bring a dessert, let Angie know.

You can pay by Zelle to sgtbonanno@vahoo.com to confirm your reservation, or by check payable to the Sgt Bonanno Lodge, and mail to President at: PO Box 970101, Boca Raton, Fl. 33497-0101.

2nd Annual Pasta Night

Menu

Thank you to Judie Ferraro for preparing her Homemade Manicotti again accompanied by meatballs, salad and dessert.

Our new Trustee Vinny Como will introduce a new game called "Show me the Money".

Bob D'Angelo will give an repeat performance of his musical talents from our 40th Anniversary.

All proceeds will go to scholarships and charities.

Cocktails, beer, wine, available for purchase. Soda and water available gratis. Cocktails and wine can be purchased at the bar.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS!



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,

To all my fellow OSDIA members, I greet you with excitement for the upcoming year! It is my absolute honor to be your new president, following the incredible footsteps of Edmondo Catania, and before him, Joan D'Amato, and all who have come before me! I could not have come this far without the support of my wonderful Corso family and the friends who have become family in this association!!

We have some amazing events planned for all of you, starting with the March 14 Pasta Night meeting at the Elks club. where we will have homemade Manicotti and Meatballs, made by the fabulous Judie Ferraro. Please be sure to RSVP to Angie

Catania as soon as possible as we need a head-count! After that, we are planning a few social dinners, some group outings. If you have ideas on what we can do as a group, please get back to us!

If you are a new member, welcome to our famiglia! If you have already renewed, we thank you so much for continuing your membership! And lastly, if you are renewing and have not done so already, please submit your dues! Remember to invite family and friends to come join us to see what we are all about and to get involved!

With Love.

Cari fratelli e sorelle,

A tutti i miei colleghi, soci dell'OSDIA, vi saluto con entusiasmo per il prossimo anno! È per me un onore assoluto essere il vostro nuovo presidente, seguendo le incredibili orme di Edmondo Catania, e prima di lui, di Joan D'Amato, e di tutti coloro che mi hanno preceduto! Non sarei potuta arrivare fin qui senza il supporto della mia meravigliosa famiglia Corso, e degli amici che sono diventati una famiglia in questa associazione!

Abbiamo in programma alcuni eventi straordinari per tutti voi, a partire dall'incontro del 14 marzo Pasta Night presso l'Elks club. dove mangeremo Manicotti e Polpette fatte in casa, realizzate dalla favolosa Judie Ferraro. Assicuratevi di rispondere ad Angie Catania il prima possibile perché abbiamo bisogno di un conteggio! Dopodiché, abbiamo in programma alcune cene sociali, alcune uscite di gruppo. Se avete idee su cosa possiamo fare come gruppo, contattateci!

Se siete un nuovo socio, benvenuto nella nostra famiglia! Se avete già rinnovato, vi ringraziamo tanto per aver continuato la vostra iscrizione! E infine, se state rinnovando e non l'avete già fatto, inviate la vostra quota! Ricordatevi di invitare parenti e amici a unirsi a noi per vedere di cosa ci occupiamo e per essere coinvolti!

Con amore.

OFFICERS & COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSONS

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President: Wendy Corso Ruud 561 715 1361

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Events: Joan D'Amato, Tony Yazzetti Newsletter: Ed Catania, Raf Gueli Scholarship/Membership: Eugene Costanzo

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Bonanno Officers Grand Lodge of Florida

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Honorary Members

Don and Angie Seta - Millie Gasperoni





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

JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
12 20	Nonne Night 40th Anniversary party	9 TBD	Elections Valentines Day
MARCH		APRIL	
14	Homemade Pasta Nite	11 TBA	Fun Night Show me the money
MAY		JUNE	
9	8th Mozzarella Nite	TBD	Dine Arround
JULY		AUGUST	
SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	



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FAMOUS ITALIAN QUOTES



"The child's sensibility to absorb language is so great that he can acquire foreign languages at an early age" Maria Montessori



"The Path to Paradise begins in Hell."

Dante

MARZO BIRTHDAYS



- **6 Ginny** De Mattei
- 13 Rose Smith
- 14 Alec Kostecki
- 19 Wendy Corso Ruud
- 22 Joan Marinaro
- 22 Maria Campiso
- 30 Enrico Marini



ITALIAN PROVERB



Better off alone than with bad company

FINAL NOTICE Reminder

Your dues are payable before March 31,
2024, after that a late penalty will apply. Dues
remain ths same as the last three years.
Please submit your payment soon. We appreciate your continued support.

SAVE THE DATE

Monthly Meeting Schedule for 2023/24

Mark your Calendar! ELKS Lodge (See Events)

February 8, 2024 Elections

March 11 See Calendar
April 14 See Calendar
May 9 See Calendar

We will be planning different venues for our enjoyment and we would like your ideas and suggestion. Additional details to come.

Preferred method of payment for meetings and events: Zelle or Check. We look forward to hearing from you.

COMMITTEES SUPPORT

We are proud to report thar we continue to grow in membership, thanks to your support. We need volunteers to assist us in making us more productive by assisting from time to time those of us at our meetings.

We would like to ask for your participation helping at certain meeting on various committees during our monthly programs.

Volunteering to join a committees in setting up tables, service and clean up duties during our meeting months. The more people we have helping, the more we can spread out the effort and it wou;ld be great to have help to relieve our members, who do this every month.

Some ideas:

- Service Committee Chair
- Preparation and Service
- · Table setup and cleanup.
- Special projects
- Call your president or officers for more information and remember to invite your friends.



PHOTOS OF PAST EVENTS

Sgt. Bonanno Lodge Elections 2024







Sgt. Bonanno Lodge at VIIi FAU Italy in Transit Symposium













SEMPRE AVANTI

By Gene Costanzo, Scholarship Chair

SGT BONANNO LODGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Our Scholarship program for our Bonanno Members will begin January 1, 2024 and end March 30, 2024.

- 1. Member must be in good standing. and a member for at least one year.
- Applicant must be related to member and been selected in writing, to a Col-

- lege/University in writing, no later than March 31, 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 pre-

sent 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.



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FROM ITALIA

BY RAFFAELE GUELI

THE KINGDOM OF ITALY (1861-1946): VITTORIO EMANUELE II

ittorio Emanuele (IV) of Savov. pretender to the throne of Italy in dispute since 2006, recently died. He was the first child of Umberto II, last king of Italy, and grandson of Vittorio Emanuele III. Had the monarchy survived, he would have been king, and his only child, Emanuele Filiberto of Savoy (51) would have been Italy's current king.

Unfortunately, the Savoy family had been exiled from Italy since 1946 when Italians voted to abolish the monarchy after WWII, punishing the family for first collaborating with fascist dictator Mussolini and then fleeing Rome in 1944 to avoid an invading German army.



Vittorio Emanuele (IV) with his son Emanuele Filiberto

But let us find out who was his great-great grandfather and homonym.

Vittorio Emanuele II of Savoy (1820 - 1878), king of Piedmont & Sardinia, completed the process of Italian unification, and he is referred to as 'Father of the Fatherland'. To him is dedicated the national monument of the Vittoriano, located in Rome, in Piazza Venezia. He is remembered as the Gentleman King. A life dedicated to his work without too many excesses, but with the ghost of a popular belief that he was actually the son of a butcher.

It all goes back to one evening in 1821, when the little prince was sleeping in his crib. Her nurse slept in her chair and dropped a candle on the floor. In a very short time, a fire broke out. and, according to official sources, the price was rescued by the nurse.

But there is another side to the story. According to popular belief, the real prince died in that night fire. The family, fearful of seeing the succession to the throne fade away, replaced him with a contemporary, the son of a butcher who had a shop in front of Palazzo Pitti. Proof of this would be, according to rumors, the fact that that year the butcher suddenly became rich, even enlarging the shop. Obviously, there is no confirmation of this story, which had spread probably due to the lack of resemblance between Victor Emmanuel II and his father.

Right from the start he showed impatience with theoretical studies, preferring sport and hunting, his great passion. He later married his cousin Maria Adelaide of Habsburg-Lorraine, although he did not renounce his libertine behavior and established with relationships many women. He was a very politically present king. Respectful of the decisions of his ministers, he continued to exert pressure and maintain an active role in military high command and the legislative assembly.

The culmination of his "career" came on March 17, 1861, when the Parliament of Turin proclaimed him (First) King of Italy. It thus became the symbol of Risorgimento and patriotic values. Italy thus becomes a

From Italia: Raffaele Gueli, continued

constitutional monarchy. The unification of Italy, however, is not yet complete because of the Vatican territories annexed in 1870 after Rome's capture.

Moving to the Quirinal Palace, he led a life far from the excesses of worldly life. He died of a fever following a hunting trip in 1878. A lover of hunting but delicate of lungs, he spent a outdoors night in the swampy areas of the lake in his Lazio hunting estate. The humidity of that environment proved fatal to him. The King died after almost 29 years of reign.



King Victor Emmanuel II



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Membership Payment Schedule

Dues are paid annually every January. In September, dues are reduced to \$25, with the option to pay for the remainder of the year or pay the annual dues for the next year and have Three Months free.

Lodge Information

Lodge Meeting at 6:30 PM on second Thursday of every month. We will begin meeting in September, temporarily at the DelrayElks every beginning in September.

Members

If anyone has a child or grandchild planning on attending College and would like to apply, Sgt. Bonanno has available, every year, one \$500 scholarship, which will be sent directly to the College of their choice. Please talk to us for more information. Caveat: You must be a paid in-full member in good standing!

Past Lodge Presidents

Edmondo Catania, Joan D'Amato, Edmondo Catania (4yrs), J. Nick Cantore, Marie Ruggiero, Ed Mottola, Jr., Peter Ocello, Steve Petrarca, John Polli, William Santangelo, Peter Vallone, Frank Benedetto, Carlo Boniello, John Boniello, Rosemary Boniello.

Scholarship

To award scholarship to family of members based on merit and financial situation, Members must be members in good standing.

Lodge Meeting Rules

Please be courteous and respond to our events in a timely manner. Most events have cut off dates. We can not plan an event unless we have an accurate number of members who will attend.

Please sign our attendance book before entering meeting. Each person on separate line. This way we get accurate head count.

Please be ready either with cash or check made out to Bonanno Lodge If the event calls for it. (some members did not pay last month).

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

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