



Thursday May 09, 2024

WHERE:
 Delray Elks Lodge #1770
 245 NE 4th Ave
 Delray Beach

TIME:
 6:30 PM

COST:
 Members \$20.00, Guests \$25.00

RSVP BY May 5:
 Angie Torres Catania at 787-221-0785 to reserve. If you would like to bring a dessert, please let Angie know.

PAYMENT OPTIONS: Zelle \$\$ to sgtbonanno@yahoo.com to confirm your reservation, or send check payable to the "Sgt Bonanno Lodge", and mail to: President OSDIA Bonanno Lodge #2549 PO Box 970101 Boca Raton, FL 33497-0101.

ANNUAL PORCHETTA NIGHT

Menu: Freshly made Porchetta and Potatoes, bread, dessert, catered by Doris's. A Vegetarian alternative is available. Advise Angie.

Cocktails and beer will be available for purchase at the bar. Soda, water available, gratis. Cocktails, beer and wine, cash only.... an ATM is available on the premises).

All proceeds go toward next years scholarships and charities.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!

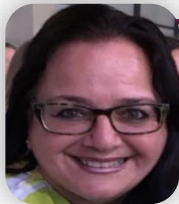
REMEMBER TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE no later than May 5, 2024. Payment must be received by deadline.



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 May Day, and I cannot believe how quickly the months have passed! Our members are showing up to our events and it's been lovely to see everyone coming together, in friendly, loving typically Italian gatherings!

Our warmest thanks to Phil Cantore and his crazy, friendly crew for the amazingly fresh hand-made mozzarella. and he still won't give any recipe secrets! The antipasti contributed were fabulous as were the many tasty desserts!

We're on a roll and will finish up our regular meeting schedule on May 9 with Porchetta Night, so please reserve your spots now by RSVPing to Angie Catania as soon as possible. We need an accurate headcount. We are setting up some

social and fun evenings and gatherings during the summer and will reconvene in August, so if you are heading away for the summer, know that we will miss you, but we'll see you when you get back!

Again, much love and respect to our board for making these events run like a well-oiled machine working together... because after all, we are una FAMIGLIA!

See you all May 9th for some more fun! You are most welcome to bring family and friends, as long as you RSVP and pay for them before the deadlines!

Thank you to all for your love and support!

Cari fratelli e sorelle,

È il Primo Maggio e non riesco a credere a quanto velocemente siano passati i mesi! I nostri soci si stanno presentando ai nostri eventi ed è stato bello vedere tutti riunirsi, in incontri amichevoli e amorevoli tipicamente italiani! I nostri più calorosi ringraziamenti a Phil Cantore e al suo folle e amichevole equipaggio per la mozzarella fatta a mano incredibilmente fresca. e ancora non svela nessun segreto di ricetta! Gli antipasti contribuiti erano favolosi, così come i tanti gustosi dessert! Siamo in piena attività e concluderemo il nostro consueto programma di incontri il 9 maggio con la Porchetta Night, quindi prenotate subito i vostri posti rispondendo ad Angie Catania il prima possibile. Abbiamo bisogno di un organico accurato. Stiamo organizzando alcune serate e incontri sociali e divertenti durante l'estate e ci riuniremo ad agosto, quindi se state andando via per l'estate, sappiate che ci mancherete, ma ci vediamo quando tornerete!

Ancora una volta, molto amore e rispetto per il nostro consiglio di amministrazione per aver fatto funzionare questi eventi come una macchina ben oliata che lavora insieme... perché in fondo siamo una FAMIGLIA! Ci vediamo il 9 maggio per un po' di divertimento in più! Siete i benvenuti a portare la famiglia e gli amici, a patto che RSVP e paghiate per loro prima delle scadenze! Grazie a tutti per il vostro amore e supporto!

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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.

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



“ Not for ourselves are we born”

Marcus Tullius Cicero



“When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive, to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love.”

Marcus Aurelius

MAGGIO COMPLEANNI

- 1 Lydia Marini
- 5 Stella Lappi
- 10 Mirta Sacon
- 12 John DeCicco
- 19 Karen Ianniello
- 23 Dawn Chase
- 26 Robert S'Angelo
- Frank Daurio



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SAVE THE DATE

Monthly Meeting Schedule for 2023/24

Mark your Calendar! ELKS Lodge (See Events)

- ◆ **May 9** 5th Annual Porchetta, Salad, Dessert and Roasted Potatoes Dinner
- ◆ **June** Lunch TBD

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.



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.
2. Applicant must be related to member and been selected in writing, to a College/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 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.

PHOTOS OF PAST EVENTS

Sgt. Bonanno Mozzarella Night: Special thank you to the Cantore Family for preparing Fresh Mozzarella, and Vinnie Como for "Show Me the Money" for our membership.



Sgt. Bonanno Community Bocce with FAU Friends





FROM ITALIA

BY RAFFAELE GUELI

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

Vittorio Emanuele III (Nov. 11, 1869 – Dec. 28, 1947), was the third king of Italy. He came suddenly to the throne in 1900 on the assassination of his father, King Umberto I. Being an only child, due to his solitary childhood, he had a reputation for being shy and reserved. Despite his reserved nature, he still received the traditional military upbringing expected of his family. On October 24, 1896, he married **Princess Elena of Montenegro**, daughter of King Nicholas I of Montenegro. She had been raised in the values and unity of the family. The conversation at the table was conducted in French.

Who really was this monarch who handed the nation over to the fascists and sealed the fate



King Vittorio Emanuele III and his grandson Vittorio Emanuele (IV)

of the monarchy? His father left him mostly unprepared for the position and he had a well-known disdain for the stresses of politics. A tractable constitutional monarch, he accepted a Liberal cabinet and readily acquiesced Italy's entrance into World War I in 1915. When the strains put on the parliamentary system by the war brought Mussolini to the fore, he failed to prevent the Fascist seizure of power, quickly reduced to a figurehead or less. He didn't like politics. But on the other hand, he loved to collect ancient coins. He began his collection when his maid gave him a coin depicting Pope Pius IX. When he became king, his collection numbered nearly 30,000. No wonder they nicknamed him the Numismatic King and that the University of Oxford awarded him an honorary degree for his passion.

He was noticeably short, only five feet tall, not much shorter than his grandfather (V.E. II) who was 5.2'. When, during World War I, he reviewed the army, the troop was seized with disappointment. People had never imagined him so small. Being short due to its short legs and negatively disproportionate to the body, having to wear the saber it was longer than the legs and crawled with the scabbard wide on the ground, so he was ironically nicknamed "*sciaboletta*" (little Sabre). "He had grown, but only in his head and trunk. His limbs were underdeveloped, and he could hardly stand on his stunted

legs." [Storia d'Italia by Indro Montanelli].

He took it upon himself to open the doors of the institutions to Benito Mussolini. In the hot days of the march on Rome he could have stopped him, but instead he handed over the country to him, giving him the task of forming a government. Why did he do it? According to historians, it was out of fear that the army would rebel. Or more likely because he thought that fascism could represent a barrier to the social tensions that were shaking Italy at the time.

In 1924 the socialist deputy Giacomo Matteotti was kidnapped by the fascists and murdered. Mussolini, who had not yet established a strong regime, felt vulnerable and frightened for the first time: there was a unanimous awareness that he



From Italia: Raffaele Gueli, *continued*

knew (or perhaps was responsible) for the kidnapping/murder. Fascism could have fallen without becoming the dictatorship we all know. A group of men asked for an audience with the King who had every right to depose Prime Minister Mussolini. The king smirked dumbly and replied enigmatically. Nothing came of it, and he continued to support fascism.

The king distanced himself from the regime late and badly. To separate the fate of the monarchy from that of Mussolini, at the session of the Grand Council (25 July 1943) he agreed with the hierarchs on the dismissal of the Duce, who was arrested and replaced at the helm of the country by Marshal Pietro Badoglio. Then he signed the armistice (September 8, 1943) with the Anglo-

Americans, in fact the unconditional surrender of our country.

The flight to Brindisi (under Anglo-American tutelage) and the abandonment of the capital in the hands of the Germans the day after the announcement of the armistice was the tombstone on his image. Pro-monarchists argue that this was a necessary transfer to save the continuity of the state. The fact remains that, with that choice, the king first of all saved his own skin. The escape, together with the "conspiracy of silence" of the following days, had disastrous effects: it gave the Germans time to organize themselves, take control of central-northern Italy and free Mussolini. Exposing the country to an additional 20 months of war. All this was fatal for the fate of the monarchy in Italy.



King Vittorio Emanuele III with King Albert I of Belgium, his son Umberto's father-in-law

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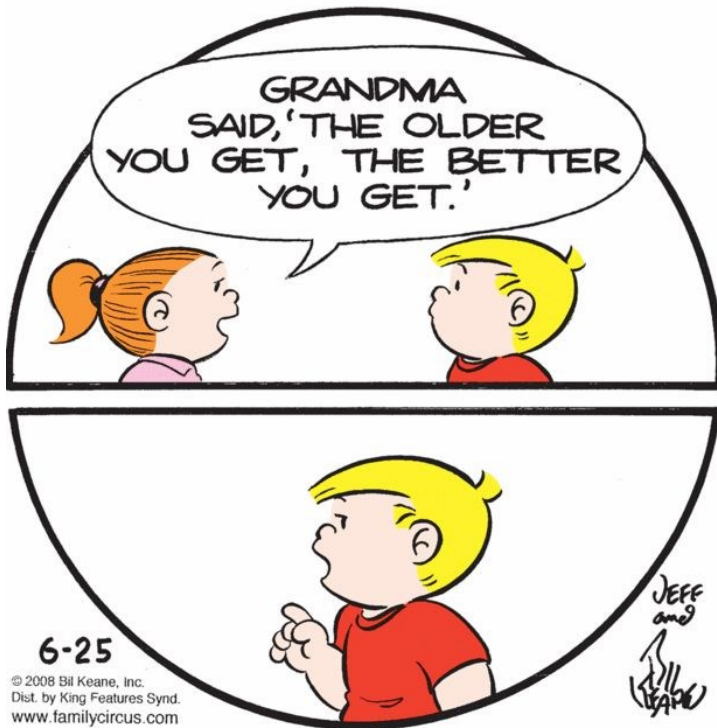


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Membership Payment Schedule

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!

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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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