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Save the Date: Thursday, Apr. 10, 2025

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025



Special Guest Speaker:
Charles DiVita,
 an author in search of his Sicilian family roots.

WHERE: OUR NEW VENUE!!!
 South County Civic Center
 16700 Jog Road
 Delray Beach, FL 33446

TIME: 6:30pm - 9pm

Meeting Fee: Members - \$5
Guests - \$10

TO RSVP: APRIL 7th Wendy 561-715-1361
MUST RSVP and pay by April 7th for head count!

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 April 7th.
 Make check payable to Sgt Bonanno Lodge, and mail to:

Sgt Bonanno Lodge #2549
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Celebrating the EASTER Spirit with "BRINNER" - Breakfast for Dinner!

Come join us as we enjoy Breakfast for Dinner!!



POTLUCK: Bring YOUR favourite Breakfast Foods to Share with your Famiglia and Friends.

We will bring Drinks: Sodas, Water, and Coffee

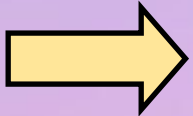
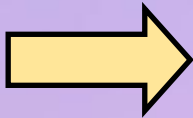
REMEMBER: at this new venue, we do not have kitchen facilities to cook or reheat, so plan accordingly!



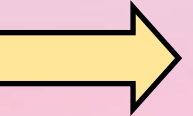
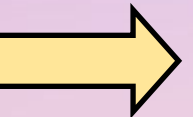
INVITE AND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR FUN TIMES!

Please check in at the door to receive a door prize ticket!

HEY! We need YOU ... sign up for Committees!!



RESERVE NOW!!



Don Ciccio

Invite your friends and introduce them to our Sons and Daughters of Italy Family!

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wendy Corso-Ruud

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“April is a reminder that life is a beautiful, ever-renewing cycle” EE Cummings.

We are winding down March as it gives way to April, which hopefully brings with it peaceful days and signs of renewal.

March was a busy month as we celebrated many ‘feast’ days with family, friends, and food, most notably delicious pizza from **IL TARTUFO Ristorante**, pasta, and pastries. Our first meeting at the South County Civic Center was well attended by over 70 members and friends, and everyone had a great time!

New members were installed, as well as our new Trustee, Jim Episcopio, and we have more for the April meeting!

Our **April 10th meeting** is going to be a blast, celebrating the Spirit of Easter and combining two food events into a fun event of **Breakfast for Dinner!** This will be a **POTLUCK “Brinner”**, and we are asking that you bring your favourite breakfast foods to share, so please bring enough for at least 10 people. Our special Guest Speaker will be **Charles DiVita**, an author in search of his Sicilian family roots. This should be a great night of friendship and making more great memories.. together!

As noted before, if you have not renewed your membership, the **end of March sadly means the end of Membership** in our Lodge, so please **RENEW now!** Give us a shout so we can help you out.. renew online immediately or send in a check, as we have to send an updated roster to the Florida Grand Lodge by month’s end.

Once again, if you need a ride, please get in touch with us as soon as you can.. *we will come get you!* Let us know how we can make your experience with our lodge better, so that you may enjoy yourselves each time we meet! Mark your calendars now to join your “famiglia italiana” at future meetings (next up May 8th, then June, July, and August will most likely be lunchtime social gatherings). If you have questions, stories to share, any issues or problems, please give me a call at 561-715-1361.

With love and hugs,
Wendy

Cari fratelli e sorelle,

“Aprile ci ricorda che la vita è un ciclo meraviglioso e in continuo rinnovamento” EE Cummings. Stiamo concludendo marzo, che cede il passo ad aprile, che si spera porti con sé giornate di pace e segnali di rinnovamento.

Marzo è stato un mese intenso, in cui abbiamo festeggiato molti giorni di “festa” con la famiglia, gli amici e il cibo, in particolare la deliziosa pizza del IL TARTUFO Ristorante, pasta e dolci. Il nostro primo incontro al South County Civic Center è stato molto partecipato da oltre 70 membri e amici e tutti si sono divertiti un mondo! Sono stati insediati nuovi membri, nonché il nostro nuovo fiduciario, Jim Episcopio, e ne abbiamo altri per la riunione di aprile!

Il nostro incontro del 10 aprile sarà fantastico, celebrerà lo spirito della Pasqua e combinerà due eventi gastronomici in un momento divertente di colazione per cena! Questo sarà un POTLUCK “Brinner” e ti chiediamo di portare i tuoi cibi preferiti per la colazione da condividere, quindi portane abbastanza per almeno 10 persone. Il nostro relatore speciale sarà Charles DiVita, uno scrittore alla ricerca delle radici della sua famiglia siciliana. Questa dovrebbe essere una fantastica serata di amicizia e di creazione di altri fantastici ricordi... insieme!

Come detto prima, se non hai rinnovato la tua iscrizione, la fine di marzo purtroppo significa la fine dell’iscrizione alla nostra Loggia, quindi per favore RINNOVA ORA! Facci un fischio così possiamo aiutarti... rinnova online immediatamente o invia un assegno, perché dobbiamo inviare un elenco aggiornato alla Florida Grand Lodge entro la fine del mese.

Ancora una volta, se hai bisogno di un passaggio, ti preghiamo di contattarci il prima possibile... verremo a prenderti! Facci sapere come possiamo migliorare la tua esperienza con la nostra Loggia, così potrai divertirti ogni volta che ci incontreremo! Segna sul calendario ora di unirti alla tua “famiglia italiana” ai futuri incontri (il prossimo l’8 maggio, poi giugno, luglio e agosto saranno molto probabilmente incontri sociali all’ora di pranzo). Se hai domande, storie da condividere, problemi o difficoltà, chiamami al 561-715-1361. Con amore e abbracci,

Wendy

This message was translated using GOOGLE TRANSLATE for those who like to read and/or dabble in the language.. if you would like to help translate, please step up!

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EVENT FUN & FOTOS

Thursday, March 13, at our new venue, we celebrated St Joseph, St. Patrick, and the Unification of Italy 1861, as well as The Festa delle Donne. The pizza was generously donated by IL TARTUFO Ristorante Chef Luciano Balzano, and was enjoyed by all, along with the pasta and salad donated by Rose Corso. The pastries were from our friends Carole and Heidi at the Publix on St Andrews, and several baker-members whipped up some delicious desserts!



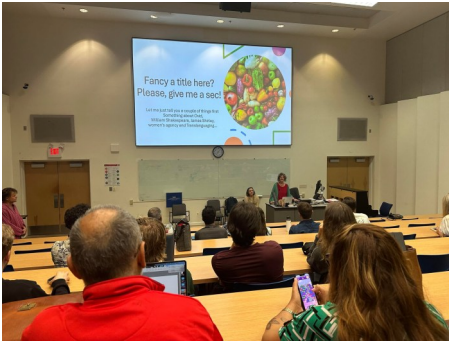
Cake and Cupcake Italian Flag by Publix



Thanks to all who jumped in to help serve food, set up and break down!!



Italian Studies at FAU



It's been really amazing attending these wonderful seminars and talks at FAU and online on ZOOM, courtesy of Ilaria Serra and Emanuele Pettener of the Italian Studies Department. Just being a part of the magic, listening to these fascinating, well-spoken presenters and authors sharing their knowledge of translanguaging, travel, translations, and more, has been an eye-opening experience. And hearing the language brings back such heart-felt memories. I invite you to join your fellow members as we enjoy learning more in the future, there is so much being offered at the Italian Studies Department... something for everyone!

FAU Italian Studies and I Parchi Letterari celebrate Poetry and Forest Day with a presentation that intertwines poetry with literary, linguistic and geographical landscapes.

Philosophy and Geography: The Voyage of the Translator

Giovanni Agnoloni
writer, translator, traveler

Wednesday, March 26, at 7:00 PM in PA 101

A kid who kills a puppet or a puppet who kills a kid?

Life and Death in the Novel *La Avventura di Pinocchio* by Carlo Collodi

Federica Sigalco, journalist, novelist, scholar University of Galway, Ireland at 5:00 PM in CU 501

A guest lecture in the class *Pinocchio, from and beyond* in *Cinematic Italy: Literature* Florida Atlantic University



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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 2025		FEBRUARY 2025	
9	Nonne Night/ FAU Club Insieme - POTLUCK Dinner MEMBERSHIP DRIVE	13	Show the Love - Forgotten Soldier Collection
		16	Picnic at the Park! BBQ
			
MARCH 2025		APRIL 2025	
13	St Joseph's / St Patrick's Pizza and Pastries	10	Easter BRINNER
			
MAY 2025		JUNE 2025	
8	Porchetta Night	TBD	Luncheon or Dinner
			
JULY 2025		AUGUST 2025	
TBD	Luncheon or Dinner	TBD	Luncheon or Dinner
			
SEPTEMBER 2025		OCTOBER 2025	
11	First Business Meeting - Welcome Back Members Appreciation	09	Italian Heritage Night
			
NOVEMBER 2025		DECEMBER 2025	
13	Salute to Veterans / Giving Thanks	11	Annual Christmas Party
			

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FAMOUS ITALIAN QUOTES



“Il potere e come una montagna: chi lo scala deve affrontare molte sfide.”

Power is like a mountain: those who climb it must face many challenges.
- Francesco Petrarca



“Siamo tutti nati per morire, la differenza è l'intensità con cui scegliamo di vivere.”

We are all born to die - the difference is the intensity with which we choose to live.
- Luigia "Gina" Lollobrigida

BUON COMPLEANNI
aprile

- 03 Maureen Sbarra
- 05 Sara Lena
- 08 Anna Piscitelli
- 16 Caroline Tramontin
- 18 Ernest Perno
- 29 Tomas Magnasco

PROVERBS or SAYINGS in ITALIAN

Il mondo è bello perché è vario.

(The world is beautiful because it's varied.)



Unn'è santu chi sura
(A saint doesn't sweat.)

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SAVE THE DATES

Monthly Meeting Schedule for 2024 - 2025

Thursday Evenings 6:30pm at the ELKS Lodge (til Feb!)

- ◆ 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 Items Collection
- ◆ February 16 Picnic at the Park - Morikami Pavillion
- ◆ March 13 St Joseph's / St Patrick's - IN OUR NEW PLACE!!
- ◆ **April 10 Easter BRINNER**
- ◆ May 8 Porchetta (?) TBA
- ◆ 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 Events is Zelle. Zelle: sgtbonanno@yahoo.com or send a check.



SEMPRE AVANTI

By Gene Costanzo, Scholarship Chair

SGT BONANNO LODGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

DEADLINE NEXT WEEK!

Our Scholarship Program for our Bonanno Members started **January 1, 2025, and ends this week.. March 30, 2025.**

1. Member must be in good standing. and a member for at least one year.
2. Applicant **must be the child or grandchild of a member** and been selected in writing to a Col-

lege/University.

3. Apply no later than March 30, 2025, submit to the Membership chairperson.
4. 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.
5. The applicant must present the acceptance letter and information, and we will

forward the fund to the administration office listed on the letter.

6. Maximum scholarship \$500 each.
7. Any questions, please call your President or Scholarship Chair.





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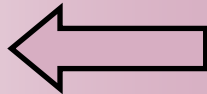
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Annual Dues for 2025

Dues are payable and should be paid the first of every year. Please make note of the small increase:

Individual:	\$ 60.00
Couple:	\$110.00
Social:	\$ 60.00



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 March at our new venue, the South County Civic Center on Jog Road north of Clint Moore Rd in Delray.

Meetings continue until May, when we break for the Summer, at which time we will hold social gatherings 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!

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Lodge Meeting Rules

As we begin our meetings at our new venue, remember to please be on time, and get checked-in before entering the meeting at our welcome table, so we can record your attendance.

Please be courteous and respond to our events in a timely manner, and take note that many events have **deadlines**, especially when making arrangements for food. We do 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, but if not, to send a check **by the deadline** to the Bonanno Lodge.

We thank you for joining!



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