



SGT. FREDERICK M. BONANNO LODGE #2549

*The Friendliest Lodge in Florida*

# Thursday September 12, 2024

**WHERE :** Elks Lodge

265 NE 4th Ave

Delray Beach, Florida 33483

**TIME:** 6:30 PM Sharp  
Members and their Guests  
No Charge

**CALL:** Wendy at 561-715-1361 to reserve so we have a head count for food and deserts

**DEADLINE FO RESERVATIONS IS September 10!**



Join us for a

**POT LUCK DINNER and  
Members Appreciation!**

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

Please contact Wendy with items you are bringing, thanks!

**We will serve drinks** (Sodas, Water, and Coffee with dessert)

**CASH BAR:** Wines and Beer will be available for purchase at the bar.

**INVITE AND BRING YOUR  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**

**Become more involved... sign up for Committees!! Greeters, servers, food ideas/themes, event set-up, break-down, future events, guest speakers, etc.**

**Check in at the door to receive  
a door prize ticket!**



**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,

And here we goooo!! September starts our regular business meetings and evenings together! As we gather around the 'table' once more, I'd like to say WELCOME to our newest members, and WELCOME back to our current ones.

Looking back, each of our Summer Luncheons was held at different Italian restaurants, and the attendance was great, the food amazing, and the company, exceptional! It was great to connect with our member Brothers and Sisters in a relaxed, fun atmosphere.

Looking forward, our first time back after our wonderful summer will be Thursday, September 12, at the Elk's Lodge in Delray, where we will gather for a brief business meeting with news and upcoming events as well as our new member installation. Dinner will be an amazing Potluck, where everyone will bring their favourite dishes, appetizers, or desserts to share! Quick reminder to please contact me to share what YOU will be bringing, thanks!

This is going to be a great year for our Lodge, we have so much in store for you, our marvelous members. If you have ideas for future events, guest speakers, food themes or ideas, let us know. We are a very social and fun group, so please feel free to invite family and friends to join us at meetings and for a great "Italian" experience. If you have any questions, give me a call at 561-715-1361.

With love and hugs,

Wendy

*Cari fratelli e sorelle,*

Eccoci qua!! Settembre dà il via ai nostri consueti incontri di lavoro e alle serate insieme! Mentre ci riuniamo di nuovo attorno al "tavolo", vorrei dare il **BENVENUTO** ai nostri nuovi membri e il **BENVENUTO** di nuovo a quelli attuali.

Guardando indietro, ognuno dei nostri pranzi estivi si è tenuto in diversi ristoranti italiani e la partecipazione è stata fantastica, il cibo fantastico e la compagnia eccezionale! È stato fantastico entrare in contatto con i nostri fratelli e sorelle membri in un'atmosfera rilassata e divertente.

Guardando al futuro, il nostro primo ritorno dopo la nostra meravigliosa estate sarà giovedì 12 settembre all'Elk's Lodge di Delray, dove ci riuniremo per un breve incontro di lavoro con novità ed eventi imminenti, nonché l'insediamento dei nostri nuovi membri. La cena sarà un fantastico Potluck, dove tutti porteranno i loro piatti preferiti, antipasti o dessert da condividere! Un rapido promemoria per contattarmi per condividere ciò che porterai TU, grazie!

Questo sarà un anno grandioso per la nostra Loggia, abbiamo così tanto in serbo per voi, i nostri meravigliosi membri. Se avete idee per futuri eventi, relatori ospiti, temi culinari o idee, fatecelo sapere. Siamo un gruppo molto socievole e divertente, quindi sentitevi liberi di invitare familiari e amici a unirsi a noi alle riunioni e per una fantastica esperienza "italiana". Se avete domande, chiamatemi al 561-715-1361. Con amore e abbracci!

## OFFICERS & COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSONS

### Officers

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| President:             | Wendy Corso-Ruud 561 715 1361   |
| Vice President:        | Robert Ianniello  |
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| Treasurer:             | Ginny De Mattei   |
| Immed. Past President: | Edmondo Catania   |
| Recording Secretary:   | Anika Ruud-Santry   |
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| Chaplain:              | Father Adam Forno   |
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**State Deputy:** Greg Esposito

**Italian Cultural Historian:** Joan D'Amato, Ed Mottola

### Committees

|                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Events:                 | Joan D'Amato, Tony Yazzetti   |
| Newsletter:             | Wendy Corso-Ruud              |
| Scholarship/Membership: | Eugene Costanzo               |
| House:                  | Angie Catania Marjorie Miller |
| Sunshine:               | Angie Torres                  |
| 501C3 Fundraising:      | Nick Cantore, Ed Catania      |
| Website:                | Ginny De Matte / Justin Appi  |

### Bonanno Officers Grand Lodge of Florida

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| President GL Florida:     | Joe Dente       |
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### Honorary Members

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Edward Mottola   | Don and Angie Seta |
| Millie Gasperoni |                    |

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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             | 13            | Italian Heritage Night     |
| NOVEMBER 2024  |  | DECEMBER 2024 |                            |
| 14             | Salute to Veterans<br>Thanksgiving Basket Brigade  | 8 or 15       | Christmas Party            |
| JANUARY 2025   |  | FEBRUARY 2025 |                            |
| 9              | Nonna Night/ FAU                                   | 13            | Valentines Day / Elections |
| MARCH 2025     |  | APRIL 2025    |                            |
| 13             | St Joseph's / St Patrick's<br>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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# FAMOUS ITALIAN QUOTES



**Spero di poter sempre desiderare più di quanto posso realizzare**

**I hope that I may always desire more than I can accomplish.  
-Michelangelo**

## COMPLEANNI

### Settembre

- 3 Frank Savino
- 5 Nick Cantore
- 6 Gene Costanzo
- 7 Carole Castello
- 7 Fran Sebesteyn
- 9 Laila Petruzzello
- 11 Jodi Perno
- 12 Dominic Paonessa
- 15 Clara D'Angelo
- 16 Frances Corso
- 23 Ed Catania
- 25 Eddie Gronachan
- 26 Julie Rinaldi
- Ann Elise Chiriano
- Ed Mottola
- 30 Forno Fr. Adam



## FUN ITALIAN PROVERBS or SAYINGS



**La famiglia è tutto.**

Family is EVERYTHING

**In vino veritas.**

In wine there is truth



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# SAVE THE DATE

## Monthly Meeting Schedule for 24-25

### Thursday Evenings at 6:30 PM at the Delray ELKS Lodge

- ◆ September 12 Business Meeting - Potluck
- ◆ October 10 Italian Heritage
- ◆ November 14 Veteran Appreciation / Turkey Basket Brigade
- ◆ December 8 or 15 Christmas Party
- ◆ January 9, 2025 Nonna Night / Membership Drive
- ◆ February 13, 2025 Show the Love / Member Appreciation
- ◆ March 13, 2025 St Joseph's/St Patrick's
- ◆ April 10, 2025 Mozzarella Night
- ◆ May 8, 2025 Porchetta (?) Night
- ◆ June/July/August Summer Luncheons/Dinners

We will be planning different venues for our enjoyment this and we would like your ideas and suggestions. Additional details to follow.

Preferred Method of Payment for Membership, Meetings and some Events: Zelle: sgtbonanno@yahoo.com or by 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, 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, submitted to the Member-
- ship 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 June Lunch at Mama Mia**



**Sgt. Bonanno July Lunch at Carrabba's**



**Sgt. Bonanno Community Bocce Continues in September**





## FROM ITALIA

BY RAFFAELE GUELI

### THE KINGDOM OF ITALY (1861-1946): UMBERTO II

On September 8, the Armistice between Italy and the Allies was signed, but the war continued, this time against the former German ally. With fascism overthrown, popular resentment now turned to the king and to the monarchy itself.

On May 9, 1946, public opinion forced a plebiscite to decide between the monarchy and a republican form of government. In an effort to influence the vote in favor of the dynasty, King Vittorio Emanuele III abdicated in favor of his son Umberto II (who was king for a month). It was a last-ditch attempt to rehabilitate the image of the monarchy, on the eve of the referendum that would sanction the birth of the Republic.



But the plebiscite resulted in a victory for the republic.

The gift he sent to Alcide De Gasperi a few days before the monarchy-republic referendum, was of little value: "*Mr. President,*" the king wrote, "*I leave to the Italian people the collection of coins that has been the greatest passion of my life.*" Greater, perhaps, than the one for his country. Even before knowing the outcome of the vote, he retired to Alexandria, Egypt, where he died on December 28, 1947. He was buried in Egypt until his remains were transferred to Italy in 2017.

On September 15, 1904, in the royal castle of Racconigi, in the Cuneo area, Elena of Montenegro gave birth to her first (and only) son, Umberto, the heir to the throne of the Kingdom. Exceptional events intervened, however, to deeply mark the life of the scion of the House of Savoy and the history of Italy itself: Umberto will be king, but for a very brief period. Raised under the banner of a strict military education, he obtained a law degree and began a rapid career in the armed forces. In 1930 he married **Princess Maria Jo-**

**sé of Belgium**, daughter of King Albert I of Belgium, with whom he had four children.

The Prince of Piedmont therefore ascended to the throne with the name of **Umberto II** and among his very first acts, he pledged to allow the referendum, saying he was willing to accept any verdict. However, when the Supreme Court announced the birth of the republic, he decides to leave Italy for Cascais, near Lisbon, Portugal, where he assumed the title of Count of Sarre. This is how his reign ended on June 2, 1946, just 24 days after his accession to the throne. Such transience will earn him the mocking nickname of "King of May". In



**From Italia: Raffaele Gueli, *continued***

Cascais relations with Maria José, never been idyllic, deteriorate further until the de facto separation: Umberto remained in Cascais with his daughters, while his wife moved to Merlinge, Switzerland, with little Vittorio Emanuele. At the age of 60 he was struck by a tumor that would accompany him slowly and painfully to his death.

On March 18, 1983, Umberto II died in Geneva, unjustly condemned to perpetual exile by the Italian Republic, which forbade him to leave his homeland, which he invoked at least to close his earthly life. In his will he provides that the Holy

Shroud, property of the Savoy for over four centuries, be donated to Pope John Paul II; he also donated to the Italian State the precious historical archive of the House of Savoy. His remains, together

with those of Maria José, rest in the historic abbey of Hautecombe, in Haute-Savoie



**Umberto II leaving Italy to go in exile in Portugal**

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## The Floridian

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 Couple: \$100.00,  
 Social: \$55.00

## Membership Payment Schedule

**NEW** 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 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.

## Members

If anyone has a child or grandchild planning on attending College and would like to apply, Sgt. Bonanno Lodge 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.

