

Norwood Italian Lodge #1235

September 2023 Newsletter

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Dear Lodge Members,

- ◆ We hope you can join us on **Wednesday, Sept. 6th** for our regular but special lodge meeting at the regular time of 7:00 PM, because we will celebrate the **100th Anniversary** of the initial formation of the Norwood Italian Lodge #1235 (men's lodge came first), originating on Sept. 23, 1923. Short article is enclosed in this newsletter. A celebratory cake will be included in our refreshments at the September meeting.
- ◆ **Marie Difraia is chairing Norwood Day and she NEEDS YOUR HELP!!** Please call her at 781-769-1782 to let her know if you can volunteer to staff our table for a segment of time between 10:30 am—3 pm; or if you can make a basket, or obtain a gift certificate from nearby merchants. A solicitation letter is provided in this newsletter that you can use to give to merchants. If you need more copies, contact Steve Eosco at 781-249-3524.
- ◆ Thank you to all who were able to support the Scholarship Dinner at Conrad's. Feedback was overall very positive. Toni Eosco will give a report.
- ◆ Grand Lodge Massachusetts Convention took place on June 2-4th in Nashua, NH at the Sheraton. It was good to see many others in attendance. We welcomed our newly elected State President, Rudy Viscomi.
- ◆ Please give serious thought to how members would like to honor **Italian Heritage Month** for our **October meeting** that takes place on **Wednesday, October 4th**. With our recent 100th anniversary, we should 'do it up' big this year!

I look forward to seeing as many members as possible at this meeting.

Enjoy the last weeks of Summer,

Steve Eosco, President



OFFICERS 2023—2025

President: Steven J. Eosco
Vice-pres.: Nick Campagna, Jr.
Past president: George Franco
Orator: Toni Eosco
Secretary: Kathy Scarpone
Fin. Secretary: Andy Ciarletta
Financial Treasurer: Frank Bilotta
Trustee: Marie Difraia
Trustee: Brenda Marchand
Trustee: Annette O'Shea
Trustee: Pat Russo
Trustee: Tony Scavotto
Mistress & Master of Ceremonies:
Bettie Lasden & George Sabatini
Sentinel: Winnie Carfagno
Chaplain: Joyce McCabe
State Deputy:

Meeting @ 7 PM
VFW POST
#193 DEAN ST
NORWOOD, MA



HAPPY 100th ANNIVERSARY TO OUR INITIAL NORWOOD ITALIAN LODGE #1235!



From the town's Norwood Centennial Book by Bryant Tolles is the following excerpt: The Men's Lodge No. 1235 originated on **Sept. 23, 1923**, with initial charter member being **Isidoro Ferrara as its first Venerable**. Along with Ferrara, were founders **Domenico Triventi and Corradino DiBento**. Therefore, Happy 100th Anniversary on the occasion of our local Italian Lodge #1235 initial formation!

The following information is in historical records in the Sons and Daughters of Italy of Massachusetts website regarding our Italian Lodge # 1235.

On November 12, 1933, founded by Jesse Paul, Gorizia Howard and Mary Poce, the women became a separate group, taking the name of Eleanora Duse Lodge, which later changed to the Norwood Ladies Lodge # 1690. The sponsoring lodge for this occasion was the Anita Garibaldi Lodge of Brockton, Ma.

In 1991, the Norwood Italian Men's Lodge led by President Frank Bartucca, purchased their new home on Wilson Street, Norwood - naming it "Casa Bella." The building was subsequently sold in the year 2000. Two houses were built on the property.

The men and women members merged in the year 2000. The newly merged Lodge #1235 Charter is dated May 8, 2001. The current Norwood Italian Lodge meets at the VFW HALL, 193 Dean Street in Norwood, generally on the first Wednesday of each month.

We have a stable membership of about 70+ members. The Lodge contributes to many worthy causes such as for Alzheimer's, Cooley's Anemia, autism, and to the food pantry. Our lodge sponsors scholarships each year to two graduating seniors as well. In the past, the lodge funded Italian language classes at Norwood High School which unfortunately ceased several years later due to budget cuts. The lodge also published a successful cookbook to fundraise for our scholarship program. The Lodge continues to be guided by its principles of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity, promotes Italian culture, and contributes to the civic, social, educational well-being of the community. We are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America.

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Dear Sponsor:

The Norwood Italian Lodge is a 70+ member non-profit charitable organization based in Norwood for 100 years. We are participating in Norwood Day on Saturday, September 9, 2023, by manning a booth and conducting raffles to raise funds for our charitable endeavors. We plan to have drawings throughout the day, publicizing our supporters.

We are asking Norwood area businesses to contribute a gift certificate or gift basket to our raffle pool. The amount of the gift certificate and any restrictions are your choice. Please realize that when a raffle winner uses the gift certificate, in all likelihood the customer's purchase will exceed the amount of the certificate, thus resulting in a profit for your business, not to mention the publicity and new patrons gained.

Can we please count on you to help us in our attempt to fund our charities this year?
Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Maria DiFraia
Norwood Day Chairperson
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