

Norwood Italian Lodge #1235

May 2024 Newsletter

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Dear Lodge Members,

Thank you for your patience with our cancellation of last month's meeting. It was a very nasty night—weather-wise, and our agenda did not really include any time-sensitive items that couldn't wait until May.

Our Lodge will gather at our next meeting on Wednesday, May 1st at 7:00 PM. At this meeting, we will have a comedian/magician/entertainer coming to speak to us at 8 pm regarding how to coordinate a comedy night fundraiser, and what costs are involved. His name is Johnny Pizzi. Hope many members will be able to attend to listen to his comments.

As of this writing, the **Scholarship Committee** is reviewing several applications received from qualifying senior high school students. Awardees will be announced at the meeting.

Please see the flyer within this bulletin that includes all the details for our **Scholarship Awards Dinner** taking place at Conrad's Restaurant in Walpole on Wednesday, June 5th. Cost is \$40 with several entrees included in the buffet. You do not have to chose a meal. All three entrees are included in the price. **Please indicate to Toni with whom you would like to be seated.** This is our last gathering before we break for summer and provides a nice social opportunity for members in addition to honoring our talented young scholars. Please mark your calendars to attend.

Please continue to bring food donations for the food pantry if you can. The need continues to grow.

We look forward to seeing you next month on May 1st—Primo Maggio! Happy Spring!

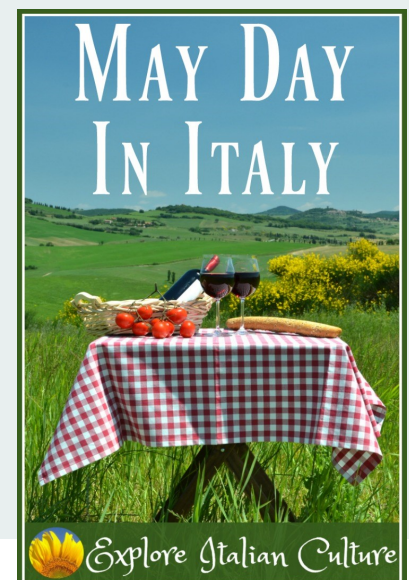
Steve Eosco, President



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Meeting 7:00 PM
Wed. May 1, 2024
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NORWOOD ITALIAN LODGE #1235



2024 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DINNER

Wednesday, June 5 Cocktails: 6:00 pm Dinner: 6:30 pm

CONRAD'S RESTAURANT (Function Room), Walpole
The corner plaza at routes 1A and 27 - next to CVS

PRICE: \$40 pp **RSVP: by May 29th** (Tell Toni whom you will sit with.)

Please remit cash or checks payable to: Norwood Italian Lodge #1235

Mail to: Toni Eosco, 14 Endicott St., Norwood, MA 02062

Questions call: 781-769-7865 or 617-974-4936 or Email: tonieosco53@gmail.com

DINNER BUFFET MENU INCLUDES:

Cheese & Cracker Tray (during social)

Garden Salad/

Rolls and butter

Buffet Includes All Three Entrees: Steak tips, Chicken Parmesan, Balsamic Salmon

Seasonal Vegetable Medley

Dessert: Sheet Cake

Coffee/Tea Cash Bar available in room

Please join us in congratulating our scholarship winners and welcoming their family members at this event. Look forward to seeing you!!

HISTORY OF PRIMO MAGGIO IN ITALY

~ ~ ~ ARTICLE FROM LIVE IN ITALY MAGAZINE ~ ~ ~



May 1st is an important date for the Italian people, as it marks the celebration of **Primo Maggio**, also known as Worker's Day. The origins of **Primo Maggio** can be traced back to the late 19th century. Labor movements around the world began to organize protests and demonstrations to demand better working conditions and higher wages. In 1886, the Haymarket affair in Chicago led to the deaths of several protesters who were advocating for an eight-hour workday. This event inspired workers across Europe to organize similar protests, - eventually May 1st became recognized as International Workers' Day.

In Italy, the first official celebration of **Primo Maggio** took place in the late 1800s. This event marked the beginning of a long tradition of labor activism in Italy, which continues to this day. **Primo Maggio** is a national holiday in Italy, and many businesses and government offices are closed for the day. Italians typically spend the day with family and friends, enjoying picnics, concerts, and other outdoor activities. It is also common for people to attend political rallies and demonstrations, where they can voice their opinions on issues affecting the working class.

One of the most popular events on **Primo Maggio** is the annual concert in Rome's [Piazza San Giovanni](#). This concert, which is organized by Italy's largest trade union, the CGIL, attracts hundreds of thousands of people each year. It features performances by some of Italy's most famous musicians and is a celebration of the labor movement's achievements.

Primo Maggio is an important day for the Italian labor movement. People think about the progress that has been made to improve working conditions, as well as protect workers' rights. Over the years, the labor movement in Italy has achieved many important victories. They include the establishment of the [National Institute for Social Security](#) and the enactment of laws protecting workers' rights to organize and strike.

However, the labor movement in Italy still faces many challenges, including high levels of unemployment and job insecurity. In recent years, there have been protests and strikes by workers in various sectors, including public transportation, education, and healthcare. The COVID-19 pandemic has also had a major impact on the Italian labor market. Many workers faced layoffs and reduced hours. In response to these challenges, the Italian government has implemented various measures to support workers. For example, wage subsidies and grants for businesses affected by the pandemic.

Primo Maggio is an important holiday for the Italian people. It celebrates the contributions and sacrifices of the working class. It is a time to reflect on the progress that has been made in improving working conditions and protecting workers' rights, as well as the challenges that still exist. Italians typically spend the day with family and friends, enjoying [outdoor activities](#), and attending political rallies and concerts. As the Italian labor movement continues to evolve, **Primo Maggio** remains a symbol of hope and solidarity for workers around the world.