



Order Sons of Italy in America

Frank D. Vitori Lodge, No. 2142

***** **NEWSLETTER** *****

July 2013

July Birthdays:

John Civile	7/8
Andy Parrella	7/9
Richard Ristaneo	7/23
Gino DiCristoforo	7/28
Angela DiCristoforo	7/29



July Anniversaries:

Concetta & Gerardo Castelluccio 7/19/1988



Best wishes to all!

In Memory:

Remember in your prayers, our deceased members and those who are in need:
Teresa Adams, John Carrozza, and the wife of Oscar Carrozza.

If you know of anyone who is sick, please call Flavia at 513-423-7379.



Photo: Tony Donisi

St. Anthony Celebration: Ida & Hal Pearce, Rosetta DiCristoforo, and Fred DeBiasi

Club Bocce Night:

We met on Wednesday, **June 12th** at the Parish Center. This was our annual **St. Anthony Celebration**. The club furnished the marinated chicken breasts & drinks. **Rosetta DiCristoforo** baked the St. Anthony bread. Our next event is scheduled for **Wednesday July 17th** at the Bocce Courts starting at 6:30 PM. The club will furnish the meat and drinks. You are requested to bring a covered dish to share. If you wish to attend, please call **Debbie** at 937-748-4526.

Afghan Fundraiser:

Carol Samfilippo has weaved a beautiful afghan that we are planning to raffle-off. Tickets are **\$1.** ea. or 6 for **5\$**. We plan to pick the winner at our Bunco Bash in July. A special **'Thank You'** to Carol.

Bunco Bash:

This fundraising event is scheduled for Sunday, July 21st, 2- 5 PM, at the Holy Trinity Center.

Debbie Poet & Carol Samfilippo are the Chairpersons for this event. We are asked to donate cash, Gift Card(s), or make up a gift basket that can be awarded to some lucky player. If you can not donate a monetary gift, please support this event by playing Bunco with us. The cost to play is **\$10.** and the profits will go to support our charities including the Alzheimer's Association, Saint Vincent DePaul, and Hospice of Middletown. Please get your donation to Debbie by July 15th. For additional information contact **Debbie at 937-748-4526**, or **Carol at 937-748-3098.**

Fenwick Festival:

The 61st annual festival was a great success. Our profit for the Sausage booth was up **31.5%** and the Pasta Dinner was up by **3.5%**. Thanks to all of the members who supported our effort this year. We sold 340 sausage sandwiches, and 451 pasta dinners. We generated over **\$3,306.** profit for Bishop Fenwick High School.

Grand Council Convention:

The 51st Biennial Convention was held June 14th & 15th at The Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark, OH. **Andrea & Don Accurso** represented our lodge. It was one of the poorest attended conventions to date, however it was well-run, and everyone had a great time.

John Jester was re-elected as State Treasurer, and **Linda Jester** was re-elected State Trustee. We have 23 lodges in the Ohio with 2,594 members. Ohio the 6th largest Grand Lodge in the US.

The financial health of the Grand Lodge is improving since the Cleveland Admin. Office was closed. The savings amount to about \$2,500. per month. We no longer have a paid staff.

It appears that dues will remain at the present level for some time.

There were several By-law amendments passed, most of which dealing with eliminating language pertaining to the Insurance Commission, and the fact that we are out of the insurance business.

We now have an official website. The address is www.ohiosonofitaly.org Our lodge will post items on this website rather than create and

maintain our own. If you have an item that is worthy of being on the website, contact **Don Accurso.**

The Biennial National Convention will be held in Philadelphia, PA, August 11-17. **Linda & John Jester** will be attending as State Delegates.

Thank You:

To **Gail Clarey** for preparing the luncheon that was served after our June meeting. 30 members, or 40% were in attendance.

Upcoming Events:

Frank D. Vitori Memorial Mass

Thursday, July 4th, 8:00 AM, Holy Trinity Church

Club Bocce Night

Wednesday, July 17th Bocce Courts 6:30 PM

Bunco Bash

Sunday, July 21st, 2:00 PM -5:00 PM
Holy Trinity Center

Council Meeting

Tuesday July 23rd, 6:30 PM

Membership meeting

Tuesday, July 23rd, 7:30 PM

Congratulations:

Stephanie Burk, DVM recently celebrated 25 years practicing medicine and we wish her many more years of health and happiness.

Independence Day:

Happy Fourth of July to all. We will gather at the 8 AM Mass at Holy Trinity church in memory of Frank D. Vitori. After Mass, we will meet at the flag pole near the intersection of Manchester Ave. & Clark St. for a short ceremony. Frank died on this day in 1944 while serving our Country.

Black Book Drawing:

The name drawn was **Phyllis Lolli**, and she was not present.

Split the Pot:

The winner was **Mary Kay Parrella.**