



SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA

WORCESTER LODGE #168

THE LODGE NEWS

OCTOBER • OTTOBRE 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Jo Ann Gentile Warren

Cari Soci,

Let's raise a glass to our Italian heritage—our families, our descendants, our food, our traditions, and the fellowship that brings us together. I am so proud of Lodge #168 and all that we have accomplished, and continue to accomplish, throughout our community. Our Italian roots connect us and make our Lodge a true famiglia.

October brings a full calendar of Lodge events and plenty of excitement! Personally, I can't wait to meet Steve Schirripa, star of *The Sopranos*, and then share his children's book with the little guys in my family.

I hope you'll continue to welcome and encourage new members, lend a hand with our projects, and most importantly, come together to enjoy the wonderful events we have planned.

Here's to our heritage, our Lodge, and each other.

Buon Ottobre!



HEALTH & WELFARE

If you know of a member who is ill, infirm, or has passed away, please notify Ellie Olivieri at 508-845-1272. Ellie will extend love and prayers to the member or condolences to the family.

In Memoriam

June Carelli

June 26, 2026 • Age 101

Che la terra le sia lieve

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

EVENT 1 - Members' Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 1, 2026

Time: Dinner 6:00 PM (\$12), speaker 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:00 PM

RSVP: Sharon at sdagnello.osdia168@gmail.com or 508-243-7939

DEADLINE: Sunday, September 27, 2026 by 5:00 PM

Location: IAVC

EVENT 2 - Memorial Mass

Date: Sunday, October 4, 2026

Time: 10:30 AM

Location: Mt Carmel/Loreto

Chairperson: Bernie Birch

We will proceed together into the church to honor and remember our recently deceased members: **Evelyn Ferigno, Gloria Vrabel, Robert Docimo, Jr., Antonio Chonchio, June Carelli, and Charles Genovesi.** After Mass please join us for a gathering in the church hall.

EVENT 3 - Complimentary Bocce Banquet - For Players Only

Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM - RSVP: Sharon at sdagnello.osdia168@gmail.com or 508-243-7939

Location: IAVC

Chairperson: Kevin Mercadante

EVENT 4 - Celebrity Book Signing

Date: Sunday, October 18, 2026

Time: Anytime between 1:00–4:00 PM

Location: Mt Carmel/Loreto Parish Hall

Chairperson: Jo Ann Warren

Only 300 tickets will be sold. Don't miss out contact any executive board member to purchase. Spread the word! All proceeds benefit our lodge endeavors.

Meet Steve (Sopranos' Bobby Bacala)



From Sopranos & Blue Bloods

— CELEBRITY —
BOOK SIGNING
— WITH —
STEVE SCHIRRIPA

MEET STEVE • GET A PHOTO • RECEIVE A SIGNED BOOK

Willie Boy: Enter the World
by STEVE SCHIRRIPA & PHILIP LEONARD
Illustrated by JAMES HANCOCK

SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 18, 2026
ANY TIME BETWEEN
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
OUR LADY OF
MT. CARMEL/LORETO
PARISH HALL

\$30
PER TICKET
INCLUDES:

- ✓ Signed Book
- ✓ Photo
- ✓ Chance to Win \$1,000!

EVENT 5 - Happy Days

Date: Friday, November 13, 2026

Time: 6:00–10:00 PM. 50's costumes encouraged.

Location: IAVC. Be there or be square.

Chairperson: Mary Domiano

Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at door

Details: Wrap your mittens around your kittens and step back in time to the 50's. Bring all your friends to a sock hop with great music, fun food and prizes.



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LODGE DOCUMENTS

[September 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)

Behind the Scenes

Featured Member: Roz Consiglio

This month, we're happy to shine the spotlight on Roz Consiglio, one of our dedicated Lodge Trustees. Roz keeps things lively at our meetings and is a familiar face at Lodge events—always ready to lend a hand with setup and wherever else she is needed.

And we can't overlook Roz's signature style—she always arrives looking fabulous!

Thank you, Roz, for your enthusiasm, dependability, and continued support of Lodge #168.



GUEST SPEAKER SERIES

Most months, we'll be welcoming a special guest speaker. This short presentation will give us an opportunity to learn, connect, and enjoy something new—without interfering with our regular meetings or adding extra time to our evenings.

Our new Vice President, Gerard Piscitelli, has coordinated this exciting speaker series, and we look forward to sharing these special guests with you!

This month we welcome

J P Riccardi

6:30 p.m.



WELCOME BACK!



September brought a full house and a wonderful start to our new season.

Buon Appetito!

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Another Great Season!



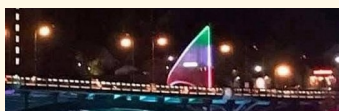
Fun - Fellowship - Famiglia

Chairperson: Kevin Mercadante



UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS

ITALIAN HERITAGE

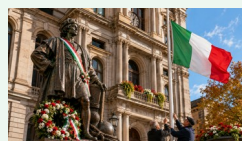


Burns Bridge will once again glow in Italy's colors!

Friday, October 9-12

Chairperson: Michele Giangrande

ITALIAN PRIDE



On Friday, October 9, at 5:00 p.m., the Italian flag will be raised in front of City Hall, where it will fly throughout the holiday weekend. The Christopher Columbus statue will also be decorated for the month.

Chairperson: Michele Giangrande

◆ IN THE WORKS ◆

- DECEMBER** • Family Christmas Party
- JANUARY** • Calendar Drawing
- FEBRUARY** • Music Bingo & Carnevale
- MARCH** • Las Vegas Night & Festa dei Nonni
- APRIL** • Senior Appreciation
- MAY** • Day at the Races
- JUNE** • Scholarships Presentation

Look for Details in upcoming Newsletters



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Grand Marshal Ball

Wine Tasting



See you at the parade!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Natali "Nat" Ierardi

New transfer member from Long Island Lodge #2442

We're delighted to welcome our newest members to Lodge #168! We hope you'll get involved, join us at our meetings and events, and enjoy the friendship, fun, and Italian spirit that make our Lodge so special.

Benvenuti! We're so glad you're here!