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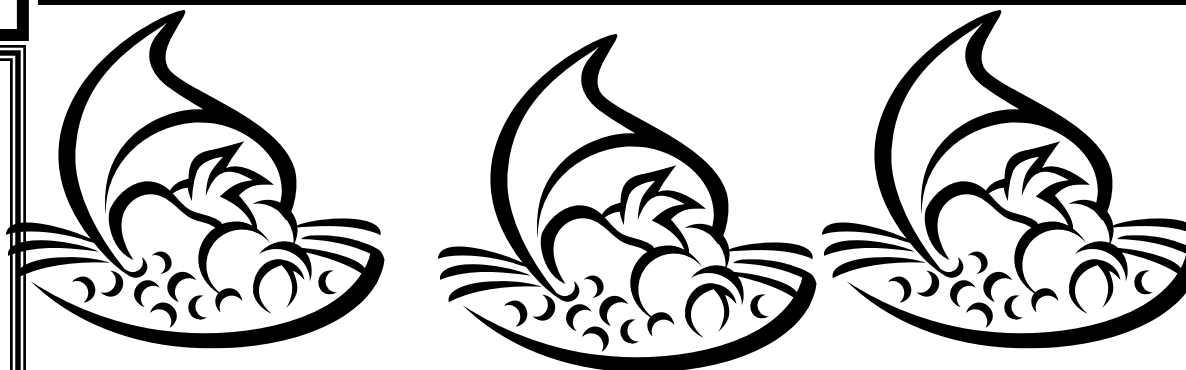
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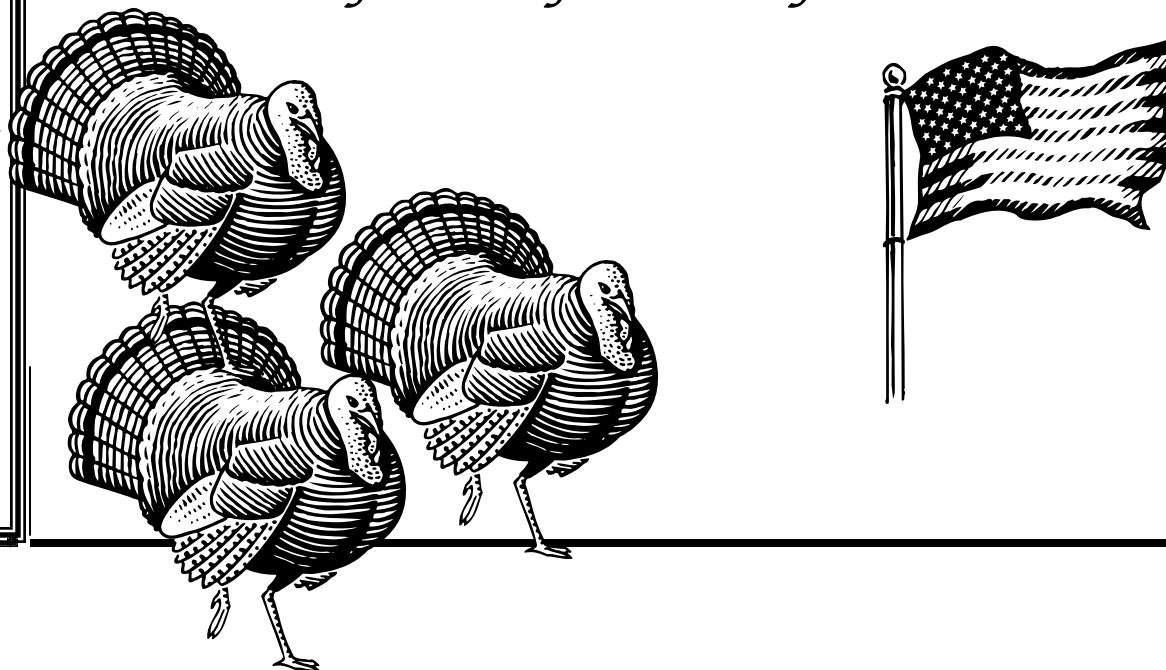


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FROM THE ANTONIO MEUCCI LODGE

TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES

May your day be blessed with family and friends and be bountiful. Let us remember all those who are serving our country and are unable to be with their families in order for all of us to be free.



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The President's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are fast approaching the busiest time of the year in our lives, we are reminded daily to be thankful of our being and to be kind and giving to others. Amazing that what is preached and written during this time of year we as lodge members practice daily with all our charitable deeds. Probably by the time you receive this Avanti the Thanksgiving holiday will have passed, from myself and Sister Pamela to all of you may you all have had a blessed and enjoyable holiday.

The month of October was extremely busy. Our dinner dance was a wonderful evening, the dinner was well attended, the room was full of great energy and all left happy and well fed. Congratulations to Brother Umberto our MAN OF THE YEAR, to the Chairpersons Sister Rose and Sister Flavia in making it so special for him. To all of you who were able to attend thank you.

To those who have not heard by now, come by and see the Antonio Meucci Place street sign which was dedicated by our Brother Mayor Delfino on Oct. 20th This deed was made possible by all the hard work of past Venerable Brother Antonio Capicotto. The ceremony was very moving, well received and Sister Teresa Rivero had a wonderful array of sweets and fruits to complement the day, especially her homemade dessert with a wonderful picture of the lodge landscape.

The next day our dreamers including myself and Pamela left by bus for Atlantic City seeking fortunes, it is truly a fun day and you must try it at least once. Great job by Sister Teresa and Tesoro Rivero. This was a lucky trip for most.

Congratulations to Sister Mary Riguzzi, who is always so involved and busy but you know that anything that she chairs will always be great and done with style, as was her Opera Nite at The Purchase Performing Art Center.

A special thank you to Sister Rita and Brother Tony Cestone for introducing our Lodge to Fr. Anthony Sortino, who along with three brothers celebrated a beautiful Memorial Mass at Mt. Carmel Church all in Italian. All who were there agree that it was truly a great offering of Mass to our deceased. The attendance at Mass was great, followed by a hearty breakfast, again thank you to Rita and Tony.

In closing on behalf of myself and Sister Pamela may all of you and your family have a great holiday, thank you for all that you do, for your love and support. God Bless.

*Sempre Avanti
Your President, Mario Cermele*

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General Meeting	November 27, 2007
Christmas Party	December 1, 2007
Children's Christmas Party	December 9, 2007
Atlantic City	December 16, 2007
New Years Party	December 31, 2007

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TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION

Once again this year the Antonio Meucci Lodge will be participating in the Toys for Tots Drive in conjunction with the Salvation Army. Sister Patricia Moore, Chairwoman, will be placing Collection Boxes at the Lodge, at Central Mowers and at Charlie Tota's Gas Station for your convenience. Please donate UNWRAPPED, NEW TOYS ONLY!!! If you are unable to shop for toys but would like to make a monetary donation please see Sister Patricia and she will take your donation and purchase toys with the money. The deadline for toy donations is Friday, December 14th. In the true spirit of Christmas, remember "it is better to give than to receive".

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year's children's party will be held on Sunday, December 9th at 1'oclock. All children and grandchildren of lodge members between the ages of infants to 9 years old are welcomed to attend. There will be entertainment, desserts, a [present for each child, a visit from Santa and as always a surprise from our Co-Chairpersons. We ask each mother or grandmother to please donate baked goods four our dessert table. If you plan to attend, please contact either Sister Patricia Moore at (home) 914-682-8549 or (cell) 914-837-5411 or Brother Charles Guastella at (home) 914-761-9228 or (cell) 914-830-9586 as soon as possible with your child's name, sex, and age Happy Holidays.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THOSE BORN IN NOVEMBER

LODGE NEWS

Congratulations to Sister and Brother Catherine and Lenny Mignini on their 43rd Wedding Anniversary . Many more.

Congratulations to Sister and Brother Theresa and Anthony Scotola on their 60th Wedding Anniversary . Many more.

Get Well Wishes to Sister Connie Bevilacqua, she recently was in the hospital.

Get Well Wishes to Brother Anthony Turiano he was in the hospital.



Baby Congratulations to Sister Rose and Brother Joe Tassone on the birth of their granddaughter Sienna Angelina. Her parents are Brother Vito and Santina , her big brother is Giuseppe and her big sister is Celeste . God bless them all.

Baby Congratulations to Sister Teresa and Brother Domenico Rivero on the birth of their granddaughter Marisa Joy Rivero Hoffman, her proud parents are Maria and Rich. God Bless you all.

Special Donation Announcement to Westchester Italian Cultural Center - Generosa Pope Foundation, Tuckahoe, NY

Sister Mary E. Morra donated the vast collection of memorabilia of the Bel Canto tenor Tito Schipa to the Cultural Center in memory of her husband Andrew N. Morra. Brother Morra is mentioned in the biography of Schipa, by Tito Schipa Jr. as one of the true preservers and transmitters of his fathers art in the United States. Bro. Morra also had a vast collection of Records of other opera singers which was also donated. Sister Morra hopes through our Brother Geoffrey Claroni, Director of Programs at the Cultural Center, in the near future, will provide the pleasure and enjoyment to everyone of this wonderful collection.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 27, 2007

General Meeting

We will be collecting non-perishable foods at all of our General Meetings. We will be donating to the Legionaries of Christ which is a Catholic order of priests and seminarians in our area. Please be as generous as possible. Also if you are in need of Mass cards for Christmas or special intentions or for the deceased they can be said in English or Italian please call me and I will send them to you. They also will be available at the general meetings. Donation is \$10 per Mass. Blessings and thank you, to you from the Legionaries.

We will be having a turkey raffles at our general meeting. Everyone gets a free ticket, so come you might be a winner.

December 1, 2007

Our Royal Christmas Party here at the Lodge, chaired by Sister Teresa Rivero. See enclosed flyer.

Children's Christmas Party

December 9th. See announcement on page 3.

Atlantic City December 16th

Here we come for our final trip this year. Sister Teresa Rivero has a bus going down . Coffee, donuts and bagels will be served at 7:30am at the Lodge, bus leaves promptly at 8am. Cost is \$35, call Teresa at 997-7388.

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

There will be no General Meeting in December, next meeting will be in the New Year on January 22, 2008.

New Year's Eve Party

Call Brother Mario Cermele at 325-1239 or Sister Pamela Danza at 980-1055 to make your reservations. Cost will be \$20 per person. More details will be in the next Avanti.

Editors Note:

Take care and stay well. See you next month and remember I am only a phone call away. Give me your news and updates what you would like to share with your fellow brothers and sisters. From our home to yours. A Blessed Thanksgiving. Rita Cestone, 914-948-3608.