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**Save the Date - Thursday, April 9, 2026**  
**No payment will be**  
**accepted**  
**at check in**

## Indoor BBQ

**General Business Meeting**  
**THURSDAY**  
**April 9, 2026**



WHERE: Dr. Andre Fladell Civic Center  
 16500 Jog Road  
 Delray Beach, FL 33483

TIME: 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
 Arrive by 6:15pm for check-in

Meeting Fee: Members and Guests  
**\$22pp**

RSVP To: Joan By TEXT April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 (561) 414-1825  
**MUST RSVP and pay by April 2nd for head count**

PAYMENT: Zelle is preferred... please Zelle  
 to [sgtbonannobr@hotmail.com](mailto:sgtbonannobr@hotmail.com) to confirm  
 your reservation.

**Or** send a check and give it time to arrive by April  
 2<sup>nd</sup>. Make check payable to Sgt Bonanno Lodge,  
 and mail to:

Sgt Bonanno Lodge #2549  
 PO Box 970101  
 Boca Raton, FL 33497-0101

We will be serving  
**BBQ Ribs, BBQ Chicken**  
 Baked beans, cole slaw, corn muffins

**Please bring your favorite  
 homemade or store bought  
 dessert**

**Drinks:** Sodas, Water, Coffee and Tea

Family and Friends are Welcome

**MUST RSVP by April 2<sup>nd</sup> for  
 food head count**



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Robert M. Ianniello**



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is indeed a pleasure to speak with you about the exciting activities that occurred at our Lodge during the month of March. Our celebration of the Feasts of St. Joseph and St. Patrick was a great success, with excellent background discussions given by Father Forno and Joan D’Amato. A first for our Lodge was the display of a St. Joseph’s table, complete with symbolic Christian symbols, cookies, candies, and bread. Three new members were installed during the general business meeting and Joan made an excellent presentation on Italian foods and products in commerce today. Our Agli Olio dinner event was the first special dinner event for this year. The menu included fresh homemade pastas as well some delicious entrees that were enjoyed by all. April promises to be exciting as we have an “indoor BBQ” planned, catered by Lucille’s Bad to the Bone. Stay tuned for announcements on special events and speakers.

We continue the make process in the transition of responsibilities to the newly elected officers and trustees. Our key committees have been populated and we look to you for help as members on all of the committees.

We will strive to provide an enjoyable experience to all members while meeting the charitable mission of the Order. My personal gratitude to all for your support.

Sincerely,

Bob Ianniello

## OFFICERS & COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSONS

### Bonanno Officers

President:	Robert “Bob” Ianniello (732) 778-0764	
Vice President:	Joan D’Amato	
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Orator/Consigliere:	Edmondo Catania	
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	* Gene Costanzo	* Mike Schippani
	* Larry Danza	*Anthony Yazzetti
	*Carole Castello	
<b>Italian Cultural Historian:</b>	Joan D’Amato	

### Committees

Events/Speakers	Bob Ianniello/Joan D’Amato
House:	Bob Ianniello
Newsletter:	Bob Ianniello
Scholarship:	Eugene Costanzo
Sunshine:	Ginny De Mattei
501C3 Fundraising:	Ed Catania / Vincent Como
Website:	Ginny De Mattei
Photographer:	Francesca Nelson

### Bonanno Officers Grand Lodge of Florida

President GL Florida:	Joe Dente
1st VP GL Florida:	Nick Cantore
State Trustee-Region VII:	Greg Bianchini
State Deputy:	Edmondo Catania

## PRESIDENT MESSAGE TRANSLATION

Cari fratelli e sorelle,

È davvero un piacere parlare con voi delle entusiasmanti attività che si sono svolte nella nostra Loggia durante il mese di marzo. La nostra celebrazione delle Feste di San Giuseppe e San Patrizio è stata un grande successo, con eccellenti discussioni di contesto tenute da Padre Forno e Joan D'Amato. Una novità per la nostra Loggia è stata l'esposizione di un tavolo di San Giuseppe, completo di simboli cristiani, biscotti, caramelle e pane. Durante l'assemblea generale furono nominati tre nuovi soci e Joan fece un'eccellente presentazione sui cibi e i prodotti italiani nel commercio oggi. La nostra cena al ristorante Agliolio è stata la prima cena speciale di quest'anno. Il menù includeva pasta fresca fatta in casa oltre a deliziosi piatti che sono stati apprezzati da tutti. Aprile si preannuncia entusiasmante, dato che abbiamo in programma un "barbecue al chiuso", curato da Lucille's Bad to the Bone. Restate sintonizzati per annunci su eventi speciali e relatori ospiti.

Continuiamo il processo di creazione nella transizione delle responsabilità verso i nuovi dirigenti e fiduciari eletti. I nostri comitati chiave sono stati popolati, e ci affidiamo a voi come soci in tutti i comitati.

Ci impegneremo a offrire un'esperienza piacevole a tutti i soci mentre si adempie alla missione benefica dell'Ordine. La mia gratitudine personale a tutti per il vostro supporto.

Cordiali saluti,

Bob Ianniello

Presidente



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2026																											
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UP NEXT

- March 22**                      **Agliolio dinner event**
- April 9**                        **General meeting**
- May 14**                         **Member Appreciation**
  
- June, July, August**        **Summer Luncheons**
  
- September 10**                **TBA**
- October 8**                       **TBA**
- November 12**                 **TBA**
- December 10**                 **Christmas Party**

*Details will be updated monthly*

# COMING UP

**April 9**

## General Business Meeting



### **Lucille's Family Feast**

**Served with corn**



**muffins and**



**BBQ sauce**

**Details to follow**

## COMING UP

***May 14***

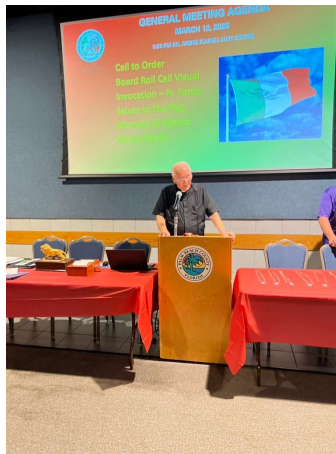
# ***Member Appreciation Night***



***Details to follow***

# EVENT FUN & FOTOS

Attached are some photos from our March 12 general business meeting commemorating St. Joseph and St. Patrick



# EVENT FUN & FOTOS

## Tommy Cono at the Boca Black Box March 10



*That's Francesca Nelson with Little Anthony from Little Anthony and the Imperials!*

# MEMBER EVENTS & FUN TIMES

**Packy's Sports Bar and Grill  
St. Patrick's Day March 17**

**Everyone is a little bit Irish on St. Patrick's Day!**



# MEMBER EVENTS & FUN TIMES

## Agli Olio Dinner Event

We gathered at Agli Olio Restaurant in Boynton Beach for our first in season dinner event. Food was fantastic and a good time was celebrated by all!



# BOCCE THURSDAYS

**Our Bonanno Bocce Team meets every Thursday morning to enjoy a gathering of players of the game at the Dr. Andre Fladell Civic Center**



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**Florida Atlantic University (FAU)  
Boca Raton, FL  
Mar. 17-18, 2026  
CU 130 & 131; PA 101 & Studio 1 Theater**

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We are Ilaria Serra and Emanuele Pettener,  
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**With Mary, Alessio, Arianna, Valentina and Manuela,  
we are your teachers of Italian. Teaching our language and culture is our passion.**



**As our students you truly become part  
of a family  
we even have *zii e nonni* who help us with  
scholarships, and... cook for us!**

**In our classes you learn our beautiful language, and explore a new culture with  
songs, film and literature, videos, podcasts, TikTok, festivals, delicious food...**

**We invite you to travel to Italy with us in the summer:  
to Venice (6-week program) and to a wonderful Tuscan Castle (one weekend).**

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and so many other opportunities you can't even imagine.**

**Vi aspettiamo!**



# ITALIAN QUOTES & SAYINGS

***"La semplicità è l'ultima sofisticazione"***

*Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication*

*Leonardo da Vinci*

**"La vita è questa: Niente è facile, e nulla è impossibile"**

*Life is this: Nothing is easy, and nothing is impossible*

*Old Italian Proverb*



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# SEMPRE AVANTI

By Gene Costanzo, Scholarship Chair

## SGT BONANNO LODGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

ANNOUNCEMENT: THE EPISCOPIO 4-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS WERE SENT OUT IN JANUARY!

### RULES FOR FUTURE REGULAR BONANNO SCHOLARSHIPS:

1. Member must be in good standing and a member for at least one year.
2. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior who **must be the child or grandchild of a member** and be selected *in writing* to a College/University.
3. Apply January 1st through March 30, 2026, and submit to the Scholarship chairperson.
4. We give two Scholarships per Year. If more applicant's apply, they will need to submit an essay to be approved by our scholarship committee.
5. The applicant must present the acceptance letter and information, and we will forward the funds to the College administration office listed on the letter.
6. Maximum scholarship \$500 each.
7. Any questions, please call your President or Scholarship Chair.



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# **SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

## **ANNOUNCING THE ANTHONY AND ROSEMARIE EPISCOPIO COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Are YOU Ready for College?**

The Sgt FM Bonanno Lodge #2549 is proud to announce the  
**2026 Anthony and Rosemarie Episcopio College Scholarship**  
for outstanding high school senior students of Italian descent

***The winner will be announced at the  
April 9  
General Business Meeting***



**SCHOLARSHIP**

# FINANCIAL NEWS

## Which way will you retire?

**The Cliff Diver Retirer**  
Employed on Friday.  
Retired by Monday.

**The Gradual Retirer**  
Reduced workload over time.

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Business card:	\$ 50
Half Page:	\$ 75
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### Annual Dues for 2026

Membership Dues are payable by the first of every year. Please make note of the dues:

<b>Individual:</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>
<b>Couple:</b>	<b>\$110.00</b>
<b>Social:</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>

### Membership Payment Schedule



**REVAMPED:** Member dues will now be paid annually by January 1st. If not paid by the end of January, there will be a reinstatement fee added to your membership dues, so please be ready to pay on time. In September, dues are reduced to \$30. You will be reminded starting October, to pay for and hold your membership fee (in Oct, Nov and Dec) to pay the regular annual dues for the next year.

### Lodge Information

Lodge Meetings are held at 6:30pm, the **second Thursday of every month**. We meet at the Dr. Andre Fladell Civic Center at 16700 Jog Road, north of Clint Moore Rd in Delray Beach.

In May we hold our last business meeting, then break for the Summer and hold social gatherings/luncheons June, July, and August.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

For any member who has a *child or grandchild* planning on attending College and would like to apply, Sgt. Bonanno Lodge has at least one \$500 scholarship available, which will be sent directly to the College where they've been accepted. Please talk to us for more information. Caveat: Members must be in good standing. Contact Gene

### Past Lodge Presidents

Edmondo Catania, Joan D'Amato, J. Nick Cantore, Marie Ruggiero, Wendy Corso-Ruud, Ed Mottola, Jr., Peter Ocello, Steve Petrarca, John Polli, William Santangelo, Peter Vallone, Frank Benedetto, Carlo Boniello, John Boniello, and Rosemary Boniello.

### Lodge Meeting Rules

Our meetings at our new venue have been running smoothly. Our meeting rules are as follows: remember to please be on time and get checked-in before entering the meeting at our welcome table, so we can record your attendance.

Please be courteous and respond to our events in a courteous and timely manner. Take note that many events have **deadlines**, especially when making arrangements for food. We plan events with an accurate number of members who will attend.



If there are fees for an event, we prefer you pay thru ZELLE online, but if not, to send a check **by the deadline** to the Bonanno Lodge.

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