



SGT. FREDERICK M. BONANNO LODGE #2549

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Save the Date—Thursday, May 14, 2026

**MUST PRE-REGISTER
TO ATTEND MEMBER
APPRECIATION**

**Member
Appreciation**

**THURSDAY
May 14, 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 – **no charge**
Guests - **\$20pp**
INCLUDING GUEST NAMES'

RSVP To: **Joan By TEXT May 7th**
(561) 414-1825 **OR**
Bob By TEXT
(732) 778-0764

MUST RSVP by May 7th for head count

PAYMENT: Zelle is preferred... please Zelle
to sgtbonannobr@hotmail.com to confirm
your reservation.

Or send a check and give it time to arrive by May
7th. Make check payable to Sgt Bonanno Lodge,
and mail to the Treasurer:

Vincent Como
9671 Crescent Drive N.
Boynton Beach, FL 33437



We will be serving sausage and
peppers, chicken piccata, penne vodka,
salad, bread, and dessert

Catered by Chef Dominick Caruso

Drinks: Sodas, Water, Coffee and Tea

Family and Friends are Welcome

**MUST RSVP by May 7th for
food head count**



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Robert M. Ianniello



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The spring weather in South Florida is now upon us and a review of our April activities and plans for May and beyond reflects our feelings of happiness and brotherhood. Our April general business meeting featured an “Indoor BBQ” and was a great success, with catering provided by Lucille’s Bad to the Bone. We announced the winners of the Bonanno Lodge Student Scholarships. Three relatives of the Bonanno Lodge membership received \$1000 each towards use at their respective resident universities for tuition, book, and supplies. Finally, Joan D’Amato led an entertaining “Name Game” contest where correct answers for the birth names of famous Italians were awarded a Lotto scratch off ticket. The month of May promises to be entertaining as we have planned a Member Appreciation night. Chef Dominick Caruso will again be providing catering for this general business meeting which will be free of charge to our members. The winner of the Anthony and Rosemarie Episcopio Scholarship will also be announced at this meeting. As the May meeting is our last meeting of the season, we have already planned the summer luncheons for the months of June, July, and August. Stay tuned for the dates and locations of these luncheons as well as other special events.

We want to hear from all concerning your concerns and suggestions for improvement. I greatly value your feedback so feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Bob Ianniello

President

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PRESIDENT MESSAGE TRANSLATION

Cari fratelli e sorelle,

Il clima primaverile nel Sud della Florida è ormai arrivato e una esame delle nostre attività e dei piani di aprile per maggio e oltre riflette i nostri sentimenti di felicità e fratellanza. La nostra riunione generale di aprile ha presentato un "Indoor BBQ" ed è stato un grande successo, con il catering offerto da Lucille's Bad to the Bone.

Abbiamo annunciato i vincitori delle Borse di Studio Studentesche della Bonanno Lodge. Tre parenti dei membri della Bonanno Lodge hanno ricevuto ciascuno 1000 dollari da utilizzare nelle rispettive università residenti per tasse universitarie, libri e materiali. Infine, Joan D'Amato condusse un divertente concorso chiamato "Name Game" in cui le risposte corrette ai nomi di nascita di famosi italiani venivano premiate con un gratta e vinci della lotto. Il mese di maggio promette di essere divertente, dato che abbiamo organizzato una serata di apprezzamento per i soci. Lo chef Dominick Caruso fornirà nuovamente il catering per questa riunione di lavoro, che sarà gratuita per i nostri soci. Il vincitore della Borsa di Studio Anthony e Rosemarie Episcopo sarà annunciato anche in questa riunione. Poiché la riunione di maggio è l'ultima della stagione, abbiamo già pianificato i pranzi estivi per i mesi di giugno, luglio e agosto. Restate sintonizzati per le date e le località di questi pranzi, così come per altri eventi speciali.

Vogliamo sentire tutti voi riguardo alle vostre preoccupazioni e suggerimenti per migliorare. Apprezzo molto il vostro feedback, quindi, siate liberi di contattarmi quando vi è comodo.



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COMING UP

May 14

Member Appreciation Night



Enjoy choice menu selections
Catered by Chef Dominick Caruso
Free of charge to our members!

COMING UP

Summer luncheons begin in June

Regular business meetings resume on September 10

June 12—Malbec Grill, Parkland

July—Sicilian Oven, Boca Raton

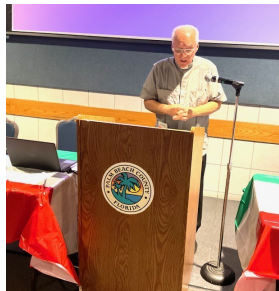
August—Agli Olio, Boynton Beach

Stay Tuned for dates and times



EVENT FUN & FOTOS

Attached are some photos from our April 9 general business meeting
The "Indoor BBQ"



EVENT FUN & FOTOS

2026 Sgt. F. M. Bonanno Lodge Scholarship Awardees
Congratulations to you and your families!



Sean Catania

University of Vermont
Grandson of Edmondo
Catania



Luke Corvette

University of Tampa
Grandson of Maria
and Gene Costanzo



Riley Marden

SUNY Maritime College
Grandson of Lydia and
Enrico Marini

MEMBER EVENTS & FUN TIMES

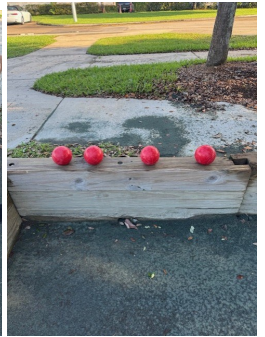
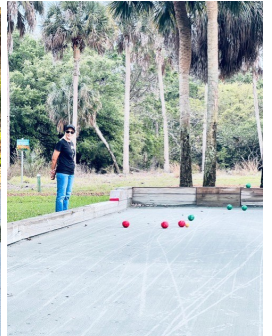
Caribbean Chillers—The Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band at The Studio, Mizner Park, Boca Raton, April 17

A great time was had by all at this concert! Parrotheads and Fins everywhere!



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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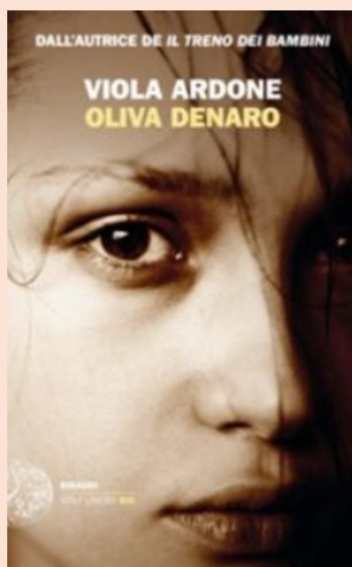
FAU Italian Program
presents

ITALIAN BOOK CLUB
with
Ilaria and Melania

Oliva Denaro by Viola Ardone

DISCUSSION IN ITALIAN THIS TIME

Monday, April 27 at 7 pm
Barnes & Noble on Glades Road



«Io non lo so se sono favorevole al matrimonio. Per questo in strada vado sempre di corsa: il respiro dei maschi è come il soffio di un mantice che ha mani e può arrivare a toccare le carni». È il 1960, Oliva Denaro ha quindici anni, abita in un paesino della Sicilia e fin da piccola saglielo ripete ossessivamente la madre- che «la femmina e' una brocca, chi la rompe se la piglia.»

For info: Melania 561-900-4861 or melaniadesiena@gmail.com

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your Italian professors. We are from Venice.**



**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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**for alumni's voices, SCHOLARSHIPS, INTERNSHIPS for teaching English in Italy,
Study Abroad in Venice, Research Camp in a Tuscan Castle, Italian Club Insieme
activities (conversations, movie nights, Karaoke, beach festival...)
and so many other opportunities you can't even imagine.**

Vi aspettiamo!



ITALIAN QUOTES & SAYINGS

L'ignoranza non e' mai migliore della conoscenza"

Ignorance is never better than knowledge
Enrico Fermi

"Chi trova un amico, trova un tesoro."

He who finds a friend, finds a treasure.
Italian proverb

BUON COMPLEANNI

Maggio

- 1 Lydia Marini
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SEMPRE AVANTI

By Gene Costanzo, Scholarship Chair

SGT BONANNO LODGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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 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. Scholarships of up to \$1000 available.
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
May 14
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.

The Never Retirer
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and don't plan to stop.



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Annual Dues for 2026

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

Individual:	\$ 60.00
Couple:	\$110.00
Social:	\$ 60.00

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 scholarships up to \$1000 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

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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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