



50th Year, 1971-2021



# The Downriver Italian - American Club®

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**\*\* IMPORTANT DATES \*\***      **OCTOBER 2021 Newsletter – Issue #302**  
Club Board Meeting ..... Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021 – 3:00 p.m., KofC  
General Membership Meeting ..... Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021 – 1:00 p.m., Bentley

## Memorial Mass – Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021

### A Message from our President



What happened to summertime? I can't believe that another summer is over when our activities are just starting to ramp up again. We've had three good meetings and a great picnic. We had our first game night/card party in a long time, and it just feels good being able to participate in a few social activities after going so long without. But of course, we know that the Covid-19 virus is still out there, so I implore all of us to be safe and stay healthy.

We have 130 of us signed up to celebrate the **DIAC's 50th Anniversary** at the **Bentley** on October 2. I was hoping for a much larger turnout since this only happens every 50 years, but I understand that there is still a lot of hesitation on our members' part towards this kind of indoor celebration. I hope we can have an even bigger celebration for our **Christmas Party** on December 12.

I was very happy to see our membership growing once again as we have added 8 members to our roster in September. Molto bello! Let's keep it going. Membership does have its privileges.

Happy Indigenous Italians Day (formerly Columbus Day),

*Questo è tutto quello che ho da dire,*  
Salvatore (Sam) Randazzo – Club President

### Monthly Luncheon @ Bentley



The Club luncheon this month will be on **Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 12:00 noon**, at **The Bentley Conference Center, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192**. The monthly General

Membership meeting will immediately follow the luncheon.

The cost of the luncheon is **\$10.00 per person** (meal and gratuity). The meal is well worth the price. Make your lunch reservation by calling **Sam Randazzo** at **(734) 676-8463** no later than one week before the luncheon.

### Oct. Card Party at K of C



A Club Card Party is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 19, 2021**, at the **Knights of Columbus Hall, 3530 Biddle**

**Avenue, Wyandotte, MI 48192**.

The event starts at 6:30 p.m. Club members, and their guests are welcome. K of C has Taco Night that evening; tacos at \$1.00 each. The Club is providing chips and pretzels. A cash bar service is available.

There is a service charge of \$2.00 per person for the use of the hall facility and gratuity. The event is chaired by **Julie and Jim Bademian**; give them a call at **(313)388-2264** and let them know you are attending. Bring your own board and card games. For future dates, see the flyer in the September newsletter.



#### 2021-2022 CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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**COLUMBUS DAY**  
**OCTOBER 11**  
**2021**



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## Downriver Italian-American Club

## DIAC Memorial Mass – Nov. 7, 2021

Memorial Service



The date for the Club's **Memorial Mass** is **Sunday, November 7 2021**, at **St. Vincent Pallotte** (formerly **St. Joseph Catholic Church**), located at 334 Elm Street (Between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Street) in Wyandotte, MI 48192.

The Mass is at 11:30 a.m.; Luncheon will be at the **Sportsmen's Den, 15001 Sibley Rd., Riverview, MI**, served at 1:00 p.m. The event is chaired by **Frank Giannotti** and **Florence Coleman**. See the flyer attached to this newsletter. The cost is \$15.00 per member, \$18.00 for non-members. We had many deaths since our last Memorial Mass in 2019. It would be a nice gesture to honor our deceased fellow members. The deadline for reservation is Saturday, October 30, 2021.

## Christmas Party – Dec. 12, 2021



This year's **Christmas Party** will take place on **Sunday, December 12, 2021**. The event will be held at **The Bentley Banquet Center**, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI.

Details to be provided in the November newsletter. It's good to have our social events restored after the covid-19 pandemic. A flyer will appear in the November 2021 newsletter.

## Congratulating New Club Members



Please welcome the following new club members who recently joined the **Downriver Italian-American Club**.

**Vito and Geraldine Altomaro**; of Woodhaven, MI; sponsored by **Sam and Darlene Randazzo**.

**Phillip and Therese Barraco**; of Brownstown, MI; sponsored by **Gaetano (Tom) Randazzo**.

**John and Therese Menna**; of Grosse Ile, MI; sponsored by **Frances Menna**.

**Daniel Galeski**; of Wyandotte, MI; sponsored by **Honor Shoemaker**.

**Patricia Chalmers**; of Wyandotte, MI; sponsored by **Susan Byrd**.

## Sick and Good Will



Our thoughts and prayers to our members and their families, who may be under the weather, having tests, getting treatments, or having surgeries. Also, special blessings to all of our many caretakers of ailing family members. May

God bless them all. **Get Well Wishes** to members: **Sam Randazzo, Florence Coleman, Tony Lumia, Miriam Lumia, Mark Grazioli, Mary Cottone**, and others??, who were/are ill or were in the hospital — wishing for a speedy recovery.

Condolences to the many families of **Marco and Theresa Talluto**; **Marco** passed away on August 20<sup>th</sup> at the age of 90, and **Theresa** passed away on August 30<sup>th</sup> at the age of 85. They joined the Club in January 1991 (Honorary Membership). They passed away weeks of each other. The couple was both very active in the club; they worked the club festivals at Yack Arena, attended many club activities and events. They were both well known by many club members. Condolences to **Tom Talluto** and **Dolly Chirco**; and the Talluto families and relatives. May they both rest in peace. *May their memories be a Blessing!*

Condolences to the family of **Nina Palazzolo** on the death of her husband, **Mike Palazzolo**, who passed away on September 7, 2021, at the age of 92. **Mike and Nina** joined the Club in April 1990 (Honorary Members). **Mike and Nina** were active in the club. May he rest in peace. *May his memory be a Blessing!*

## Happy Birthday - Buon Compleanno



We wish to extend our **Congratulations and Best Wishes** to our members who are celebrating their **Birthdays**.

**Benedetta Vitale (10/2)**

**John Finazzo (10/19)**

**Lisa Randazzo (10/5)**

**Patrick Flaherty (10/20)**

**Gino Mazzlonga (10/6)**

**Daniel Boileau (10/21)**

**Giuseppe Pracilio (10/8)**

**Karen Caputo (10/24)**

**Linda Burnett (10/9)**

**Joe Giammalva, Sr. (10/24)**

**Joan Luzac (10/9)**

**Bill Herbert (10/24)**

**James Bademian (10/10)**

**BettyJean Ferraiuolo (10/25)**

**Josie Klube (10/11)**

**Rino Pagnucco (10/26)**

**Laura Lee (10/12)**

**Donna Fickeisen (10/27)**

**Phillip Migiacchio (10/12)**

**Michael McNally (10/27)**

**Diane Lupu (10/13)**

**Angela McCarty (10/31)**

**Darlene Randazzo (10/18)**



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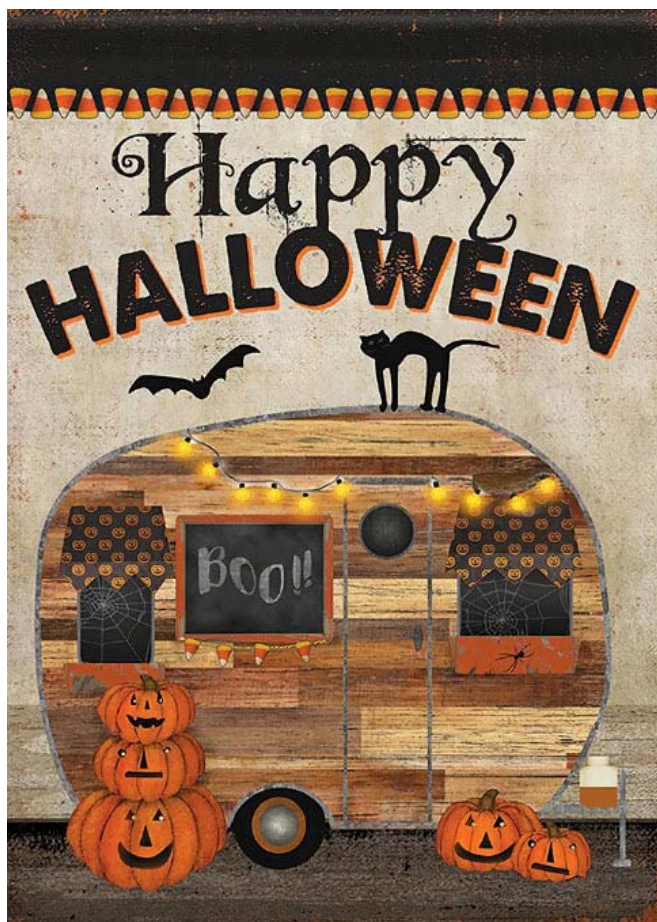
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**Happy Anniversary – Buon Anniversario**



We wish to extend our Best Wishes for the many Happy and Healthy years together to our members who are celebrating their Anniversary.

- Giuseppe and Maria Giammalva (10/3)*
- Henry and Teresa LeSage (10/10)*
- Michael and Kelli McNally (10/14)*
- Hon. Chris and Cindy Dingell (10/19)*
- Robert and Ruth Lepidi (10/19)*
- Tony and Miriam Lumia (10/19)*
- John and Elaine Cartrette (10/20)*
- Alexander and Kelsey Parker (10/21)*
- Anthony and Gloria Kause (10/28)*
- Rino and Marie Pagnucco (10/31)*




leaves




leaves on the pumpkin. 


leaves on the tree. 

 leaves on the house.

leaves on me.


 leaves on the ground.

leaves on the street 

 leaves on the car.

leaves on the my feet. 

 leaves on the wagon.

leaves on the bear. 

 leaves on the dog.

leaves everywhere.

**Calendar of Future Events**

- Oct. 2, 2021, ..... Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party**  
Leslie Lupo, (734) 282-1257
- Oct. 19, 2021, ..... DIAC October Card Party**  
Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264
- Nov. 7, 2021, ..... Memorial Mass / Luncheon**  
Frank Giannotti, (734) 283-7394  
Florence Coleman (313) 909-0090
- Nov. 16, 2021, ..... DIAC November Card Party**  
Julie Bademian, (313) 388-2264
- Dec. 12, 2021, ..... Club Christmas Party**  
Grace Pizzo, (734) 379-9491

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The Twelfth Annual

# DIAC Memorial Mass/Luncheon

Sunday, November 7, 2021



Presented by:

**The Downriver Italian-American Club**

P.O. Box 1797

Southgate, MI 48195-0797

Mass Service at:

**St. Vincent Pallotte Catholic Church**

(formerly St. Joseph Catholic Church)

334 Elm St. (between 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street)

Wyandotte, MI 48192

Mass at 11:30 A.M. - Luncheon served at 1:00 P.M.

Luncheon at: **Sportsmen's Den, 15001 Sibley Road, Riverview, MI 48193**

Member: \$15.00/Person ❖ Non-Member: \$18.00/Person

Coupon and payment must be received no later than Saturday, October 30, 2021

## « Menu »

Crisp Garden Salad, Italian Breadsticks, Butter and Coffee, Beverage Pepsi Product

Baked Chicken Marinated Italian Seasonings, Penne with Homemade Sauce,

Bow-Ties in Alfredo Sauce, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans,

Chocolate Mousse

**If you are unable to attend the Mass, then please join us for the luncheon.**

Information call: **Frank Giannotti at (734) 283-7394 or Florence Coleman (313)909-0090**

I/We will be attending the **Memorial Mass/Luncheon** on Sunday – Nov. 7, 2021, at St. Vincent Pallotte Church.

Luncheon at Sportsmen Den. This coupon and payment must be received **no later than Saturday, October 30, 2021**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

No. Attending Mass: \_\_\_\_\_ Luncheon - Club Member: \$ 15.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon - Non-Member: \$ 18.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, please notify: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to: **Downriver Italian-American Club or DIAC**

Return coupon and your check to: **Frank Giannotti, 14823 Williamsburg Drive, Riverview, MI 48193-7703**