



## "The Roar of the Lion"

Jennifer Rubé, editor  
November 2009

Wednesday November 11th

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Raffle Dinner

St. Cecelia's Church  
Newcomb Friendship Center  
2732 Culver Road

Tickets are \$17 per person

Turkey Raffle – Live Entertainment – Door Prizes  
Catered Roast Beef Dinner

Under the direction of  
*Maestro Raffaele Ponti*

We will be entertained by  
*Soprano Susan Cotroneo*

Accompanied by  
*Pianist Isabella Putin Ponti*

Raffle prizes include a framed Ramon Santiago print, gift baskets from area merchants, Guido the life-sized Italian stuffed dog, gift certificates and much more!

Everyone is welcome! Bring friends, family and co-workers for a great time!  
Please contact Jen Gugino for more information at 482-4067

Thursday December 10th

### CHRISTMAS ITALIAN STYLE

Join us at the December General Assembly Meeting where we will be selling Italian-themed Christmas ornaments and other Italian gifts just in time for Christmas!  
~!~ Lodge Fundraiser ~!~

- Italian Gifts
- Ornaments
- Aprons & Baby Bibs
- Jewelry
- Keychains
- Baseball Caps

For more information,  
please call Jennifer at 381-5540

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

#### DATE CHANGE !!!!

This event has been changed to  
Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Please join us at the Eagle's  
Club on Buffalo Road

6:00PM

See the enclosed flyer for details and to RSVP

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

November 2009

The month of November brings with it falling leaves, weather changes, football games and we prepare for the upcoming Holiday Season. Thanksgiving Day in many of our homes is a favorite time when families get together to not only share the American tradition but also to remember why we even celebrate this day.

Dominic Pulero in his book *GREEN, WHITE & RED* tells us that Thanksgiving Day was "another way in which the Italian immigrants and their descendants embraced American culture. By doing so, they signaled their acceptance of an important American holiday and, more broadly, the mores and customs of the United States. The lessons about the Pilgrims in our schools helped the young first- and second-generation Italian Americans to see themselves as part of American culture and mainstream, even as they preserved certain Italian customs and traditions at home."

I too, recall our family Thanksgiving dinner as a child. We were nine at the table and the table setting was "the good stuff" - the special wine glasses were out, even for myself and my three sisters. We started with lasagna, then the turkey was brought out with one part missing. The part that "goes over the fence last" was brought out on a separate plate and served to my uncle. We children each got a short glass of Grandpa Nino's homemade wine diluted with water. I was 12 years old before I actually liked the taste of wine. For dessert we had homemade apple pies and, of course, Italian pastries, followed by nuts and fruit then espresso coffee. Grandpa's small cup always got 6 spoons of sugar - I sat next to him on his left -my father on his right – and I counted each spoonful. It always seemed like the longest meal of the year for us.

In the tradition of the holiday I want to express my thanks to Brother Lou DeCarolis and his helpers who made this year's Columbus Day parade the most organized, successful, and enjoyable one yet. Someday we'll find a way to get a few more observers. And of course, my thanks to Sisters Eunice and Susan (and their helpers) for the very successful and enjoyable Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance as well as the Ad Book. Sister Jen - that centerfold was praised by many! Upcoming we have our wine tour with Sister Linda Agnello and Sister Jen Gugino's Turkey Raffle Dinner. We hope you all are planning to attend.

In closing, Nancy, Jennifer, Marisa and I wish you and your families a very happy *Giorno di Ringraziamento- Grazia a Dio per nostri buona salute, fortuna, e felicità*.

Fraternally,

Brother Joe Rubé



# 2009 COLUMBUS DAY PARADE



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Despite early morning rain, lodge members got together at Brother Tony's house and then drove downtown to the parade site. Lots of fun was had as we blew up balloons, draped crepe paper streamers over and around the vehicles and listened to live music from John Siegar and the Allstars. Lots of fun for all and then we went back to Brother Tony's house for food and wine.

More pictures are posted on our website at [www.sonsofitalyrochester.com](http://www.sonsofitalyrochester.com)

# VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

## Lu ciatu di Diu

Di Maria Rosaria Mutolo

Iu criru ca u Signuruzzu, quannu crio' lu munnu  
Era accissi priatu ca lu pigghio' nte' manu,  
E firriannululu e girannulu  
Si rummuliava suddisfattu dicennu:  
"Cca ci misi lu mari, cca ci misi la terra,  
Tuutti l' arburi sunnu so' postu so,  
'I ciumi scurrinu versu u mari:  
M'arrinisci'u bonu stu munnul  
E la cuntintizza di lu Signuri fu tanta  
Ca, mentri stu munnu ci firiavva tra li manu,  
L' avvicino' a la vacca e lu vaso':  
'na vasata, di chiddi cu lu scrusciu,  
Ca fici trimari tuttu l' universu.  
E propriu dda',  
Unni Diu appuio' li so divini labbra,  
Nasci'u la Sicilia!

## The Breath of God

By Maria Rosaria Mutolo

I think that when the Lord created the world  
He was so pleased he took it in his hands  
and turning it around he thought to himself:  
"I put the sea in here, I put the land right there,  
all of the trees are in their proper places,  
all of the rivers run down to the sea:  
I'm pleased of how the world came out!"  
And our sweet Lord was so content  
that while the globe whirled round in his hands  
He brought it to his mouth and kissed it  
but with such a smacking, noisy kiss  
He made the Universe vibrate.  
And in the spot, exactly where  
the Lord had touched it with his holy lips,  
that was the spot where Sicily emerged.

## COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Dear Loyal CSJ Supporter:

I am emailing all of you on behalf of our National CSJ President Santina Haemmerle for your support about an television and internet commercials produced by Wonderful Pistachio Co. Tina, Lou Rago and Bill Del Cerro have been in contact with the CEO Mr. Resnick of this company and he refuses to remove the advertisement with only the explanation " it's very funny" and I refuse to remove it because I won't give into your demands. This company has made several ads with celebrities portraying themselves and they appear to be quality advertisements. In the case of the advertisement that we are questioning they use a one dimensional actor from the Sopranos named Vincent Pastore. Vincent portrays a mobster when he displays hid unique way of cracking a pistachio that is totally stereotypical and defamatory to Italian Americans....

For more information or the rest of this letter, please contact Jennifer at [JennaJLR@aol.com](mailto:JennaJLR@aol.com)

These newsletters will be arriving in your mail during the first full week of each month. Sometimes they won't get there before the monthly board meeting, so please assume there is a board meeting on the first Thursday of each month and a general assembly meeting on the second Thursday of each month unless you hear otherwise.

If you would like something added to the next newsletter, please get it to me before the 20<sup>th</sup> of the previous month. We'd love to have stories, letters, photos, etc from lodge members.

Thanks  
Jennifer

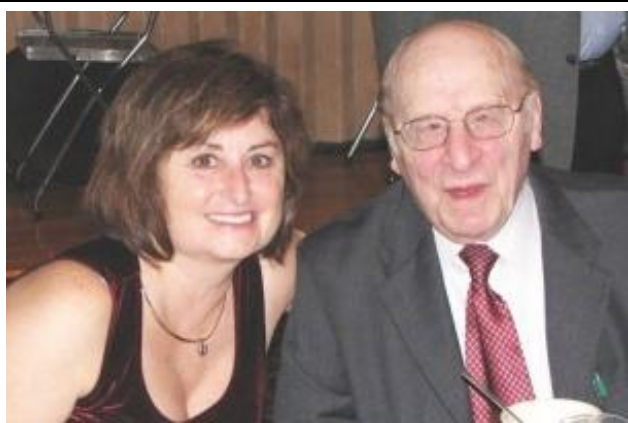
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# 2009 CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS DINNER

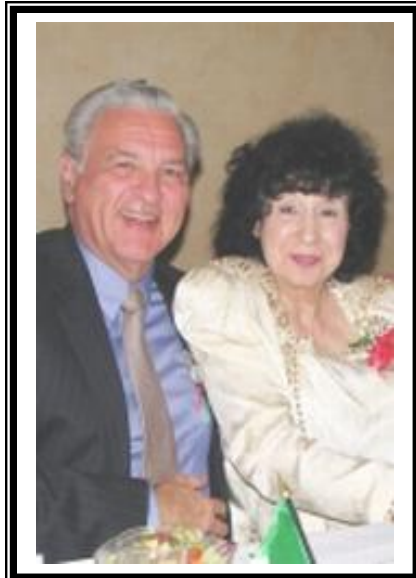


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# 2009 SENECA LAKE WINE TOUR



Members of the Vincent Lombardi Lodge, friends and family enjoyed a full day of visits to the Seneca Lake Wineries and a wonderful lunch at the Geneva Lodge of the Sons of Italy. We tested great wines from the local wineries and did some early Christmas shopping in the winery gift shops.

Thank you to Sister Linda Agnello who organized the bus trip and thanks to Mike Cutillo and Deac DiCostanzo from the Geneva Lodge for providing such a wonderful meal for us.

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# VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009** – 6:00PM – Sport Hall of Fame Dinner at the Italian American Community Center (Info: Joe Sirianni 247-1228)
- **November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009** – 5:30PM - Sons of Italy Annual “Papa Tony’s Turkey Raffle Dinner” at St Cecelia’s Community Center. (Info: Jen Gugino 482-4067)
- **November 12, 2009** – 7:00PM – Sons of Italy General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: Jennifer 381-5540)
- **November 14, 2009** – 6:00PM – Sagra Delle Patate at the Italian American Community Center. Savor the Flavors, Dance to the Music, Relive the Sagre of the Little Towns of Italy. Food and Live Entertainment. (info: 594-8882)
- **December 6, 2009** – 10:30AM – Brunch with Santa at the IACC (info: 594-8882)
- **December 12, 2009** – 6:30PM – Sons of Italy Christmas Party at the Eagles’ Club on Buffalo Road
- **December 13, 2009** – 11AM - Casa Italiana – Christmas season Mass in Italian at Linehan Chapel (info: 389-2468)
- **December 19, 2009** – 6:00PM – IACC Christmas Gala (info: 594-8882)

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### NOVEMBER:

11/01	Hon. Franklin D’Aurizio
11/01	Hon. Joseph Valentino
11/08	Dr Joseph Polizzi
11/11	Hon. Elma Bellini
11/15	Pat Sculli
11/29	Catherine Nuci

## ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

The next general assembly meeting will be held on Thursday November 12th, 2009 at the Casa Italiana located on the Nazareth College Campus at 4245 East Avenue. The college is located about half a mile from the Village of Pittsford on Route 96/East Avenue. Enter the campus at the entrance with the traffic light (South Campus Drive). Turn immediately into Parking Lot A on the right as you enter the campus. On the right you will note the Casa Hispana building and then the Casa Italiana building. Take the lower walk to the right of the building which leads directly to the meeting room. The meeting will begin at 7:00PM sharp and everyone is welcome. Please Note: the meeting room is handicapped accessible.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Members of the Vincent Lombardi Lodge are pleased to welcome our newest members, Peter Madalena and Vincent Giannantonio. If you know of someone that would like to join our lodge, please call President Joe at 461-1181 for an application.