



## ROCHESTER VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270, INC.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As the year comes to an end and a new one begins it is time to reflect on the Lodge's activities and accomplishments of the past year and our hopes and goals for the new year. I will start the past by thanking ALL of those who participated in the organization of our events. Whether you were the chairperson, worker or attendee - each and every one of you have contributed to the success. I am proud to say I don't believe we have had any failures. If success is to be measured by \$\$\$ profits each and every event made money for the Lodge whether directed to the Scholarship funds - a very important part of our activities or to the general funds that allow us to continue to operate as a financially solvent Lodge. However, I think what is as important as the money, despite some "constructive" criticism that is always welcomed, our members and their guests truly enjoyed these activities. We have shown our community that our Lodge is very proud of our Italian heritage and we are an organization worthy of their consideration for membership.

I also think, from the very positive comments we have received, that our newsletter and our website have grown in such a way that they improve the communications for our lodge members. I have heard from some of those members, who cannot participate in meetings or only selective events, that they feel that by retaining their membership (dues) they are getting the feeling of being a valued member of the local as well as State and National Lodges. Obviously the cost increases with production and many have helped by contributing those spent printer cartridges and using sales when available to defray those costs. I also noted this year an increased interest by many of becoming more involved and it is truly appreciated.

As for goals for the new year, my first and foremost goal is to have all our members and all our families and friends have a very happy and healthy year. I think, given our heritage and traditions, that I share this goal with each and every one of you. As a Lodge we have some work to do to resolve the issue of being (or not being) a tax exempt organization. There is money to be saved but on the other side it doesn't come free. We share with the National and State Lodges, the goal to RETAIN as well as grow our membership. We look to you to accomplish this goal - much is accomplished here by being positive and inviting family and friends to our activities. Although raising money to do the work of the organization remains very important as dues don't cover it, several members have expressed interest in raising more money for scholarships as well as charities, two very important activities of OSIA at all levels.

We look forward to the State Convention being held at the Villa Roma for the first time and encourage delegates to bring their families as there will be plenty of activities at this resort. We have checked with the organizers and non-delegate lodge members who attend the convention in an unofficial capacity will be able to sit in on the business meetings so that they can see how the organization works at different levels. Non-delegate members and family will also be able to sit with our lodge delegates for meals. We encourage all our members to consider joining us for this year's Convention. If you are interested in attending either as a delegate or as a guest, please let me know. I will be receiving reservation forms in March and everyone needs to make reservations through the State Grand Lodge and not through the resort itself in order to be able to participate in all the activities.

Finally, as we encourage others to participate in our activities, we encourage all to participate in other Italian American Organizations' activities as a way to promote unity between organizations and to bring our Lodge recognition to them.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to those who have lost loved ones or who have been ill this past year

The Rubé family wishes each and every one of you –

FELICISSIMO ANNO NUOVO

Fraternally,

President Joe Rube'



## "The Roar of the Lion"

Jennifer Rubé, editor  
January 2010

### JAZZ DINNER

#### An Evening of Jazz

Little Italy meets New Orleans  
at Midvale Country Club

Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009

6:00PM

\$45 per person

Entertainment by local jazz artists,  
Jon Sieger & the Allstars

Bring your parents, adult children, family,  
friends and neighbors out for an evening with  
Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, Cab  
Calloway, Duke Ellington, Count Basie  
and many more, including songs from Italy

- Great Food
- Great Music & Dancing
- Great Raffles

For More Information

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### VALENTINE FUNDRAISER

#### Cupid's Raffle Items

(partial list)

These items will raffled off at the Jazz Dinner

#### An Afternoon of Golf

Foursome w/Carts at  
Wildwood Country Club



#### Custom Made Heart Pendant

By Bolton Jewelry Designers of Pittsford



#### Spa Accessory Package

including white robe, body wrap,  
head towel, bath sponge and mask



#### Heart Shaped Pendant & Necklace

By Axxcess, a Liz Claiborne Company



#### Byers Choice Carolers

One of a Kind Valentine's Couple



#### Turquoise & Heart Bracelet & Ring

By Axxcess, a Liz Claiborne Company



#### Overnight Getaway

At the brand new Salvatore's Grand Hotel  
in Williamsville NY - one night in the  
Jacuzzi King Room!

# VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

## 2010 NYS CONVENTION

President Joe has requested that anyone interested in running for a delegate position for the 2010 Convention at Villa Roma contact him. Although not a requirement it is appropriate that given the low number of delegates we are permitted, that current Board members be given some preferential consideration.

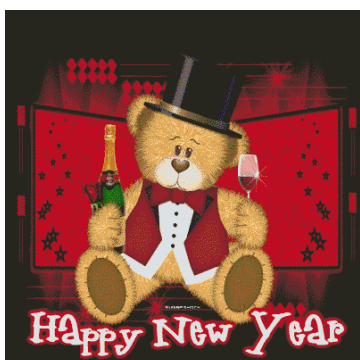
The slate of nominees will be presented at the January General Membership meeting and election will take place by ballot at the February General Membership meeting. If there are more candidates than positions available, the top three would get the position.

Due to the resignation of Trustee Debra Catari as of March 2010, that position will need to be filled and President Joe will accept nominations for that position also. The only rule there is that the position can be held only by a member in good standing who has been a member for at least one year and has not missed more than three General Assembly meetings. The election process will be the same as for the delegate position

If you are interested in either a delegate position or a trustee position, please contact President Joe ASAP to get your name on the list.

## Why the Italian Lifestyle is so Good for Us...

- 1. Fresh, healthy food:** To Italians, food is life and as such, they honor it using the freshest ingredients. All the senses are evoked during purchasing, growing, preparing or eating food. Every meal is to be enjoyed to the fullest. *A tavola non s'invicchi mai.* It means you never grow old at the table.
- 2. Passion for life:** Whether it's cooking, painting or working, the Italian approach is to be present and attentive throughout the entire process. Here again, using all of the senses in order to squeeze out every bit of pleasure. And nothing is ever rushed. As they say, *Rome wasn't built in a day!*
- 3. Family ties and traditions:** The social connection of family, friends and traditions gives meaning to life in a celebratory way. It gives Italians a reason to stop work and pay attention to people, play and fun. Sharing their life with others equates to love.
- 4. Resilience and strength:** Italy's history of natural disasters, war, invasion, political corruption and Vatican influence serves as a poignant reminder to live life to the fullest and to move on after setbacks. It's all considered part of the cycle of life.
- 5. Simplicity:** Italians place more value on the simple things in rather than the material things most westerners covet. There are plenty of happy farmers in Italy who want no more than to share a meal with others in their community.



# VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **January 7, 2010**- 7:00PM – Sons of Italy Board Meeting at Casa Italiana (Info: 461-1181)
- **January 14, 2010** – 7:00PM – Sons of Italy General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana (Info: 461-1181)
- **January 15, 2010** – 7:00PM – IACC – Italian Movie Night featuring “Sotto Sotto”. (Info: 594-8882)
- **January 29, 2010** – 6:30PM – IACC “Lets Dine and Dance” (Info: 594-8882)
- **February 5, 2010** – 6:30PM – IACC – “Carnevale di Venezia” (Info: 594-8882)
- **February 6, 2010** – 6:00PM – Sons of Italy – Valentine Dinner Dance at Midvale Country Club (Info: Jennifer - 381-5540)
- **February 21, 2010** – Commission for Social Justice 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance in Howard Beach New York (Info: 631-345-6586)

Please help us keep the cost of our newsletters down by bringing us your empty computer printer and copier cartridges. When we turn them in, we get \$3 for each cartridge back in credit towards printing our newsletters!

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.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

### JANUARY:

01/06 - Paul DeCarolis  
01/13 - Maria Tirone  
01/15 - Frank Oliveri  
01/17 - Peter Cimino

Long-time lodge member, Dr John C. Ninfo II passed away on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at the age of 93. His friends and family in the Vincent Lombardi Lodge send their sympathy and best wishes to his wife and family. Contributions may be made to the Highland Hospital Foundation.

## ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

The next general assembly meeting will be held on Thursday January 14th, 2010 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.

# VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

## NATIONAL OSIA COOKBOOK

Have you sent in any of your favorite Italian recipes for our upcoming National Order Sons of Italy in America Cookbook? If not, please choose one of your favorites that is really special and contact President Joe for a recipe form. This cookbook will be sold all over the country as a fundraiser for OSIA.

Cookbook Chairperson, Immediate Past State President Nancy DiFiore Quinn is also looking for artwork for the cookbook. The mission statement for this project is, "Our mission is that you find authentic Italian recipes within the pages of this cookbook to prepare for your own family and friends. At the same time, we hope to enrich people's lives by enlightening them to the rich culture and traditions of the Italian American community.

If you would like more information, please contact Nancy DiFiore Quinn at 516-560-8517.

## LODGE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

The State Grand Lodge has requested that each local lodge appoint a Membership Chairperson. This person would be responsible for heading up their lodge membership committee and keeping in touch with the State Membership Committee. If you are interested in heading up this important committee, please contact President Joe at 461-1181 for more information.

## VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE 2009 SCHOLARSHIPS

Information for the Vincent Lombardi Lodge scholarships for 2010 will be available in January. There are also state scholarships and grants available through the Sons of Italy.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list for information, please contact Joe Berta at 585-334-6641.

## NATIONAL LEADERSHIP GRANTS

Through the Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF) and more than 650 state and local lodges, the Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA) has awarded nearly \$47 million in scholarships to date.

Each year, the SIF offers 10 to 12 merit-based scholarships, ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000, in a nationwide competition, the National Leadership Grant Competition. Applications are screened by education professionals and final selection is made by OSIA's National Education Committee. Scholarship winners only will be notified by May 1. Monetary awards are presented directly to students' academic institutions in accordance with eligibility requirements.

General Eligibility: U.S. citizens of Italian descent (at least one Italian or Italian American grandparent) enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program at a four-year, accredited academic institution for the Fall 2010 term. Previous SIF scholarship winners are not eligible. (Please note: Additional eligibility requirements may apply to specific scholarships.)