



## *"The Roar of the Lion"*

Jennifer Rubé, editor  
December 2011

### LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year's Christmas Party will once again be held at Carpani's Restaurant in the Stutson Street Plaza. The address is 155 Pattonwood Drive.

Save the date Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> and look for the flyer included with this newsletter. Please send in your RSVPs ASAP so that we have an accurate count to give to the restaurant.



2011  
Annual Turkey  
Raffle Dinner



### VALENTINE'S DINNER 2012

This year our Valentine's Dinner will be held on Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup> at Midvale Country Club. Last time we held the Valentine's Dinner it was a very successful fundraiser for the Gift of Sight program. This year we are hoping to be just as successful in our endeavors to raise funds for the Pluta Cancer Center.

There are not many of us who have not been touched by the skill and generosity of the Pluta Cancer Center in some way. In the past few weeks I've found that a number of our lodge members have been involved with treatments for either themselves or their family members at the Pluta Center and I'd like this year's event to be a tribute to them.

Our theme for this event is going to be "angels" and I'm hoping that our membership will step forward and volunteer to help with the fundraising and organization. It is not MY event, it is OUR event and all help is welcome.



Please save the date of January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and let me know if you can help with this event. If any of our members would like to donate prizes for the raffle, please contact me at 381-5540. We're looking for gift certificates, merchandise prizes, etc.

Thank you all and a safe and happy holiday season for you all,

Jennifer



## VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

December 2011

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With Thanksgiving Day just past and many continuing to share this holiday weekend with family and friends, I wish you all a continued holiday season of good health and happiness. I again take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting our Lodge and each other in remembering the Creed of the Order Sons of Italy in America. "We believe in filial affection and respect for the Land of our Forefathers whose heritage is our highest contribution to America's progress.....and promise to the moral, intellectual and material progress of our fellow members, and to support the program of the Order and all its activities for the welfare of our Country, our Order and the Community in which we live." The "motto" of OSIA is "LIBERTY, EQUALITY and FRATERNITY".

Following our highly successful Columbus Day Dinner Dance it was noted that there were several contributions made to the Lodge in honor of Dr. Richard Constantino (Lifetime Achievement Award). Sister Susan Berta made a motion to the Board and it was unanimously passed, that this money be set aside for a scholarship to be awarded in 2012 entitled "The Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 Scholarship in Honor of Dr. Richard Constantino " in the amount of \$1500. This was also approved by the General Membership at the November meeting. We are very grateful to all who contributed to the event's success – members, families and guests as well as the staff at Midvale Country Club. We have tentatively reserved Midvale for our 2012 event on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>.

On Wednesday evening November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Carmen Clark Lodge at Brighton Park, another highly successful Turkey Raffle was held. Ten turkey coupons from Wegman's were given out as well as 5 baskets of goodies donated by members/businesses. As most know this event is in memory of Sister Gen Gugino's father and his family story for the Turkey meal. We had an excellent turnout and special thanks to those who were there early for set up and stayed late for clean up. Thanks also to Brother Tony for his dedicated attention to getting the raffle tickets sold resulting in a net profit for the Lodge. Thanks also to Dave and his wife Sue for the wonderful roast beef dinner – and there were leftovers that we donated to the food cupboard in Victor through the Cottons. As usual great desserts were donated by several members. I believe through everyone's efforts Sister Jen was very pleased with the entire event. Oh yes – the music added that special touch –thanks to Pat Gambacurta and her accordion.

At the November Board meeting we had a discussion about Liability Insurance for the Lodge –Tony Noto gave an excellent presentation and the result was a vote by the Board to recommend to the membership that we acquire that Insurance and this was approved at the November Gen Assembly Meeting.

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2: Our Christmas Dinner will be at Carpani's on December 17<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see all of you who are still in town at this dinner. Bring your family and friends – everyone is welcome! Thanks to Brother Joe and Sister Ann Vazzana for organizing this event for us. May the weather cooperate!!!

This year is not an election year for our Board but we do have to select Delegates for the Convention. As in the past, your Immediate Past President and President are automatic Delegates. Given our Lodge Membership numbers we are permitted 3 other Delegates. It is not required for a Delegate to have served on the Board but they should have been a member in good standing for 1 year, participated in a majority of General Assembly meetings and express an interest in participating actively in the Convention by attending the daily meetings. This year's Convention is at the Villa Roma, as it has been the last two years and the Delegates attend from Thursday lunch through Sunday Noon (May 31 – June 3). A stipend of \$350 is provided by the Lodge to help defray the cost of the room and travel expenses. As the Villa Roma is a resort, non delegates are welcome but if they are to participate in the meals and social activities, reservations have to be made at same time and on the same form as the delegates. If you wish to be considered for one of the three Delegate positions, please place your name in nomination in written form(email: [bolognadoc@aol.com](mailto:bolognadoc@aol.com) or by mail) before the General Assembly meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>. If more than 3 names are submitted an election will take place at the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

As the year comes to an end we should remember that this was the anniversary of the Unification of Italy and the Republic. I have used this in formulating the "quiz" for this month. We also had a very successful year in the Lodge thanks to all of you who attended and those who ran our various events. I will contact the Chair of each Committee to query their desire to Chair the same events next year. I have already had several requests to be either a Chair or on a Committee in 2012.

So much for "business" – from our Family to Yours, BUON NATALE e FELICE ANNO NUOVO. We remember all our Active and Veteran Military particularly at this time of year and our prayers and sympathy to all who have lost a loved one.

Fraternally yours,

Pres. Joe Rube'

**Buon Natale  
e  
Felice Anno  
NUOVO!!!**



*We wish you all a  
happy and safe  
holiday season with  
continued good  
health in 2012!*

# VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/08 Paul Cloffey  
12/09 Marisa Rubé  
12/15 James Vazzana  
12/17 Maryann Koons  
12/20 Jennie Gugino  
12/22 Emma Ferlise  
12/23 Maurice Palucci  
12/28 Ruth Provenzano



## REFRESHMENTS

We are looking for volunteers to bring refreshments to our General Assembly meetings. You're welcome to partner up with another member if you want to.

Ideas: cake, cupcakes, brownies, cookies, fresh cut up fruit, sheet pizza or anything else you wish to bring.

If you'd like to bring refreshments to the next meeting, please give Sister Ann Vazzana a call at 224-8907. Thank you to all our volunteers as this is one more thing that keeps expenses down for the lodge.

## NEWS FROM GENEVA

Upcoming Geneva Lodge Events:

Dec. 10 – 10AM Saturday Breakfast with Santa  
Call the lodge at 315-781-2242 for reservations

Dec. 31 – New Years Eve Party  
Dinner starts at 7PM with Champagne Toast at  
Midnight.  
Call the lodge at 315-781-2242 for reservations

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to **Sister Mary Joyce D'Aurizio** who was re-elected as Irondequoit Town Supervisor.

Congratulations to **Brother Matt O'Connor** who was elected to Town Council in Pittsford.

Condolences to **Brother Ed Maruggi** and his wife Carolyn on the recent passing of Carolyn's mother. This is a correction from the last newsletter.

Our condolences to **Brother Carmine Federico**, State Recording Secretary and member of the Progresso Lodge in Syracuse on the passing of his brother.

Congratulations to **Brother Tony DiCostanzo** of the Geneva Men's Lodge on his election to Geneva City Council.

Congratulations to **Sister Jen Gugino**, her daughter MaryJo and their Angels of Mercy group. Their successes have been written about again in the D&C on Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Congratulations to **Brother Ed Maruggi** who just signed a deal to publish a book about Italians of Greater Rochester. Please check out the flyer enclosed with this newsletter to see what kind of photos and information Brother Ed is looking for.

Congratulations to **Sister Elizabeth Osta** who has just published her new book "Jeremiah's Hunger" with a release date of December 11<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please check out her website at [www.elizabethosta.com](http://www.elizabethosta.com).



# VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **December 1<sup>st</sup>** - 7:00PM OSIA Board Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: Pres. Joe 461-1181)
- **December 7<sup>th</sup>** - 7:00PM Book Reading with Brother Ed Maruggi at the IACC (info: 594-8882)
- **December 8<sup>th</sup>** - 7:00PM OSIA General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: Pres. Joe 461-1181)
- **December 17<sup>th</sup>** - Vincent Lombardi Lodge Christmas Party at Carpani's Restaurant (info: Pres. Joe: 461 -1181)
- **January 5<sup>th</sup>** - 7:00PM OSIA Board Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: Pres. Joe 461-1181)
- **January 12<sup>th</sup>** - 7:00PM OSIA General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: Pres. Joe 461-1181)
- **January 27<sup>th</sup>** - Grand Lodge Winter Charity Ball (info 516-785-4623)
- **January 28<sup>th</sup>** - 6:00PM Valentine's Dinner at Midvale Country Club (info: Jennifer 381-5540)

## NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

We have begun selling newsletter ad space to our members for their businesses. As members, you get first chance at limited ad space. Advertising will begin in January.

Ads will be business card size with the opportunity to upgrade with the purchase of multi-month contracts. This program is expected to start with the January 2012.

If you would like information on rates, please contact Sister Jennifer at 381-5540.

## FIND US ONLINE...

### Our lodge can be found online!

Check out our website at **[www.sonsofitalyrochester.com](http://www.sonsofitalyrochester.com)** or look for us on Facebook by searching for Sons of Italy Rochester NY. You can visit the NY State Grand Lodge website at [www.nyosia.org](http://www.nyosia.org) and the National Supreme Lodge at [www.osia.org](http://www.osia.org).



## NEW MEMBERS

We are always looking for new members to bring into our lodge. Think about family, friends and co-workers who might enjoy joining our group and promoting our Italian heritage.

## SUNSHINE CORNER

If you know of any lodge members who are ill or could use cheering up, please let Corresponding Secretary, Sister Ann Vazzana know at 224-8907.

# VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

## OSIA LODGE COOKBOOKS

Vincent Lombardi Lodge Cookbooks have been reprinted and will be available for this holiday season.

\$8 each

They will be available at different events and general assembly meetings.



## OSIA NATIONAL COOKBOOK #3

The National OSIA Supreme Lodge has printed a new cookbook this year.

\$20 each plus \$5 shipping.

It is a beautiful hard cover book and you can order it by calling the Grand Lodge at 516-785-4263

## Peperonata – sautéed peppers

Sister Rosita shares with us this recipe for the sautéed peppers from the Sicilian Dinner last May.

### Peperonata – sautéed peppers

4 tbsp. canola/olive oil blend (75% canola/25% extra virgin olive oil)  
3 potatoes\* (~1 lb.), peeled & sliced ¼"x2" pieces (optional)  
4 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil, divided  
1 large onion, thin julienne  
1 lb. red bell peppers, in thin julienne  
2 c. plum tomatoes, drained & coarsely diced, liquid reserved  
Pinch of dried oregano  
Salt & pepper to taste

Fry the potatoes: Dry sliced potatoes with paper or clean kitchen towel. Place the oil blend into a large fry pan and heat until shimmery. Add a small batch of potatoes to the oil, making sure that potatoes are not crowded. Fry on both sides until golden. Drain on paper towels and lightly sprinkle with salt while they are still warm. Repeat until all potatoes are golden.

Drain excess oil. Add 1 tbsp. olive oil to the pan and heat until shimmery. Add the onion and cook, stirring once, until slightly golden. Remove to a plate. Add 1 tbsp. olive oil to the pan and repeat with peppers. Remove to a plate.

Add 1 tbsp. of olive oil to the pan and heat. Add a pinch of oregano & cook until fragrant, about 20 seconds. Add the drained tomatoes and cook, stirring once, until liquid has evaporated. Toss the onions, peppers & potatoes with the tomato and add the reserved tomato juice.

Cover and simmer until vegetables are tender, 20-30 minutes. Add the last tbsp. of olive oil and season to taste with salt & pepper. Serve warm or at room temperature.

## OSIA NATIONAL COOKBOOKS #1 & #2

The National OSIA Supreme Lodge cookbooks *Cucina Classica* #1 & #2 are available at a special price this holiday season. Both are now out of print but you can get your copies by calling Sister Jennifer at 381 – 5540. Retail price is \$20 each but while supplies last you can get either one for \$15 by itself or buy the pair for \$20. They make great hostess gifts, secret santa gifts or shower gifts.

# VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE



## “WARM HUGS” CLOTHING

Last year was a very successful year in our “Warm Hugs” clothing drive and this year is starting off just as well. In 2010 we collected dozens of coats and hundreds of pairs of mittens and gloves for children in need. This year the Vincent Lombardi Lodge will once again partner with the Pittsford Village Merchants and the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce to collect coats, mittens, gloves and hats for children at Rochester City School #12.

If you would like to donate coats, hats, mittens etc that your children or grandchildren have outgrown or cash for purchasing needed clothing, please bring them to the next board or general assembly meeting or contact Sister Jennifer at 381-5540 to make arrangements.



We have already had a very successful beginning to our coat drive. Thanks to Sister Jen Gugino and the Angels of Mercy ([www.angelsofmercyny.org](http://www.angelsofmercyny.org)), we have been given many coats and other warm clothes for the kids and their family members. Sister Maryann Koons' husband Gene works with the Scott Spino Foundation ([www.scottspinofoundation.org](http://www.scottspinofoundation.org)) and they too have donated many coats. The campaign continues because as the snowflakes start to fly, the kids will realize they don't have hats and gloves.

# VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

## Names related to the Unification of Italy (based on article in PRIMO Mag 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed 2011)

- 1) Brokered agreement with France to help oust Austria from Italy. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Conquered Italian peninsula in 1797 and empowered Italians with troops and the desire for unification.  
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- 3) Known as “Soul of Italy” –sought class free Italian Republic – a political thinker –elected as triumvir to lead the short lived Republic. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Recognized as “Father of the Fatherland”, King of Sardinia, and King of all Italy (after the Resorgimento).\_\_\_\_\_
- 5) The tricolored Italian flag, mimicking the French tricolored, was inaugurated by the Italians to pay homage to this man’s role in the unification of France. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Sardinia King who led failed revolt against Austria. Upon his death Piedmont-Sardinia was handed over to his son Victor Emanuel II. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) Organized insurrection in 1830s targeting Genoa. Arrested and exiled to London where he created a school for Italian children. After Resorgimento criticized new government for neglecting the South and poor.\_\_\_\_\_
- 8) Born in poverty in Nice (at time part of Genoa) – leading icon of defiance- known as “THE General”. Went to S. America in 1842 leading Uruguayans in Civil war where he introduced the famous “band of red shirts”.  
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- 9) Proclaimed King of Italy by grace of God and will of the people. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) Called Giuseppe Garibaldi for aid in 1848 from S. America but due to his wanting only to expand the Papal rule, Garibaldi sided with Victor Emanuel in the fight for unification. He eventually lost the Papal State and was relegated to the Vatican.\_\_\_\_\_
- 11) Led 1<sup>st</sup> revolt in 1848 which failed but in 1860 his fame as a great leader was established winning a series of battles on the Kingdom of the 2 Sicilys and handed the conquered states to Victor Emanuel II.  
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- 12) Is to Italy what George Washington is to America. After his death Mussolini hoped to win public sentiment by claiming the Fascist “black shirts” were the legitimate heirs to his “red shirts”. \_\_\_\_\_

Possible answers – can be used more than once.  
Answers found elsewhere in this newsletter.

- A) Charles Albert of Sardinia
- B) Giuseppe Mazzini
- C) Napoleon Bonaparte
- D) Giuseppe Garibaldi
- E) King Victor Emanuel II
- F) Camillo Benso, Count of Cavour
- G) Pope Pius IX

## ANSWERS FOR NOVEMBER’S QUIZ

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 1) PROGRESSO      | 8) Frankie Laine |
| 2) Nick Lucas     | 9) Mario Lanza   |
| 3) O sole mio     | 10) Al Martino   |
| 4) Over There     | 11) Tony Bennett |
| 5) Enrico Caruso  | 12) Dean Martin  |
| 6) Rocky Graziano | 13) Lou Monte    |
| 7) Vic Damone     |                  |