



"The Roar of the Lion"

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FROM THE PRESIDENT....

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

By the time you get this newsletter we will have enjoyed the last social event of the year – our annual Christmas dinner at Gigi's. My thanks to Brother Joe Vazzana and the staff at Gigi's for their efforts to accommodate our needs. Also...we all send our best wishes to Lou and Cindy – now MR. and MRS LOUIS DECAROLIS - for a lifetime together full of happiness.

As the holiday season approaches, I would like to take a moment to recognize the many wonderful events and members that have lead to another incredibly successful year – highlighted by a celebration of our Lodge's 40th Anniversary. Throughout the year, so many of you volunteered your personal time to ensure the success of each and every social as well as fundraising event, to contribute photos and past memorabilia and making our Anniversary Booklet a fine way of sharing our past and present with others and leaving a legacy on which to build the future. Also to all of those who spent an enormous amount of time in preparing our newsletter, keeping our web site up to date, sponsoring and bringing in new members (most in one year in past ten years), those who have volunteered to help transporting those who can no longer drive to our meetings and events, those who have kept us financially sound and enabled us to comply with our tax issues. A special thanks to those who have brought refreshments to our meetings, supplied us with ink cartridges for Staples Rewards, coke caps and can pull tabs – all of which have given us \$\$\$ savings. To all those who are unable to attend our functions but continue to support us through your annual dues we are grateful and thank you.

As 2012 comes to a close, we should be most proud of the many new friendships we have made not only through our new members, but also through the genuine relations we have made throughout the Italian American Community in Rochester. How honored we were in October to show off our Lodge (YOU) to our National and State Presidents - the feedback has been very positive. We look forward to an exciting and successful 2013.

That brings a reminder to all our members that we must elect a new Board for the coming two year term. I have reinstated the December General Assembly meeting on the 13th (be sure to mark your calendars) the main purpose of which will be to announce the Nominating Committee and to review the process for elections, as well as the qualifications and description of the duties of each Board position. All positions need to be filled. Any current Board members that will not be running for a position should contact me AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so that we can know who is available to serve on the Nominating Committee. Given everyone's tight schedules we will try to keep this meeting as short as possible. If you are planning to or thinking about running for a Board position please bring a brief note to indicate such and they will be given to the Nominating Committee Chair directly.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Palucci family on the passing of Tony's brother, Cesario, and to all those others who have lost a loved one. Get well wishes to all those who have recently undergone surgery or have been ill

From Nancy and myself..... BUON NATALE e FELICE ANNO NUOVO

President Joe

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT...

Once again I went to take over a corner of the newsletter to give an update on our membership numbers and this time I found that a “corner” is not big enough. The past year has been amazing as far as the interest we’ve had from people wanting to join our lodge and organization.

At our Turkey Raffle Dinner we received three applications for new membership. In terms of numbers, I believe those are #98, #99 and #100. Back in October I wrote that my goal was to reach 100 members by the end of Dad’s presidency and you did it!!! Not only that, but we have another three applications in for a total of at least six new members at the January General Assembly Meeting. I’m also proud to say that we did not lose any members due to non-renewals in 2012 so that has helped us keep our numbers stable.

More important than the actual numbers is the overall interest in our lodge, the Sons of Italy and what we’re all about. I now find myself keeping membership applications in my purse and in my car because people have come up to me at meetings all over the city asking about information on our organization. The word is out – we are the organization that people want to belong to, and why wouldn’t they? We’ve got great members and great events!

Traditionally, it is the responsibility of the First Vice President to handle Membership, but anyone with an interest can work on this committee. In fact, every member can do their part by having applications and informational brochures available in case someone asks for them. Talk to family and friends – better yet, invite them to one of our social events and if they enjoy themselves, talk to them about joining the lodge.

Membership Committee work isn’t hard work and doesn’t take up a lot of time. We just need people that can return phone calls and emails from those looking for information about our lodge. Contacting new members to let them know when their initiation ceremony is planned for and in general, being sure to welcome new members, introduce them to other members at our meetings and make them feel like they are part of our family.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It is that time of the year when our worthy President has to choose a nominating committee that will be charged with the responsibility of picking our slate of officers for the 2013 – 2015 term of office. It is advised that members of the Nominating Committee should not be running for a board position this term.

All of our board positions are up for election this year and we encourage our members to think about joining the board and helping to keep our lodge on the strong path we’ve been enjoying the past several years. We have become one of the strongest and most popular Italian American organizations in the Rochester area and we want to keep this momentum going.

If you would like to participate on the Nominating Committee and help form the future of our lodge, please contact President Joe at 585-381-5540.

OFFICER INSTALLATIONS

The ceremony to install our new board of directors will be held on Sunday March 10th at Penfield Country Club. Please mark your calendars for this is one of our most important events. It is an opportunity for you to share in the celebration of the future of our lodge and we are always happy to see members there who do not always get to attend our events.

The buffet menu will contain the usual breakfast items, a carving station with ham and turkey, pasta, salad, dessert and more. The cost will be \$28 per person and everyone is welcome to attend. Please invite your friends and family to help us celebrate. More information will be available in January but we wanted to make sure you had the date reserved now.

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE NEWS

TURKEY RAFFLE DINNER

This year's annual Turkey Raffle Dinner was once again, a huge success. Thank you to Sister Jen Gugino and her committee for an excellent evening of great friendships, food and entertainment. We were joined by members, friends and co-workers and even had a couple of new members join that night. We look forward to hearing the final report at this month's General Assembly Meeting on December 13th.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year's annual Christmas Party was held on Sunday December 2nd at Gigi's Restaurant on East Ridge Road.

Once again, we were joined by about fifty members, friends and family and everyone seemed to have a good time. For those of you that missed it, we hope you will join us for next year's party.

SUPERBOWL SWEEPSTAKES

Donate at least \$10 to the Sons of Italy Foundation for a chance to win round trip airfare for two to New Orleans, 2 tickets to the Super Bowl Game, a 4 night stay in a 4 star hotel and various Super Bowl amenities.

WISHING YOU AN OSIA CHRISTMAS!

We will have some of the Sons of Italy shirts and sweatshirts available at the December 13th General Assembly Meeting for those of you who wish to give the gift of OSIA Logowear for Christmas this year. If you can't make it to the meeting but would like to make a purchase, please call Jennifer at 381-5540. You can order over the phone and have them in time for Christmas.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Louis DeCarolis!

REGGIO CALABRIA – from BBC News

The entire council of the city of Reggio Calabria in southern Italy has been sacked to stop it from being taken over by the mafia, officials say.

The move came after some councillors were suspected of having ties to the powerful 'Ndrangheta crime syndicate.

Officials said it was the first time that the entire government of a provincial capital had been dismissed over suspected mafia links.

Three commissioners will run the city for 18 months until the next elections.

Mayor Demetrio Arena and all 30 city councillors were sacked to prevent any "mafia contagion" in the local government, Interior Minister Annamaria Cancellieri said.

Smaller city administrations have been dissolved in the past for similar reasons.



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DECEMBER & JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

December

12/08 Paul Cloffey
12/09 Marisa Rubé
12/09 Dr. Kenneth Nudo
12/15 James Vazzana
12/17 Maryann Koons
12/20 Jennie Gugino
12/21 Patty Mattice
12/22 Emma Ferlise
12/23 Dr. Maurice Palucci
12/26 Dr. Ralph Doerr
12/28 Ruth Provenzano

January:

01/06 Paul DeCarolis
01/07 Matthew Sisto
01/15 Frank Oliveri

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **December 13th** - 7:00PM OSIA General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana
- **January 3rd** - 7:00PM OSIA Board Meeting at Casa Italiana
- **January 10th** - 7:00PM OSIA General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana
- **February 7th** - 7:00PM OSIA Board Meeting at Casa Italiana
- **February 14th** - 7:00PM OSIA General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana
- **February 10th** – Family Picnic and Clambake – more info in January newsletter
- **March 7th** - 7:00PM OSIA Board Meeting at Casa Italiana
- **March 10th** – 12:00Noon - Officer Installation – Penfield Country Club – more info to follow
- **March 14th** - 7:00PM OSIA General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana

SUNSHINE CORNER

Get well wishes go out to **Brother Joe Capogreco** who recently underwent surgery.

Get well wishes go out to **Sister Mary Joyce D'Aurizio** who recently underwent surgery.

Our condolences go out to **Brother Tony and Sister Mickey Palucci** on the recent passing of Tony's brother.

Our condolences go out to **Sister Mary Joyce and Brother Franklin D'Aurizio** on the recent passing of Mary Joyce's son.

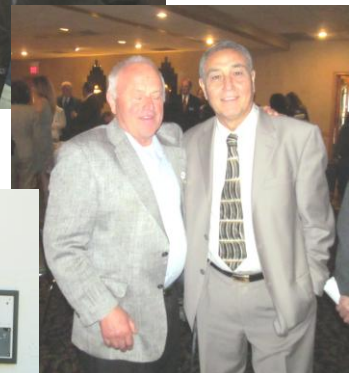
Get well wishes to **Sister Mickey Palucci** who recently underwent surgery.

Get well wishes go out to **Sister Ann Vazzana** who recently underwent surgery.

Our condolences go out to the **Gruttadauria Family**, past honorees of our lodge, on the passing of family matriarch Anne.

Our condolences go out to **Brother Jamie and Sister Jill Kaim** of the Geneva Lodges on the recent passing of Jamie's grandmother.

MEMBERS AROUND TOWN



12th Annual Turkey Raffle Dinner



St. Cecelia's Church

Thursday
November 15th, 2012



Annual Christmas Dinner



Gigi's Restaurant
Sunday December 2, 2012



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Welcome New Members Jim, Matthew and John shown with President Joe.



FAMILY PICNIC & CLAM BAKE

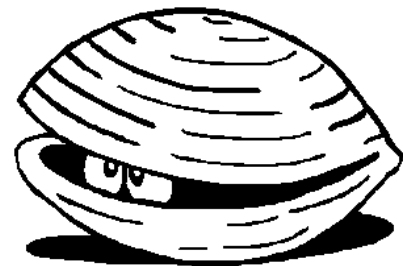
SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday
February 16th, 2013

King's Bend Park
(North Lodge)
Pittsford

(Near the intersection of
Clover Street & Jefferson Road)

Buffet Dinner!
Clam Bake!
Music!
Lots of Fun!



What better way to fight off
the winter blues than a day
with your family and friends?

More information coming
soon so save the date!

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REFRESHMENTS

We are looking for volunteers to bring refreshments to our General Assembly meetings. If you'd like to bring refreshments to the next meeting, please give Sister Ann Vazzana a call at 586-6266. Thank you to all our volunteers as this is one more thing that keeps expenses down for the lodge.

INK CARTRIDGES

Thank you to everyone who has brought us empty ink and toner cartridges. Redeeming these has cut the cost of printing our newsletters almost in half for 2011 and have saved almost \$1100 already this year. If you have any empties to redeem please bring them to the next meeting or call Jennifer at 381-5540.

SUNSHINE

If you know of any lodge members that have been ill, had surgery or could use a note of support, please let Sister Ann know at 586-6266.

COKE BOTTLE

We are still looking for bottle caps from all Coca Cola products. We redeem these for products that can be raffled off at our events throughout the year. Last year's bottle caps were redeemed for the MP3 Player that was raffled off at the Valentine Fundraiser.

Our lodge can be found online!

Check out our lodge website at 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 and the National Supreme Lodge at www.osia.org.

PULL TABS!

Little things can make a big difference in the lives of local children. We are now accepting the small pull tabs from the tops of soda, soup, pet food or other aluminum cans and we will donate them to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Rochester.

COOKBOOKS

Now Available –

Vincent Lombardi Lodge's "*The Little Italian Cookbook*"
\$8.00 each plus shipping if needed.

NYS Grand Lodge's "*Cucina Classica, Maintaining a Tradition*" and "*Cucina Classica II, The Legacy Continues*"

\$15 each or the set of 2 for \$20 plus shipping if needed.

GARIBALDI-MEUCCI MUSEUM

Recognition Walkway
Brick Program

Bricks are available for:
\$100 - \$250 - \$1000

Call the Museum at

718-442-1608

2013 GRAND LODGE CALENDARS

We have the calendars for 2013 in hand! Each calendar is marked with a unique number that corresponds to the NYS Daily Lottery Numbers. If your calendar number matches the number drawn, you win.

For more information or to purchase a calendar, please contact President Joe at 461-1181.