



“The Roar of the Lion”

Jennifer Rubé, editor
January 2012

VALENTINE'S DINNER 2012

Plans for this year's Valentine's Day Fundraiser Dinner are coming along well. We've set the menu, sent out the invitations and raffle tickets and are already receiving reservations.

We are very pleased to announce that *Jon Seiger and the Allstars* will once again join us with their musical talents. For those of you that were at last summer's picnic at President Joe's house, this was the band that played for us. So many people have asked to have them back again that we contacted Jon for this event. Luckily, he's in the country on that date and available to play for us so there will be lots of good music and dancing for everyone to enjoy.

We have also been lucky enough to receive an overnight package with spa treatment and brunch at the Woodcliff Hotel & Spa for our top raffle prize. Tickets were included with all the invitations mailed out and will also be available the night of the event for those that want a last minute chance at this and any of the other prizes. There will also be a number of smaller prizes with tickets available at the event.

We will continue tradition with our \$10 Super 50/50 Raffle as well as a number of other very nice prizes. Something for everyone!

Please return your reservation cards and raffle tickets as soon as possible so that we can keep an accurate count of food choices.

VALENTINES DINNER MENU

1. CHICKEN MIDVALE

fresh breast of chicken stuffed with a feta cheese, spinach and prosciutto ham filled, baked and finished with a light demi-glace

2. PRIME RIB OF BEEF

A slow roasted 12 oz. Prime Rib lightly seasoned, dipped in fresh au jus and accompanied with horseradish sauce

3. BAKED SALMON

Fillet of farm raised Atlantic Salmon stuffed, baked and finished with a lemon wine dill sauce

Each meal includes:

- SALAD
Tossed field greens & romaine with roma tomato, baby corn, pepperoncini, black olives, sliced onion and croutons;
- SIDE DISHES
Garlic Herb Whipped Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetable Medley; assorted rolls with butter rosettes,
- DESSERT
Ice cream with chocolate sauce, coffee, decaffeinated coffee and tea
- DRINKS
Each paid dinner ticket will receive a complimentary drink from the bar – wine, beer or soda. We will also have a cash bar open all evening.

Please make sure to mark the back of your reservation card to show your choice of chicken, beef or fish entrée.



VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

January 2012

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As we prepare to celebrate the New Year, I want to take a moment and reflect on the activities of the Lodge and its members throughout 2011 and to thank all who made each and every event a huge success, either through organizing, participating or supporting our Lodge. Please note that your commitment and dedication to our beloved Order of the Sons of Italy in America and its mission continues to make a difference in preserving the overall health and strength of our own Vincent Lombardi Lodge.

During the year we initiated new members – Luigi DiFlippo, Mary Joyce D’Aurizio, Eugene Sisto, Deborah Sisto, Joshua Sisto, Matthew Sisto, and Marie Moscato Foxtan. We welcomed all and noted that the Sisto Family is the first family in our Lodge’s history that joined as a family and initiated together. We mourned the loss of Brother John Manion who passed away in November at the age of 97. John was a regular participant at all our Lodge events with Marie DiGiacomo .

The year began with the election of officers to the Board culminating in **March** the Installation Brunch at Midvale CC organized by Sisters Jen and Nancy Rubé with State Trustee Brother Joe Berta representing State President Sal Lanzilotta and attended by State Recording Secretary Carmine Federico. **May** brought us a special Sicilian dinner prepared by our own Chef Rosita Caridi-Miller at her kitchen in Mendon. A wonderful event and Chef Rosita has allowed us to print the recipes in our Newsletter.

In **June** your Lodge Delegates attended the State Convention at the Villa Roma in the Catskills at which we elected our new State President Thom Lupo. Sister Jen Rubé was asked to take over the Gift Gallery at the Convention which was very successful and brought our Lodge some recognition. Also, in June, several members attended the Festa della Repubblica Celebration at the IACC. In **July** the Lodge, under direction of Sister Jen and many Lodge member volunteers, took a booth at the Festa Italiana at the IACC as a very profitable fundraiser as well as good exposure for our Organization.

In **August** we held the annual summer picnic at our home and honored our membership for all their contributions to our Lodge with special recognition to Brother Lou Giambra as Bene Emeritus, Brother Joe Berta as our State Trustee and Past President for his advice and representation, and to Tony and Michele Palucci who have gone way above and beyond in their service to, and support of, our Lodge. We enjoyed the music of *Jon Seiger and the All Stars* (who, by the way will be back by popular demand at our Valentine Party /fundraiser Jan 28th) and celebrated the fact that the rain held off till just after desert was served. >>>NEXT PAGE>>>>

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October was Italian Heritage Month, and brought us our Columbus Day Dinner Dance at Midvale Country Club as our largest event. We honored our Scholarship winners – Anthony Mesolella and Joseph Quinzi – as well as Dr. Richard Constantino (Lifetime Achievement), Fran and Gary Passero (Family of the Year) and Carolyn Portanova (Humanitarian of the Year). Special thanks to Sister Eunice McCarthy and her Committee in recommending these deserving Honorees and to Brother Joe Berta and his Committee on the selection of Scholarship winners. And, of course, a big thank you to Sister Susan Berta for her dedication and hard work in making this year's CCDD a great event both socially and financially for our Lodge and our guests. Thanks also to our members under Sister Susan's direction for obtaining AD book contributions and Sister Jen Gugino's efforts for raising funds to support next year's Past Honorees Scholarship. Also, thanks to generous donations given in Dr. Constantino's name, our membership approved a third scholarship to be awarded in 2012 in Dr. Constantino's name. The Columbus Day Luncheon sponsored by the Italian Civic League chose yours truly, as their Lifetime Achievement Honoree for which I am truly honored. I appreciate all our Lodge members, my family, and friends for attending.

November brought with it our Annual Turkey Raffle under Sister Jennie Gugino's guidance –great food, great music by Pat Gambacurta, and lots of winners. In **December** we came together to celebrate Christmas as a family at Carpani's Restaurant. We had the largest attendance in many years with members, friends and family and all enjoyed – thanks to Brother Joe Vazzana for the arrangements. Also in 2011 our Lodge again participated in the "Warm Hugs" clothing drive partnering with the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce – we collected donations of coats, hats and mittens from individuals, local businesses and the Angels of Mercy to be given to children at Rochester City School # 12 (at which Sister Sandy Meleca is a soon to be retired teacher). As the song goes "What a Wonderful World" – Thank you all for the wonderful year for our Lodge.

I will be sending out notes to all our Event Chairs in the next week or so, to see if they are interested in renewing their commitment for this year. I also encourage anyone who has an interest in either Chairing an event or anyone who is interested in Committee participation to please contact me.

A reminder that those interested in being Delegates to this year's State Convention May 31st – June 3rd must submit their intention to me in writing prior to the Jan 12th General Assembly Meeting. We are allowed three delegates in addition to the Immediate Past President (Br. Joe Vazzana) and the President. If more than three apply – we will hold a ballot election at the Feb 9th meeting. We remind those applying also that being a Delegate is an honor as representing your Lodge and that attendance at the meetings is expected. The Lodge supports part of the expenses so it behooves us to use your money wisely. Those who would like to go to the Convention but not as a Delegate are welcomed to do so and to participate with your Lodge Delegates in meals and social activities at their own expense as long as reservations are made thru our Lodge. Please don't hesitate to contact me for any clarification or other questions.

In closing, we send our sympathies to those who have lost a loved one recently. Our thanks go out to all those serving in our Armed Forces and we welcome home those who are returning. We wish everyone happiness and good health in the New Year.

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Fraternally yours,

Pres. Joe Rube'

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Carpani's Restaurant
December 17th, 2011

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **January 5th** – 7:00PM OSIA Board Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: Pres. Joe 461-1181)
- **January 12th** – 7:00PM OSIA General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: Pres. Joe 461-1181)
- **January 27th** – Grand Lodge Winter Charity Ball (info 516-785-4623)
- **January 28th** – 6:00PM Valentine's Dinner at Midvale Country Club (info: Jennifer 381-5540)
- **February 2nd** – 7:00PM OSIA Board Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: Pres. Joe 461-1181)
- **February 9th** – 7:00PM OSIA General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: Pres. Joe 461-1181)

See the enclosed calendar for the rest of the 2012 schedule

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.

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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



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:

February 5th: Superbowl Bar Party

February 5th: Super \$6550 Bingo

February 11th: Valentine Bash

Call the Geneva Lodge at 315-781-2242 for more information

Interested in being a Delegate to this year's New York State OSIA Convention at the Villa Roma Resort? If so, please contact President Joe at bolognadoc@aol.com and let him know. Anyone interested must let him know in writing before the January 12th General Assembly Meeting.

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

March 20th
Officer
Installation
Brunch
Midvale CC



May 1st
Sicilian
Dinner
At
Cibi



June 2nd
Festa
Della
Republica
At IACC



June 2nd - 5th
NYS OSIA
Convention
Villa Roma
Resort



VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

“WARM HUGS” CLOTHING DRIVE

Below are some of the thank you notes that we have received from the children at School #12 thanking us for the coats, hats, scarves etc that we have collected already. They were distributed before the Christmas break so that the kids would have them during vacation. As I typed these up, I kept all the grammar and spelling just as they wrote in their letters. We will continue to collect clothing items for the next few weeks.

From the kids themselves:

Dear Friends, Thank you for all you have done for us for giving us gloves, hats, scarves, and coats we really appreciate it. It was really kind and Generous of you guys for doing that. Thank you for your thoughtfulness we really liked receiving these things. I really didn't know that you guys would do this so thank you. Yours truly Nazir

Dear Friends, I go to school number #12. I'm in the 4th grade in Mrs Karstens class. I am very thankful for the gloves, hats, scarves and coats. I really appreciate the things that you donated to school #12. You are very very generous for donating these things to us. You guys or girls are very thoughtful and so am I. Also I hope you can do those thing in 2012 for school #12. Your friend Alonzo

Dear Friends, I am Jamir and I go to school #12 4th grade. I thank you for the gloves because I don't have any. The gloves are soft and warm. I appreciate the gloves and it was very thoughtful. I didn't get the color I wanted but it doesn't matter though. Thank you for the gloves friends. Yours truly Alonzo

Dear Friends, My name is Jamoni and I appreciate What you have done for kids that needed coats, gloves, hats and scarves. I wanna thank you for spending your time and money on kids that needed winter suply. I also wanted to let you know that the gloves, scarves, coats and hats are beautiful and nice. I hope other kids think that to. Thank you for every thing you did for every kid in school 12. I truly wanna thank you for preparing cozy supply for winter. Sincerely, Jamoni

Dear Friends, Thank you for giving my class and school gloves, scarves and coats. I have a lot of questions. I will only ask you several of them. They are - did you ever belive in santa claus. Then do you have gloves. How old are you? Did you go to the dollar store to buy them. In my world you are a very thoughtful and generous. Oh yeah I amost forgot - do you know about the lattice method? (Note from Jennifer: I googled this and it is a way to multiply long numbers) Your's truly Kwali

Thank you all for your generosity and help with this campaign. As you can see, little things mean a lot when you don't have much.



August 13th Summer Picnic



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November 9th Turkey Raffle Dinner



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VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

JANUARY QUIZ:

- 1) Known as the Michelangelo of the US.
- 2) Classical Composer of the Four Seasons OPUS.
- 3) The first public opera house in the world and where it was built.
- 4) First woman to serve on the Boards of Bank of America and Sears, Roebuck & Co.
- 5) The father of Italian American history.
- 6) Poet who wrote poem Divine Comedy – a vision of his soul in Hell, Purgatory, and Heaven.
- 7) First Italian American woman on a US stamp.
- 8) Rose the Riviter – represented millions of women who took men’s places in factories during World War II
- 9) Born in the village of Le Roncole, near Parma 1813 – died 1901 in Milan –composer who’s best works were Rigoletto, Il Trovatore, and La Traviata.
- 10) Florentine Navigator reached America in 1499 – explored coast of South America and realized lands discovered by Columbus were not Asia.

DECEMBER QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1) Giuseppe Mazzini
- 2) Napoleon Bonaparte
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- 4) King Victor Emanuel II
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- 6) Charles Albert of Sardinia
- 7) Giuseppe Mazzini
- 8) Giuseppe Garibaldi
- 9) King Victor Emanuel II
- 10) Pope Pius IX
- 11) Giuseppe Garibaldi
- 12) Giuseppe Garibaldi

AVIS CAR RENTAL DISCOUNTS

OSIA has a new promotion for discounts on AVIS Auto Rentals.

Receive \$20 off a weekly rental or one free Weekend Day.

Contact Jennifer at 381-5540 if you would like these coupons.



It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Brother John Manion who passed away in November at the age of 97 years old. He is pictured here with his longtime “Valentine”, Marie.

JANUARY QUIZ ANSWERS:

- 1) Constantine Brumidi
- 2) Antonio Lucio Vivaldi
- 3) Teatro San Cassiano – Venice, Italy
- 4) Claire Giannini Hoffman
- 5) Giovanni Schiavo
- 6) Dante Aligheri
- 7) Rosa Ponselle – opera singer
- 8) Rose Bonavita
- 9) Giuseppe Verde
- 10) Amerigo Vespucci