



"The Roar of the Lion"

Jennifer Rubé, editor
November 2012

COLUMBUS DINNER DANCE

The Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance and Awards Ceremony took place on Saturday October 20, 2012 at Midvale Country Club. Over 165 guests came together to honor our four distinguished award recipients: JoAnne Palermo Ryan, Joseph Berta, Thomas Ferraro and Martin Mucci, as well as our three scholarship recipients: Matthew Sisto, Derek Clar and Michael Destino. The evening was made even more special by the attendance of our State President Thom Lupo and our National President Joseph DiTrapani as well as State Officers that included two State Trustees, two Lodge Deputies and a State Commissioner of Arbitration.

I must take a moment to thank those lodge brothers and sisters who assisted me to make the event so successful and enjoyable for everyone who attended. Thank you to my lodge brother, the Honorable Francis Affronti, for once again acting as our emcee. As always, he did a great job. I would like to thank my lodge sisters who acted as hostesses: Ann Vazzana who worked with me at the reception table and Linda Agnello, Pat Galante and Sylvia Vazzana. Thank you to our Honor Guard who added such distinction and pride to our opening ceremony: my lodge brothers Tom Vazzana - leader of the honor guard, Dr. Russ Gugino, Hon. Donald Mark and Joe Vazzana. Thank you to my lodge sisters who worked our cookbook and 50/50 sales table, Bonnie Cottone and Mary Delman. Thank you to my lodge brother Joe Galante for selling 50/50 raffle tickets for us throughout the room during the evening. The three of them did a great job!! Thank you to my lodge brother Sal Cutaia for being our lodge photographer who spent the better part of his evening taking photos. Every time I looked up there was Brother Sal capturing another special moment of the event. Thank you to my lodge sister Mary Ricci who always finds the perfect words for our opening prayer and benediction.

Finally I want to thank the Dr. Rubé family: President Dr. Joe, Nancy, Jennifer and especially Marisa who spent endless hours putting together the video that played all evening on the large screen TV. The video was comprised of many wonderful photos of our lodge brothers and sisters at various events that took place throughout the last 40 years. It was a highlight and made one of my personal visions for the evening a reality and I can't thank them enough for their hard work. You all did a wonderful job and helped to make our guests feel so at home and part of our OSIA family...thank you, thank you, thank you!!

As our namesake Vincent Lombardi said, "The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined efforts of each individual."

Susan Berta, Chairperson of the Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance



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VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

November 2012

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As October comes to a close and I look back on this past Saturday – the day of our Annual Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance - I am in awe of how much pride was exhibited by all involved in making this year's event the best ever. We placed emphasis on our heritage, our 40th anniversary, and how very much we all want our Lodge to be in the forefront of the local Italian American Community.

We honored some of the leaders of our community who expressed how much influence their Italian roots and culture played in their success, not only in their personal lives but in their public lives. I saw and heard in our young scholars how their families succeeded in instilling in them a firm, positive foundation for their futures – our futures. Those who were unable to attend this event missed some inspired speeches. It was such an honor to have our National OSIA President Joseph DiTrapani, reminding us all how very much we can be proud of what Italian Americans give back to their country of origin as well as their new home. Our State President, Thom Lupo, who presented us with a plaque honoring our 40th anniversary and who let us know how very much he thought our Lodge and its members are exemplary in our support of the values and goals of the Order of the Sons of Italy in America.

I cannot close this part of my message without thanking Sister Eunice McCarthy and her committee on the choice of Honorees for this event. All four were very deserving of their awards. Also to Brother Joe Berta and his Committee on our three scholarship awardees – the competition is amazing – we are proud to have them. And, without doubt, Sister Susan Berta, deserves accolades on how beautiful an evening she produced for us incorporating our purpose as a function of honoring those whose underlying heritage influenced their life success, our young scholars and how their heritage will influence their future successes, and how pride in all of our heritages brought us together forty years ago to create this Lodge – the Vincent Lombardi Lodge - and be known throughout the community as an example of what our ancestors wanted for all of us. My thanks also to Sister Jen Gugino, who again raised enough money from Past Honoree donations to fund another scholarship for 2013. And finally to Brother Joe Capogreco who, on his radio program the morning after, acknowledged the presence of our State and National Presidents in attendance at this very special event (I had the program on the radio as I drove them to the airport.)

By now, all members should have received the 40th Anniversary Booklet. There have been many good comments. Please be sure to thank Sister Jenn (Editor) for the “many” hours of work looking through thousands of photos to assure best results. Great job! If you would like more copies of this book we have them available for \$5 each.

November brings us our annual Turkey Raffle – under Sister Jen Gugino's guidance we will have a fun filled evening of good food, entertainment and, of course the turkey raffle. After this we have Thanksgiving Day – a time to give thanks to all that have had a positive influence in our lives and a day we come together as families and friends and who does it better??? It is also a day on which we remember and give thanks to those in our Armed Forces for their sacrifices for our safety.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to those who have been ill, had surgery, or lost a loved one.

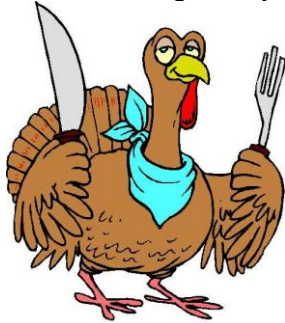
From Nancy and myself, FELICE GIORNO DI RINGRAZIAMENTO E DELLO TACHINO.

Fraternally yours, President Joe

Visit our website at www.sonsofitalyrochester.com

TURKEY RAFFLE DINNER

Although the name of this event says "Turkey", this is actually a roast beef buffet dinner with all the trimmings. The turkeys come later in the evening as we raffle them off in the form of Wegmans gift cards. Each winner will receive a gift card so that they can either go purchase a turkey for their upcoming Thanksgiving dinner or anything else needed to make that dinner a success. We will also have live entertainment for your enjoyment so bring family and friends along!



We encourage you to invite your friends and family for this fun event. Tickets for this event are \$20 per person – please fill out the reservation form at the bottom of the attached flyer and follow the instructions for returning your reservations.

NEW OFFICER NOMINATIONS

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.

President Joe will announce his choice for chairperson of the Nominating Committee at the December Board Meeting and the committee will be announced at the General Assembly Meeting on December 13th.

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.

CHRISTMAS PARTY



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

Cocktail Hour will begin at 4:00PM and dinner will begin at 5:00PM. Please make sure to return the enclosed reservation form ASAP so that we can begin to prepare for this special event.

NEW 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.

More information will be available in January but we wanted to make sure you had the date reserved now.

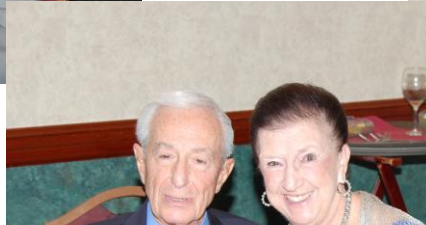
"There is no credit to what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit."

Harry S. Truman, 33rd President of the United States.

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OCTOBER & NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November

11/01 Hon. Franklin D'Aurizio
11/01 Hon. Joseph Valentino
11/08 Dr. Joseph Polizzi
11/11 Joshua Sisto
11/13 Dennis Erbetra
11/15 Patrick Sculli
11/16 John Caselli
11/29 Catherine Nuci

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

SUNSHINE CORNER

Get well wishes go out to **Sister Eileen Wozniak** following recent surgery. She is recuperating at home.

Get well wishes go out to **Brother Joe Berta** following recent surgery. He has been recuperating at home.

Get well wishes go out to **Sister Ann Vazzana** following recent surgery. She is recuperating at home.

Get well wishes go out to **Sister Mickey Palucci** following recent surgery. She is recuperating at home.

Get well wishes go out to our friend **Len Hawley** following a recent auto accident. He is recuperating in the hospital.

Get well wishes go out to **Sister Eunice McCarthy** who has been under the weather.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **November 8th** - 7:00PM OSIA General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana
- **November 15th** - 5:30PM Turkey Raffle Dinner - St Cecelia's Church - see enclosed flyer
- **December 2nd** - Christmas Party
- **December 6th** - 7:00PM OSIA Board Meeting at Casa Italiana
- **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 (date to be announced)** - Family Picnic and Clambake
- **March 10th** - Officer Installation - Penfield Country Club - more info to follow

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As summer ends and we start to look ahead to less appealing weather, we need to start thinking of our active older members. We now have a number of older members who no longer drive or should not be driving to meetings and social events after dark or in bad weather.

We don't expect you to pick people up for every meeting but we would like to build a phone tree so that the members in need of a ride can call.

MEMBER CONTACT INFO

Please make sure to return the member contact information forms that were sent out last month so that we can get the new member directory printed and in the mail. Several members have sent in address or phone/email changes that we didn't have and we want to make sure that the new directory is accurate before it gets printed for mailing.

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ITALIAN THANKSGIVING

*Borrowed with good intentions from
www.italianfoodforever.com*

Italians living in Italy do not celebrate Thanksgiving as we do here in North America although they do have many holidays called *La Festa del Ringraziamento* (or Festival of Thanks), which refer to a variety of religious holidays held throughout the year to honor patron saints. I believe the closest Italians (living in Italy) would get to celebrating a Thanksgiving as we know it, would be their harvest celebrations they hold throughout the fall. Italians that have emigrated to North America however, have certainly embraced Thanksgiving and in their own unique way made it their own. Italians love any holiday that brings together friends and family (and of course food!), and every family of Italian heritage has their own unique traditions that to celebrate this traditionally North American holiday. As well as the expected turkey and side dishes most Americans are familiar with, an Italian Thanksgiving here in North America will often also include an antipasti (or a few), a pasta or soup course, as well as many different traditional sweets to complete the meal.

In Italy, whole turkeys are not easy to find. Most of Italians have very small kitchens containing very small ovens so that even if they were interested in roasting an entire bird (which they aren't), it is an impossible task. Italian do however enjoy stuffed turkey breasts as a great alternative to roasting a whole turkey, and often have a stuffed turkey breast on the holiday menu with many other dishes included to create a complete meal.

Italian cuisine lends itself well to holiday entertaining as many dishes can be prepared ahead of time and simply cooked when needed.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please add the following to your Membership Directory:

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Rochester NY 14610
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Spencerport NY 14559
585-352-0127

James Vicanti
30 Brooktree Drive
Penfield NY 14526
585-381-7289

Matthew Grosodonia
233 San Gabriel Drive
Rochester NY 14618
585-330-8810

John Caselli
3 Elmbrook Drive
Pittsford NY 14534
585-503-5553

Joe and Ann Vazzana
34 Saint Margaret Way
Rochester NY 14625
585-586-6266

Angela Parise
The Legacy at Cranberry Landing
300 Cranberry Landing Drive
Rochester NY 14609
585-506-9477



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SUPERSTORM UPDATE

Urgent Request – Please Respond

November 6, 2012

Dear National Officers, State Officers,
Lodge Presidents, Brothers and Sisters one
and all:

The New York Grand Lodge, announced today, in light of the recent devastation from Hurricane Sandy, the Order Sons of Italy in America has activated the New York Grand Lodge Emergency Relief Program. Fund raising efforts from local lodges, members, and citizens who want to help are encouraged. This campaign will be chaired by Clifford Miller, Immediate Past President of the Sgt. John Basilone Lodge #2442 and co-chaired by NYSOSIA First Lady Barbara Lupo of the Andrea Doria Lodge #2201.

Checks can be made payable to the New York Grand Lodge Foundation, Inc., earmarked Emergency Relief Fund. These funds will be allocated to the Red Cross and other Emergency Relief programs.

Kindly send your check to:

Emergency Relief Fund
C/O Grand Lodge Office
Order Sons of Italy in America
2101 Bellmore Avenue
Bellmore, NY 11710

SUPERSTORM UPDATE

The devastation from Superstorm Sandy has hit the New York Order Sons of Italy in American (NYSOSIA) family hard. As we know, many of the New York lodges are located in the New York City and Long Island areas, as are the NY Grand Lodge offices.

Over the past week we have heard from many of our brothers and sisters throughout the state through email and a Facebook group that was created especially for this purpose. They've checked in to let us know they are okay or how their own families have been affected. They can leave messages if they are in need of supplies or services, etc.

Right now there is an amazing outpouring of generosity from all over the country. Instead of jumping in right away with physical donations, I suggest that we wait a while to see what we can do to help. People in those areas still don't have power, their houses and businesses have been destroyed and they will need help for a long time to come. In the coming weeks and months, as we find out how we can help, I hope that you will join me as we try to help in any way we can. Meanwhile, information about monetary donations is also included here.

On a positive note, we have heard that the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum on Staten Island has weathered the storm with little or no damage.

Jennifer

National President Joseph DiTrapani released the following statement expressing concern for those affected by the storm:

First Lady Carol and I wish to express our heartfelt concern and best wishes to all OSIA brothers and sisters, and all fellow American citizens, who have been tragically or adversely affected by Hurricane Sandy.

On behalf of all OSIA members throughout the United States, please know that our prayers and best wishes go out to you and your families.

Wishing you all speedy recoveries and God Speed.

Vincent Lombardi Lodge # 2270

Proudly Presents the 12th Annual Papa Tony Antolini Turkey Raffle

Papa Tony Antolini, a dedicated member of the *Sons of Italy* in Dunkirk New York, began the tradition of an annual turkey raffle as a fund raiser for his lodge many years ago creating wonderful memories for his young daughter Jen.

Today Jen Gugino lovingly carries on this joyful tradition in the Rochester Lodge in honor of her father's memory.

Please Join Us for a Fun Filled Evening
~Turkey Raffle ~ Live Entertainment ~

Thursday November 15, 2012

5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

St. Cecilia's Church

Newcomb Friendship Center

2732 Culver Road

Rochester, NY 14622

Tickets \$20.00 Per Person

Join us for a delicious roast beef supper prepared by Dave's Side Walk Café

Reservations including your check are needed by November 5, 2012 !!

Make Check Payable to: Vincent Lombardi Lodge # 2270 Inc.

Name: _____ Telephone No.: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Attendees: _____ @ \$20.00 each

Mail to: Jen Gugino 58 Eagle Rock Drive Rochester New York 14609 585-482-4067

Vincent Lombardi Lodge # 2270

Annual Christmas Party!

Please Join Us for a Fun Evening

Sunday December 2nd, 2012

4:00 PM Cocktails

5:00PM Dinner

NEW!!!

Gigi's Restaurant

1770 East Ridge Road

(near the mall)

Irondequoit New York

Tickets \$27.00 Per Person

Buffet Dinner & Cash Bar

Ticket Price Includes:

Cheese & Crackers

Chicken French – Eggplant Parm

Italian Sausage, Peppers & Onions

Penne with Sauce

Oven Roasted Potatoes – Garden Salad

Ice cream – 2 glasses of wine

Reservations including your check are needed by November 21st, 2012 !!

Make Check Payable to: Vincent Lombardi Lodge # 2270 Inc.

Name: _____ Telephone No.: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Number of Attendees: _____

Mail to: Susan Berta 10 Debran Drive Henrietta New York 14467 585-334-6641