



"The Roar of the Lion"

Jennifer Rubé, editor
October 2012

COLUMBUS DINNER DANCE

From event chairperson Susan Berta: Come celebrate the 40th Anniversary of our dear lodge and the 107th Anniversary of the Order Sons of Italy in America at our annual Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance on October 20, 2012 at the Midvale Country Club.

Join with us as we honor several outstanding Italian Americans from the Rochester community, our scholarship recipients and most of all as we honor and celebrate one another as members of our great lodge. We have a delicious menu selected, music and dancing to the tunes of Len Hawley and several wonderful surprises.

This year's award winners are:

- JoAnne Ryan (Volunteers of America) – Woman of the Year
- Joseph Berta – Man of the Year
- Thomas Ferraro (Foodlink) – Humanitarian of the Year
- Martin Mucci (Paychex) – Lifetime Achievement

As with all of our events, we encourage everyone to bring cameras and take pictures to share in future newsletters and on the website. We are looking for someone to be the "official photographer" for this event – if you are interested, please let President Joe know.

Join in the solidarity, the fraternity and the festivities as we celebrate our Italian heritage at our dazzling annual event. For more information or for reservations, please call Susan Berta at 585-334-6641.

ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE DINNER

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. She often tells us of her memories of "Papa" walking down the street on his way home from the lodge with the turkey on a rope walking behind him.

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!

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 to Jen.

40th ANNIVERSARY BOOK

The long-promised 40th Anniversary Photo Book has finally been completed. Four months and several thousand pictures later, we truly hope you enjoy your copy. Each member household is receiving one copy as a gift from the lodge. If you would like additional copies they are available for \$5 each to cover the cost of printing. Please, share them with family and friends, especially if you are still in contact with some of our previous members. There are a lot of good memories in this book.



VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270
71 Cohasset Drive
Rochester, New York 14618



October 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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While on our annual vacation Nancy and I have not forgotten about Lodge activities. I am very thankful that our Vice President Sister Jenn has kept me up to date on any issues that have come up and after reading her recent communication with those members with email I feel very comfortable with this vehicle for keeping you informed. I do have some dismay in hearing that some of our members continue to feel the need to pass on incorrect information about things they hear and misinterpret. In fairness to those others who work hard to make our Lodge activities and procedures a positive example for the rest of the Italian American Community, I can only ask that if there are issues you don't agree with, you can take them up with me but more importantly, EVERY General Assembly meeting agenda has a "FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER" time when any member can freely discuss these issues or opinions. The only time we might cut this short is if more info is needed, OR, if the discussion becomes a personal attack. Enough said –remember these three words – LIBERTY, EQUALITY and FRATERNITY.

I hope that all our members are supporting the efforts to make this year's Columbus Day Dinner Dance – our 40th Anniversary – the most memorable ever. This can be done in various ways but the most notable will be by your own attendance. The fact that our National President and State President will be celebrating with us is a huge honor and will give you an opportunity to meet them. Our Honorees – Brother Joe Berta, JoAnne Palermo Ryan, Martin Mucci, Thomas Ferraro – and our scholarship awardees –including Brother Matthew Sisto are all very worthy recipients of our recognition.

The month of October is designated as Italian Heritage Month. I encourage all our members to celebrate their heritage by participating in any community events centered around this theme. One example is the Columbus Day Luncheon sponsored by the Italian Civic League (of which we are a member). This, along with Festa Italiana, is one of the few community wide events where we all can show our pride in our heritage .

It is also that time of year when we look at our membership for interest in joining our Board (Council) as ALL positions are open this year. Several current members have indicated they will not run for the coming season and we thank them for their service. More importantly we have heard from several qualified members of an interest in coming on the Board. In November I will appoint the Nominating Committee Chair who in turn will select his/her committee. More info will be available in the November newsletter. The future of our Lodge is very dependent on the support and direction that the leadership gives to its membership. Elections are held in February and the Installation of officers is held in March.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

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>>> FROM PREVIOUS PAGE: I continue to be in awe of the number of new members we have brought into the Lodge this year and at this month's General Assembly meeting we will be initiating several new applicants. New membership is very dependent on the positive image our Lodge has in the Community. Welcome to all our new members and please make them all feel our fraternal values and acknowledge their willingness to support not only our Local Lodge but our State and National Lodges of which we are all members.

I must take this opportunity to thank Pat Sculli for the wonderful job he did as Solo Chef for the Picnic - all was cooked to perfection. We are still receiving compliments from those that attended the picnic.

In closing, our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been ill, underwent surgery or have lost a loved one. We also honor those in the Armed Forces for their service and sacrifices past – present- and future - on our behalf and for our beloved Country.

Fraternally yours,

President Joe Rubé



FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Over the past few months I've borrowed space here in the newsletter for information regarding membership in our lodge. This time around, I'm happy to say that there isn't a lot left to say on that subject. As a lodge, we have had an amazing year where membership is concerned. We have accepted applications from seventeen people who have showed great interest in our lodge and our mission of promoting Italian American heritage. This is approximately a 20% increase in membership for the year.

Along with all the new members has come a renewed enthusiasm for the lodge, fellow lodge members and the desire for even more social events. Some of the men in our lodge have come up with the idea of having a winter clam bake in February. We'll rent a lodge in one of the town parks, load up on some good food and fun and we'll celebrate family and friendships. If you would like to get involved and help bring this new event to our lodge, please contact Brother Vince Giannantonio.

In March we will have our Officer Installation Brunch for the new board members coming in. This is another celebration that we do with pride in our lodge and its members and everyone is welcome to attend. Right now, this brunch is tentatively scheduled for Sunday March 10th at Penfield Country Club. Please keep in mind that we will be electing not only a new president but all other board positions are also up for election this year.

Sister Rosita has let me know she will be traveling to Italy in the coming months and while there she will be looking for recipes to bring home. As per the request of some of our members who attended our previous Sicilian and Calabrese dinners, this year's Regional Dinner at Cibi will be recipes from Abruzzo. This dinner is tentatively scheduled for April or May 2013 so watch for more information in future newsletters.

If you would like to get involved in any of these events, please let me know.

Jenn Rubé
Vice President

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VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE NEWS

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

October

10/01 Ann Vazzana
10/11 Vincent Giannantonio
10/14 Anthony Strati
10/21 Philip Dattilo
10/21 Stacey Romeo
10/21 Eugene Sisto
10/30 Mary Delman

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
11/29 Catherine Nuci

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **September 13th** - 7:00PM at Casa Italiana – OSIA General Assembly Meeting
- **October 4th** – 7:00PM at Casa Italiana – OSIA Board Meeting
- **October 11th** - 7:00PM at Casa Italiana – OSIA General Assembly Meeting
- **October 20th** – Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance – 6:30PM at Midvale Country Club – Come help us celebrate the 40th Anniversary of our lodge's charter.
- **November 1st** – 7:00PM at Casa Italiana – OSIA Board Meeting
- **November 8th** - 7:00PM at Casa Italiana – OSIA General Assembly Meeting
- **November 15th** – Turkey Raffle Dinner – St Cecelia's Church – see enclosed flyer
- **December 2nd** – Christmas Party

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Our condolences to Brother Joe and Sister Pat Galante and their family after the recent passing of Joe's brother.

Congratulations to Brother Joe and Sister Ann Vazzana who have moved into their new home.

Congratulations to Sister Angie Parise who has moved into her new home at the Legacy in Irondequoit.

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.

They are mainly on the east side in Irondequoit and the East Ave/Culver Road/ Winton Road areas. If you can help with picking up some of these members, please let President Joe know.



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.

BUON HALLOWEEN !

Borrowed with good intentions from www.italymondo.com

Believe it or not, Halloween—the traditional spooky day of costumes, fright and eating too much candy—is starting to catch on in Italy. Throughout Italy you will often see carved pumpkins, costumed kids running through the piazzas and signs for Halloween themed parties at local restaurants or clubs. In some areas you'll even find Halloween tours of medieval towers, castles and creepy catacombs lined with mummies and bones. Celebrations are now widespread enough that it's safe to say Halloween has been adopted into the Italian culture.

Halloween falls just before two important religious holidays in Italy that come at the beginning of November. The first day of the month is *Ognissanti* or *Tutti i Santi*—called All Saints' Day in English—and is a day dedicated to honoring all of the saints and martyrs who have died for the Catholic faith. In Italy, *Ognissanti* is a national holiday, and you'll actually find most businesses closed. The faithful attend mass and celebrate the day together with family, a tradition often forgotten in American culture.

The following day, November 2nd, is called *Il Giorno dei Morti* or, as is often the case in Italy, simply "*Tutti i Morti*." (In America we call it All Souls' Day, probably since "The Day of the Dead" doesn't have a good ring to it!) It is a day dedicated to remembering all of our loved ones who have passed away. Cemeteries are crowded on both *Ognissanti* and *Il Giorno dei Morti* as Italians pay respect to their ancestors who have since departed by cleaning and decorating their graves with flowers, wreaths and votive candles. Both days are customarily spent with family, and the sense of community is tremendous as people gather to share family stories and memories. In Southern Italy, many who have immigrated to the more industrialized north often return to their native towns and villages to celebrate these two religious holidays.

Historically, Halloween, or All Hallows' Eve, was just the beginning of the celebrations of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. While these are still the main holidays recognized in Italy, Halloween is certainly gaining in popularity. For many Italians, the origin of Halloween matters less than the chance to celebrate another *festa* (party). Much like in America, children here in Italy enjoy dressing up and walking from store to store through town asking, "*Dolcetto o scherzetto?*" (Trick or treat?) The wonderful chocolates, candies and traditional treats they take home might just make you want to dress up and join in the fun!

While many of Italy's Halloween traditions are similar to America, there are some that are uniquely Italian. To experience a distinctly Italian Halloween, head to the small medieval hill town of Corinaldo in the Marche region for *La Notte delle Streghe* – The Night of the Witches. This year Corinaldo, called the Halloween Capital of Italy, will celebrate the 12th edition of their Halloween festival with music, dancing, and the Miss Strega (Miss Witch) competition—a fun and lively witch-themed fashion and talent show. Frightening!

As Halloween grows in popularity in Italy, shops are beginning to sell decorations and even a variety of Halloween costumes (although the selection is still often limited to bat, ghost or witch). However, the holiday still remains refreshingly free of the commercialism often associated with it in America—especially when you travel through Italy's rural hilltop villages. These authentic—and often spontaneous and informal—celebrations are the real treat of Halloween in Italy.

Buon Halloween!

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE NEWS

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 224-8907. 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 224-8907.

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.

Vincent Lombardi Lodge # 2270

Proudly Presents the 12th Annual Papa Tony Antolini Turkey Raffle

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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