



"The Roar of the Lion"

Jennifer Rubé, editor
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THE GOLDEN LION'S ORIGIN

The following information was found on Facebook this month.

Clemente Spampinato was born in Calabria, Italy in 1912. At a young age while being schooled in the classical arts in Rome, he developed a keen love for both art and athletics. He became a devoted follower of top Italian sporting events. In the 1930's & '40's he was commissioned to sculpt many Bronze Trophies & Medallions for the Olympics and other Italian sporting events.

Although Spampinato became a successful artist in Italy, he longed for much more. In 1947 he became an American citizen and moved to SoHo, New York. His newfound passion was the "American West". He was inspired by the legends of American Cowboys & Indians. He specialized in sport and western sculptures. He lived a full life of art and sport and then quietly passed away in New York in December 1993.

He designed and sculpted the famous Golden lion, symbol of the Sons of Italy in America. More of the work of Clemente Spampinato can be found at www.spampinatobronze.com

CALLING ALL LODGE VETERANS

If you are a veteran and would like to participate in our Honor Guard at the Italian American Heritage Awards Dinner on October 19th, we are looking for several men or women to help present the flags. If you do not wish to be in the Honor Guard we would like to have you stand along the side and salute the flags as they go by. It has also been suggested to ask anyone participating to wear their military hat if possible.

Please let Sister Linda Agnello know if you would like to participate. Her number is 288-5234. Thanks!

OSIA APPAREL

Lodge polo shirts are available! They are dark purple with the Italian and American flags embroidered on the left chest as well as the lodge name. On the right side we embroider the name of your choice.



Sizes available are Adult Small – 5XL @ \$30 each. Please contact President Jenn at 381-5540 if you would like to order one of these shirts.

2013 Summer Picnic

This year's Annual Summer Picnic was held on Saturday August 3rd at the home of Dr Joe and Nancy Rubé. We had the big tent like we did last year so there was plenty of room for everyone. The weather was beautiful despite the heavy rains the previous day and overnight.

By popular demand and members' request, Jonathan Seiger and his Allstars band performed for us once again.

We have lots of pictures that will be in the September newsletter.

2013–2014 Membership Dues

Thank you to everyone that has already returned their 2013 - 2014 Membership Dues. If you have not yet sent yours in, please do so ASAP. Annual dues are \$50 per year per member. Thanks!



VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270
92 Gleason Circle
East Rochester, New York 14445



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

August 2013

We have just finished a wonderful weekend at Festa Italiana on the grounds of the Italian American Community Center. We were quite worried when we had to close three hours early Friday night due to a storm quickly approaching from the west but we more than made up for that lost time on Saturday and Sunday. I will have a report at the General Assembly meeting on August 8th. Thank you to everyone that volunteered to work at this festival as well as the one we had last month in East Rochester. A special thank you to everyone that was there last Friday holding the tents down during the wind storm!

I would like to welcome two new members to our lodge – Martha Peralta Benfante and Gino Romano were both initiated at the last meeting and we look forward to getting to know them better. This brings our new member count up to ten so far this year and we have met quite a few others in the community who are asking or interested in joining our lodge.

I am working on the special membership incentive shirts that were mentioned in the last newsletter. They will have a new logo on them – the circle with the Golden Lion in it and the Italian and American flags off to the sides of the circle. These are shirts that will only be available for this special membership project – bring in five new members during this calendar year and get a shirt!

Welcome home to Sister Mary Delman who has completed her stay with the nice people at St. John's Home and is now continuing her recuperation in her own home. Please feel free to give her a call with some encouraging words of support as she still has a ways to go. We also send our love and best wishes to Brother Joe Vazzana who will be moving to Crest Manor in Perinton and to all of the other members who have been ill recently.

We will be contacting those members of the lodge who have not yet paid their dues for 2013-2014. If you haven't yet sent yours in, please do so as we use these funds to keep the lodge solvent. Everyone should also have started receiving information for our upcoming Italian American Heritage Awards Dinner – formerly known as the Columbus Day Dinner Dance. We've changed the name this year to give everyone a better idea what we are celebrating at this event – our Italian American Heritage and the members of the community that we are honoring. It is also during this year of 2013 where the Italian Government is celebrating the influence of the Italian culture in America so we thought the name was appropriate.

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FROM PREVIOUS PAGE>>> I have also sent all members a letter and order form for the Souvenir Ad Book. If you own a business or have a friend or family member who owns a business, please consider placing an ad in this book. You can also place ads congratulating our award and scholarship winners or in memory of a loved one. The proceeds from this book help to pay for next year's lodge scholarship as well as other expenses throughout the year. We will be happy to design your ad for you – all you need to do is provide the wording – or you can provide an ad ready to print. I would like to thank Brother Pat Sculli and his committee of salespeople, and to Sister Jennie Gugino for the Past Honorees Centerfold work she's doing, as they all strive to make this book a success and ensure next year's scholarships. If you or your family would like to donate money for a scholarship with your name on it, please contact me for details – we are always looking for more ways to give money to students furthering their education. You can do a one year scholarship or multiple years.

I have heard from several of our award winners and they are excited as well as humbled to be chosen by us for recognition of their work and commitment in the local Italian American community and the community at large. I hope that you will all join us on October 19th as we all celebrate being Italian Americans in the Rochester community. This is our most important event of the year as we share it with friends, family and the community. You'll see some changes this year so make sure to thoroughly read through the information that comes in the mail. My thanks to Sisters Linda Agnello, Bonnie Cottone and Sandy Meleca for all of their hard work so far and more to come and to their committee members who have agreed to help out.

As usual, my letter is long but hopefully informative. Our best wishes go out to all members who have been ill or lost a loved one and as always, we keep those fighting for our freedom around the world in our prayers.

Fraternally,

President Jenn Rubé



The first ambulance service (horse drawn carts) was instituted in 1244 in Florence Italy by a pious organization known as "Arciconfraternita della Misericordia"

MEMBERSHIP

Please add the following new members' information to the membership directory which was mailed to you earlier this year:

Romano, Gino
6655 East Canal Road
Brockport NY 14420
(585) 637-3044

Martha Peralta Benfante
492 Sherborne Road
Webster NY 14580
(585) 545-4560

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WORDS OF WISDOM

People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.

For you see in the end, it was between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

~ Mother Teresa

SOUVENIR AD BOOK

This year's Souvenir Ad Book will be handed out at the October Awards Dinner. Please help us by obtaining at least one ad from a business that you know.

Remember, many of the proceeds from this book go towards scholarships and other charitable donations made by the lodge through the year.

Any questions, please call President Jenn at 381-5540 or Ad Sales Chair Brother Pat Sculli at 340-6639.

LODGE NEWS

Congratulations to **Brother Ross Cottone** who recently received the Paul Harris Award from the Victor Farmington Rotary Club.

Congratulations to **Sister Mary Joyce D'Aurizio** who has finished some medical treatments and is doing well.

Congratulations to **Brother Tom Meleca** who has completed medical treatments with great results.

Our thoughts go out to **Sister Mary Delman** as she continues to recover from surgery. She is now recuperating at home.

Our get well wishes go out to **Sister MaryAnn Koons** who has been in the hospital.

Our get well wishes go out to **Sister Shirley Sculli** who recently suffered a fall. She is recuperating at home.

Our get well wishes go out to **Sister Zina Sciortino** who has undergone surgery and is now recovering.

Get well wishes go out to **Brother Mike Tomaselli** who recently underwent surgery and is now recuperating at home.

Our get well wishes go out to **Brother Peter Maddelena** who underwent surgery. He is doing well and is now recuperating at home.

Our continued best wishes go out to **Brother Joe Vazzana** as he continues his recovery at Crest Manor in Perinton.

If you know of any lodge members who have been ill, had surgery or have lost a loved one, please contact Sister Ann Vazzana at 586-6266 or President Jenn at 381-5540. We also love to hear about positive things going on in our lodge!

**All Vincent Lombardi Lodge communications should be sent to
President Jenn Rubé at:**

92 Gleason Circle, East Rochester NY 14445 – (585) 381 - 5540 - jennajlr@aol.com

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2013 Award Winners

This year the Vincent Lombardi Lodge will be recognizing the following people for their contributions to our lodge and the community:

Man of the Year: Salvatore Mitrano III,
Chief of the Rochester Fire Department

Professional Man of the Year: James Vazzana,
Managing Partner at the ChamberlainD'Amanda
law firm.

Woman of the Year: Rae Mastro, Owner and
CEO of Mastro Graphic Arts, Inc.

Lifetime of Service to the Lodge: Shirley Sculli,
Past Lodge President.

The awards will be given at our event on October 19th at Midvale Country Club. Please watch your mail for invitations and more information.

2013 Scholarship Winners

This year the Vincent Lombardi Lodge will be awarding scholarships to the following students:

**Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270
Scholarship:**

Michael V. Lauria from Greece Athena High School. He will be attending Purdue University.

**Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 Past
Honorees Scholarship:** Micayla R. Greco
from Gates Chili High School. She is
attending Fredonia (SUNY).

**Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 Past
Honorees and Members Scholarship:**
Courtney Whitney from Greece Arcadia High School. She will attend Niagara University in the Fall.

The scholarships will be awarded to the students at the August 8th General Assembly meeting where they will be joined by their family and friends.

COKE REWARDS CODES

We are still collecting bottle caps and rewards codes from all Coke products. The codes can be found inside the bottle caps or inside the cardboard boxes from canned drinks. We redeem these codes for points towards different items that we can use for raffles at lodge events. If you can't bring them to the next meeting, feel free to email the codes to Jennifer at jennajlr@aol.com or call 381-5540.

PEPSI REWARDS CODES

We are now adding Pepsi reward points to the items we're collecting for fundraising. You can find the Iconic Summer Points inside Pepsi bottle caps. We will redeem these points for various prizes to be used for raffles at lodge events. If you can't bring them to the next lodge meeting please email the codes to President Jenn at jennajlr@aol.com or call her at 381-5540.

SAN GENNARO FESTIVAL

NYS Order Sons of Italy in America is now a proud sponsor of this year's 87th ANNUAL FEAST OF SAN GENNARO TO TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 12-22, 2013.

The 87th Annual Feast of San Gennaro will be held in Little Italy for 11 days from Thursday, September 12, through Sunday, September 22, 2013, on the streets of historic Little Italy, the lower Manhattan neighborhood which served as the first home in America for hundreds of thousands of Italian immigrants who came here seeking to improve their lives beginning in the early part of the 20th century.

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AUGUST & SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST

08/03 Rosalba Moscato
 08/11 Joseph Vazzana
 08/11 Thomas Vazzana
 08/12 Linda Agnello
 08/12 Jerry Griffo
 08/14 Hon. Francis Affronti
 08/22 Ross Battaglia
 08/24 Tom Meleca
 08/28 Lillian Siracuse
 08/31 Dr. Joseph Rubé



SEPTEMBER

09/02 Martha Peralta Benfante
 09/06 Julia DiPilato
 09/08 Michela Palucci
 09/09 Ross Cottone
 09/09 Vincenzina Sciortino
 09/13 Henry DiNardo
 09/18 Mary Yacono
 09/25 Sylvia Vazzana
 09/27 Marilyn Sarkis
 09/28 Salvatore Cutaia
 09/30 Robert Meli

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **August 8th** - 7:00PM OSIA General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: President Jenn 381-5540)
- **September 5th** - 7:00PM OSIA Council Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: President Jenn 381-5540)
- **September 12th** - 7:00PM OSIA General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: President Jenn 381-5540)
- **October 3rd** - 7:00PM OSIA Council Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: President Jenn 381-5540)
- **October 10th** - 7:00PM OSIA General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: President Jenn 381-5540)
- **October 19th** – Italian American Heritage Awards Dinner – watch your mail and email for updates!

MEETING DIRECTIONS

Our lodge general assembly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Casa Italiana located on the Nazareth College Campus at 4245 East Avenue. The college is located about half a mile from the Village of Pittsford on Route 96/East Avenue. Enter the campus at the entrance with the traffic light (South Campus Drive).

Turn immediately into Parking Lot A on the right as you enter the campus. On the right you will note the Casa Hispana building and then the Casa Italiana building. Take the lower walk to the right of the building which leads directly to the meeting room. The meeting will begin at 7:00PM sharp and everyone is welcome. Please Note: the meeting room is handicapped accessible.

REFRESHMENTS

We are looking for volunteers to bring refreshments to our General Assembly meetings. If you would like to bring refreshments to the next meeting, please contact Sister Nancy Rubé at 734-6251. Thank you to all of our volunteers as this is one more thing that helps keep expenses down for the lodge.

INK CARTRIDGES

Thank you to everyone that has brought us empty ink and toner cartridges this year. Redeeming these empties cut the cost of printing our newsletters by \$500 last year. If you have any empties to donate, please bring them to the next lodge meeting or call President Jenn at 381-5540.

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