



"The Roar of the Lion"

Jennifer Rubé, editor
February 2013

WINTER PICNIC & CLAM BAKE

Everyone is invited to our First Annual Winter Family Picnic & Clam Bake. Please bring your friends and family and join us on Saturday February 16th at Kings Bend Park in Pittsford where we will enjoy a full buffet lunch for everyone and clams for all who want them. The buffet includes:

- CLAMS! (for those that want them)
- Italian Sausage w/Peppers & Onions
- Baked Marinated Chicken
- Chef Salad & Dressing
- Corn on the Cob
- Salt Potatoes
- Desserts
- Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate

As you can see from the enclosed flyer, we have separated the cost of the clams from the cost of the event itself so that you can purchase however many dozen clams you want at the great low price of \$5 per dozen. Please make sure to get your RSVP forms in quickly with your request for clams so that we can give the caterer plenty of notice and have all the clams you want. Don't hold back – there will be plenty!

There are no restrictions on alcohol in this park so if you would like to bring/donate wine, beer, limoncello (hint, hint), please feel free to do so. We are also looking for people who can bring a dessert item. If you would like to do so, please get in touch with me so that we know what to expect. By having members bring these items we were able to keep the cost of the event down.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help set up, or clean up, contact Jennifer at 381-5540.

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 in our lodge. 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 is \$28 per person and everyone is welcome to attend.

Please read the enclosed flyer and return the RSVP form as soon as possible so that we have an accurate count for the country club.

2013 – 2014 COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The following members have been elected to the 2013 – 2014 Council Term:

President: Jennifer Rubé

Vice President: Vincent Giannantonio

Recording Secretary: Bonnie Cottone

Orator: Joseph Vazzana

Financial Secretary: Dr Joseph Rubé

Treasurer: Sal Cutaia

Sentinel: Ross Cottone

Mistress of Ceremony: Ann Vazzana

Mistress of Ceremony: Nancy Rubé

Trustee: Louis DeCarolus, Luigi DiFilippo, Thomas Meleca, Sandra Meleca, Antonio Palucci

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

February 2013

It sure is cold outside!!! That doesn't affect the warmth I have in my heart for our Lodge, all of our members, and the future. At our last General Assembly meeting, you voted in the new Council unanimously. There are some new faces and some seasoned veterans, all of whom have already expressed enthusiasm for continuing our journey of moving forward with new memberships, great social events and fund raisers, and of supporting our own State and National Lodges as well as our community. Many thanks to Sister Linda Agnello and her Committee for providing us with a great slate of nominees for office. Also, a reminder that at the next General Assembly meeting (Thursday, February 14th) we will elect our State Delegates for the NYSOSIA Convention being held at the Villa Roma.

We have 5 Delegate positions with Immediate Past President (me) and President (Sister Jen) required to go – leaving 3 open spots to be elected and 2 alternates. The 3 highest votes are the Delegates, and the next 2 highest are the "Alternates". Anyone interested in the Delegate positions must let Sister Linda Agnello know no later than Thursday, Feb 7th. Ballot will be a paper listing all names submitted and you must choose 3. In the past we have been asked to be sure nominees are aware of their expected duties as a Delegate. Because our Lodge pays each Delegate's Registration Fee (\$75) and a \$350 allowance for room, meals, entertainment and meetings, it is anticipated that every delegate will attend meetings each day. You will also be asked to volunteer for various Convention activities. Since Sister Jenn has the Gift Gallery concession, our delegates usually volunteer to help there. The dates of the Convention this year are Thursday, May 30 (arrival) thru Sunday, June 2nd.

Guests are permitted to attend meetings but cannot vote or take the floor for discussion. They also can sit with Lodge Delegates at meals and participate in the social activities as long as they register through the Sons of Italy. Any questions please call me at 461-1181.

Again, special thanks to all of our current Council members for their support through the past year for me and the tremendous growth and success of our Lodge through this 40th Anniversary

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VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

>>> FROM PREVIOUS PAGE: A reminder that our Honoree Committee will start its search soon for 3 worthy recipients – if you wish to nominate someone for consideration there must be a written letter in support of the nomination which gives background info, which honor you think they should receive (ie Woman of Year, Man of Year, Family, Lifetime Achievement, etc.) and what you think they have done to deserve this honor. Those should be sent to me or Sister Jen no later than March 31st. Along similar lines, a reminder that the scholarship Committee is already at work so if you have a relative or friend, living in Monroe County and a high school Senior, be sure to have them get an application from their high school Guidance Office. I believe they will also be available on our web site. And lastly, ALL committees are being formed and Chairs are appointed by the President. Please let incoming President Sister Jen know if you are interested in the Chair position or serving on a particular committee. A list of the current Committees is found elsewhere in this newsletter.

We look forward to the upcoming Winter Picnic and Clam Fest. Also, please plan on attending the Installation Brunch on Sunday, March 10th, noon, at Penfield Country Club- bring family and friends to share the festivities for the Incoming Board and to show appreciation for the outgoing Board.

As always, our thoughts and prayers go out to those who have been ill or have lost a loved one recently, especially to the family of Sister Ruth Provenzano who passed away back in 2011 (unknown to us at the time). Also to all our Military men and women our prayers and thanks for the sacrifices you make for us and our beloved Country.

Faternally yours,

President Dr. Joe

FROM THE PRESIDENT ELECT...

First, thank you to everyone that attended our last meeting and took part in the elections process. I am honored to have been elected as your next lodge president and hope that together we keep moving our lodge forward. Last year was a very successful year as far as increasing our membership and I'm happy to see that it has continued into 2013 with our recent initiation of seven more members. We hit that 100 member goal and kept going without looking back.

In the next few months you'll start to see changes being made within our lodge. President Joe and I have been going over ways to streamline our meetings so that we have less reporting and more time for socializing. That doesn't mean we won't be giving financial reports and committee reports, but we hope to shorten them. It will take a few months to get things organized and if you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact either one of us.

Please take a look at the various committees listed in this newsletter and see if there is one you would like to help out with. The more help we have, the stronger our lodge will be. If you are interested in a particular event, please let me know or contact the chairperson directly.

I look forward to working with all of you to make our lodge better, stronger and the happiest organization around town.

Jennifer Rubé

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

TRANSPORTATION

As our members get older, many no longer drive at all or don't feel comfortable driving in bad weather. We're doing our best to provide rides to and from meetings and events but sometimes we just can't do it for various reasons. We're also finding that some of our older members have trouble getting into our vehicles.

We've looked into several options and have found that Apple Transportation Services seem to offer a good alternative for seniors. They provide service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for reasonable flat rates based on the distance of travel. They can also pick up several people in one trip so that the cost of the trip can be shared and becomes more cost-effective.

If you would like more information about their services you can call Kathy at 585-427-7330.

IN MEMORIUM: Ruth Provenzano

We recently found out about the passing of long-time lodge member, Ruth Provenzano. She and her husband Edward were both actively involved in the lodge. Her obituary reads in part:

Rochester: On 9 September 2011, Ruth Provenzano was passed lovingly from the arms of her children into those of her husband Eddie and son Edward, who escorted the 1936 May Queen of Brockport College (carrying a bouquet of gardenias) to Heaven. Her long and selfless life is celebrated by her children, grandchildren, and her great-grandchildren.

At the end of her life, Ruth's final gift was the donation of her body to the UR Medical Center Anatomical Gift Program. Please go out of your way today to do something wonderfully selfless in Ruth's memory.

We delight in knowing that in Heaven, each and every evening for eternity, our mother, grandmother, and friend Ruth will be announcing for all to hear...

"It's going to be a beautiful sunset."

TRADITIONS OF ST JOSEPH'S DAY: St. Joseph's Day is a big Feast for Italians because in the Middle Ages, God, through St. Joseph's intercessions, saved the Sicilians from a very serious drought. So in his honor, the custom is for all to wear red, in the same way that green is worn on St. Patrick's Day.

Today, after Mass, a big altar ("la tavola di San Giuse" or "St. Joseph's Table") is laden with food contributed by everyone. Different Italian regions celebrate this day differently, but all involve special meatless foods: minestrone, pasta with breadcrumbs (the breadcrumbs symbolize the sawdust that St. Joseph's floor), seafood, Sfinge di San Giuseppe, and, fava beans, which are considered "lucky" because during the drought, the fava thrived while other crops failed.

The table -- which is always blessed by a priest -- will be in three tiers, symbolizing the Most Holy Trinity. The top tier will hold a statue of St. Joseph surrounded by flowers and greenery. The other tiers might hold, in addition to the food: flower; candles; figurines and symbolic breads and pastries shaped like a monstrance, chalices, fishes, doves, baskets, St. Joseph's staff, lilies, the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts, carpentry tools, etc.; 12 fishes symbolizing the 12 Apostles; wine symbolizing the miracle at Cana; pineapple symbolizing hospitality; lemons for "luck"; bread and wine (symbolizing the Last Supper); and pictures of the dead. There will also be a basket in which the faithful place prayer petitions.

The cry "Viva la tavola di San Giuse!" begins the feasting and is heard throughout the day. When the eating is done, the St. Joseph's altar is smashed, and then three children dressed as the Holy Family will knock on three doors, asking for shelter. They will be refused at the first two, and welcomed at the third, in memory of the Holy Family's seeking of hospitality just before Christ was born. This re-enactment is called "Tupa Tupa," meaning "Knock Knock."

The day ends with each participant taking home a bag that might be filled with bread, fruit, pastries, cookies, a medal of St. Joseph, a Holy Card and/or a blessed fava bean. Keep your "lucky bean," and let it remind you to pray to St. Joseph.

More information coming next month.

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

Committee Information

MEMBERSHIP

President Jen and VP Vince will be co-chairing this committee with the emphasis on continuing our fantastic increase in membership gained in 2012. We look for help from everyone – tell your friends and family about our lodge. Invite them to our events and encourage them to join us. We have membership kits available – please ask for them at our next meeting or call President Jenn at 381 – 5540 to have one mailed out.

FESTA ITALIANA

President Jenn is the traditional chairperson for this event. This year's festa will be held the weekend of July 19th – 21st. As always, it is a very long weekend but one where our members also have a lot of fun. For those new to the lodge, our members take turns covering shifts in the tent where we sell Italian souvenirs and apparel. This will be our sixth or seventh year doing this and as long as the membership comes out and helps man the booth, the profits of the weekend go to the lodge. Please mark your calendars now and save the dates.



BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

We will be reinstating the Bereavement Committee which will be in charge of keeping track of the Bereavement Fund, preparing quarterly reports, making sure all members have an updated bereavement form on file and answering questions regarding the bylaws in place for this fund. Thanks to Brother Louis DeCarolis, some of the records for this fund have been computerized and we're hoping to do more in the coming months. If you are interested in chairing this committee or working on the committee, please contact President Jenn.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Sister Sandy Meleca has taken the chairmanship position of this committee for 2013. Sandy is a retired full time teacher from the Rochester City School District and worked on the committee last year. She has a committee of 4 - 5 lodge members in place ready to accept and evaluate incoming applications. This year's scholarship forms are available on our lodge website at www.sonsofitalyrochester.com/scholarships.htm. She can also be contacted regarding scholarship and grant opportunities at the district and state levels.

PAST HONOREES SCHOLARSHIP

Sister Jennie Gugino will once again chair this very important committee. This scholarship is formed out of the donations made to the lodge by people who have received honors from our lodge in the past. For the past several years these people have been very generous with great donations to this scholarship.

Sister Jennie raised enough money last year that we will actually have TWO Past Honorees scholarships for 2013 – Way To Go Jennie!!

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

Committee Information

ARBITRATION COMMITTEE

Brother Tom Vazzana has volunteered to chair this committee for us. According to our by-laws, we are supposed to have an Arbitration Committee in place. The committee consists of five non-council members and five alternates. This committee addresses problems brought to the board or president that cannot be resolved by the Orator. This committee has not been active in recent years but we plan on reinstating it for 2013. If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact President Jenn or Brother Tom Vazzana.

SOUVENIR AD BOOK

This year we are separating the Ad Book Committee from the Columbus Dinner Dance so that no one person is overwhelmed with responsibilities and also so that more people have a chance to help out. Brother Pat Sculli has agreed to help organize this committee and we're looking for several others willing to help out.

The ad book is one of our biggest fundraisers and provides us with operating funds for the year. If you would like to help, please let us know.

DINNER DANCE HONOREES

This committee is in charge of organizing and evaluating the nominations that come in for our three annual honors given at our Columbus Dinner Dance. Sister Eunice is the chairperson for this committee which includes 2 – 3 other lodge members. If you would like to work on this committee or you have someone you would like to nominate, please contact President Jenn or Sister Eunice for more information. All nominations must be accompanied by a short letter stating what award you are nominating the person for and why you feel they deserve it.

COLUMBUS DINNER DANCE

Sisters Linda Agnello and Bonnie Cottone have agreed to co-chair this committee. They will split the duties as well as work with a committee to make sure that this year's dinner dance is the best ever.

This dinner dance is one of our biggest events of the year and one of the most important. If you would like to help out on this committee, please contact President Jenn, Sister Linda (585) 288 – 4234 or Sister Bonnie (585) 924 -5047.

TURKEY RAFFLE DINNER

Sister Jennie Gugino will once again chair the committee for this fun event. The evening is dedicated to the memory of her father, "Papa Tony" and the money raised is donated to the lodge scholarship fund.

Her committee helps with set up before the event and cleans up afterwards. If you would like to help out on this committee, please contact President Jenn or Sister Jennie at 749 – 5002.

CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

Brother Joe Vazzana will again chair this committee. It is our final social event of the year and everyone seems to have a lot of fun.

If you have a suggestion for a place to hold this event in December, please contact Brother Joe at (585) 586 - 6266. We need a place that can comfortably hold more than 50 people.

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

FEBRUARY & MARCH BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

02/02 Sarah Carbone
 02/03 Patricia Galante
 02/12 Joseph Galante
 02/18 Stephen Cataldi
 02/19 Anna Lisa Napolitano
 02/24 Angela Parise
 02/27 Sandra Meleca
 02/28 Joseph Capogreco



MARCH

03/04 Mary Stewart
 03/07 Mercie DiGiacomo
 03/10 Ann Battaglia
 03/23 MaryJoyce D'Aurizio
 03/23 Donna McIntosh
 03/26 Marcella Cavalier
 03/28 Flora Fustaino
 03/30 Shirley Sculli
 03/31 Hon. Donald Mark

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **February 7th** - 7:00PM OSIA Board Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: Pres Joe 461-1181)
- **February 14th** - 7:00PM OSIA General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: Pres Joe 461-1181)
- **February 16th** – Family Winter Picnic and Clambake – see enclosed flyer (info: Jen 381-5540)
- **March 7th** - 7:00PM OSIA Board Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: Pres Joe 461-1181)
- **March 10th** – 12:00Noon - Officer Installation – Penfield Country Club – see enclosed flyer
- **March 14th** - 7:00PM OSIA General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana
- **July 19th – 21st** – Festa Italiana at the IACC – Save the Date!
- **October 19th** – Columbus Dinner Dance – Save the Date!

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.



SUNSHINE CORNER

Get well wishes go out to **Sister Marilyn Sarkis** after another recent stay in the hospital.

Our condolences go out to **Sister Elizabeth Osta** and her husband Dave on the passing of Dave's mother.

Get well wishes go out to **President Joe Rubé** after recent surgery.

Congratulations to **Sister Bonnie** and **Brother Ross Cottone** on the birth of their grandson JJ.

Congratulations to **Brother Matthew Sisto** who made the Dean's list at the UoR in his first semester.

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. We also love to hear about positive things going on in our lodge!

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 Ann Vazzana at 586-6266. 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 has cut the cost of printing our newsletters by \$500 this year. If you have any empties to donate, please bring them to the next lodge meeting or call Jennifer at 381-5540.

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE MEMBERS

THE HISTORY OF CARNIVALE MASKS

Venetian masks have a long history of protecting their wearer's identity during promiscuous or decadent activities. Made for centuries in Venice, these distinctive masks were formed from paper-mache and wildly decorated with fur, fabric, gems, or feathers. Eventually, **Venetian masks** re-emerged as the emblem of **Carnevale** (Venetian Carnival), a pageant and street fair celebrating hedonism.

Venetian masks have been worn in Venice, Italy, since antiquity. Unlike the vast majority of their counterparts in contemporary European nations, each citizen in Venice enjoyed a high standard of living. Everyone was part of the great economic machine that was the Republic. Venice was capitalizing on its position, on its gains, long before its contemporaries had realized the value of a market economy.

Additionally, the **masks** served an important social purpose of keeping every citizen on an equal playing field. Masked, a servant could be mistaken for a nobleman—or vice versa. State inquisitors and spies could question citizens without fear of their true identity being discovered (and citizens could answer without fear of retribution). The morale of the people was maintained through the use of masks—for with no faces, everyone had voices.

As a result of the concealment of identity, however, people naturally found themselves taking advantage of the situation. The society grew ever more decadent. The immense amount of travelers coming through the city meant that sexual promiscuity was commonplace and acceptable. Gambling went on all day and night in the streets and houses, even in convents. Even the nuns and monks of the clergy, bejeweled and dressed in the latest imported creations, wore **masks** and engaged in the same acts as the majority of their fellow citizens. Rome turned a blind eye, as long as the Republic continued to make generous donations.

The Republic fell into a state of luxury, indolence, and moral decay. Eventually the wearing of **masks** in daily life was banned and limited only to certain months of the year. During the last year of the Republic's existence, this period extended for over three months from December 26. After the 1100s, the masquerade went through periods of being outlawed by the Catholic Church, especially during holy days. Their policy leads to eventual acceptance when they declared the months between Christmas and Shrove Tuesday free for **Venetian mask** - attired decadence.

DONATIONS

Do you have a favorite charity or one that has a personal meaning to you? Every year at the NYSOSIA Convention, the local lodges give donations that have come from their lodge members in memory of friends and family. If you would like to donate to a charity of your choice and have us present it to the Grand Lodge Foundation in June, please send those checks made out to the Grand Lodge Foundation to President Jenn in early May.

Please include a note giving us the name of the person or family that the donation is being made in memory of or is dedicated to and we will make sure it is announced during the convention.

These personal donations will be in addition to the regular donations we will make on behalf of the lodge.



The Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270

WINTER FAMILY PICNIC and CLAM BAKE

2:00PM

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16th, 2013

KING's BEND PARK - 170 Jefferson Road, Pittsford

North Lodge

(near the intersection of Clover Street and Jefferson Road)

Buffet Menu: • Italian Sausage w/Peppers & Onions

• Baked Marinated Chicken

• Chef Salad & Dressing

• Corn on the Cob & Salt Potatoes

• Desserts

• Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate

CLAMS
ONLY \$5 PER
DOZEN!

Reservations including your check are needed by February 2nd!!

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

Name: _____ Telephone No.: _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Adults: ____@ \$20 each

Number of Children (8 yrs old & under): ____@ \$5each

Number of Additional Clams: ____@ \$5 per dozen

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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