



"The Roar of the Lion"

Jennifer Rubé, editor
January 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

The organizers of this event would like to make it a true family event so please don't hesitate to bring your children and grandchildren.

We are looking for some volunteers to bring items not included in the caterer's package. We need desserts, hot drinks, and snacks such as chips, salsa, veggies & dip, etc. We're also looking for help from anyone that would like to organize some simple kids' activities (examples would be a snowman making contest, games, face painting, etc.)

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!

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help set up, clean up, help with the kids, etc. Contact Jennifer at 381-5540.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of Officers for the Board (COUNCIL) at the January 10th General Assembly Meeting. Any member in good standing (Active Lodge Membership for one year and has attended 50% of General Assembly meetings) may enter for any position running from the floor (2 year membership for Office of President). That person must be present at this meeting to do so in deference to those being placed in nomination by the Nominating Committee who are not required to be present.

If there are no nominations from the floor the Recording Secretary will be asked to cast a single vote for the full slate as presented by the Nominating Committee. If there IS a challenge for any position from the floor the Recording Secretary will be asked to cast a single vote for the unchallenged positions and the challenged position(s) will then go to a vote at the February 14th General Assembly Meeting.

The election of Delegates to the Convention (3) and the Appointment of the Arbitration Committee will take place at the February 14th meeting. If you have any further questions please notify Sister Linda Agnello at 288 - 4234

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.

We have again heard from NYS President Thom Lupo that he would like to join us for this event. We would be very honored to have him with us again so soon after his visit for October's Dinner Dance and this will give more of our members a chance to meet him in person.

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.

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.

All Vincent Lombardi Lodge Communications should be sent to President Joe Rubé at:

71 Cohasset Drive, Rochester NY 14618 – 585.461.1181 - bolognadoc@aol.com



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



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

January 2013

OFFICERS

President

Joseph A. Rubé, M.D.

Vice-President

Jennifer Rubé

Recording Secretary

Bonnie Cottone

Corresponding Secretary

Ann Vazzana

Financial Secretary

Treasurer

Nancy Rubé

Orator

Louis DeCarolis

Master of Ceremony

Ross Cottone

Shirley Sculli

Sentinel

Thomas Vazzana

Trustees

Linda Agnello

William Agnello

Salvatore Cutaia

Mary Delman

Antonio Palucci

Immediate Past President

Joseph A. Vazzana

Chaplain

Ann Vazzana

Chaplain Emeritus

Sister Carole Proia

Lodge Deputy

Anthony Idoni

District VIII State Trustee

Anthony DiCostanzo

It is with a saddened heart that I open this letter with a realization that there are so many families that have been negatively impacted by the events that occurred during the past 6 months – most notably Hurricane or Superstorm Sandy, the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut, and most recently in our own community, the Webster shootings with the deaths of two brave Firefighters. Each of these events leave in its wake, everlasting effects on families' lives, both physically and psychologically, effects on their communities with loss of homes and property, and on all of us because we care. We join all the nations' people in prayer for all those directly involved, for those who came to their aid, and for those who will never forget there is much healing that will need to take place following these and all tragedies.

As I have done in the past I wish to review our Lodge's past year in this January edition of the newsletter "The Roar of the Lion" and as I come to the end of my term as your President, reflect on our achievements and set some challenges for the future. We recognized early that 2012 was the 40th Anniversary year of our Lodge's charter. We spent many hours throughout the following several months putting together 2 commemoratives of photos – a souvenir publication distributed to all our members (free) and a wonderful DVD which focused more on our recent activities which played throughout the Columbus Day Dinner Dance and which we will use to foster new membership. Early in the year we were saddened by the passing of our Brother Louis Giambra who had been an active member of our Lodge since its earliest years and who achieved the honor of becoming Bene Emeritus, an honor recognizing not only his activities in our Lodge but also in both the State Grand Lodge and the National Supreme Lodge.

In February we held the Valentine Dinner Dance at Midvale – an event to raise money for the Pluta Cancer Center's Volunteer Services. During that time I also renewed communication with our Brother Dr. Joseph Polizzi who recently had published his new novel THE GOLDEN ORRERY. Dr. Polizzi lives in Florida and has continued his membership in our Lodge throughout the years. We recognized also that other members of our Lodge also have recently published – Sister Elizabeth Osta and Brother Dr. Ed Maruggi. We are honored to have them as members. In 2012 Brother Joe Capogreco celebrated 45 years on Carosello Italiano and in April was responsible for delighting us with a dinner concert at Mario's - renowned Italian American singer Michael Castaldo was wonderful. On April 12th Senator Joe Robach attended our General Assembly meeting presenting the Lodge with an official Senate Resolution recognizing our 40th Anniversary.. In May we had a very successful fundraiser at Five Guys restaurant in Henrietta where we raised money designated for AUTISM. As most of you know we collect Coke product caps and with these we were able to acquire an MP3 player raffled off at the Valentine dinner. We continue to collect these caps and have also saved much in printing costs by redeeming Staples Reward Points from your empty ink cartridges – keep them coming!!

In June several of us attended the NYOSIA Convention at the Villa Roma. Sister Jen R. has the "gift Gallery" concession at which she sells items (shirts, bibs, aprons) to the attendees from her business. The Grand Lodge gets a part of the profits. Your delegates participate in various meetings as well as on Committees. Our Lodge donates \$300 to \$500 to various charities each year (this year Autism, Alzheimer's, Breast Cancer, Cooley's Anemia, Garibaldi Meucci Museum (brick)). The Immediate Past President and the President are required to attend plus 3 delegates chosen by the membership. In July we participated in the FESTA ITALIANA at the IACC – a very successful fundraiser for the Lodge.

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As members of the ICL our delegates spent a considerable amount of time along with other clubs trying to resurrect the Community Italian American PARADE and a Festa to be held in Irondequoit. Due to limited time and support this event was unable to be realized.

In August, the President's Membership Appreciation Picnic was held at our home. We had over 70 attendees, great music by Jon Seiger's Group, great food supplied by our members and all at no cost to our members and their families. Several members were given a President's Appreciation Award including Sisters Susan Berta, Eunice McCarthy, Jennifer Rubé, Mary Ricci, Shirley Sculli, Angie Parise and Brother Louis DeCarolis - all very deserving.

September was quiet but preparations were being made for October's Columbus Day Dinner Dance. This event was held at Midvale Country Club and honors were presented to JoAnn Palermo Ryan, Martin Mucci, Joseph Berta, and Thomas Ferrara as well as 3 scholarships to Matthew Sisto, Derek Clar, and Michael Desino. We were VERY honored also to have our National President Joseph DiTrapani and State President Thom Lupo come up to Rochester from Long Island to present us with a recognition plaque for our 40th Anniversary. One very sad note was that in leaving our event, Len Hawley (provided our music as he has done on many occasions) was involved in an auto accident. He succumbed to complications of his injuries in December. We will miss him very much as will the whole Community. The CDDD and the Souvenir Ad Book are our major fundraisers of the year and were very successful in that regard. Midvale is booked again for next year's event. In early December we got together at Gigi's for our Christmas dinner with good food, great ad lib entertainment and great company.

I think I've included most activities - Sister Jen and I attended a Grand Lodge Leadership Conference in Long Island where we learned a lot. Membership was big topic and we utilized the info at successfully recruiting new members since then. I'm very proud to report we initiated 16 new members this year and we have 7 new applications with initiations at the January General Assembly Meeting. Thanks to all who are responsible for these new members, especially at a time when most organizations are losing members. We also found out that we had lost our tax exempt status - many hours were spent by our Financial Secretary in providing our tax lawyer with financial info needed to reinstate this status. The application was submitted in September and as of today we still have not received a response from the IRS. For 2013 we have already scheduled our Officer Installation Brunch to be held March 10th at Penfield CC. We also have planned a family social event at Pittsford Park Lodge with catered food that will include steamed & fresh clams (see flyer). Communication has been enhanced with our members thanks to newsletters going out by email to those who have it and mail to those who do not, update notices initiated by sister Jen, web site improvement, etc. Our Nominating Committee is working to provide us with a slate of Officers at the January General assembly meeting (Jan. 10th) and at that meeting we will also be voting for a vacated Board position needed until the new Board is installed in March.

For the coming year I will work closely with your new Board (Council) and all of you to continue our growth in membership, fundraising, and in making those changes that are needed to retain our present membership. We have discussed things like making member participation more affordable. We can do that and still maintain our financial well being. I believe we should demonstrate more support for Grand Lodge activities. I believe your Delegates to the Convention should receive more money to defray costs to them. I would like to see us move forward (with the Grand Lodge) in such areas as telecommunications that will allow more participation in events downstate as well as moving toward computerization of our finances and other activities. I'd like to see our members start offering to give mini presentations at our meetings and yet still make our meeting shorter in time for business and more time to get to know each other better socially. It can be done!

In closing, let us remember in our prayers those who have lost a loved one, those lost in the recent tragedies, those who have been ill/hospitalized, and those in the military and first responders who protect us and care for us.

Possa questo stagione portare nel cuore serenita' e gioia e il Nuovo Anno tutte le cose piu' belle. Felice Anno Nuovo. (May this season bring serenity and joy to your heart and the New Year all things beautiful. Happy New Year.)

Fraternally yours,
Dr. Joe Rubé
President

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

Members Around Town



Sister Sarah Carbone next to a painting of hers on display at a local art show.



Sister Stacey Romeo at the Irondequoit Kiwanis Club's Thanksgiving Meal Delivery Event



President Joe directing traffic at the Holiday Light Spectacular



Brothers Peter Maddalena, Dennis Erbetra and Frank Romeo at Camp Eastman



Brother Peter Maddalena as Santa Claus



President Joe and Joanne Albert ringing the bells for the Salvation Army

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

JANUARY & FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY:

01/04 Anthony Cataldi
01/06 Paul DeCarolis
01/07 Matthew Sisto
01/15 Frank Oliveri

FEBRUARY

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



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **January 10th** - 7:00PM OSIA General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: Pres Joe 461-1181)
- **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

SUNSHINE CORNER

Get well wishes go out to **Brother Tony Palucci** who recently underwent surgery.

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

Get well wishes go out to **Sister Maryann Koons** after a recent stay in the hospital.

Our condolences go out to **Len Hawley's** family after his recent passing.

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 so that she can send them a card.

This year we will have a lot of committee positions available. Do you have a special interest such as scholarships or one of our social events? Let us know! The Scholarship Committee will begin organizing this year's scholarship program in the next month or so. The Ad Book Committee will be looking for people interested in that area. All of our committees will be looking for help.

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.



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



Sister Rosita Caridi-Miller with her parents when she came to the United States in 1949



Though the sun will set,
And our eyes see,
Only different shades of grey,
We know that the sun will inevitably rise,
Revealing a world of vibrant color and beauty.
It is this thought,
That gives us enduring peace,
Even through the darkness of night.

Matthew Sisto



Prayers

For the children & staff at the
Sandy Hook Elementary School
in Newton, Connecticut.

www.randomthoughtsaboutfire.com

DIRECTORY UPDATES

The new 2013 Membership Directories will be mailed out sometime in January. Until they arrive, please add the following to your current Membership Directory:

Angela Cataldi
202 South Estate Drive
Webster NY 14580
(585) 217-9781

Anthony Cataldi
5650 Lincoln Road
Ontario NY 14519
(585) 924-4200 x312

Richard Cataldi
33 Dunning Avenue
Webster NY 14580
(585) 752-1013

Stephen Cataldi
288 Maidstone Drive
Webster NY 14580
(585) 750-8145

Julia DiPilato
180-A North Glen Drive
Rochester NY 14626
(585) 944-2830

Donna Lappetito McIntosh
2 Golf Stream Drive
Penfield NY 14526
(585) 784-0358

Edward Groszewski
32 Hinkley Lane
Rochester NY 14624
(585) 247-7771

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE NEWS



Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser February 2012



Calabria Dinner at Cibi in May 2012



**National President Joseph DiTripani
and Sister Mary Ricci at the
2012 Dinner Dance**

2012 Event Photos



Festa Italiana OSIA Booth July 2012



Annual Lodge Christmas Party December 2012



2012 Turkey Raffle Dinner



Presentation by Senator Robach



**Dancing a jig at the
Summer Picnic August 2012**

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!

*The 2013
ITALIAN REGIONAL DINNER
At Cibi
Will be held on
Sunday May 5th
This year's featured region
Will be Abruzzo*



ITALIAN NEW YEARS TRADITIONS

The evening begins with a traditional dish, “cotechino e lenticchie” Cotechino is a delicious, savory, fresh pork sausage, typically sold either partially pre-cooked or raw. The meat itself consists of “lo **zampone**,” the actual hoof of the pig, and is a symbol of abundance and bountifulness as represented by the meat’s high fat content, richness, and flavor. **Lenticchie** (lentils) are believed to bring good luck and prosperity in the coming year to those who eat them on New Year’s Eve. These tiny oval-shaped legumes, reminiscent of gold coins, represent the money that one will earn in the coming year. Needless to say, the more you eat, the better off you’ll be financially!

The dinner concludes with dried fruit and grapes. According to tradition, having **grapes** present on the table during New Year’s ensures that those sitting at the table will be wise and frugal spenders of money. This is based on the idea that one must exercise significant willpower in order to conserve grapes taken from the grape harvest without eating them until New Year’s Eve. A person with such willpower will surely be a wise and frugal spender in the coming year!

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

As the New Year is upon us, we find ourselves
reflecting on the past year and on those who
have helped shape our beloved New York OSIA.

We value our friendship with you and look
forward to working with you in the year to come.
We wish you a New Year filled with Peace and Prosperity.

Warmest Fraternal Regards,
State President Thom Lupo & First Lady Barbara

SAVE THE DATE!

*The 2013
Christopher Columbus
Dinner Dance
Will be held on Saturday
October 19th
At Midvale Country Club*

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

2013 – 2014

OFFICER INSTALLATION BRUNCH

Penfield Country Club

1784 Jackson Road

Penfield, NY 14526

Please Join Us as We Welcome Our Incoming Council Members and
Thank Our Outgoing Council Members For Their Dedication to Our Lodge.

Sunday March 10th, 2013

12:00 Noon Arrival

12:30pm Brunch Buffet

Buffet Includes:

- Carving Station – Ham & Turkey
- Lemon Herb Tilapia
- Chicken Parmesan
- Baked Ziti al Forno
- Potatoes O'Brien
- Coffee, Tea, Hot Cocoa
- Omelet Station
- Scrambled Eggs
- Bacon, Sausage
- Multigrain Pancakes
- Pastries & Danish
- Assorted Desserts

COST: \$28 per person

All Members, Family & Friends

Are Invited to Attend This Special Event

Please fill out and return to address below with check payable to Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING BRUNCH: ____ @ \$28.00ea. CHECK NUMBER: _____ AMOUNT: _____

Please remit to Jennifer Rubé – 92 Gleason Circle, East Rochester NY 14445 – (585) 381-5540

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): ____ @ \$5 each

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Mail to:

Jennifer Rubé

92 Gleason Circle

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585-381-5540