



"The Roar of the Lion"

Jennifer Rubé, editor
March 2013

NEW OFFICER INSTALLATIONS

The ceremony to install our new board of directors will be held on Sunday March 10th at Penfield Country Club. 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 get to attend many of our events.

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

Mistresses of Ceremony: Ann Vazzana, Nancy Rubé

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

Arbitration Committee: Thomas Vazzana – Chairperson, Sylvia Vazzana, William Agnello, Dr. Russell Gugino, Jennie Gugino

Alternates for the Arbitration Committee: Joseph Galante, Patricia Galante, Marisa Rubé, Theodore DeSoto, Hon. Philip Dattilo

Our 2013 Convention Delegates are: IPP Dr Joe Rubé, President Jenn Rubé, Linda Agnello, Ann Vazzana and Sal Cutaia with Joe Vazzana and Nancy Rubé as alternates.

Penfield Country Club is located at 1784 Jackson Road Penfield NY 14526.

From the eastside of Rochester- at the intersections of Route 441 and Route 250 continue north on 250 and make a left hand turn on to Atlantic Avenue. After passing the Penfield Town Hall on the right make a left turn on to Jackson Road. The Club is on the left.

From all other areas take 590 North and exit at Browncroft Boulevard (Route 286). Head east approximately 5 miles and make a right turn on to Jackson Road (HINT: when you pass Baird Road the next right turn is Jackson Road). The Club is about a half mile down, you will see a green and gold sign on the left.

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VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270

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OFFICERS

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William Agnello

Salvatore Cutaia

Mary Delman

Antonio Palucci

Immediate Past President

Joseph A. Vazzana

Chaplain

Ann Vazzana

District VIII State Trustee

Antony DiCostanzo

Chaplain Emeritus

Sister Carole Proia

Lodge Deputy

Anthony Idoni

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

March 2013

The time has come when I change my position in our Lodge from President to Immediate Past President and Financial Secretary. I have to say that it was an honor to serve as your President for 2 full terms – and I can't thank all of you enough for your support – not just of me but mostly for our Lodge and the things you have accomplished in making it successful growth of membership, in raising funds to provide scholarships and donations to many of our chosen charities and relief programs, while having a great deal of fun doing it. Our lodge is named for a great leader/ coach - Vincent Lombardi – and I believe, as he did, that leadership skills and success comes with the team that we are to lead and the support that goes in both directions. You have made my job easy and very rewarding.

I think you all know that having the support of your own family is critical and I have had that throughout. Sister Jenn, your incoming President, has been involved in all aspects of our Lodge which has made not only my life easier, but mostly because she understands what our membership wants thus making the transition very transparent. Although I will continue to support her, she is her own person and will lead us all with some fresh ideas and much enthusiasm. Congratulations to Sister Jenn and all the other members of the 2013-14 Council (Board). Please join us next Sunday for the Installation Brunch at Penfield CC.

I am very pleased to announce that our new District Deputy is Mike Cutillo from the Geneva Men's Lodge - Mike was our Lodge Deputy before Tony Idoni, and was a Past President of the Geneva Lodge.

It is important for all of us to realize that Italy has officially designated 2013 as the YEAR OF ITALIAN CULTURE IN THE UNITED STATES – **ANNO DELLA CULTURA ITALIANA NEGLI STATI UNITI**. We will be recognizing the culture and heritage of Italy. We can help by using this as the theme or focus in all of our events during 2013 as we used our 40th anniversary in 2012. We do this all the time so it will be easy. Being a member of the Order of the Sons of Italy in America says it all.

Our Winter Picnic / clambake was a huge success - great job to the organizers – Brothers Vince, Louie, Lou - can't wait till your encore!!!!

Sister Eunice and her Honoree Committee have indicated that it is time to close the process for selecting our 2013 nominees – so if you are interested in submitting a name please do so -in writing- by March 15.

In closing, our thoughts and prayers are with all have been ill or hospitalized and to those in our armed forces. From our family – President Joe, First Lady Nancy, Jennifer and Marisa.....**BUONA PASQUA a Tutti Voi**.

Fraternally,
President Joe

From the President - Elect

March 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I sit here at my desk watching a mix of rain, sleet and snow pour down, I find myself with a rare problem (at least for me) – writer's block. Before Dad left on vacation last week he said I should write my first President's Letter for this issue of the newsletter. Wow, the pressure! I know, I've been writing notes to all of you for months talking about our growing membership and upcoming events and I send out emails with news in them but suddenly I have to sound like a President? Now I have to make a decision – do I want to continue my chatty little notes that you've all come to expect from me or do I get more formal?

I'm leaning towards a mix of both because after five years of newsletters and emails, you all know me pretty well. To try and change my writing style just because I gain a new title is just too much pressure. So from here on forward, I'll continue to write in my informal informational way but if something serious comes along that I need to relay then I'll make the adjustments as needed. I also encourage all of you to send me information, letters, stories, etc to fill the pages of our newsletters.

In the past several weeks our lodge has gone through the good and the bad. Two weekends ago we had our first Winter Picnic with a lot of fun for everyone. I think it was about 24 hours later that I got the call saying Sister Adeline Cimino had passed away. We also found out recently that Sister Ruth Provenzano had passed away. Both were long-time members and I think both would have wanted us to celebrate their lives with fun and laughter and not tears so that is what we shall do – more fun to be had, especially at upcoming events.

Next weekend is our New Officer Installation Brunch where we will be joined by State Trustee Anthony DiCostanzo and his wife Pam, our newly appointed District VIII Deputy Mike Cutillo and our own favorite Lodge Deputy Tony Idoni. So far we have about fifty members and guests attending but I haven't heard back from many of you – if you plan to attend I need to know right away so that I can give the country club an accurate count.

Upcoming events – I am happy to say that we will be meeting at Cibi deliziosi in Mendon for the third year for a regional dinner. This year's dinner will be on Sunday May 5th and the food will be from the Abruzzi region of Italy, at the request of some of our members who attended last year's dinner. Sister Rosita is preparing a menu for us and the flyer for that event will be in the April newsletter. I ask that you get your reservations back quickly next month as there is limited seating available and a short period of time to respond. Check out the calendar in this newsletter for other events and plan to join the fun and friendships.

Although we have no General Assembly Meeting in March because of the Installation Brunch, your council members and various committees have been hard at work getting ready for upcoming events and preparing for the transition of the new council taking over their responsibilities. We have met with an outside auditor at your request and he will be giving a presentation on March 7th at our Council Meeting to tell us what he has found after going through our records from the past several years. He will also be available to answer questions so even if you are not on the incoming or outgoing councils, you are welcome to attend this meeting at 7PM at the Casa Italiana – just let us know in advance so we know how many to expect.

I want to thank you all in advance for the support not only for myself as I begin my presidency but also for your past support of Dad. In the past four and a half years we've made great strides in bringing our lodge into the forefront of the local Italian American community and I'm hearing more and more that the word is out about how great our lodge is – and why shouldn't it be when we have the best members around? Our membership now stretches from Buffalo in the west to well out into Wayne County in the east and down into Ontario County to the south. We have lots of work ahead of us as we strive to maintain our progress and advance into the future. I look forward to being able to help lead our lodge in the directions that you, our members, want it to go.

As always, you are welcome to call me if you have something you'd like to discuss about the lodge, have an idea for an event or if you want me to pass along news to our brothers and sisters through the newsletter or by email. If you know of a fellow lodge member who has been ill or has had a death in the family, please let either Sister Ann Vazzana or myself know.

I wish you all a happy and blessed Easter Season. Please keep those that have been ill or lost a loved one in your thoughts and as always, pray for those that defend us around the world.

Faternally, President Jenn

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ITALIAN EASTER

Uova di Pasqua

Although Italians do not decorate hard-boiled eggs nor have chocolate bunnies or pastel marshmallow chicks, the biggest Easter displays in bars, pastry shops, supermarkets, and especially at chocolatiers are brightly wrapped *uova di Pasqua*—chocolate Easter eggs—in sizes that range from 10 grams (1/3 ounce) to 8 kilos (nearly 18 pounds). Most of them are made of milk chocolate in a mid-range, 10-ounce size by industrial chocolate makers.

Some producers distinguish between their chocolate eggs for children (sales numbers are a closely guarded secret, but the market for these standard quality eggs is said to be shrinking with Italy's birthrate) and expensive "adult" versions. All except the tiniest eggs contain a surprise. Grown-ups often find their eggs contain little silver picture frames or gold-dipped costume jewelry. The very best eggs are handmade by artisans of chocolate, who offer the service of inserting a surprise supplied by the purchaser. Car keys, engagement rings, and watches are some of the high-end gifts that have been tucked into Italian chocolate eggs in Italy.

IN MEMORIUM: Adeline Cimino



Penfield: 5/31/1918 - 2/16/2013. Predeceased by her beloved husband of 75 years, Peter Cimino. Adeline is survived by her children, Marlene (Don) Maggio, Peter (Sentina) Cimino & Bruce Cimino; grandchildren, Debra (Joseph) Tronolone, Lynn Marie (Randy) Catalano, Russell (Patricia) Militello, (Bill) Bailey, Alexandra Cimino, Nicholas Cimino & Christopher Cimino; 6 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great-grandchildren. Adeline was a retiree of Xerox Corporation, and a longtime member of the Sons of Italy, serving as financial secretary for many years. Her passions were family, music, dancing, hot dogs, pickles, shrimp, preparing great family meals, and animals. Adeline lived, loved and laughed with all her heart.



TRADITIONS OF ST JOSEPH'S DAY: Continued from last month's newsletter:

A most fascinating and beautiful thing that happens on St. Joseph's Day is the return of the cliff swallows (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*) to the Mission of San Juan Capistrano in San Juan Capistrano, California. The mission -- one of the oldest buildings in California, and a part of a string of 21 missions that line California's coast -- was founded on 1 November 1776, the Feast of All Saints, by the Franciscan priest, Bl. Junipero Serra, in honor of St. John Capistrano. It was begun the year before, with members of a friendly local Indian tribe helping to build. When word came that the Mission of San Diego was attacked by an unfriendly Indian tribe, the bells were buried and everyone took shelter until building could continue safely. When the mission was finally completed, a small town grew up around it, and this is where the legend of the swallows -- "las golondrinas" -- begins. It is said that one of the priests noticed a storekeeper in town angrily sweeping down the swallows' nests and chasing away the "dirty birds." The priest, being a Franciscan, of course invited the poor little birds to the Mission where there was "room for all." The birds, sensing the spirit of St. Francis around the place, followed and have remained loyal to the Mission ever since. No matter the origins of the story, the fact is that each year on 23 October, the swallows fly south for 7,500 miles to Goya, Argentina. There they winter until the end of February when they make their way home, arriving back at the Mission of Capistrano on St. Joseph's Day, where they are greeted with the ringing of church bells and great festivities. A love song was written with this return of the swallows as its focal point; recorded by the Ink Spots, Glenn Miller, Pat Boone, and Elvis Presley.

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

MARCH & APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

APRIL

04/01 Ted DeSoto
04/09 Matthew Grosodonia
04/10 Angela Amato
04/13 James Vacanti
04/14 Bonnie Cottone
04/17 Hon. Edmund Calvaruso
04/24 Brett Forgione
04/26 Peter Maddalena
04/29 Sunni Povero
04/29 Antonio Galvano



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **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
- **April 4th** - 7:00PM OSIA Board Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: Pres Jenn 381- 5540)
- **April 11th** - 7:00PM OSIA General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana
- **May 5th** - 3rd Annual Regional Dinner at Cibi - more information in the April newsletter.
- **July 19th - 21st** - Festa Italiana at the IACC - Save the Date!
- **August 3rd** - Annual Summer Picnic - more info coming - Save the Date!
- **October 19th** - Columbus Dinner Dance - Save the Date!
- **November Date to Be Announced:** Turkey Raffle Dinner
- **December Date to Be Announced:** Christmas Party

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.

LODGE NEWS

Congratulations to **Sister Stacey Romeo** and her husband Mike Schmitt on the birth of their third child, Joseph Thomas.

Congratulations to **Sister Jen** and **Brother Russ Gugino** on the recent birth of their newest great grandchild.

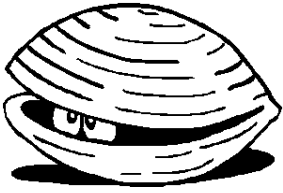
Our condolences go out to **Sister Debbie** and **Brothers Gene, Joshua and Matthew Sisto** on the recent passing of Debbie's father.

Get well wishes go out to **Sister Eunice McCarthy** who has been battling a winter illness.

Get well wishes go out to **Sister Shirley Sculli** who has recently been in the hospital. She is now resting at home in Florida.

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!

February Winter Picnic & Clam Bake



FIRST ANNUAL WINTER PICNIC & CLAM BAKE

Saturday February 16th

King's Bend Park, Pittsford NY

