



The Roar of the Lion

Jennifer Rubé, editor
September 2013

14th ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE DINNER

Sister Jen Gugino has announced that this year's Annual Turkey Raffle Dinner will be Thursday November 21st at 5:30PM at St Cecelia's. More information will be available in next month's newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE!!

This event is held every year in honor of Sister Jen's father who was a member of the Columbus Lodge of The Sons of Italy in Dunkirk New York many years ago.



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.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Did you know that our lodge is on Facebook? You can find us by searching for "Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270" and get an early preview of pictures from recent events.

The power of social media continues to amaze me. Last week I posted pictures from our recent Summer picnic and tagged members of our lodge in their photos. Within two hours almost 500 people had visited our Facebook page, leaving messages for various members and commenting on how much fun we seemed to be having. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to check out our page as well as the National and NYS OSIA pages and "like us" so that you get all the latest news and updates. Share our news on your own Facebook timelines so that your friends can see and you never know who might contact you. Jenn



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

September 2013

Last night I noticed that it was dark before 8PM – where did summer go? The lazy days of summer are gone and now we have to get ourselves back into a regular routine of school, work and other activities.

Our lodge has had a great summer season with two Italian festivals and our annual summer picnic. We had almost 80 members, family and friends at the picnic with lots of amazing foods and some great music courtesy of Jon Seiger and his band. Thank you to Dr Joe and Sister Nancy Rubé for once again letting us use their home and yard for our picnic and for providing us with live music by a jazz musician who plays professionally on stage around the world.

The end of summer also brings our lodge into a very busy time of year. Our annual Italian American Heritage Awards Dinner will be on October 19th at Midvale Country Club. You should have already received your invitations to this event and I'm asking that you return your RSVP's as soon as possible and not wait until the last minute. We do have limited seating available.

On Monday October 14th, Brother Louis DeCarolis is going to receive the Past President's Award from the Italian Civic League. I'm hoping that many of our lodge members will come out and support him as he accepts this much deserved award. If you would like to sit at one of the Sons of Italy tables, please let me know by September 15th. Ticket price is \$20 per person and checks should be made out to The Italian Civic League and sent to me.

In November we will host the 14th Annual Papa Tony's Turkey Raffle Dinner. This year the date will be Thursday November 21st and it will be held at St Cecelia's Community Center. This is another event that raises money for our scholarship fund so it is important for us to support Sister Jen Gugino by attending the dinner. I have also had a note from newly elected NYS President Joe Rondinelli saying he is going to try and attend this event since he is already booked the night of our October dinner. I encourage you all to bring family and friends to this event.

In December we will hold our annual Christmas Dinner Party. The exact date and location will be forthcoming next month. We are also already looking for a location to hold our 2nd Annual Winter Picnic & Clam Bake in February. We are looking for a town or county park lodge building that will hold at least 150 people so if you know of one please let me know so that the committee members can start investigating and find the one best fitting our needs.

I see great things in our future! Our lodge is the strongest it has been in many years and that's because of all of you. You are the ones bringing in new members and you are the ones attending all of our many events. You volunteer when asked and you take the lead on projects that interest you. As your president, that's all I can ask of you.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of our members and their family who have undergone recent illnesses or who have lost a loved one. Please join me in keeping our service men and women around the world in our hearts and prayers.

Fraternally,

President Jenn

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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Sister Mary Delman received the award for District VIII for her essay about why it is important to her to be a member of the Order Sons of Italy in America. Her essay was printed in the last edition of the Golden Lion Newspaper.



LODGE NEWS

Our get well wishes go out to **Sister Angela Cataldi** who had a bad fall and will be undergoing rehabilitation.

Get well wishes go out to **Brother Sully Ciancagalin** of the Geneva Men's Lodge who recently had a bad fall. He is recuperating at home.

Our prayers are with **Brother Henry Dinardo** who has been ill.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Sister Julie DiPilato** after her father passed away recently.

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!

OUT OF THIS WORLD!

The green, white and red of the Italian flag made their debut in a space walk in July, as Sicilian astronaut Luca Parmitano repaired equipment outside the International Space Station. The 36-year-old flight engineer was the first Italian to walk in outer space – one of the many projects Parmitano will take part in during his six month stay on the space station. He will be in charge of docking several supply vessels and work on 20 different European Space Agency experiments, ranging from medical and biological research to materials science and technology demonstrations. (From Fra Noi Newspaper)

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.



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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 Italian American
Heritage Awards Dinner on October 19th at
Midvale Country Club. Please watch your mail for
invitations and more information.

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.

2013 Scholarship Winners

At the August 8th meeting, the members of our lodge awarded 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.

SCHOLARSHIPS



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SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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



OCTOBER

10/01 Ann Vazzana
 10/11 Vincent Giannantonio
 10/13 Joe Yonda
 10/14 Anthony Strati
 10/17 Thomas Ferraro
 10/21 Philip Dattilo
 10/21 Stacey Romeo
 10/21 Eugene Sisto
 10/30 Mary Delman

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **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!
- **November 21st** – 5:30PM at St Cecelia's - 14th Annual Papa Tony's Turkey Raffle Dinner

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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2013 VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE EVENTS CALENDAR

This information is subject to change at any time

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
February 7th	7:00PM	Council Meeting	Casa Italiana - Nazareth College
February 14th	7:00PM	General Assembly Meeting	Casa Italiana - Nazareth College
February 16th	2:00PM	Annual Winter Picnic & Clambake	Kings Bend Park - Pittsford
March 7th	7:00PM	Council Meeting	Casa Italiana - Nazareth College
March 10th	12:00PM	Officer Installation Brunch	Penfield Country Club - Penfield
March 14th	7:00PM	General Assembly Meeting	Casa Italiana - Nazareth College
April 4th	7:00PM	Council Meeting	Casa Italiana - Nazareth College
April 11th	7:00PM	General Assembly Meeting	Casa Italiana - Nazareth College
May 2nd	7:00PM	Council Meeting	Casa Italiana - Nazareth College
May 5th	2:00PM	3rd Annual Regional Dinner at Cibi	Cibi delizioso - Mendon
May 9th	7:00PM	General Assembly Meeting	Casa Italiana - Nazareth College
May 30th - June 2nd		NYSOSIA Convention	Villa Roma Resort
June 6th	7:00PM	Council Meeting	Casa Italiana - Nazareth College
June 13th	7:00PM	General Assembly Meeting	Casa Italiana - Nazareth College
July 19th - 21st		Festa Italiana!	Italian American Community Center - Rochester
August 1st	7:00PM	Council Meeting	Casa Italiana - Nazareth College
August 8th	7:00PM	General Assembly Meeting	Casa Italiana - Nazareth College
August 3rd	3:00PM	Annual Summer Picnic	Rubé House
September 5th	7:00PM	Council Meeting	Casa Italiana - Nazareth College
September 12th	7:00PM	General Assembly Meeting	Casa Italiana - Nazareth College
October 3rd	7:00PM	Council Meeting	Casa Italiana - Nazareth College
October 10th	7:00PM	General Assembly Meeting	Casa Italiana - Nazareth College
October 19th	6:00PM	Italian American Heritage Awards Dinner	Midvale Country Club
November 7th	7:00PM	Council Meeting	Casa Italiana - Nazareth College
November 14th	7:00PM	General Assembly Meeting	Casa Italiana - Nazareth College
November 21st	5:30PM	Event: Turkey Raffle Dinner	St Cecelia's Parish
December DTBA		Event: Christmas Party	
December 6th	7:00PM	Council Meeting	Casa Italiana - Nazareth College
December 13th	7:00PM	General Assembly Meeting	Casa Italiana - Nazareth College