



# The Roar of the Lion

Jennifer Rubé, editor  
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## TUSCANY AT CIBI !

Our fourth annual Regional Dinner at Cibi in Mendon will be held on Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Chef Rosita invites lodge members, friends and family to come for a feast of Tuscan themed foods! The menu includes:

- Cold cured meats served with melon, crusty fresh bread and olives.
- Long ribbon pasta with Tuscan ragu (tomato and meat sauce)
- Sausage and chicken grilled with rosemary, thyme, sage and olive oil.
- "Beans in the style of the little bird", meaning the beans are stewed in tomatoes and garlic.
- Polenta with beans
- Romaine hearts & cucumber salad
- Tiramisu, sweets, coffee and tea

This year's event will once again be held as a fundraiser to raise money to support Breast Cancer Research through the Sons of Italy Foundation. If you cannot make it to the dinner and would like to make a donation to this or any of our other charities, please make checks payable to the Sons of Italy Foundation and send them to President Jenn by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Your donation will be presented during the Convention at the end of May. Please make sure you put the name of the charity you are donating to in the memo portion of your check.

Reservation forms are included with this newsletter. This is a great event to invite friends and family to.

## 2014 CONVENTION

At the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, members elected the delegates and alternates for the 2014 NYS OSIA Convention which will be held at Villa Roma in the Catskills from May 29 – June 1, 2014. This year your lodge representatives/delegates will be:

- President Jenn Rubé
- IPP Dr. Joe Rubé
- Vice President Vince Giannantonio
- Principle Trustee/Membership Chair Tom Meleca
- Trustee/Scholarship Chair Sandy Meleca
- Trustee Louie DiFilippo

Alternates in case one or more of the delegates cannot attend will be:

- Lodge Member Matthew Grosodonia
- Council Member Nancy Rubé
- Lodge Member Ed Groszewski

Everyone is welcome to attend the Convention as guests if they would like to. Guests are welcome to attend business meetings, meals and social events with the delegates. You can play golf, swim in the pools and enjoy the resort. You must register through the lodge in order to get the group rates and meal package!!! Reservation forms must be returned to President Jenn no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in more information such as rates, please contact President Jenn at 381-5540 or Brother Joe at 461-1181.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

April 2014

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## LODGE NEWS

Please keep our older members in mind as the seasons change and it is harder for them to get out to meetings and events. Sometimes a phone call or a note can brighten up the day more than we can imagine.

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!

## CHARITABLE DONATIONS

If you have a favorite charity that you would like to make a donation to through our lodge, we will be happy to take your donation with us to the Convention in May and present it to the Grand Lodge in your name or in honor of a loved one. Last year we made a number of personal donations to Autism and other charities on behalf of our members along with the donations made from the lodge itself. OSIA charities include Gift of Sight, Commission for Social Justice, Doug Flutie Jr Foundation for Autism, Alzheimer's Foundation, Coaches vs Cancer, Breast Cancer, Garibaldi-Meucci Museum (and their brick program), WWII Memorial, Cooley's Anemia Foundation, National Bone Marrow Registry and many more. If you wish to make a personal or corporate donation to one of the OSIA charities, please make your check payable to the Sons of Italy Foundation and send to President Jenn by May 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 Sandy Meleca at 315-986-1097. Thank you to all of our volunteers as this helps to keep expenses down for the lodge.

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## ANNUAL DUES CHANGE

In a couple of weeks you will be receiving your invoice for the 2014-2015 years. This year you will have two options for payment.

Plan A: You will be able to pay for six months (\$25) and you will be covered until December 31, 2014 and you will have a very strict deadline for payment. You will then receive another invoice (\$50) for 2015 in October or November which must be received by our Financial Officer no later than December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Anyone that has not paid by that date will automatically be dropped from the membership because that is the deadline for us to let the Grand Lodge know how many members are in the lodge.

Plan B: You will be able to pay for 18 months (\$75) and you will be covered until December 2015. Again, payment deadlines will be strict but many of our members liked the idea of being able to pay ahead instead of receiving another bill so soon after paying in June.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

The deadline for our lodge scholarships has passed. Thank you to all of our members who gave our information to friends and family members.

Because our lodge is an active member of the Italian Civic League of Rochester, we have added the information for two scholarships available through the ICL to the scholarships page on our lodge website at [www.sonsofitalyrochester.com](http://www.sonsofitalyrochester.com).

## DID YOU KNOW?

Although there are several "Sister Cities" for San Juan Capistrano in California, the Italian Sister City is linked by its name which was named after the Italian Saint Giovanni da Capistrano. This Saint was the favorite of Franciscan Father Junipero Serra, who founded the Mission San Juan Capistrano. One of the main attractions of Mission San Juan Capistrano is the fascinating return of the swallows to the City – traveling 7500 miles from Goya, Argentina, where they spend the Winter Months. The FIESTA de las Golondrinas (Festival of the Swallows) falls on March 19 in Italy, a date that also marks St. Joseph's Day in the Christian world.

How BUFFALO WINGS came about. Buffalo wings were the invention of an Italian American family, Frank & Theresa Belissimo – owners of the ANCHOR BAR in Buffalo, NY. A group of boys including Dominic Belissimo decided to end a night of fun at the Anchor Bar hoping to get something to eat. Theresa was about to make Chicken Stock with a bunch of wings, which as a rule were never served to customers as this part of the chicken usually went into the garbage or used for soup. Theresa decided to broil the wings and douse them with a spicy sauce and Frank added the celery stalks and blue cheese salad dressing. The boys loved them and "the rest is history".

History has not treated LUIGI del BIANCO well. He was an assistant to the famous sculptor and designer Gutzon Borglum. Although he worked as chief carver on what is arguably the most iconic of American monuments – the MOUNT RUSHMORE National Memorial in South Dakota, his name is not even mentioned in those works written about Mount Rushmore. The stone cutter's grandson, Lou del Bianco, of Port Chester, NY is seeking to correct this oversight. It is interesting that Luigi started out as assistant to Gutzon Borglum who was later let go and Luigi became the Chief Stone Carver and the Studio where they practiced was in a cave at Mt. Rushmore. We anxiously await a new book entitled "*Carving A Niche for himself; The Untold Story of Luigi Del Bianco and Mt. Rushmore*" by author Douglas Gladstone.

## COKE REWARDS

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](mailto:jennajlr@aol.com) or call 381-5540.

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## BIRTHDAYS

### APRIL

04/01 Ted DeSoto  
04/09 Matthew Grosodonia  
04/10 Angela Amato  
04/13 James Vacanti  
04/14 Bonnie Cottone  
04/19 Rufus Brey  
04/26 Peter Maddalena  
04/29 Sunni Povero  
04/29 Antonio Galvano



### MAY

05/01 Richard Santo  
05/06 Vincenzo Buonomo  
05/07 Dr. Russell Gugino  
05/08 Philip Bellini  
05/12 Mario Daniele  
05/20 Robert Dierna  
05/26 Angela Cataldi  
05/29 Elvah Trieste

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **April 10<sup>th</sup>** - 7PM General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: Jenn 381-5540)
- **May 1<sup>st</sup>** - 7PM Council Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: Jenn 381-5540)
- **May 4<sup>th</sup>** - Tuscan Feast at Cibi (check flyer for more info)
- **May 8<sup>th</sup>** - 7PM General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: Jenn 381-5540)
- **July 18, 19, 20** - Festa Italiana at the IACC - more info to follow
- **August 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Annual Summer Picnic - more info to follow
- **October 18, 2014** - October Dinner Dance - more info to follow.

## INK CARTRIDGES

Thank you to everyone that has brought us empty ink and toner cartridges this year. This year our donated rewards points covered almost all of the printing for the Italian American Heritage Awards Dinner. They were a tremendous help in us realizing the profit that we did from this event.

If you have empties to donate, please bring them to the next lodge meeting or lodge social event.

## 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.

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# PASQUETTA TRADITIONS

Apparently, after the war the Italian government felt the need for a holiday to celebrate the beginning of spring, which might be why they made the day after [Easter](#), known as Easter Monday among English speakers and Pasquetta among Italians, a legal holiday. Pasquetta is more than an extra day off work and school. It's the unofficial start of spring and a chance to get reacquainted with family, friends, and most of all nature.

The day has religious significance as well. Italian Catholics might know it as Lunedì dell' Angelo or the day to remember the women of the sepulcher, including Mary Magdalene, who were comforted by an angel when they returned to Jesus' tomb and found it empty. But the day after Easter is not a holy day of obligation, and therefore remains mostly secular. In fact, until the 19th century, the entire week after Easter was set aside as a time to kick back and relax. Then, at some point, the fun was reduced to one day. And in some places, including most of the United States, it is not even celebrated.

For Italians, however, Pasquetta is one of the most delicious feasts. It is the day of the picnic. The Italians go out in droves to the mountains or the beaches and set up camp with packed lunches or portable grills. They eat things like frittatas (omelets) or hard boiled eggs and an assortment of grilled meats. Of course, in the south tortaniello, a type of rustica, and [pastiera](#) are the only cakes on the menu.

Even the tradition of the picnic might have historical meaning. Wikipedia reports that some people say traveling through the outdoors might be a way to remember the journeying disciples at Emmaus, who saw a resurrected Jesus in front of them just steps away from Jerusalem. The taste of the grilled zucchini with a squirt of lemon, sweet sausage and fresh-from-the-garden lettuce. It is a time to savor. It is a time to reflect. It is a time to enjoy.

Picnic Menu Suggestions: Antipasto: Focaccia bread with some sliced Italian cheese (provolone would work) and other cold cuts or hard boiled eggs

Main Course: Already cooked omelets made with eggs, cheese, onion, and one or two of your favorite fillers such as mushrooms and bell peppers;

Side Dishes: Simple Salad - chopped lettuce and carrots with olive oil, balsamic vinegar and some sea salt; Grilled [zucchini](#) - 2-inch strips of zucchini that are seasoned with olive oil, lemon, and sea salt before grilling for just a minute or two on a medium flame

Dessert: If you can't get gelato at a nearby shop or stand, then bring [pastiera](#) with you. This wheat pie is the traditional Easter dessert of Neapolitans everywhere.

# 2014 WINTER PICNIC & CLAM BAKE



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