



# The Roar of the Lion

Marisa Rubé, editor  
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## HERITAGE AWARDS

The Vincent Lombardi Lodge will be honoring the following people at our Italian American Heritage Awards Dinner, for their contributions to our lodge and the community:

**Man of the Year: Senator Joseph Robach**  
**Family of the Year: The Bernunzio Family**  
**Lifetime Achievement: Lou Gramm**

The awards will be given at our event on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at The Burgundy Basin. If you have not yet responded to your invitation, please do so as soon as possible, so that we can give the banquet center the correct count.



## EDITOR'S NOTE

We are trying to update our current email contact list. If you currently do NOT receive lodge newsletters and other communication by email, and would like to, please send me an email at [marisarube@gmail.com](mailto:marisarube@gmail.com). Please note, in addition to our newsletters and official lodge event flyers and communications, we do send occasional email communications and notices out on behalf of our members-these include personal invitations, events, and happenings in the lives of our members that they would like to include other lodge members in, that are not official lodge events. These communications are only sent by email. Postal mail is used only for newsletters and official lodge information and events, so if you would like these extra communications, please do provide me with an email address. We blind copy to all of our members, so email addresses are not shared with the entire lodge or any outsiders.

Thank you and enjoy,  
Sister Marisa



## SCHOLARSHIPS

This year, due to the generosity of so many, we were honored to award eight scholarships! Congratulations and good luck to these very deserving students!!

**Lodge Scholarship in memory of Jennifer Rubé (\$1500): Mary Michelson**

**Lodge Scholarship (\$1500): Caroline Bennet**

**Lodge Scholarship (\$1000): Lauren Sedita**

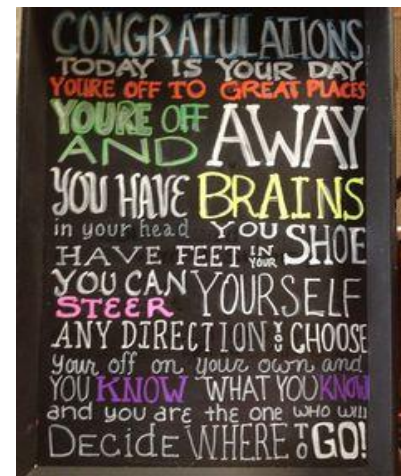
**Past Honorees Scholarship (\$1000): Brian Buttaggi**

**Past Honorees Scholarship (\$1000): Frank Lamar**

**Lodge Scholarship in honor of Salvatore Mitrano (\$1000): Christian Toscano**

**Lodge Scholarship in memory of Nick Mastrofilippo (\$1000): Andrew Loete**

**Nick Mastrofilippo Scholarship in memory of Jennifer Rubé (\$1000): Amanda Paratore**



~Dr. Seuss

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Summer is almost over and it was certainly a busy one for our Lodge.

At the end of July we were involved with the Festa Italiana at the IACC. It was a great time and very successful. Throughout the month of July we started putting together our Ad Book and finalizing details for our October Dinner. I want to express my sincere gratitude to all the members that are working on the plans for the October Dinner. I look forward to seeing all of you at this exciting and worthwhile event.

August was another hectic and busy month for us. We had our annual Casa Rubé picnic that was a great time for all. I would like to thank our hosts, the Rubé family for once again opening their home to us. Everyone had a wonderful time. A special thanks to everyone that provided a dish or beverage.

On August 24<sup>th</sup> our lodge presented eight scholarships to eight exceptional and worthy students. Many proud family members attended to a capacity filled room at the Grapevine Restaurant in East Rochester.

The Abruzzese Festival held in Gates followed this event. Once again we had great participation by our Lodge members and it was another profitable event. Franco Gallelli and his band; a concert by Lou Gramm; and other talented musical groups filled the event with music.

August was complete with an invitation from Joe Yonda to our lodge members to the Yonda's 30th Annual Pig Roast. Thank You Brother Joe!

We had a surprise visit at the end of August by Lou Gallo, our CSJ State Chairman, at the Geneva Lodge. I had the pleasure of meeting members of both the Gail Lodge and the Geneva Men's Lodge. While in Geneva the discussion was centered on the current progress of the CSJ in District VIII. It's important to note that as an organization we should be on guard for negative portrayal of Italian Americans. The Presidents of the lodges discussed the groups coming together in the future. We plan on sharing responsibilities for various projects such as the essay contest, which will award cash prizes provided by the state CSJ.

Entering September, we look forward to initiating many new members into the Lodge, thus maintaining our delegate count at the State Convention and bringing in new faces with fresh ideas. The initiation ceremony will be held at our September meeting at the Saint Nicholas Society Hall at 7 p.m. in East Rochester.

Upcoming events include the Columbus Day Luncheon at the Diplomat Party House. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased from me. It's important to have a good showing at this luncheon because it's the beginning of Italian Heritage Month. This event is attended by various Italian organizations in our area. Awards are given to individuals that have had a positive effect on our Italian-American Heritage.

I want to express my thanks and gratitude to all our members that have helped me during this transitional period. I look forward to many exciting days ahead.

I leave you with one thought for now "Together we can make a difference".

Peace to all,

President Vince

# VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE



## OSIA APPAREL

We still have OSIA apparel. We are selling these items at deep discount to our members. Discounted stock available includes men's and women's Polo shirts in limited sizes and colors, and sweatshirts in limited styles, sizes, and colors.

We are also able to order apparel in all sizes on an individual basis.

If you are interested in purchasing any of the apparel items or placing an order, or if you would like a price list, please contact Dr. Joe Rube' at 461-1181 or [bolognadoc@aol.com](mailto:bolognadoc@aol.com).

Cash, check, or credit cards accepted.

Keep your family in mind-these shirts and sweatshirts make great Christmas and birthday gifts!



## 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 Marisa at [marisarube@gmail.com](mailto:marisarube@gmail.com).



## SOUVENIR AD BOOK

This year's Souvenir Ad Book will be handed out at the October Awards Dinner. Please help us make this ad book a success by obtaining at least one ad from a business that you know. You received an ad form with the last newsletter.

Please make sure to sign the form before turning it in so that we know who sold the ad.

Remember, many of the proceeds from this book go towards scholarships and other charitable donations made by the lodge throughout the year.

Please contact Dr. Joe Rube' at 461-1181 with any questions, and mail completed forms and ads, with check made payable to Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 to:  
Dr. Joe Rubé,  
71 Cohasset Dr. Rochester, NY 14618



## INK CARTRIDGES

Thank you to everyone that has brought us empty ink and toner cartridges this year!

This year our donated rewards points continue to be used for supplies and printing at Staples, to help keep our administrative costs low.

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

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## WELL WISHES

*Our sympathy goes out Marjorie Focarazzo, who lost her father in August.*

*Best wishes to Ross Cottone for a speedy recovery from surgery.*

*Best wishes to Shirley Sculli for a continued recovery from surgery.*



## Reminders

The annual Turkey Raffle will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at St. Cecilia Community Center.

Past Honorees, please get your donation in for the Past Honorees Scholarship as soon as possible. As of now, we are over the \$1000 mark!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### SEPTEMBER

09/08 Michela Palucci  
09/09 Ross Cottone  
09/09 Vincenzina Sciortino  
09/14 Joanne Napoli  
09/18 Mary Yacono  
09/22 Luigi DiFilippo  
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  
10/15 Sister Carole Proia  
10/17 Thomas Ferraro  
10/21 Stacey Romeo  
10/21 Eugene Sisto  
10/30 Mary Delman



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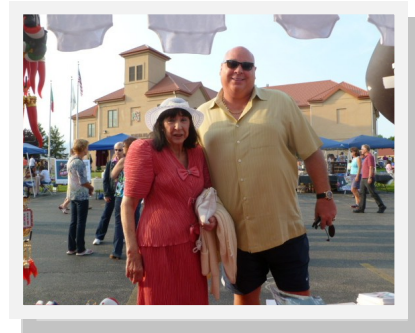
## *Abruzzese Festival*







# *Festa Italiana*







## *Member Picnic*







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## *Scholarship Awards*







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St. Jude's Madonna Dei  
Miracoli  
&  
Yonda Pig Roast*

