



The Roar of the Lion

Jennifer Rubé, editor
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SCHOLARSHIPS

Our scholarship committee chairperson, Sister Sandy Meleca has mailed out our scholarship information to all Monroe County High Schools. If you have a child or grandchild who is a senior in high school and they are interested in lodge scholarships, please have them check with their guidance office. If they have any questions or their guidance office does not have the scholarship forms they can reach Sandy at 315-986-1097.

MEETING AGENDA

At the February 13th meeting we will be electing delegates for this year's NYS OSIA Convention. We have received requests from five members for the four positions available so the four with the top number of votes will fill the four delegate positions and the fifth person will be an alternate.

We will be approving a change in Council positions. Brother Louis DeCarolus (Trustee) and Brother Sal Cutaia (Treasurer) would like to change places so that Brother Lou can begin to computerize our lodge's financial records. In accordance with our by-laws this will need to be approved by the General Assembly.

We will also be discussing and voting on a change in our dues billing cycle. Currently membership dues are billed for July 1st. We need to get our lodge back onto a calendar year membership cycle. The Council, Membership Committee and Financial Committee have met and come up with a recommendation that the membership will be voting on at this meeting.

We will be announcing the date and plans for this year's October dinner dance. We are still looking for one more honoree. If you have a suggestion please send it to President Jenn in writing.

If you have not been able to make it to a lodge meeting recently, please come out and join us as we work on these issues which are very important to our lodge.

WINTER PICNIC/CLAM BAKE

Saturday February 22nd, 2014 is right around the corner! Come join us at St. Jude Church on Lyell Road in Gates. The hall will hold almost 200 people with plenty of room, comfortable seating, indoor restrooms and loads of fun.

Please feel free to invite family, friends, co-workers or anyone else who would enjoy a great afternoon with us. The buffet dinner ticket is \$25 per person and then you can purchase the clams by the dozen. This worked very well last year but many people told me afterwards they wished they had ordered more clams. Don't be shy! Order as many as you want. They are \$5 per dozen and when you get to the event and check in you will receive a coupon for each bag of a dozen clams that you ordered. That way you don't have to pick them up all at once.

During this event we will be holding a 50/50 drawing to benefit Alzheimer's. The winner(s) will receive half the money and the other half will be presented to the NYS Grand Lodge at this year's Convention in June as a donation to Alzheimer's.

The buffet dinner menu is:

- Italian Sausage w/Peppers & Onions
- Baked Marinated Chicken
- Chef Salad & Dressing
- Ziti & Sauce
- Corn & Salt Potatoes
- Cookies & Brownies
- Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate



We will not be serving alcohol but it is allowed in the hall so you're welcome to bring wine, beer, etc as well as additional desserts if you would like to. Look for more information on the enclosed flyer. Please get your reservation forms back as soon as possible so that we can track clam orders.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Mother Nature is playing a wicked joke on us today with bright sunshine and no flakes in the air. However, open the door and you realize that winter is still holding us hostage here in Rochester.

January is over and hopefully everyone has recuperated from the Holidays and all the fun we had with family and friends. The kids went back to school and the Christmas lights came down. In our lodge we immediately start looking forward to our next event which is the 2nd Annual Winter Picnic and Clam Bake being held this year on Saturday February 22nd at St. Jude's on Lyell Road. Our chairpersons, Brothers Vince and Louie have assured that everything is on track and we've got about 50 reservations in already. Please be sure to check out the enclosed flyer and get your reservations back as soon as possible as we do have limited seating and several groups have expressed an interest in joining us.

Lately, more and more I am hearing from people from throughout the community about how they are hearing such good things about the Sons (and Daughters) of Italy. I want to thank all of you who have talked about our organization in such a positive way. I ask you to please keep speaking to friends and family about us in this way. If you have complaints about the organization, bring them to me, VP Vince or one of the other Council Members but keep things positive when you speak to others about us. This is important because nobody wants to join an organization that they hear negative things about. Also, keep in mind that if you are speaking to someone about us in a negative way, they will then wonder if you speak about them or their organizations in this way also. Always, keep things positive and if you can't speak positively, smile and keep silent.

There was some confusion at the last meeting when we announced we were going to begin looking into moving our meetings to another location. The Council has discussed different options, one of which is finding a building of our own to either rent or purchase. I want to be very clear – we are not currently looking to buy a building for our organization. This is a dream and one that may or may not materialize sometime in the future. Owning a building is a huge responsibility and if we're going to consider it, we have to do it carefully and with full knowledge of what we're getting into.

Having said that, our group is growing fast. We've had almost fifty new members join in the past few years and the majority of them are very active in the lodge's activities. Some nights our meetings are so full you can barely move at Casa Italiana. Other nights, for whatever reasons, we have smaller groups showing up. If we're going to relocate our meetings it has to be in a step forward, giving us benefits we don't currently have at Casa Italiana. Yes, it would be nice to have space somewhere that we can call our own. Someplace we can keep all the memorabilia, paperwork, banners, etc where we can lock the door after a meeting and know everything will be safe. If you know of someplace we should

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look at, please let me or Brother Vince know.

We have set the date for this year's October dinner dance. Please join us on Saturday October 18th at Burgundy Basin Inn in Pittsford. The committee members and I made many phone calls to every venue we could think of in the Rochester area that could comfortably hold 200 people or more. Every place that was recommended to use was checked out. There were not many left that still had even one night in October available and those that did wanted a lot of money for room rental fees and for their meals. BBI can hold up to 1200 people (we don't expect to have nearly that many people) and they have been completely remodeled in the last year or so. I've worked with their banquet manager, Denise for several years on different events and I think we are in very good hands.

Now we need help from all of you. We need some suggestions for this year's honorees. I have had two submissions so far that are excellent but we need at least one more. Also, if you are interested in being on the Honorees Committee please let me know.

I am also looking for people interested in being on the Ad Book Committee. This is very important as it is our biggest fundraiser of the year and provides money for several of our scholarships. If you have some computer skills and can help with designing simple ads or if you would like to work on selling ads, please help us out. I am always around to help out but this year I won't be chairing that committee. I do have all the records and ads from last year which will be a big help getting started this year.

I wish you all a very happy and safe month of February. Please keep our older members in your prayers as well as those serving to protect us around the world.

Faternally,

President Jenn

LODGE NEWS

It is with sadness that we note the passing of **Sister Marcella Cavalier**. Sister Marcella was a member of our lodge for over thirty years at the time of her death in December.

Get well wishes go out to **Sister Micky Palucci** who was recently hospitalized. She is now recuperating at home.

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!

NEW YEAR MAILING

In the next several weeks you will be receiving your 2014 Membership Directory. Please remember that this is confidential information and is not to be used for anything other than communicating with fellow lodge members. For those members who have not yet returned contact info forms and bereavement fund contracts, those will be included in this mailing. Please fill out the forms and return them to President Jenn as soon as possible so that we can make sure our records are accurate.

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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VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

2014 CONVENTION INFO

Coming up at the February General Assembly Meeting will be the election of delegates for this year's Convention at the end of May. The convention is at the Villa Roma Resort in the Catskills and runs from noon on Thursday May 29th through Sunday June 1st.

We have six positions open this year with the President and Immediate Past President being required delegates. Therefore we will have four positions up for election and two alternates. At the February meeting we will have a ballot with the name of everyone that contacts me saying they are interested. Everyone present at the meeting will pick four names from the list. The four people with the most votes will be delegates and the next two will be alternates. Alternates become delegates if a delegate has to cancel for some reason. You are also welcome to attend the convention even if you are not elected as a delegate. You must register through the lodge in order to get our group rates and to be able to sit with the delegates for meals. Non-delegates will be able to attend all business meetings and entertainment just like regular delegates.

The General Assembly voted recently to have the lodge reimburse all elected delegates for their hotel expenses during the convention. Each delegate will need to submit their invoice from the hotel to Financial Secretary Brother Joe Rubé immediately following the convention and he will reimburse them for their hotel and meal expenses.

I am waiting to hear if I will be asked to run the Convention's Gift Gallery again this year. If so, I greatly appreciate all the help from our delegates and non-delegate attendees when they can help out with sales. The Gift Gallery is set up right outside the Convention room and as lodge president I have to attend the meetings so this is very convenient.

Overall, the Convention is an exciting time and is very informative for those interested in seeing how OSIA works on a state level and not just a local lodge level.

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

News from the New York State Commission for Social Justice:

- The United States Post Office has denied the creation of a Constantino Brumidi Postage Stamp. **Constantino Brumidi** (July 26, 1805 – February 19, 1880) was an Italian-American historical painter, best known and honored for his fresco work in the Capitol Building in Washington, DC.
- NYSOSIA CSJ is actively fighting to get the newest AFLAC Insurance ad off TV. This is the ad where the duck is kidnapped and the mobsters in the limo confront him about being paid in the event of an accident. He is then tossed out the door of the limo.
- The CSJ is applauding the show "Cake Boss" for their positive portrayal of Italian American lifestyles. They want to recognize the host for his good work.
- At the recent NYS Plenary Session our lodge was recognized for our work in helping to save and promote the Italian Language Classes in the Greece Central School District. If you know of any other districts planning to discontinue Italian language please contact President Jenn at 585-381-5540 or jennajlr@aol.com.

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.

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BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY:

02/02 Sarah Carbone
02/03 Patricia Galante
02/12 Joseph Galante
02/18 Stephen Cataldi
02/19 Lisa Napolitano
02/24 Angela Parise
02/27 Sandra Meleca
02/28 Joseph Capogreco



MARCH

03/07 Mercie DiGiacomo
03/10 Ann Battaglia
03/14 Catherine DiNicola
03/23 MaryJoyce D'Aurizio
03/23 Donna McIntosh
03/28 Flora Fustaino
03/30 Shirley Sculli
03/31 Hon. Donald Mark

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **February 13th** - 7PM General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: Jenn 381-5540)
- **February 22nd** - Winter Picnic & Clam Bake at St. Jude the Apostle Church. (info: Jenn 381-5540)
- **March 6th** - 7PM Council Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: Jenn 381-5540)
- **March 13th** - 7PM General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: Jenn 381-5540)
- **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 any empties to donate, please bring them to the next lodge meeting or lodge social event.

Congratulations to Mike Cutillo, incoming president of the Geneva Men's Lodge #2397 and Cynthia Durso Woodhams, incoming president of the GAIL ladies lodge #2397A in Genva. We hope to work with both of the Geneva lodges in the coming year.

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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CARNIVAL IN VENICE



2014 VENICE CARNIVAL WONDER AND FANTASY NATURE A FAIRY-TALE CARNIVAL THE FANTASY FOREST A Carnival of fantasy and nature.



This year's Carnival is globalised because, from its origins, each culture has drawn from its heritage of **fantasy** and **fairy tales** as a narrative metaphor of life. This year's is a modern Carnival because fairy tales and nature are the festive expression of

the **relationship between humankind and the environment**: the woods, the valleys, the seas, the mountains, the lagoons and the mysterious animal and vegetable creatures inhabiting them.

Humankind has always felt the need to narrate the mystery of nature through fairy tales. Global cultures, first in the shape of myths, then in an anthropomorphic shape in the world fairy-tale tradition, deploy an endless wealth of symbols and characters to describe the creation and the origin of life.

The East and the West, Asia and Oceania, the Americas and Europe, Africa: in this fairy-tale Carnival, masks will be inspired by **traditional European fairy tales, Arabian and Middle-Eastern short stories, the votive symbols of African and Mesoamerican cultures, Indian, Mongolian and Cathay allegories.**

The objective will be to encourage party goers to rediscover, through their costumes and through the masked city, the importance of fantasy, both popular and cultured, esoteric and didactic, and its relationship with humankind and the environment. Venice is a well-known fantasy miracle in itself. A fish in a lagoon, a crossroads of Alpine cultures on one hand; the endless water land that galleys used to cross back and forth from Egypt on the other. A gateway between the East and the West, where myths – and fears – of overseas monstrous and surprising creatures were translated into tales, paintings, decorations, to be exported to Europe along the canals and the roads scoured by merchants.

During the Venice Carnival, **nature** and its fruits can find a **new interpretation** in the mythological characters from classical cultures, in nymphs and Nereids, as well as in modern-time inventions, in which the newly thriving fantasy literature of these years documents the strong interest of contemporary authors. During the 2014 Carnival, a huge **fantasy dictionary** will be represented in Venice: each mask will become a symbolic material trace of an alluring meeting of space and time, where in some place of our history one or more human beings have conceived a myth and turned it into image and narration. A timeless fantasy dictionary, a huge morphologic map of unbound human creativity, pleased to explore nature and its mysteries, to represent it with shapes, sounds and attitudes.

For the city of Venice, for its cultural institutions, this is the best time to put in the context of the Veneto and lagoon area a fantasy presence: from the Cansiglio woods to the Alps mountaintops, from the Garda vegetable and fruit gardens to the lagoon valleys, from the overseas Eastern islands to the Armenian, Turkish and Greek warehouses (Fondaci). A fairy-tale world is fostered by the fragrances and the flavours of foreigners, developed amidst the secret sounds of the languages that merchants brought from the East and from Northern Europe, documented by the idioms of the Princes and travellers who would take their long journey to Venice, master of civilization.