



The Roar of the Lion

Marisa Rubé, editor
October/November 2014

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 6th @ 7pm : Council Meeting @ Casa Rubé (71 Cohasset Dr., Rochester)

November 13th @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting, Location TBD

November 19th @ 5:30: Papa Tony Antolini Turkey Raffle @ St. Cecilia's Church (2732 Culver Rd., Rochester)

December 4th @ 7pm: Council Meeting, Location TBD

December 11th @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting, Location TBD

January 4th @ 1pm: Annual Lodge Christmas Party @ Nick's Seabreeze Inn (4581 Culver Rd, Rochester)

EDITOR'S NOTE

Brothers and Sisters,

You may have noticed that the past few editions have covered two months. That has had to do with the timing of various lodge events. Going forward, we plan to have the newsletter out to you during the beginning of each month, with a few exceptions during very slow months, when we will have one edition for two months. Please do contact me if you have any ideas for the newsletter, or items you would like to share related to our lodge, our members, or Italian culture in general. I would love to hear your ideas and suggestions. Thank you and enjoy!

Sister Marisa

A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Lodge,

I want to take a moment to thank all of you for making the October Dinner Dance such a huge success. All of us pulling together made the evening a very memorable one for all who attended.

Thank you to all the ladies that helped seat people, to the checker in people, the men who sold the fifty-fifty tickets, the band, and the Burgundy Basin Inn for the fine job they did serving and having the evening run so smoothly. I also want to thank Judge Affronti for his help in presenting all the awards and doing the program for us. Thank you to the American Legion Color Guard and Matthew for the Flag Ceremony. Thank you to the fifty-fifty winners for donating the money back to the Scholarship Fund and thank you to everyone for their donations to the fund whether they attended the dinner or not. Although I didn't want to use names for fear of leaving someone out I do have to thank Dr. Joe for all his guidance because at times I really didn't know what to do with certain aspects of planning. I want to especially thank Sister Bonnie and Brother Ross Collone for their help and support during all the planning. Also we can't forget our Ad Book Committee that started the weeks of planning with their research and finding of a printer. One last note of thanks to my husband Tom who put up with me when I was not easy to be around during the last few months. Thank you everyone for all you did to support the dinner and make it such a wonderful evening for all. Many blessings to all of you as the holidays approach and we move towards a New Year. Sister Sandy

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Fall has finally arrived and signals the start of many events during the month of October. October was designated as Italian Heritage and Culture Month.

As you all know, our October event Friday evening at Burgundy Basin Inn was a huge success. Everyone's hard work paid off to make a memorable evening.

I would like to welcome the following individuals to our lodge: Hugh Warner, Nellie and Quintino DiCesare, Annette Taddeo, Terry Fico, Chris Przepiora, Lila Bonanni, Charlene Dodson and David DiNicola. We look forward to having you participate in our upcoming lodge events

I would like to thank Brother Ed Groszewski for the time and effort he put into drafting and writing a letter to city dignitaries commending the efforts of our city police force in light of the unfortunate incident last month. Thank you, Ed, for representing our lodge. Included in this letter was a hundred dollar donation approved by lodge members for Officer Pierson's family.

Finally we are working on holiday events and clambake. Don't forget the Turkey Raffle will be held on Wednesday, November 19th. Tickets are \$22.00 and reservations are needed. If you need further information please contact Jen Gugino at 749-5002, chairwoman of the event.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting.

Peace,

President Vince

Visit our website at www.sonsofitalyrochester.com

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TAKE PART

Consider signing the petition to save Columbus Day.

Taken from www.savecolumbusday.com

In the wake of the decision by the City Council of Seattle, Washington to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous People's Day, this initiative was created to provide a united response for a growing coalition of Italian American organizations and others concerned by the denigration of Columbus' legacy. Be a part of our initiative by spreading the word and staying with us for future updates and initiatives so we might all honor Columbus Day and make sure that it is protected from all future threats.

Take ACTION...

Sign Our Petition!

We need 100,000 signatures by November 8th, 2014 on our petition asking the Obama

Administration to organize official White House celebrations to recognize and endorse Columbus Day and the Italian American community! Click [here for the link](#), and pass it along to everyone you know...

Your community NEEDS YOU!

DID YOU KNOW?

Every year the U.S. president signs an executive order designating the month of October as **National Italian American Heritage Month**. Coinciding with the festivities surrounding Columbus Day, the proclamation is recognition of the many achievements, contributions, and successes of Americans of Italian descent as well as Italians in America.

Over 5.4 million Italians immigrated to the United States between 1820 and 1992. Today there are over 26 million Americans of Italian descent in the United States, making them the fifth largest ethnic group. The country was even named after an Italian, the explorer and geographer Amerigo Vespucci.

TRADITIONS

All Saints Day, Nov. 1

Festa di Ognissanti, or the All Saints Feast, is a religious event celebrated on November 1st. This feast day celebrates all the saints of the Catholic calendar. The origins of this feast date back to very ancient times. In fact, records exist of celebrations held in honor of Christian saints even during the very first centuries of the development of Christianity. For instance, writings related to the dedication by Pope Boniface IV of the Roman Pantheon to "Mary and all the martyrs" on May 13th 609 AD can be considered as the symbolic text inaugurating the tradition. Over the course of time, the feast was moved to November 1st for reasons that are still unclear. There are claims that All Saints Day was moved to November by Alcuin, the counselor of Charlemagne, so that the Church could christianize the pagan feast of the Celtic New Year, which allowed for celebrations to last three whole days. Whatever the reason, it was decided that the feast would take place in November and, as of June 1st, 1949, the Italian Constitution listed the day of Ognissanti as a public holiday.

All Souls Day, Nov. 2

This feast is directly tied to the celebration of All Saints Day, and in fact directly follows the aforementioned feast, taking place every year on November 2nd. The direct link between the two days can be traced back to 998 AD, when the Abbot Odilo of Cluny established the day to remember the dead should follow the day celebrating all the Saints, mainly because it was believed that the dead could come into contact with the living, in a manner mirrored also by the relation believed to exist between the living and saints.

It is also not surprising that Catholics chose to honor the dead during this time period. Many ancient civilizations celebrated the dead in the months of October and November, likely owing to the fact that the coming winter was in direct contrast to the rebirth of spring. Moreover, the date of November 2nd is strictly connected to the Day of the Deluge, as told in the Genesis, and thus it is further believed the date was chosen to honor those who died in the flood, as well as to exorcize the fear of new, similarly catastrophic events occurring.

- See more at:

<http://www.lifeinitaly.com/travel/holidays-november#sthash.4TfuyE7s.dpuf>

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IN SYMPATHY

Our hearts are saddened by the passing of our fellow lodge member, Flora Fustaino, and our deepest sympathies go out to her family and friends.



WELL WISHES

Wishing Pat Sculli and James Vacanti a speedy recovery! Pat is at The Jewish Home of Rochester recovering from a fall related injury and James is at home recovering from an accident.



2014 HERITAGE AWARDS

Family of the Year: Pat and Kathy Bernunzio



Man of the Year: Senator Joe Robach
Lifetime Achievement: Lou Gramm



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER

10/01 Ann Vazzana
10/02 Lillian Bonnani
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

NOVEMBER

11/01 Hon. Franklin D'Aurizio
11/01 Hon. Joseph Valentino
11/08 Dr. Joseph Polizzi
11/09 Terry Fico
11/11 Joshua Sisto
11/13 Dennis Erbetra
11/15 Patrick Sculli
11/17 Patricia Johns
11/25 Gino Romano
11/29 Catherine Nuci



CONGRATULATIONS!

Lodge member Paul DeCarolis, Chairman of the Board of DeCarolis Truck Rental Inc., has been inducted into the Rochester Business Hall of Fame for legendary achievements!
Congratulations Paul!



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Cristoforo Columbus, By Ed Groszewski

The arrival of Columbus Day used to be a joyful celebration of the discovery of America, but today it is too often marred by vicious accusations against Cristoforo Colombo as a person and as the bringer of western civilization to the new world. As Italian-Americans it is important for us to know the facts and standup for our proud heritage. Here is a short defense of the man in the face of the most common charges.

1. He only embarked upon his voyage of discovery because he underestimated the size of the globe. **Answer:** Correct, as far as it goes. However, it fails to take into account that although almost all educated people in 1492 knew that the world was round, they also believed that the sea was inhabited by many monsters and that eddies and whirlpools lurked there to destroy men and ships. He may not have been the world's best cartographer, but this does not detract from his bravery and daring.
2. He brought slavery to the new world. **Answer:** False. Native Americans also practiced a form of slavery long before Columbus arrived here. The slavery associated with Columbus was normal for Europe at the time, and goes back into Greek and Roman times. In this respect, Columbus was a man of his times sharing in beliefs that we now find repulsive, but it is wrong to single him out for blame. It is true that the enslavement of Africans differed in important respects from other forms of servitude, but one needs to remember that almost all Spanish colonies, those first founded by Colombo, freed their slaves in 1811 - 54 years before we did in the US.
3. He brought violence and conflict to the peace loving people of the Caribbean basin. **Answer:** False. The Caribe tribes had long ago begun to wage war against the Arawak/Taino tribes living on these islands. These wars included slavery and cannibalism.
4. He practiced genocide against native people. **Answer:** False. The vast majority of the native population who perished during the age of exploration died of disease that the Europeans brought with them. These Europeans had no knowledge of germ theory and were completely unaware of the peril that awaited whole populations that had never been exposed to these germs. By the way, should we hold Native Americans culpable for introducing syphilis to European civilization?
5. He didn't discover America. **Answer:** False, he did. Vikings reached the coast of North America before Colombo did, but they never made anyone else aware of what they had found. To discover means not just to find, but also to report. If John Sutter in 1848 had reburied the gold he found in California, would he be credited with discovering gold? Absolutely not.!
6. What did Colombo really do? Through his courage and determination, he connected the old world with the new, for all the promise and pain that has brought. Of course, western civilization has a some serious faults, but it also has many blessings. Freedom of speech and religion, democracy as a workable form of government for large nations, the equality of all men and women are just some of the values that have characterized the western world. And it was Cristoforo Colombo who began the centuries long process that brought these cherished values to our shores.

As Italian-Americans we have a right to be proud of Cristoforo Colombo and his achievement!

Cristoforo Colombo era un uomo giustamente famoso, un eroe, e un vero figlio di Italia!

(Cristoforo Colombo was a justly famous man, a hero, and a true son of Italy.)

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LODGE OFFICES

2015 is an election year and all offices are up for renewal. If you are interested in becoming a lodge officer or learning more about officer responsibilities, please contact President Vince.

FACEBOOK

Here's how to find us. Please "like" us on Facebook and encourage your friends and family to do the same:

www.facebook.com/OSIAVincentlombardilodge



WELCOME!

A warm welcome goes out to all of our newest lodge members:

Hugh Warner
Nellie DiCesare
Quintino DiCesare
Annette Taddeo
Terry Fico
Chris Przepiora
Lila Bonanni
Charlene Dodson
David DiNicola

PROVERBS

A chi parla poco, gli basta la metà del cervello.

English equivalent: Least said, soonest mended.

Meaning: "In private animosities and verbal contentions, where angry passions are apt to rise, and irritating, if not profane expressions are often made use of, as we sometimes see to be the case, not only among neighbors, but in families, between husbands and wives, or parents and children, or the children themselves and other members of the household, - the least said, the better in general. By multiplying words, cases often grow worse instead of better."

(Proverbs Arranged In Alphabetical Order, By William Henry)

OSIA APPAREL

Only 49 more shopping days until Christmas and OSIA Apparel can make a great gift! An order form is included with the newsletter. Please contact Brother Joe Rubé at 585-461-1181 if you are interested in ordering, or have any questions about this.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

With the last membership dues, we gave folks the option to pay \$25 to bring membership current to December 2014 or \$75 to bring membership current to December 2015. Those who only paid \$25 at that time will be receiving a dues notice shortly to pay the \$50 for renewal through December 2015. This bill must be paid by December 31st, 2014 in order for membership to remain intact.

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RECIPE CORNER

Pesto, Non-traditionally
Pesto makes a delicious sauce for pasta, topping for meat and fish, and spread for bread and crackers. Here are three somewhat different recipes for this delicious sauce.

Garlic Chive Pesto:

½ cup garlic chives, chopped
1 cup parsley, chopped
3 Tbsp parmesan, grated
1 clove garlic, chopped
3 Tbsp walnuts, chopped
5-6 Tbsp olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste

Creamy Cilantro Pesto:

2 Tbsp heavy cream
1 Tbsp hot water
1 ½ cups cilantro
1 clove garlic, chopped
¼ cup parmesan, grated
3 Tbsp pine nuts, chopped
1 Tsp lime peel, zested, 5 Tbsp olive oil

Garlic Scape Pesto:

1 Cup garlic scapes
10 basil leaves, chopped
¼ cup walnuts, chopped
¼ cup parmesan, grated
½ cup olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste

~Combine all dry ingredients with mortar and pestle**.

~Add cream and water, when called for.

~Slowly add in olive oil, while stirring continuously.

~Salt and pepper to taste.

**This recipe can also be made in a food processor, but a mortar and pestle will bring out the fullest flavor.

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.



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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IACC Columbus Day Luncheon





HERITAGE AWARDS DINNER





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