



The Roar of the Lion

Marisa Rubé, editor
June 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A lot has been happening for our lodge in the last two months and the rest of the year looks pretty much same.

In May we had our Annual Regional Italian Dinner. It was a wonderful event due to all the hard work of our many lodge members. A special thank you to sister Rosita for providing us with an outstanding meal.

Also during this period of time, due to the hard work of our Scholarship Committee, seven worthy high school candidates were chosen to be recipients of our scholarship awards. Initially, we had 34 applications and the committee worked diligently to choose seven extremely knowledgeable young students. I personally want to thank the committee chair, Sister Sandy, along with Sister Marisa, and Brothers Ed, Rufus, Joe, and Maurice.

As you all know our lodge has been chosen to be the host organization for the ICL Columbus Day luncheon. I'm proud to announce that one of our members, Brother Paul DeCarolis, will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award at this event. Congratulations Brother Paul. As the host organization, we were able to choose the Master of Ceremonies for the event. We are honored to have Doctor Richard Constantino to act as MC on our behalf and we are looking forward to a successful event with many of our members in attendance. Thank you Dr. Constantino.

Coming up this month is our participation in the Italian Festa being held in Gates. Brother Silvano is chair and promoter of this exciting festa. Our lodge has taken the responsibility of organizing the procession in honor of Saint Anthony. It should be exciting for everyone. They will be having a Little Miss Italy contest, music by various groups, fireworks, good food and great times. We will have a membership booth at the festa, with Brother Tom as the chair. We are still looking for volunteers. Please see Brother Tom if you are interested in helping out for a short time.

We have chosen our honorees for our Italian Heritage Awards Dinner in October, and all of our honorees have graciously accepted. They are the Colaruotolo Family as our Family of the Year, Franca Cinelli as our Woman of the Year, and Chief Michael Ciminelli for our Lifetime Achievement Award. This will be a wonderful event!

Now for our most exciting news this month: The New York State Grand Lodge Convention! What a wonderful and educational experience. We arrived on Thursday afternoon to the start of an adventure that rivals any other. The opening ceremony was touching, mainly because it was the end of one administration and the start of another. Elections were held and for the second time in the last ten years a woman was elected President. Congratulations to worthy President, Carolyn Reres and many thanks for a job well done to Past President, Joe Rondinelli.

After the elections we got down to the job of grand lodge business, which included some minor changes in the by-laws. Awards were given out at this time. Special congratulations to Carmine Federico from the Syracuse lodge for being named Bene Emeritus. Congratulations also to all the other winners of awards presented: Family of the Year, The Magliato Family; Literary Award, Philip Cioffari; and Vincent Sellaro award winners, Joseph Fratta and Mildred Mancusi. Special kudos to our very own Sister Marisa, editor of our Roar of the Lion newsletter. Our newsletter won for Most Promising. I was most happy to accept this award on her behalf. Thank you for all your hard work, Sister Marisa.

Another special event occurring at the convention was the presentation of monies donated to various charities. Donations totaled well over \$170,000. These funds will be distributed this summer at the national convention in California.

A noteworthy proposal to the glee and joy of all the sisters of OSIA organization was the introduction of a motion proposing a name change of our worthy organization to the OSIA National Lodge. The proposal asks that we be called Sons and Daughters of Italy in America and it was passed with a majority vote by all the delegates!

I could go on and on to give you more details of what else occurred but my letter would become very lengthy. Please visit our Facebook page or website for pictures from the event. Thank you, Brother Tom and Brother Joe for taking all the pictures at the event. It was quite the experience and everyone should try to attend at least once in the future. Many thanks to everyone who attended and worked so hard to make the convention a success. It makes me proud to be President of the Vincent Lombardi Lodge. Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next general meeting, Thursday, June 11, in East Rochester.

Peace to all and Fraternally Yours,
President Vince

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VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE EVENTS

STATE AND NATIONAL OSIA EVENTS

**JUNE 13TH @ 12PM: NYOSIA
GRAND LODGE FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
ORANGEBURG, NY**

**JUNE 21ST - 27TH: US BOCCE
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
METHUEN, MA**

**JUNE 27TH @ 11AM: NYOSIA CSJ
ITALIAN CULTURE AND HERITAGE
FESTIVAL
SMITHTOWN, NY**

**JUNE 28TH @ 11AM: OSIA 110TH
ANNIVERSARY EVENT
MANHATTAN, NY**

**AUGUST 1ST @ 8:30AM: OSIA
SUMMER PLENARY SESSION
FRANKLIN SQUARE, NY**

**AUGUST 16TH - 23RD: NATIONAL
OSIA BIENNIAL CONVENTION
BONITA SPRINGS, FL**

****Please see President Vince if
you are interested in any of the
above events ****

**June 11th @ 7pm: General
Assembly Meeting, Eyer Building
(317 Main Street, East Rochester)**

**June 12th and 13th: Little Italy
Festival, 160 Spencerport Rd.
(Gates, NY)**

**July 2nd @ 7pm: Council
Meeting, Eyer Building (317 Main
Street, East Rochester)**

**July 9th @ 7pm: General
Assembly Meeting, Eyer Building
(317 Main Street, East Rochester)**

**August 1st @ 3pm: Annual
Member Appreciation Picnic,
Casa Rubé (71 Cohasset Drive,
Rochester)**

**August 6th @ 7pm: Council
Meeting, Eyer Building (317 Main
Street, East Rochester)**

**August 13th @ 7pm: General
Assembly Meeting, Eyer Building
(317 Main Street, East Rochester)**



06/06 Mary Ricci

06/11 Tricia Lagana

06/13 Deborah Sisto

06/16 Eunice McCarthy

06/16 Nellie DiCesare

06/17 Hugh Warner

06/22 Matthew O'Connor

06/25 Edward Groszewski

06/25 Michael Tomaselli

06/27 Louis DeCarolis

06/30 Edward Maruggi



State President, Brother Joe Rondinelli, was recently hospitalized but has now recovered enough to lead an awesome convention last weekend.

...Our prayers go out to...

...Sister Joanne Napoli and the Napoli family, as they mourn the loss of Joanne's husband and our dear lodge member, Brother Chris Napoli.

....Sister Angie Parisi and her family, as they mourn the loss of Angie's sister and our dear lodge member of 33 years, Sister Elvah Trieste.

...Brother Pat Bernunzio and the Bernunzio family, as they mourn the loss of Pat's mother.



Sister Sharon Avery, Sister Mary Lou Cadena, and Brother Jeremy DiFillippo, initiated at our May General Assembly Meeting!



NEWS FROM THE CONVENTION

Brother Matthew Grosodonia—Commission for Social Justice Meeting

At the 109th Annual OSIA Convention at the Villa Roma many of the Commission for Social Justice (CSJ) liaisons were finally able to get together in the same space, at the same time and collectively share their ideas. This provided a perfect opportunity for a meet and greet among the lodge and district liaisons who are not able to make regular CSJ Board Meetings in the downstate area, as well as with our esteemed Chairman, Mr. Lou Gallo. Lou was very happy to be able to hear firsthand what each liaison feels the CSJ is already doing well and in what avenues improvements are needed. After an almost two hour meeting, the following consensuses were reached and agreed upon by all in attendance.

First and foremost, the CSJ as a whole is an organization that upholds the dignity of every ethnicity, not only that of Italians. However, since we as OSIA are an Italian Organization, we ourselves should devote the majority of our efforts to that cause. That being said, the CSJ needs to concentrate on three "Major" issues as opposed to attempting to go after every single instance of Italian defamation, seeing as there are so many and will continue to be many more if we do not stand together on the principal issues.

The Three Major Issues decided upon are: 1) The Save Columbus Day Petition, 2) The Offering and Promotion of Italian Language Programs and 3) Our Outreach to other ethnic groups who are typically defamed.

More Information to Follow - However to Sum Things Up - It is up to US.....We, the members of OSIA, are the only ones who are going to stand up for ourselves and fight for what is rightfully ours. It is our heritage and we must defend and preserve it!! As your Vincent Lombardi Lodge CSJ Liaison, I am your first point of contact for any issues you feel need to be brought before the CSJ Board. Please feel free to contact me via email at seetheroc@gmail.com or via telephone at 585-330-8810

"La Nostra Eredita' Fiera.....Non Solo Per Noi, Ma Le Prossime Generazione!"

Brother Joe Rubé: Nominating Committee and Newsletter Competition

Nominating Committee: This year elections were held for the full Executive Committee and National Delegates (some National Delegate positions are automatic based on position on the Board). State Trustees will be elected next year and these terms are for 2 years. Of note is that the executive positions are set for ladder progression, i.e. 1st VP is next in line for President, 2nd VP to 1st VP and so on down the line. So the nominating committee's work is relatively easy, but each nominee is interviewed and asked some questions based on their past work, and their intent to continue on the ladder to eventually take the president position. Although the slate of officers presented by the nominating committee is set, there is still a possibility that someone may run from the floor.

This was my first year on the nominating committee but I have been a Delegate for 8-9 years and I've gotten to know most of the nominees fairly well. The candidates are all worthy of the positions. The interviews and discussions took 4-5 hours – in 3 sessions. There were no nominations from the floor, thus this entire slate presented was voted in and there was no need for individual delegate voting. We now have our 2nd female president in Grand Lodge history – Carolyn Reres.



Newsletter Competition: I have served on the Newsletter Competition Committee for all the years I have been a Delegate except for the first two years. As Co Chair I do not vote. There are 6 awards given: 1) Best Newsletter 2) Best Layout for Photography 3) Most Informative Newsletter 4) Most Promising Newsletter 5) Best Layout for Print and Composition 6) Best Editor. I will let Sister Sandy Meleca describe the process for selection. It is of note that when I first became a member of this Committee there were only 6 or 7 Lodges entered in the contest. Last year there were 16, and this year 21.

NEWS FROM THE CONVENTION, Continued

Sister Sandy Meleca: Newsletter Competition

The convention we attended this year as your delegates was an extremely exciting one due to the fact that a new state president was elected and it was thrilling to see a woman become president of OSIA in New York State. It gives all of us something to aspire to.

Besides all the meetings I attended, I was asked to be on the committee to help choose winning newsletters. 21 lodges sent three months worth of letters it was our job to choose winners in various categories which Brother Joe has already listed. Our lodge was thrilled to once again be a winner of most promising newsletter. Hats off to Sister Marisa who has worked so diligently to fine-tune our newsletter. I came away with many new ideas for her and will share them with her soon. I want to thank all of our lodge members for allowing tom and I to attend this convention as your delegates. If you would like to know more of what happened just meet with me after refreshments to find out about the other interesting happenings. Thank you all once again.

Sister Marjorie Focarazzo: Garibaldi-Meucci Museum

The seminar on the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum at the OSIA Convention provided much information about the museum, its history, the historical perspective, the finances, the lack of grant money, and what is needed for repairs, maintaining the building, how to keep it a viable aspect of the community, and keeping its doors open.

“The mission of the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum is to collect, preserve and exhibit material relating to the lives of inventor Antonio Meucci and legendary hero Giuseppe Garibaldi and to conduct cultural, artistic and educational programs and classes to promote the understanding of Italian-American heritage.” Although built in the mid-1840’s, Antonio Meucci and his wife Ester took residence in 1850. Giuseppe Garibaldi arrived in NYC that same year in poor health and seeking refuge. Garibaldi sought out the Meucci’s, who provided him with a safe haven and together they worked in Meucci’s candle factory. Four years later Garibaldi returned to Italy to lead volunteers in the unification of Italy. Upon his death, Meucci placed a marble plaque over the front door of his home commemorating his heroism.

When Meucci died, his friend, Frederick Bauchmann, turned the house over to the Italian community to be preserved as a memorial to Garibaldi. By the centennial anniversary of his birth, the Garibaldi Society was able to raise enough money to relocate the house to its present location on Staten Island. In 1919 the Garibaldi Society transferred ownership to the Sons of Italy in America, which has maintained it.

Today the museum houses a gift shop whose items promote a positive image of Italian heritage. Books for children to educational texts, publications on traditions, heritage, culture, history, and famous people are available, as well as T-shirts, wine glasses, flags, and pins, and through a generous donation in memory of Jennifer Rubé, the gift shop received the residual merchandise of OSIA and other Italian items from Jennifer’s business, to use for fundraising purposes. The Garibaldi-Meucci Museum is dedicated to providing quality education, cultural programs, Italian language classes, historical programs, and guided tours.

Like many non-profit organizations and buildings with historical status, the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum needs additional funds for repairs to the infrastructure, to keep its doors open, and its programs going. Consider becoming a member which will entitle you to benefits: free admission, exclusive emails and mailings, invitations to exclusive member-only events, half price admission to Domenica di Cultura Heritage Series, and a 10% discount on language classes. Or the purchase of an engraved brick in the memory of or in honor of: \$100 a 4x8 inch brick; \$250 a 8x8 inch brick; \$1000 a 12x12 inch brick will become part of the permanent walkway to the museum. It is difficult to decide who to support with the many organizations and needs vying for our dollars. The Garibaldi-Meucci Museum is equally important to us for it provides history, heritage, and culture; a sense of who we are, where we came from, and how we got here. If we do not support the museum and provide financial security to keep its doors open, we will lose a part of who we are and the knowledge of our struggles that have brought us to greatness.

For more information on the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum, visit these websites: <http://www.nysosia.org/culture/>

Italian Garden, Part I

Over the next few months our newsletter will feature articles and recipes on growing, harvesting, and enjoying your Italian garden. If you've never grown edibles in your gardens before, and decide to start this year, you are in for a treat! Tomatoes, basil, eggplant and all the rest taste so much more delicious when they are grown with your own two hands!

Here are some ideas on what to plant in a garden to enjoy some fabulous Italian meals at harvest time:

Eggplant: Delicious grilled, in a side dish gratin recipe or in lasagna or the classic eggplant parmigiana.

Garlic: One of the most versatile of all edible plants, it can greatly enhance the flavor of everything from meats like slow-roasted garlic chicken to vegetable dishes and pasta sauces.

Basil: It is hard to imagine anything better than freshly made pesto sauce from basil and once you've tried it, there is no way you can go back to store bought brands.

Tomatoes: You can't have an Italian garden and not grow tomatoes. They are an essential part of so many recipes such as your basic spaghetti sauce but also ideal roasted, grilled, in soups, salads and even breads.

Peppers: Green, red, yellow, purple and orange bell peppers are great for adding color, texture and flavor to dishes but roasted peppers also make an excellent stand-alone antipasti.

Parsley: Parsley is not just a garnish for plates but a healthy herb that has a refreshing, bold flavor and adds extra zest to salads and pastas.

Red Onions: Red onions have their own sweet, pungent flavor and are much more versatile than their stereotypical image as salad or salsa ingredients (Calabria, Italy is particularly famous for its red onions). Try them grilled or baked with baby eggplants and fresh oregano.

(Adapted from www.hgtvgardens.com/vegetable-garden/what-to-plant-in-an-Italian-garden)

Scholarship Awards

Chair: Sr. Sandy Meleca

Once again our Scholarship Committee has done a great job meeting and deciding winners for this year. During our August meeting we will present the winners with their certificates and checks for their schools. I would like to thank Brothers Vincent, Ed, Joe, Rufus and Maurice and Sister Marisa for all the work they did during the meetings and interviews. Below is a listing of winners and schools they are graduating from:

Giuliano Bozza, Greece Arcadia
Melia Gasbarre, Fairport High School
Henry "Jack" Gumina, The Harley School
Gabriella Macera, Webster Schroeder High School
Janae Marcello, Pittsford Sutherland High School
Lillia Rodriguez, West Irondequoit High School
Alissa Wells, The Harley School

Thank you once again to the committee for all your great efforts this year. I hope to see all our lodge members at the August meeting to help celebrate with these fine young students. If you wish to donate a special dessert for this meeting please feel free to contact me to make arrangements.

Essay Contest

Chair: Sr. Marjorie Focarazzo

Essay contest winners have been chosen and we will be presenting the awards at our July General Assembly meeting. This meeting will be considered an open meeting, so please bring folks with you to share in the celebration.

State OSIA News

Carmen Federico, a member of the local Syracuse lodge and a great friend to our lodge, was given the Bene Emeritus award at the OSIA State Convention.

Bob Savino was elected Suffolk County Poet Laureate by the Suffolk County Legislature.

Congratulations Carmen and Bob!

Volunteers Needed!!

As many of you know, on the death of a lodge member, we offer a ritualistic ceremony in memory of the departed member with permission from the family of the deceased. Once the family has given permission, as many lodge members as possible will meet at the funeral home at an appointed time to perform the ceremony. In order to make this happen in a timely manner, we would like to create a list of lodge members willing to attend these ceremonies if available. Although all lodge members will be notified with the particulars of the each ceremony, this list of volunteers will be contacted directly for possible participation. If you are interested in being on our list to call upon for this service, please contact President Vince.

Editor's Note

Please note, there will be no newsletter in your inbox/mailbox at the beginning of July. We put together a combined July/August addition that will arrive the last week of July or the first week of August. You will still receive your June meeting minutes via postal/email for review prior to the July General Assembly meeting. Thanks and have a great summer everyone! Hope to see you at the Little Italy Festival this month and the Member Appreciation Picnic in August!

Republic Day in Italy

The “Festa della Repubblica” is the Italian national holiday celebrated on the second day of June. It commemorates the institutional referendum of 1946 when (by universal suffrage) the Italian population was called to decide what form of government (monarchy or republic) to give to the country after the Second World War and the fall of Fascism. After 85 years of monarchy, with 12,717,923 votes for and 10,719,284 votes against, Italy became a Republic, and the monarchs of the House of Savoy were deposed and exiled. This is one of the most important Italian national holidays which, like July 14th in France (Storming of the Bastille) and July 4th in the USA (Independence Day), celebrate the birth of the nation.

All over the world Italian embassies hold celebrations with Heads of State of the host country. Heads of State from all over the world send congratulations to the President of the Republic. Special official ceremonies take place in Italy. Before the foundation of the Republic, the national holiday was on the first Sunday of June, anniversary of the Statuto (constitution) granted by the King Carlo Alberto of Savoy.

In June 1948, the first military parade was conducted in via dei Fori Imperiali in Rome. In 1949, after the entry of Italy into the NATO, 10 more parades were conducted in different cities, such as Pordenone, Latina and L'Aquila. In 1950, for the first time, the parade was included in the celebrations for the Republic Day and in 1961, on the hundredth anniversary of the unity, it was also conducted in Turin and Florence, the first capitals of unified Italy. Because of Pope John XXIII's death in 1963, celebrations were postponed until November 4.

In 1965 a group of flags which took part in The Great War paraded to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the entry of Italy into the First World War. These flags, kept in The Vittoriano, were placed in command of Colonel Alberto Li Gobbi who was awarded with a gold medal for valor during the Second World War.

The parade was also conducted during the protest of the early 70s. In 1976 it was suspended because of the earthquake in Friuli and it was replaced by a deposition of a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. In the meantime, groups of flags which had took part in the War of Liberation and Gonfalons of the cities awarded with gold medals for military valor had been introduced to the parade of 1975. These became permanent elements of 1983-89 parades.

At present, the ceremony consists of a deposition of a laurel wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, placed inside the Altare della Patria in Rome and of a military parade in the presence of the highest offices of the state.

All Armed Forces, Police Forces, the Fire Brigade and the Italian Red Cross, along with some military delegations of the NATO and of the European Union, take part in the parade and in the deposition of the laurel wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The ceremony goes on in the afternoon with the opening to the public of the Palazzo del Quirinale Gardens, official residence of the President of the Italian Republic, and with concerts performed by the band of the Italian Army, Italian Navy, Italian Air Force, Carabinieri, State Police, Guardia di Finanza, Polizia Penitenziaria (Penitentiary Police) and Corpo Forestale dello Stato (State Forestry Department).

Taken from www.italianweek.com/au

Italian National Anthem

In Italian with Phonetics in *italics*

Fratelli d'Italia, l'Italia s'è desta
Frah-TEL-lee dee-TAH-lyah, lee-TAH-lyah say
DEH-stah

Dell'elmo di Scipio, s'è cinta la testa.
Dayl-L-mo dee SHEE-pyo, say CHEEN-tah lah
Tay-stah

D'ové la vittoria? Le porga la chioma
Doh-VAY lah vee-TOHR-yah, lay PAWR-gah lah
KYOH-mah,

Ché schiava di Roma, Iddio la creo.
Kay SKIAH-vah dee RO-mah, ee-DYOH lah krey-OH

(REPEAT)

Stringiamci a coorte, siamo pronti alla morte
Streen-JAHM-chee ah ko-OHR-tay, seeahm
PROHN-tee ahlah MHOR-tasy

Siamo pronti alla morte, l'Italia chiamò!
Seeahm PROHN-tee ahlah MHOR-tay, lee-TAH-lyah
keyah-MOH!

(REPEAT)

English Translation

Italian brothers, Italy has arisen.
With Scipio's helmet binding her head.
Where is victory? Let her bow down
For God has made her the slave of Rome.

Italian brothers, Italy has arisen.
With Scipio's helmet binding her head.
Where is victory? Let her bow down
For God has made her the slave of Rome.

Let us gather in legions, ready to die!
Ready to die! Italy has called!

Let us gather in legions, ready to die!
Ready to die! Italy has called!



2015 Annual Regional Dinner



2015 OSIA State Convention



2015 OSIA State Convention



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Sister Carole Proia

Lodge Deputy
Anthony Idoni

District VIII State Deputy
Joseph Rubé, MD

We're looking for a few good men...and women!!

The Rochester chapter of the Sons and Daughters of Italy is looking for men & women to join our growing family. Come celebrate your Italian American heritage with the members of the Vincent Lombardi Lodge.

The Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 is the Rochester area chapter of the national and state Order Sons of Italy in America. Comprised of men and women of Italian heritage, the organization is the largest fraternal order of people of Italian American heritage in the United States and Canada. The local lodge consists of over 100 men and women, proud of their Italian heritage, who work to keep the traditions of their ancestors alive. For more information on the organization please visit our website at

www.sonsofitalyrochester.com

or on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/OSIAVincentlombardilodge>

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