



The Roar of the Lion

Marisa Rubé, editor
May 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Where has all the time gone? A whole year has gone by since I took over the reins of our beloved lodge, first as interim president, and now as duly elected president. During this past year I have come to know and understand what our organization is about—here in Rochester, to our state organization in Bellmore, New York. Our organization was founded in 1905 by a group of prominent Italian Americans whose main goal was to serve and protect our Italians in this country, and to preserve our cultural heritage and our true sense of being Italian Americans. I have seen our lodge, the Vincent Lombardi Lodge, continue this work and message now 110 years later, following the founding by Dr. Vincent Sellaro and a group of five compatriots. We continue to follow their example and our group is growing and prospering. We maintain our Italian culture and heritage while accepting our new heritage as Americans. We, as a group, have given scholarships to worthy students, donated to charities, and we continue to be civic minded.

Our members have not only worked for the betterment of society as a lodge, but have also taken up other worthy undertakings such as the Angels of Mercy and Safe Harbors.

Many of our members make a difference in many ways, including Dr. Joseph Rubé, CSJ District Liaison, and Silvano Orsi, now on the Board of Directors of the CSJ. All I can say is I'm proud to be President of this organization and proud of all its members.

This is going to be a year where the Vincent Lombardi Lodge is in the limelight. Our lodge will be at the forefront of the Little Italy Festival being held on Saturday, June 13 and Sunday, June 14. Brothers Silvano Orsi and Louis DeCarolus will be organizing this event. On October 12 we will be hosting the Columbus Day Luncheon at the Diplomat Party House as part of the Italian Civic League festivities. At least one person from our lodge will be honored with a lifetime achievement award.

This is a good time to be a member of the Vincent Lombardi Lodge.

Peace Fraternally,
President Vince

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VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE EVENTS

STATE AND NATIONAL OSIA EVENTS

MAY 16TH @ 8:30AM
**NYOSIA 18TH ANNUAL NY GRAND
LODGE FOUNDATION WALK FOR A
CURE**
EAST MEADOW, NY

MAY 23RD @ 9AM:
**NYOSIA TRIBUTE BREAKFAST TO
FIRST**
LADY JOAN RONDINELLI
WESTBURY, NY

MAY 21ST @ 6PM:
**27TH ANNUAL NATIONAL
EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP
AWARDS GALA**
WASHINGTON D.C.

MAY 28TH—31ST
**109TH ANNUAL STATE
CONVENTION**
VILLA ROMA RESORT
CATSKILLS, NY

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

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

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

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

**May 3rd @ 4pm: Italian
Regional Dinner, Eyer Building
(317 Main Street, East Rochester)**

**May 6th @ 6:30: Quarterly
Meeting of the District and
Local Lodge CSJ Liaisons and
Lodge Deputies, Canandaigua
Wegmans Café (Rts 5 & 20,
Canandaigua)**

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

**May 14th @ 7pm: General
Assembly Meeting, Eyer Building
(317 Main Street, East Rochester)**

**May 28th –May 31st: OSIA NYS
Grand Lodge Convention,
Villa Roma Resort (Catskills, NY)**

**June 4th @ 7pm: Council
Meeting, Eyer Building (317 Main
Street, East Rochester)**

**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)**



05/06 Vincenzo Buonomo
05/07 Russell Gugino
05/08 Philip Bellini
05/11 Richard Gigliotti
05/12 Mario Daniele

05/15 Charles Russolese
05/18 Salvatore DiPerna
05/26 Angela Cataldi
05/29 Elvah Trieste



...Brother Russel Gugino, recovering from an injury.
...Sister Marilyn Sarkis, recovering from an illness.
...Brother Ross Battaglia, recovering from a recent
hospitalization.
...Sister Ann Battaglia, recovering from an injury.



...Our prayers go out to...
...The Yonda Family as they mourn the loss of Sue's father.
...Brother Sal Cutaia and family as they mourn the loss of Sal's
son-in law.



...Brother Tony Palucci, for building all of the shelving in our
new lodge storage room at the Eyer Building!



...Sister Sandy Meleca, one of six winners of the New
Member Sponsorship Raffle held at the State Plenary
Session in April!

MEMBERSHIP

(Committee Chairperson: Br. Tom Meleca)

Our May meeting will be an open meeting where we will be initiating several new members. Please join us to welcome these new members to the lodge, and bring your family and friends to the meeting to see what we're all about. Remember, we're asking each lodge member to try to bring in one new member this year.

SCHOLARSHIPS

(Committee Chairperson: Sr. Sandy Meleca)

Application reviews are under way! 34 completed applications were submitted and reviewed, and ten applicants were chosen for interviews. These interviews have been scheduled and students and schools will be notified of decisions by

Information Technology

(Committee Chairperson: Louis DeCarolis)

Our committee continues to work on the lodge website, making improvements and adding content. We've also been in contact with the Grand Lodge to make updates to our lodge page on their website. Here are the links to these pages. Go and take a look, and while you're there, stop by and "like" us on Facebook.

www.sonsofitalyrochester.com

www.nysosia.org/lodge-finder/124-test-lodge-page-36

www.facebook.com/OSIAVincentlombardilodge

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

(District 8 Liaison: Br. Joe Rubé)

This month has been fairly active in the CSJ world. You all should have received your Spring Issue of ITALIANAMERICA. On the inside cover you will find a copy of the translation of the inaugural address of the founding of OSIA by founder Vincenzo Sellaro, M.D. The original speech was found by our own lodge member Professor Frank P. Oliveri who also translated it. Read through it carefully and you will see how much of what the CSJ is all about is contained in the speech.

The NYS CSJ has been very active, trying to correct decreasing college Italian class enrollment. It is through early exposure to the Italian language that students will be encouraged to continue their Italian studies in college. To do this, we must make sure that Italian is taught at the Middle and High School levels. There has been much resistance but we must continue to apply the pressure. Part of this issue is to save the AP courses and exams. We need to continue actively monitoring the situation in our District – Rochester and Geneva (and especially in Gates, Greece, East Rochester, and Irondequoit)– and encouraging the parents of students in those communities to enroll their children in existing Italian language courses.

On page 15 of the magazine are stories by readers regarding activities to fight stereotyping of Italian Americans. On page 27 is an article in which NYS CSJ President Lou Gallo and our board were successful in affecting an apology and firing of a hotel manager for holding a mafia themed hotel New Year's Eve party. Also was the reference to our Lodge member Silvano Orsi's encounter with radio program (95.1 in Rochester) host Kimberly of "Kimberly & Beck" for using the term dago to describe Italian Americans. An apology was received and now the station will give special coverage for the upcoming LITTLE ITALY FESTIVAL of which our Lodge members will be actively participating (June 12 & 13).

Lou Gallo also got involved in the Southhampton's School District's attempt to eliminate Columbus day as a school holiday – see article on pg 27 of IA magazine.

Most recently CSJ has been fighting against the inappropriate remarks made by a Supreme Court Justice against an Italian American plaintiff during trial. Several of our members, as well as the Lodge, wrote letters to the Editor of the NY POST to indicate our concerns. Finally, we wish to thank Lou Gallo and the State CSJ for approving their commitment to our Essay Contest in providing the award winners \$\$\$. Of course, we also thank Marjorie Focarazzo and her Committee for their work on this project. We anxiously await the results of the contest.

Lodge Council Members Duties and Responsibilities

RECORDING SECRETARY

Source = ART. 26 of General Laws

The Recording Secretary is the custodian of the archives and the keeper of the seal of the Local Lodge. The Recording Secretary's duties are:

- a) To take and record the minutes of the meetings of the Council and of the Assembly, which minutes are to be read at the successive meeting.
- b) To make up and keep up to date the membership roll of the Local Lodge.
- c) To care for correspondence and write letters which the Recording Secretary is directed to write by the President or other higher ranking officers in the ranking units of the Order.
- d) To be the sole officer through whom a member may communicate with the Grand Council.
- e) To write and send notices for meetings.
- f) To act as the clerk of the Local Lodge Arbitration Commission when such Commission is in session, except in the case the Recording Secretary is an interested party.
- g) Within ten days after receipt, to forward to the State Recording Secretary all appeals referred or presented to the Recording Secretary by members because of administrative irregularities. The appeal, when forwarded, shall be accompanied by a report of the views expressed by the Council.
- h) To carry out all orders which the Recording Secretary may receive, in matters pertaining to the office, from the President or from the higher ranking officers in the Order.

NOTES AND OTHER HAPPENINGS

The Alzheimer's Association

The vision of the Alzheimer's Association is a world without Alzheimer's. The mission of the Alzheimer's Association is to eliminate Alzheimer's Disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all those affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

The Alzheimer's Association is the world's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. The Alzheimer's Association works on a global, national and local level to enhance care and support for all those affected by Alzheimer's and other dementias. We are here to help. As the largest non-profit funder of Alzheimer's research, the Association is committed to accelerating progress of new treatments, preventions and ultimately, a cure. Through our partnerships and funded projects, we have been part of every major research advancement over the past 30 years. The Association is the leading voice for Alzheimer's disease advocacy, fighting for critical Alzheimer's research, prevention and care initiatives at the state and federal level. We diligently work to make Alzheimer's a national priority.

In 1979, Jerome H. Stone and representatives from several family support groups met with the National Institute on Aging to explore the value of a national, independent, nonprofit organization to complement federal efforts surrounding Alzheimer's disease. That meeting resulted in the April 10, 1980, formation of the Alzheimer's Association with Mr. Stone as founding president.

Today, the Association reaches millions of people affected by Alzheimer's across the globe through our national office and chapters in communities nationwide. We are the world's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research.

****Information taken directly from Alzheimer's Association website. ****

For more info visit : www.alz.org

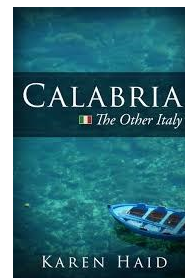
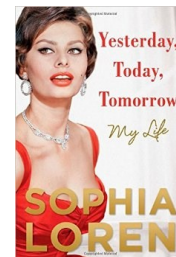
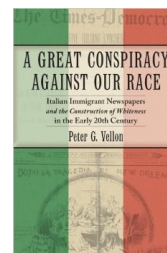
State OSIA News

State Principal Trustee Arthur Spera was appointed Chairman of the 2015 State Convention General Laws and By-Law Committee.

State Immediate Past President Thom Lupo was appointed Chairman of the 2015 State Convention Nominating Committee.

State Past President Nancy DiFiore Quinn was appointed Co-Chair of the 2015 State Convention Nominating Committee.

The Sons of Italy Book Club Spring 2015



A message about the 2015 Cooley's Anemia Dine Around

We would like to thank all Upstate Lodges and Presidents for their efforts, donations, table sponsors and canisters collections towards the 2015 Dine-Around, Cooley's Anemia Fundraiser! The event was a fantastic success under the direction of Mary Naccarato, Chairperson, and Mildred Mancusi, Co-Chair and the numerous committee members who assisted in many different areas to bring a net profit of \$37,482 to the Cooley's Anemia Foundation this year. What a noteworthy reward for the efforts of so many! Thank you for your support and participation in the fundraising. There were 333 people who attended and 41 restaurants who participated and donated deliciously prepared meals. It was a delectable feast! There were 62 Table Sponsors, 20 Direct Donations, 22 Canister Donations and 70 Raffle Sponsors. A few additional table sponsors and direct donations arrived too late to be included in these final numbers, but will be recognized at the Convention during charity donations. Many thanks again for your continued support and all that you do to make Sons of Italy a worthwhile and important organization. Many thanks again, for your continued support and all that you do to make Sons of Italy an important and worthwhile organization.

Heike Hyson
Committee Chairperson for Districts 6-7-8

LABOR DAY IN ITALY

Labor Day is a nationwide public holiday in Italy, celebrated on May 1st of each year. Many Italians commemorate the Labor Union Movements social and economic achievements on Labor Day. Italians spend Labor Day, also known as *La Festa dei Lavoratori* or *Festa del Lavoro*, by attending concerts, catching up with friends and family, and holding public demonstrations or protest to improve workers' rights and conditions. Many Italians use Labor Day as a day of rest.

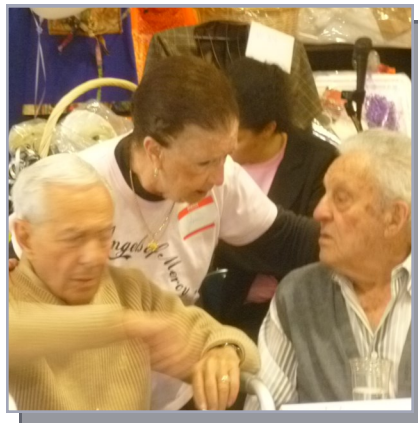
The first Labor Day celebration in Italy was in the late 1800s to recognize workers' achievements in fighting for their rights. Farmers and other workers traditionally took the day off to eat, socialize and dance on May 1. It was cancelled for about 20 years in the early 20th century but was reintroduced in 1945.

MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT



Brother Tony Palucci building the shelves for our new lodge storage room at the Eyer Building. Thank you, Brother Tony!

Angels of Mercy Pasta Dinner



I Am An Italian American by Angelo Bianchi

I am an Italian American. My roots are deep in ancient soil, drenched by the Mediterranean sun and watered by pure streams from snow-capped mountains. I am enriched by thousands of years of culture. My hands are those of the mason, the artist, the man of soil. My thoughts have been recorded in the annals of Rome, the poetry of Virgil, the creations of Dante, and the philosophy of Benedetto Croce. I am an Italian American, and from my ancient world I first spanned the seas to the New World - I am Cristoforo Colombo. I am Giovanni Caboto, known in American history as John Cabot, discoverer of the mainland of North America. I am Amerigo Vespucci, who gave my name to the new world, America. I am Enrico Tonti, first to sail on the Great Lakes in 1679, founder of the territory that became the State of Illinois, colonizer of Louisiana and Arkansas. I am Filippo Mazzei, friend of Thomas Jefferson, and my thesis on the equality of man was written into the bill of rights. I am William Paca, signer of the Declaration of Independence and, yes, an Italian American. I am an Italian American. I am Colonel Francesco Virgo - I financed the Northwest expedition of George Rogers Clark and accompanied him through the lands that would become Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan. I am Alessandro Malaspina - I mapped the Pacific from Mexico to Alaska and to the Philippines. I am Giacomo Beltrami, the discoverer of the Mississippi River in 1823. I am Constantino Brumidi. They called me the Michelangelo of America - I created the dome of the United States capitol. I am A. P. Gianni - in 1904, in San Francisco, I founded the Bank of Italy, now known as the Bank of America, the largest financial institution in the world. I am Enrico Fermi, father of nuclear science in America. I am John Basilone of New Jersey, the first enlisted man to win the medal of honor in World War II. I am an Italian American. I am the million strong who served in America's armies and the tens of thousands whose names are enshrined in military cemeteries from Guadalcanal to the Rhine. I am the steel maker in Pittsburgh, the grower in the Imperial Valley of California, the textile designer in Manhattan, the movie maker in Hollywood, the home maker and the breadwinner in 10,000 communities. I am an American without stint of reservation, loving this land as only one who understands history, its agonies and its triumphs; and I can love and serve as fully as any other American. I will stand in support of this nation's freedom and promise against all foes. My heritage has dedicated me to this nation. I am proud of my FULL heritage and I shall remain worthy of it.

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.

OSIA APPAREL

OSIA apparel will continue to be available to members. Please contact Brother Joe Rubé at 585-461-1181 if you are interested in ordering, or have any questions about this.

INK CARTRIDGES

Thank you to everyone who 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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NEWSLETTER COMMUNICATIONS

I welcome any and all newsletter submissions. If you would like to submit anything (stories, traditions, poems, recipes, etc.), please mail or email them directly to me:

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Please also feel free to call or email me with any member news, or corrections to past newsletters.