



The Roar of the Lion

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Time has been flying by and February has arrived, bringing us two months into the new year.

We have arrived at the time where we remind members to encourage any student of Italian descent to apply for the various scholarships offered by the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America. As a reminder the deadline for national scholarships is February 28th and our lodge scholarship and state scholarships applications are due March 31st. These scholarships are a great supplement to the cost of higher education. Students can see their high school counselors or go online for more scholarship information, or you can pass along the information in this newsletter.



One of the most important issues we have had in our lodge is raising and maintaining membership. Seeing it is a new year I would like to concentrate our efforts on bringing in new members. Spreading the word about our organization is key. Many people in the area do not know we are here so spread the word. We all know someone! Invite them to a meeting. This should be our primary goal for this year.

Thank you all for coming to our after holiday party, it was a very enjoyable and relaxing event. I want to thank brother Matthew Grosodonia for all his hard work in organizing that day for us.

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By this time you should've received via email the flyer for our winter picnic and clambake. It will be in East Rochester at Eyer park, Quinzi lodge. Sunday, February 24 at 1 PM. Cost is \$25 per person with six dollar charge for extra clams per dozen. Due to the shortness of time please RSVP either to our lodge email or to my email vinnyg1951@gmail.com. Please follow up on your affirmative response with the check mailed to me. Hope to see you all there, it will be a great winter break.

If you are interested in being a delegate to the convention in May please see me. We will know how many delegates we are allowed after we reconcile our membership with the Grand Lodge.

Our installation of new council members will be held at Burgundy Basin Inn on Sunday, March 24, at 12:00 PM. Tickets for the buffet are \$23 per person. Please plan on attending the installation of our new officers to show our support and encouragement to our newly elected officers. Please watch for flyer and reservation form.

A quick reminder with the installation of new officers, please think about chairing a committee as we move our lodge forward.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next assembly meeting. In closing everyone stay warm, safe and healthy.

Peace,

President Vince

The Sons & Daughters of Italy
Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270
WINTER PICNIC and CLAMBAKE
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24th, 2019
1:00PM

Quinzi Lodge - Eyer Park
 East Rochester, NY 14626

Buffet \$25/Person - Extra Clams \$6.00/Dozen

Giuseppe's Restaurant Menu

- Buffet includes One Dozen Clams
- Baked Chicken
- Italian Sausage w/Peppers & Onions
- Salt Potatoes
- Pasta w/Sauce
- Tossed Salad & Dressing
- Bread & Butter
- Beverages: Coffee, Tea & Soda

Consider Bringing an Appetizer or Dessert Dish to Pass

RSVP ASAP GIUSEPPE'S WILL ORDER THE CLAMS FEBRUARY 11th
 Reservations including your check are needed by that time

Make Check Payable to: Vincent Lombardi Lodge # 2270

Mail to: Vincent Giannantonio 61 Sunset St. Rochester, NY 14606 - 585-208-1578

Name: _____ E-Mail Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Number of Adults: _____ @ \$25/Person Plus Number of Additional Clams: _____ @ \$6/Dozen
 TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____ Check # _____

Raffle to Benefit Our Lodge and It's Charities

Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America
VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270
 2019 - 2020
OFFICER INSTALLATION BRUNCH

Burgundy Basin Inn
 1361 Marsh Road
 Pittsford, NY 14534

Please Join Us as We Welcome Our Incoming Council Members and
 Thank Our Outgoing Council Members For Their Dedication to Our Lodge.

Sunday March 24th, 2019
Brunch Buffet at 12:00 noon

Buffet Includes:

- Hot Baked Ham
- Scrambled Eggs
- Home Fries
- Swedish Meatballs
- French Toast Sticks - w/ Maple Syrup
- Coffee & Tea Service
- Hot Apple Bake
- Fresh Fruit Salad
- Cottage Cheese
- Whipped Jello Parfait
- Assorted Danish, Donuts,
- Muffins, Cinnamon Rolls & Cinnamon Rolls

COST: \$23 per person
 All Members, Family & Friends
 Are Invited to Attend This Special Event
 Please RSVP by March 17th

Please fill out and return to address below with check payable to **Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270**

NAME: _____
 PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
 NUMBER ATTENDING BRUNCH: _____ @ \$23.00ea. CHECK NUMBER: _____ AMOUNT: _____

Please remit to Vincent Giannantonio - 61 Sunset St. Rochester NY 14606 - (585) 208-1578



Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 2019 Calendar

February 7th, 2019 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

February 14th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

February 24th, 2019 @ 1pm: Winter Picnic and Clambake (Eyer Park—Quincy Lodge—East Rochester)

March 7th, 2019 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

March 14th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

March 24th, 2019 @ 12pm: Officer Installation Brunch (Burgundy Basin, Bushnell's Basin)

April 4th, 2019 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

April 11th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

May 2nd, 2019 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

May 9th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

May 30th—June 2nd, 2019: New York State Convention

June 13th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

July 11th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

August 1st, 2019 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

August 8th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

August 25th, 2019: Annual Summer Picnic (Eyer Park, East Rochester)

September 5th, 2019 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

September 12th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

October 3rd, 2019 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

October 10th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

November 7th, 2019 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

November 14th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

December 5th, 2019 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

December 12th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

2019 Monthly Card Games at The Grapevine

A group of our lodge members meets monthly at the Grapevine Restaurant to have dinner and play cards. All are welcome and you can plan to come for just dinner, just cards, or both! Cards night is the second Wednesday of each month. Dinner at 4pm, cards after. Dates for this year: February 13th, March 13th, April 10th, May 8th, June 12th, July 10th, August 14th, September 11th, October 9th, November 13th, December 11th. Cards night is occasionally cancelled due to holidays or other circumstances, so please watch your email for notices of cancellation.



2/3: Pat Galante
2/12: Joe Galante
2/14: Anthony Micciche
2/18: Stephen Cataldi

2/19: Mary Valerio
2/20: Vivian Sciortino
2/27: Sandy Meleca
2/28: Joe Capogreco



Our longtime member, Brother Pat Sculli, has passed away. Brother Pat was an active member of the lodge, in regular attendance at our meetings and events with his wife, Sister Shirley Sculli. Please keep Sister Shirley and the rest of the Sculli family in your thoughts and prayers. Here is the link to Brother Pat's full obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/patrick-sculli-obituary?pid=191371792>

Our thoughts are also with Sister Franca Cinella, who recently lost her mother.



It's time to elect our 2019 council. Below is the slate of officers set to be voted on at our next general assembly meeting—February 14th, 2019. If you wish to run for a council position, there's still time - you must be present at the meeting and announce your intention to run from the floor. Any member running for office must be in good standing with the lodge.

Sandra Meleca - President
Marjorie Focarazzo - Vice President
Mary Lou Cadena - Recording Secretary
Louis DeCarolis - Financial Secretary
Catherine DiNicola - Treasurer
Matthew Grosodonia - Orator
Carol DiNicola - Mistress of Ceremony

Edward Groszewski-Master of Ceremony
Ronald Santoli - Sentinel
Antonio Palucci - Trustee
Luigi DiFilippo - Trustee
Lilian Bonanni - Trustee
Marisa Rube' - Trustee
Thomas Meleca - Trustee



At our January general assembly meeting, folks got to see some of the new OSDIA merchandise available through the national organization. The new Sons & Daughters design is available on all kinds of clothing, including t-shirts, sweatshirts, and baby onesies. Here's a link to the website where you can purchase this merchandise, as well many other Italian items, including Save Columbus Day and CSJ merchandise:

www.cafepress.com/osia



2019 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Local Vincent Lombardi Lodge Scholarships:

ELIGIBILITY: High school graduating senior from a public, private or parochial school. Student must be of Italian descent (at least one grandparent must be of Italian heritage). Applicant must live in and attend school in Monroe County, or be related to a lodge member if living in another county, and must commence study at an accredited academic institution of high learning in the fall of 2019. Preference is given to students associated with members of the lodge, but anyone that meets the above requirements is eligible and encouraged to apply.

Fees and Deadlines: There is no fee to apply. Application deadline is March 31st, 2019. Applications received after the deadline date will not be considered.

Vincent Lombardi Lodge Scholarship applications will be sent to all Monroe County schools and to our members in January 2019. Applications are also available on our lodge website:
www.sonsofitalyrochester.com

Questions? Please contact vincentlombardilodge@gmail.com

New York State OSDIA Scholarships:

NYS Grand Lodge has posted the 2019 scholarship and grant application to their website at <http://www.nysosia.org/scholarships>, and we have mailed information to all of the high school guidance offices in Monroe County. Students who are interested in applying for and are eligible should submit all required materials by March 31, 2019 to Marjorie Focarazzo at 84 Mulcahy Blvd., Rochester, NY 14624.

Scholarship Eligibility: Applicant must be of Italian descent and a resident of New York State. Undergraduate and graduate awards are presented to high school or college students who will begin full-time study for the fall academic term of the year their application is eligible to apply for competition. The scholarship awards are based on academic excellence and service. Students must have an average of 85% or above to apply.

Application Fee: An application fee of \$10.00, made payable to the NYSOSIA Grand Lodge Foundation, Inc. must be included with each application.

Requirements:

An official application form must be completed and accompanied by the following:
Official high school or college transcript, including official results from all standardized tests.
SAT/ACT scores

Class rank and size of graduating class

Two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, professors or educational administrators.
Student essay summarizing educational and career goals, school and community service and a discussion of the significance of the student's Italian heritage.

Grant Eligibility: several grants are awarded to students with special needs. The requirements for grants are the same as noted above with the exception of the need for a minimum of an 85% average. Also, all grant applicants are required to submit a written document of special need.

Questions: Marjorie Focarazzo (585)-749-5346 or MAFocarazzo@gmail.com.

National OSDIA Scholarships

Eligibility: U.S. citizens of Italian descent (at least one Italian or Italian- American grandparent) enrolled in a four year undergraduate program or a graduate program at an accredited academic institution for the Fall 2018 term. Previous SIF scholarship winners are not eligible. Additional eligibility requirements may apply to specific scholarships.

Fees and Deadlines: A \$35 non-refundable processing fee is required with each scholarship application. The fee includes a one-year At-Large Membership to OSDIA, with all At -Large Membership benefits. The deadline for all scholarships (unless otherwise noted) is February 28, 2019.

For more details and information go to: <https://www.osia.org/programs/scholarships/>

CSJ Report: Sr. Marjorie Focarazzo

Enrico Mattei: A Man Who Helped to Change Italy's Destiny

Enrico Mattei, born April 29, 1906 in Acqualagna, Marche region in Italy, has been considered one of the most acclaimed entrepreneurs in Italy after World War II. He was a small businessman prior to the war and a leading anti-fascist partisan during the war. In the 1950's he created one of the largest public industrial conglomerates in Italy.

A high school dropout, Mattei became the director of the only plant in his village by the age of 20. When the plant closed, he moved to Milan and worked for a German chemical firm as a sales representative. Eventually, he opened his own small chemical plant, which thrived during the 1930's depression.

He studied accounting and philosophy and when the Allies invaded Italy, Mattei became an active anti-fascist partisan. He believed in a Christian socialist philosophy and felt that non-Marxists should take part in the anti-fascist struggle in order to have a voice after the war even though the movement was controlled by the Communists and Socialists. He mobilized the clergy and that faction of the middle class who were anti-fascists, but afraid the Communists and Socialists would take over, by anti-government and anti-Nazi activities on the part of the Christian Democrats. He eventually became the financial coordinator and spokesperson for a large group of partisans.

After the war, Mattei was appointed as special commissary for the Italian Petroleum Agency, which had been created in the 1930's for research and development of petroleum. His charge was to liquidate the agency by closing drilling sites and selling its assets to private interests. But Mattei had different ideas and strong nationalist feelings and secretly expanded the agency's activities. Through hard work and luck, he found important reserves of natural gas in Northern Italy. He managed to build a large pipeline network to distribute the gas to industrial plants, which contributed, largely to the expansion of the steel industry.

Multinational oil companies acted against Mattei's business and by working through the United States government put undue pressure on the Italian government to stop all oil and gas operations. Again, Mattei had other ideas and continued to expand. He found oil in the Po Valley and in 1953 the government created the Natural Hydrocarbons Agency (ENI). Mattei took charge of the financial body and within ten years there was expansion into exploration, refining, oil and gas pipes, distribution networks, oil drilling equipment, and petrochemicals. He also expanded his operations into the Middle East and Africa, much to the displeasure of the oil multinationals. The Italian government could not stop Mattei without severe grave political repercussions.

In 1962, Mattei died in a mysterious plane crash outside Bascapè in Lombardy. It has been suspected the crash was caused by a bomb hidden in the plane. Investigation into the crash was reopened in 1994, and in 1997, based on evidence, the crash was ruled a homicide but perpetrators unknown. Enrico Mattei is a controversial figure in 20th century Italian history. He made the Natural Hydrocarbons Agency a powerful company, and it has been called "the state within the state." He has been called a paladin, a nationalist while others say he was hungry for power and had a cold calculating nature. No matter how he was thought of, he was always on the move in search of new horizons.



The NYS Commission for Social Justice has announced their 2019 Bella Lingua Award 2019 application. Information will be mailed to only those high schools offering an Italian language program and should be available through the school principal, the guidance department, and/or the teachers of Italian.

Language instructors will only be able to select one student of their most qualified graduating seniors who have completed at least three years of Italian language courses.

Schools participating must submit two copies of their applicant's official transcript, letter of recommendation, completed application, and student essay. The application must include the number of years the student has taken Italian language, extracurricular activities, honors, achievements, employments, and hobbies/interests. The student will select one of the six topics on the application page to write an essay.

The deadline for submission is March 20, 2019 and should be mailed to: Marjorie Focarazzo, 84 Mulcahy Blvd., Rochester, NY 14624

Any questions can be directed to me by either email (MAFocarazzo@gmail.com) or by phone

(585-749-5346).

The winner from District VIII will be presented with a check of \$500 drawn from the New York State Grand Lodge Foundation. The presentation will be made at our scholarship awards ceremony, August 8th.

2019 After Holiday Party - Valecia's Restaurant





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