



The Roar of the Lion

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Autumn is a great time to travel, whether it be in our own back yard or internationally. It marks the transition from summer and winter. The days become shorter and the temperatures moderate. The crops are harvested and leaves change colors from green to golden yellow, rustic red, and numerous hues in between. It is also a time where we get busy both in our lives and with the lodge. Our thoughts and plans turn to the holidays and family gatherings.

In October, we celebrate Italian Heritage Month and Columbus Day. The celebrated proclamation usually from the president and US Congress gives recognition of the many achievements, contributions, and successes of Italian Americans. Notable Italian Americans came from many facets of life: architects, artists, painters, photographers, sculptors, entertainers, chefs, inventors, American Medal of Honor recipients, diplomats, and scientists. The list goes on. We celebrate the month with the Italian Civic League's Columbus Day Luncheon on October 14th and the Sons and Daughters of Italy's Heritage Award Dinner on October 18th.

We honor and celebrate Christopher Columbus as an explorer, navigator, and colonist who completed four voyages across the Atlantic Ocean. If not for Columbus, discoveries in the new world, exploration, and settlement would have taken on a different look. Our history would have a different timeframe. Events that happened have brought us to where we are at this point in time. The journey has not been smooth or easy, but it would certainly have been altered.

On another note: the members of our lodge are very giving in their time, energy, and resources. We support educational endeavors through our scholarships and awards. We fund charities such as Cooley's Anemia, the Gift of Sight, Autism, Alzheimer's just to name a few. That being said, we do not want to discourage anyone from suggesting or proposing that we should take care of our own, because that is exactly what we should be doing. But it is important that we adhere to a process that will be fair and equitable to everyone. We want to and will help our members, but any suggestion must be brought to the council before being presented to the membership. We do not want any member to feel uncomfortable or put in a questionable position financially or otherwise by having something sprung on them unexpectedly. So, in all fairness to everyone, such requests should come before the Council first.

Until next month, take a walk, enjoy the changing colors, pick some apples, and take care.

Peace and Blessings,

Marjorie

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Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 2019 Calendar

October 3rd, 2019 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

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

October 18th, 2019 @ 6pm: Christopher Columbus Italian American Heritage Dinner (Burgundy Basin Inn, Bushnell's Basin) \$55/pp, RSVP DUE BY OCTOBER 11th

November 7th, 2019 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

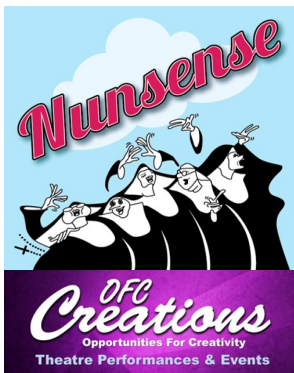
November 14th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

November 21st, 2019 @ 6pm: Annual Thanksgiving Celebration (St. Nicholas Society Hall, East Rochester) \$25/pp, RSVP DUE BY NOVEMBER 15th

December 5th, 2019 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

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

Nunsense: The Musical November 1 - November 3



Performances:
November 1 @ 7:30PM
November 2 @ 2PM
November 2 @ 7:30PM
November 3 at 2PM
November 3 at 7:30PM

The Century Club of
Rochester
566 East Avenue

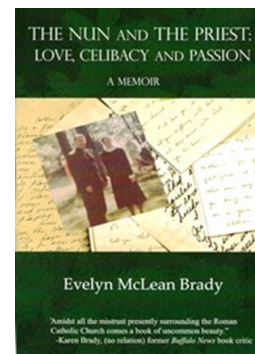
Directed and co-produced by Judith A. Ranaletta
Starring: Allyn Van Dusen, Emily Putnam,
Courtney Weather, Jessie Keim, and Jeannie Clinton

Judith Ranaletta is a seasoned performer, director and educator. She has performed in and directed more than 250 productions, including singing with the Italian Opera in Spoleto, Italy Company. She is the founder and director of Roc City Singers. Judith also maintains a Private Voice and Acting Studio. She is the former Vocal Music and Drama Director at Greece Athena High School, where she successfully grew a thriving Arts Program. Her awards, too numerous to mention, include having twice been honored with the PRESIDENTIAL ARTS SCHOLAR OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD by both Presidents George H. Bush and Barack Obama.

Join author Evelyn McLean Brady for a Canal side Chat about her recent memoir.

Light
refreshments
will be
provided.

Saturday
October 12th
3-5 pm



A musical piece performed by Kitty Forbush and an interview by Unitarian Universalist Reverend Peggy Meeker will also be featured.

Evelyn Brady currently lives in Buffalo. Based on journals and love letters written from 1965-1970, Evelyn intimately chronicles her interior conflict of the unexpected attraction she feels for the handsome, charismatic priest, Father Hugh Brady. In the tradition of Abelard and Heloise and St. Francis and St. Clare, this is a love story of two celibates who desire to follow the ways of God yet are lured by the pull of the human heart.

Signed Copies of her book will be available for purchase.
RSVP elizabethosta@gmail.com



10/1: Antonio DiFilippo
10/1: Ann Vazzana
10/2: Lillian Bonanni
10/2: Franca DiFilippo
10/11: Vince Giannantonio
10/14: Martin D'Ambrose

10/14: Sal Rotolo
10/17: Thomas Ferraro
10/21: Stacy Romeo
10/22: Joe DiPasquale
10/26: Annette DeCarolis
10/30: Mary Delman



Sending positive, healthy thoughts to all of our members who have been sick or laid up this month, including Sister Mickey Palucci, recuperating after a fall, and President Sandy Meleca, continuing her rehabilitation after a stroke.



Please let us know if you have moved and have a new address, changed your phone number or have a different email address. First class mail will not be forwarded after six months and we do not want you to miss any information from our lodge, the Grand Lodge and Golden Lion, or the Supreme Lodge and the Italian American magazine.



Thinking Outside the Box: We want to hear from you, and are asking for your suggestions. At each of our meetings we will have a comment box available, where you can submit your suggestions for our lodge. Depending on the nature of the suggestion, it will be directed to the right person or committee. If you choose, you can remain anonymous. If you would like to submit your suggestion online, you can use the following link:

<https://forms.gle/rfNNmv2qDkG3sF5f8>

All suggestions submitted using this link are completely anonymous unless you choose to add your name to your comment.

It's that time of year again, the holidays are coming and we all need pies! Please consider our annual lodge pie sale for all of your holiday pies this year, and offer them to your friends as well.

Flavors: Apple, Cannoli, Lonsberry, Peanut Butter, Pumpkin, Pecan

Fruit pies are frozen, ready to bake and serve. Cream pies are frozen, ready to thaw and serve. They will last in your freezer for six months or more.

Pies are \$15 each and orders must be placed by October 28th, with a pickup date of November 22nd. Order form sent in email. Please email Marisa at marisarube@gmail.com if you need another copy of the order form emailed.

Buffalo & Niagara Movie Premier
My Italian Secret: Forgotten Heroes of the Holocaust
Featuring a Q&A session with consulting producer, Vince Marmorale

Monday, October 28th @ 7pm
North Park Theatre, 1428 Hertel Ave, Buffalo, NY 14216
Admission: \$12.50



MY ITALIAN SECRET tells the story of sports idol Gino Bartali and other courageous Italians who carried out ingenious schemes to rescue Jews, partisans and refugees from Nazi-occupied Italy.

Meet our 2019 Italian American Heritage Award Winners



Lifetime Achievement: Wayne Perlo

Fioravanti Florist will be 100 years old in 2020. Giovanni Perciasepe founded the business and along with his sons Warren, John and Carmen established a flower shop that still continues to bloom. Giovanni changed his name to John Perlo and chose the name FIORAVANTI for his business, because it translates into English as FLOWERS FORWARD. Fioravanti Florist maybe old but we are still very fresh.

Donna Perlo and Brian DiNardo own Perlo's Restaurant in East Rochester. They take pleasure in serving the community with fine food in a warm and friendly atmosphere. They want all their guest to feel like they are part of our family.

Mark Perlo owned a very successful business, called Xerographic Solutions which he has since sold. Mark now has firm which helps businesses thrive, called Pearl5 Consulting. He is a problem solver and takes pleasure in helping people solve their problem. Mark's wife Daryl is concert violinist for the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. She has brought beautiful music into our lives which we will be forever grateful!

Donna's Son, Aaron owns two restaurants, the Dragonfly on Park Ave, and the Silver Iguana on Winton Rd, N. He also owns a bar on Monroe Ave., called the Bug Jar. He along with the rest of us try to make our customers feel welcome, like Family.

Camille Perlo is a retired schoolteacher who taught for the Rochester City School District. She treated her students like they were family, and they loved her.

The whole Perlo Family wants to thank the Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 for this wonderful honor.



Woman of the Year: Elizabeth Osta

Elizabeth Osta was born in Buffalo, New York and raised in Syracuse. She moved to Rochester to attend Nazareth College and has lived her ever since. As a teacher of special education, her work led her to the Foreman Center in Fairport and then to the Sisters of St. Joseph where she lived in St. Francis Xavier Parish and taught first grade, eighth grade and when the school closed, she taught at Holy Redeemer. She then became school principal at St. Michael's and Corpus Christi. Later she taught in the City School District and became a training specialist for the State of New York. After retirement she became a visiting professor at Nazareth College.

In 2003, after many years of searching, she discovered her grandfather's hometown in Pozzengo, in the Piedmonte region. She met her father's cousins and on a subsequent trip found the town of Osta nestled in the hills above Pozzengo. She also met a translator, Mario Osta, who added much to the family story.

In 2011, Elizabeth published her first book, Jeremiah's Hunger, (Borealis, 2011), an Irish historical novel based on her great-grandfather Jeremiah Buckley. Her second book, Saving Faith, (Cosmographia, 2017) chronicles her nine years in the convent. Her third book, Life Shifts: Essays of Hope, an edited collection of stories of cancer survival dedicated to the Pluta Family, celebrates her ten years after breast cancer and will be released in November 2019.

Elizabeth joined the Sons and Daughters of Italy at the invitation of Dr. Joseph Rube who remains a personal hero of hers. She currently lives on the canal in Fairport with her husband Dave Van Arsdale with whom she'll celebrate her twenty-fifth wedding anniversary in July 2020. She feels beyond blessed and is deeply grateful to the Sons and Daughters for this award.

Meet our 2019 Italian American Heritage Award Winners (continued)



Man of the Year: Jim Caternolo

Growing up in Rochester as a fourth generation Italian American I have been blessed with parents who raised my sister Lisa and I knowing the importance of family and upholding the Italian traditions that we all know and share today. Starting out on the eastside of Rochester we eventually migrated in 1977 to the west side settling in Gates N.Y. My father Jim was a Master Coppersmith with Union Sheet metal Workers Local #46. Dad enjoyed working his craft on many buildings that are icons of the Rochester, N.Y. architecture today. Our mother Angela was a stay at home Mom until we reached the age where she could begin working at a doctor's office to help Dad with the bills. Every night as Mom and Dad returned home from work, our family always sat down at the dinner table. My belief is that this needs to return to families today. The dinner table is a time to reflect on your day and strengthen your bond with your family.

As a young man, My Parents and Grandparents instilled in me the one thing that I am forever grateful for, WORK ETHIC. When we moved to Gates, N.Y. I began framing houses at the age of eleven. Every day after school, on Saturdays and during the summers I worked with Carpenters on the job learning the craft. While my friends were having a great time hanging out and doing what kids do, I just wanted to work. What was wrong with me?

During high school I worked at The Country Gentleman Hardware Store and Coldwater Lumber Company. I was blessed at these jobs to work with people who took the time to help prepare me for my adult working career. During Junior & Senior High school I became very involved with student government and eventually became Class President. I took every shop class known to man wanting to know all I could about the trades. After graduating in 1983 I entered College in pursuit of a career in Industrial Arts education. Soon after entering college my high school shop teacher called and explained that Industrial Arts teachers were getting laid off across the nation. Shop classes were being eliminated and schools were replacing them with computer classes.

Being devastated by this news is what led me to apply at The United Association of Plumbers, Pipe Fitters and Service Technicians Local #13 in 1985. After attending 5 years of Apprenticeship I am proud to have served over 34 years as a Plumber, Pipefitter, HVAC Service Technician.

In 1997 I was fortunate enough to be chosen to serve as the U.A Local #13 Union Organizer where I helped to preserve and maintain the hard-earned rights for ALL workers. This job was extremely rewarding giving me the chance to assist unrepresented workers and afford them the same opportunity that I was given. It makes you feel good when you can assist an individual in choosing the correct path for their future. Currently I hold the position of U.A. Local #13 Union Business Agent where I assist my Business Manager representing all workers under our collective bargaining agreement.

Being involved in these positions over the years has allowed me to help with several worthy causes like Camp Good Days and Special Times, Project Heats On, Journey Home Build, Jelfo Home Build, Plumbing, HVAC-R and Welding Advisory Boards with MCC, WEMOCO and Edison Tech. Guest Speaker promoting the Piping Trades at several different venues.

As an adult I have learned that everyone has a gift to share and never forget that a child can teach you something new every day.

The Lord Jesus Christ has blessed my life tremendously with my beautiful wife Dawn, our daughter Jessica 24, and our son Jacob who is 10. I have always tried to lead my life as just a regular guy trying to do the right thing. Continually my wife and I explain to our kids to always lead by example and if you must hide what you are doing, then it is PROBABLY WRONG....

When I am not working, I am spending time with my family, Coaching Little League Baseball, working on our home, puttering in the garage, restoring Muscle Cars or helping family and friends with their home improvement repairs or projects.

Being chosen as Man of the Year for the Vincent Lombardi Lodge # 2270 Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America came as an absolute shock to me. I am overwhelmed, extremely honored and greatly humbled by this kind gesture.



Why We Celebrate Columbus Day

- ◆ Columbus was a visionary whose actions, tenacity, and bravery changed the world: opened the door to the Western Hemisphere, inspired explorers to follow him, led to the colonization of the New World, and provided a means for cultural exchanges which affects every country on the planet.
- ◆ The beginning of the Age of Exploration with proof that it was possible to safely cross the Atlantic Ocean.
- ◆ Columbus was the first to recognize the full importance of Atlantic wind pattern or the Prevailing Westerlies: that winds blow from west to east. It is possible to sail west with the Trade Winds and return with the Westerlies.
- ◆ The trans-Atlantic route laid the foundation for future navigation. He created maps used by later explorers of South America and Amerigo Vespucci. Columbus studied mapmaking in Portugal when he was 14.
- ◆ The Atlantic Ocean route established in the 15th century continues to be used by sailors today.
- ◆ Columbus introduced the principle of compass variation, which is the variation at any point on the Earth's surface between the direction to magnetic and geographic north and observed the rotation of the Pole star.
- ◆ Columbus Day recognizes the achievements of the Renaissance period and the first settlement of a European community in the New World.
- ◆ It celebrates the beginning of a cultural change between the continents.
- ◆ The Age of Discovery brought contributions in music, art, science, medicine, philosophy and religious principles which helped to shape our country.
- ◆ Influences from Greek democracy, Roman law, Judeo-Christian ethics and the tenant all men are created equal.
- ◆ While facing bigotry and discrimination, Columbus is identified as an Italian who has been greatly celebrated across America for establishing a bridge between the Old World and the New World.
- ◆ Columbus was an explorer, a renowned sailor, and later governor who took action over the course of his career that were deemed unjust.
- ◆ Recorded history of the Western World begins with Columbus' discovery. There was no written history prior to 1492.
- ◆ The Pledge of Allegiance was written in 1892 in honor of the 400th Anniversary of Columbus' first voyage. President Benjamin Harrison declared Columbus Day a legal holiday that same year. In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt made Columbus Day a federal holiday. In 1971 Congress passed a law declaring the second Monday in October a federal holiday in all 50 states.
- ◆ It is celebrated in Latin America, Spain, Uruguay, Belize, the Bahamas, Argentina, Italy, and all the Little Italy's around the world.



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ITALIAN PRIDE
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★ **SAVE COLUMBUS DAY** ★

**IF HE NEVER DISCOVERED IT,
YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE.**

JUST LET THAT SINK IN FOR A MINUTE.

SAVE COLUMBUS DAY.

Do You Know Your Italian Roots?

If not, here's your chance to win a Genealogy Research Project! Contest begins October 1, 2019*! In honor of Italian American Heritage Month, the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA) is holding a contest to win a genealogy research project donated by My Italian Family (valued at \$2,000). Through the entire month of October, individuals who join, renew, or gift a \$35 OSDIA national At-Large Membership (ALM) will be entered for a chance to win one of two available research projects:

1. Discover your family history all the way to the late 1700s! The winner of the "5 Generations Back" Research Project will learn his or her ancestors' names, occupations, where they grew up, and many more amazing historical details.

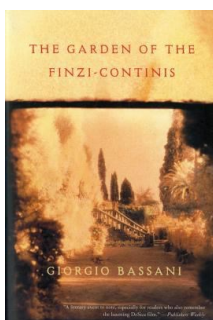
2. Reconnect to your living relatives! The "Living Relatives" Research Project will identify the winner's Ancestor's descendants in his or her town of origin in Italy. A great opportunity to discover potential Italian cousins.

Complete research results will be provided in both printed and electronic versions. The contest will run from October 1, 2019, through October 31, 2019. The contest may be entered online or by mail.

For online entry: Individuals who renew their ALM, purchase an ALM for themselves, or purchase the gift of ALM for someone else online at www.osia.org
For mail entry: Individuals who renew their ALM, purchase an ALM for themselves, or purchase the gift of ALM for someone else by mail to: OSDIA National Headquarters, 219 E Street NE, Washington, DC 20002

We extend very special thanks to Bianca Ottone, owner of My Italian Family, LLC, for generously donating the research project for this contest. Not the winner of the contest? Visit the Members Only community of osia.org for details about a special discount on research and other services from My Italian Family for Sons and Daughters of Italy members. Visit www.myitalianfamily.com for more information.

Don't miss the chance to win your Italian Family Tree (valued at \$2,000) for only \$35!



A Book Review: The Garden of the Finzi-Continis By Giorgio Bassani

The Garden of the Finzi-Continis by Giorgio Bassani is an autobiographical Italian historical novel during the rise of Benito Mussolini into World War II. It centers around the lives of Italian Jews in the northern Italian City of Ferrara. The Finzi-Continis are a very patrician, wealthy family whose world is enclosed behind its garden wall with the rise of Fascism in 1938, especially once the racial laws that restrict Jews from participating in Italian society are adopted.

Bassani's research of the time period has uncovered that 183 Jews living in Ferrara were deported to German concentration camps, including the Finzi-Continis family of which none survived.

The story begins with the narrator's childhood experiences. Having failed an important math exam required for portion to the next grade, he fears his father's reaction and leaves school abruptly. He bicycles past the Finzi-Continis mansion where he meets Micol, the Finzi-Continis young daughter and strikes up a conversation. He refuses her invitation into the garden and loses his chance to see it until years later when he returns to Ferrara.

The plot moves quickly forward to when the Finzi-Continis children have completed their college studies. Because the racial laws forbid their association with non-Jews, the children form their own informal tennis club. The narrator resumes his friendship with the now young adults. He finds himself falling in love with Micol, but she does not return his feelings and wants to remain friends. Slowly, their relationship disintegrates.

Bassani's memoir is reminiscence of a long-ago sorrow. He sees life as complex, rich, comic, and very dangerous. The reader knows from the very start of the book the tragic fate of the characters, but the Holocaust is never the subject of the story. The book is not about anti-Semitism or fascism but life as he sees it within the circumstances engulfing Italy.

Bassani was born in Bologna to a prosperous Jewish family. With limited work opportunities, he became a schoolteacher in the Jewish School of Ferrara. He was a political activist and was arrested in May 1943 as an anti-fascist resistant but was released on July 26th, the day after Benito Mussolini was ousted from power. His writings realistically document the Italian Jewish community under Fascism. Today the Jewish community in Ferrara is very small, and this book is his memorial to the people there.

Submitted by Marjorie Focarazzo

2019 Summer Picnic—Eyer Park



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