



The Roar of the Lion

Marisa Rubé, editor
April 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Spring has arrived and hopefully the warm weather will be here permanently.

I pray everyone had a wonderful Easter holiday. Mine was great! Time to spend with family and friends, that's what makes it so special.

In our last letter I spoke about the upcoming Cibi Dinner. The plans have been finalized. The date is Sunday, May 1 at 2:00 p.m. At the East Rochester Community Center (Eyer Building). Tickets are \$45.00 per person. The region chosen this year is Emilia Romano. Reservations are a MUST and are due by April 24. The menu will knock your socks off! Hope to see you all there.



Your delegates are getting ready to attend the yearly convention in June at Villa Roma. This year's delegates are Sister Sandy Meleca, Brother Tom Meleca, Brother Luigi DiFillipo, Sister Marjorie Focarazzo, Sister Marisa Rubé, Brother Joe Rubé, and myself. If you are interested in attending please let me know as soon as possible.

Scholarship applications are being received and we have 35 applicants. The committee will be meeting and interviewing students in May.

Please, if you haven't already done so, update your information for the bereavement fund, as the committee continues working on the policy.

In closing hope to see everyone at our next meeting, Thursday evening, April 14 at 7 p.m.

Fraternally, in Peace
President Vince

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What our brothers and sisters around the state are up to:

****Please see President Vince if you are interested in attending any of these events****

April 3rd: 48th Annual Dinner Dance - Cellini Lodge #2206, Westbury

April 7th: Social Night - Guglielmo Marconi Lodge #2232, Islip

April 8th: Testimonial Dinner Dance - Daughters and Sons of Italian Heritage Lodge #2428, Flushing

April 9th: Through the Decades Dinner Dance - Constantino Brumidi Lodge #2211, Deer Park

April 9th: Night at the Races - Dr. Vincenzo Sellaro Lodge #2319, Smithtown

April 14th: Grab Bag Bingo - Cellini Lodge #2206, New Hyde Park

April 15th: Spring Social - Mario Lanza Lodge #2491, Middle Village

April 17th: 16th Annual Dinner Dance - Lt. Joseph Petrosino Lodge #285, Brooklyn

April 17th: Sunday With Mama Fundraising Dinner - Vigiano Brothers Lodge #3436, Port Jefferson

April 18th: Paint Night - Fr. John Papallo Lodge #2864, Smithtown

April 21st: Scholarship Fundraiser - Guglielmo Marconi Lodge #2232, Islip

April 23rd: Sands Casino Trip - Cellini Lodge #2206, New Hyde Park

April 28th: Annual Fashion Show - America Lodge #2245, Westbury

Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270

April 7th, 2016 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

April 14th, 2016 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

May 1st, 2016 @ 2pm: Annual Cibi Regional Dinner Eyer Building, 317 Main St, East Rochester

May 5th, 2016 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

May 12th, 2016 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

May 18th, 2016 @ 6pm: Dinner and Initiation Ceremony @ Grapevine Restaurant 122 Main St, East Rochester

****Please note, all Council and General Assembly meetings are held at the Eyer Building—317 Main Street, East Rochester**

Other 2016 events to be on the lookout for:

June 2nd-5th, 2016: NY OSIA Convention

August 14th, 2016 @ TBD: Annual Member Appreciation Picnic @ Eyer Park East Rochester

October 21st, 2016 @ 6pm: Christopher Columbus Italian American Heritage Awards Dinner @ Burgundy Basin 1361 Marsh Rd, Pittsford

November 2016, Date TBD: Papa Antolini's Annual Turkey Raffle

December 3rd, 2016 @ 1pm: Lodge Christmas Party @ Lodge on the Green 288 Ridgeway Ave, Rochester

SONS of ITALY - Vincent Lombardi Lodge
Annual Regional Sunday Dinner

TRADITIONAL EMILIA-ROMAGNA CUISINE
Compliments of C&L deliziosi

Sunday May 1st, 2016
2:00P \$45/Person

Come join fellow lodge members, friends, family and guests from other local Italian American organizations as we get a taste of a traditional home-cooked Napolitano Sunday Dinner prepared by Chef Rosita Caridi-Miller.

Place: East Rochester Community Center, First Floor
Eyer Building, 317 Main St., East Rochester, NY

Parking: Off street parking and parking lot behind the building on W. Commercial St. across from the Village Fair.

Established in 1905



Vincent Lombardi
Lodge #2270
Rochester, NY - Since 1972

Chef Rosita has provided a great menu which is listed on the back of this flyer.

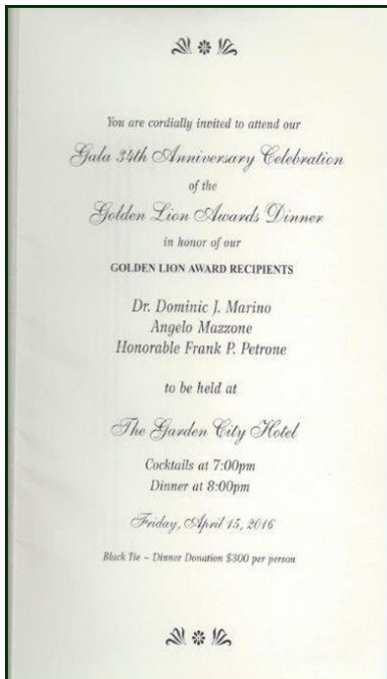
Other District 8 Events

Geneva Lodge #2397 2016 Annual Awards Dinner
Saturday, April 30th, 2016

31 Prospect Avenue, Geneva NY 14456
Tickets are \$25 per person

****Please see President Vince for more info if you are interested in attending****

STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS



The Sons of Italy Foundation®


The 28th National Education & Leadership Awards Gala

Thursday, May 26, 2016
6 p.m. reception - 7 p.m. program
National Building Museum, Washington, D.C.

Join the Sons of Italy Foundation® (SIF) on Thursday, May 26, 2016, for the 28th Annual National Education & Leadership Awards (NELA) Gala. The signature Washington event returns to the National Building Museum to honor Dr. Condoleezza Rice, Nicholas E. Calio, Joseph M. Mattone, Sr., Mary Ann Pessolano Mattone, RN/MPH and Paul Rinaldi. In addition to these outstanding headline honorees, the SIF's national scholarship recipients -- chosen through a highly rigorous and competitive process -- will be showcased.



19th ANNUAL
New York Grand Lodge Foundation, Inc.
WALK-A-THON
Saturday, May 14, 2016
Registration 8:30 AM
"Walk for a Cure"



New York State Grand Lodge Foundation, Inc.

February 2016
Dear National Officers, State Officers, Lodge Presidents, Brothers and Sisters:
The New York Grand Lodge Foundation will be hosting their Eighteenth Annual Culinary Classic "Year 2016 Dine Around." This event will be held:
Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2016
Place: Verdi's of Westbury
Time: 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Cost: \$45.00 per person

Many restaurants will be presenting their finest dishes at this event. There will be music, raffles, and great food for you to taste. The success of this event depends on each lodge's participation, so please come and enjoy the evening. You can also extend the invitation to your family and friends.

Reservations must be made no later than March 24, 2016 by using the enclosed reservation form. Please make checks payable to the NYOSIA Grand Lodge Foundation, Inc. All seating will be reserved. If you or your lodge members are unable to attend, perhaps you would consider making a donation to help defray the cost of this event and help us to make this "Dine Around" a success.

Most of the prizes are so generously donated by members of the Grand Lodge of New York. If you or any member of your lodge plans on donating a prize, please contact: Mildred Mancusi at 516.359.1745.

Your generosity will be greatly appreciated and will enable us to continue supporting the important work of the Cooley's Anemia Foundation. Please continue to help us to - kiss our children goodbye - not goodbye. We thank you in advance for your participation and we know that with your support this event will be a tremendous success.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, April 5th!

Fraternal,
Mary Naccarato
State Cooley's Anemia Chairperson

Mildred Mancusi
State Cooley's Anemia Co-Chairperson

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New York State Order Sons of Italy in America
Carolyn Hores President


"Research Will Find The Cure"
Cooley's Anemia Dine-Around

Date: April 5, 2016
Time: 7 PM
Verdi's Catering Hall
Westbury, New York
Contact:
NYS Chair Mary Naccarato
516 925-7838
NYS Co-Chair Mildred Mancusi
516-359-1748

Please join us on Tuesday April 5, 2016, for our annual Cooley's Anemia Dine-Around. Last year over 320 people had the pleasure to savor food, wine and desserts from almost fifty restaurants, bakeries and wineries from all-over our metropolitan area.

The Cooley's Anemia Foundation still needs your help so that they may contribute to the research necessary to find a cure, while helping those who struggle daily with the affects of Cooley's Anemia.

Cost - \$45.00 Per Person
Raffle Donations Welcomed
Table Sponsors—\$100.00
Cash Donations Appreciated



Cooley's Anemia Foundation



IS YOUR TEAM READY FOR THE
2016 NEW YORK OSIA
STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT?

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016
8:30AM - BREAKFAST
9:00AM - PRACTICE
9:30AM - TOURNAMENT BEGINS
AT
FARMINGDALE LANES
999 CONKLIN STREET
FARMINGDALE, NY 11735
\$20.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES ...
BREAKFAST OF COFFEE AND DONUTS
SHOES & BOWLING - LUNCH AND SOFT DRINKS
CONTACT
CHAIRMAN, KEITH WILSON
516-633-1435



04/01	Ted DeSoto	04/14	Bonnie Cottone
04/09	Matthew Grosodonia	04/19	Rufus Brey
04/10	Angela Amato	04/25	Antonio Galvano
04/13	James Vacanti	04/26	Peter Maddalena
04/13	Ray Macera	04/29	Daniel DeJohn Jr.



....Br. Bill Agnello, recovering after a recent hospitalization.
....Br. Russ Gugino, in rehabilitation after an illness.
....Br. Joe Capogreco, recovering at home from an illness.
....Br. Ross Cottone, recovering from surgery.
....Br.. Tony Palucci, continuing rehabilitation after surgery.



A warm welcome goes out to our newest lodge members, initiated at our March general assembly meeting: Br. Ray Macera, Sr. Becky DiFilippo, Sr. Kim Marie Ruggieri, Sr. Paula Santirocco, Br. Michael Meleca. We look forward to getting to know you all!

Brother Joseph A. Rubé Jr.



**for
State Trustee District VIII**

**Proudly endorsed by the members of the
Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270**

Thank you for your support

CSJ Report

Sr. Marjorie Focarazzo, CSJ Liaison

The controversy to change Christopher Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day continues and even school districts are jumping on the band wagon to include it in the academic calendars. One such school district's board of education, Southampton Union Free School District, recently approved the 2016-2017 school calendar until they were approached by a contingency of OSIA members voicing their displeasure and dissatisfaction with the change. The Board decided to draft a generic school calendar with the days not in session not marked as to whether they are holidays or conferences or whatever. In the meantime the Board requests that community groups meet to decide what those days should read and advise the Board. School boards are accessible and accountable to their communities. Through public advocacy and community engagement, school boards share their concerns and actions with the public, but school boards should not arbitrarily make changes without considering the ramifications of those decisions. The purpose of education is to make the world a better place, to provide an academically and socially well-balanced education of a high standard. Educational environment needs to encourage the pursuit of truth and values through the development of critical thinking skills and foster a spirit of learning and inquiry, which will continue throughout each student's life. Schools need to be committed to the spirit of international education and aim to create a coherent and caring school community, which emphasizes respect for individual and cultural diversity.

Colorado legislature's vote has put on hold, but this does not mean our vigilance should also be put on the back burner. Often times it is mere strategy "out of sight, out of mind". We must not let this slip through the cracks.

Continue to watch for local school board's 2016-2017 school calendars to see if there is a change from Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day. We cannot arbitrarily make changes to a holiday that is imbedded in US history because of a few. All of us know of something that is offensive, either personally or as a group. Is it possible to create a community, a society, or a world where no one is ever offended? Do we offend another by our own offensiveness? Do we expect everyone to respond to our wants? Or can we live where we respect others' difference? Can we open our minds and learn what makes us who we are and others who they are? Can we celebrate along with others their culture and heritage as we hope others will celebrate with us? Education is the key to acceptance and understanding, the good and the bad, the struggles and the successes.

**District VIII Essay
Contest Deadline is
April 8th.**

ICL BOCCE TOURNAMENT

We are trying to put together a team for the ICL bocce tournament this year. If you are interested in joining, please contact President Vince.

Grand Lodge Lottery tickets for sale - \$100

Grand Prize \$20,000
2nd Prize \$5,000
3rd Prize (2) \$2,000
4th Prize (3) \$1,000
5th Prize (5) \$500

****See President Vince for more
info****

National OSIA Survey

Please consider taking a short survey regarding your OSIA membership to help our Supreme Lodge OSIA understand what is working for our members, and what is not.

The survey can be found at:

[https://
www.surveymonkey.com/r/
JGKX3RH](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JGKX3RH)

April Fools Day in Italy *pesce d'aprile* (April's Fish)

In Italy, as in much of the world, April 1st is traditionally a day of practical jokes, pranks, and silliness. The origin of this custom is ancient and ambiguous, but one thing is certain: much buffoonery and hilarity will take place.

The traditional *pesce d'Aprile* (April Fool's trick) in Italy consists of a youngster surreptitiously attaching - with the help of tape or glue - a paper cutout of a *pesciolino* (small fish) to the rear shoulders of a school companion. Then everyone jokingly asks questions: *L'hai visto?—Chi?—Il pesce d'Aprile!* (or Have you seen?—Who?—the April Fool!) and makes derisive remarks about the victim.

The more sophisticated adult pranks are classics such as false communiques from the Ministry of the Interior about Martians attacking: *"Sono sbarcati i marziani, chiudetevi tutti in casa,"* or rumors that money is being given out: *"Si distribuiscono soldi a tutti, andate in via Tal dei Tali al numero..."* Every year there are new pranks which oftentimes trick gullible individuals. Usually the media reports on them the day after and ranks the *migliori pesci d'Aprile*. Not to miss out on a culinary opportunity, there's even a recipe for *ravioli al pesce d'aprile* to celebrate the occasion.

Liberation Day in Italy - April 25th *La Festa della Liberazione*

*"E questo è il fiore del partigiano ... morto per la libertà!
(This is the flower of the partisan ... who died for freedom)
"Bella Ciao"*

On April 25, you'll hear this refrain throughout every corner of Italy, sung on street corners by small groups, played on the radio or performed by bands in parades and local plazas. Set to the melody of a traditional folk song, "Bella Ciao" was the anthem of the Italian resistance movement during World War II, often sung by the left-wing anti-fascist rebels who fought against the atrocities of the Nazis and the leader of Italy, Benito Mussolini. Even today, the lyrics are symbolic of the sacrifices made for freedom.

While Italy has been a democratic republic since 1946, many Italians remember a time when they did not have such freedom. That history is honored throughout Italy on April 25 with *La Festa della Liberazione*, or Liberation Day, festivities. Every year, the entire country joins together to celebrate its liberation from the Nazis and pay tribute to those who lost their lives in the fight to free their country.

"OH PARTISAN, COME TAKE ME WITH YOU ..."

When Italy entered into an armistice with the Allies in 1943, thousands of Italians took up arms as part of the resistance to the fascist dictatorship of Benito Mussolini. No longer satisfied to live under Mussolini's control, the Resistance initially comprised independent soldiers who had once been members of Italy's many political parties — including more than 35,000 women. While the infighting among members of the resistance was sometimes fierce, the soldiers remained committed to the same cause: Italy's liberation. After two years of fighting and thousands of deaths, in April 1945, the Resistance successfully liberated several Italian cities. Over the course of four days, beginning on April 21, the soldiers freed Bologna, Parma, Reggio, Emilia, and, on the final day of uprising, Milan and Torino.

TORINO'S ROLE IN LIBERATION

While members of the Resistance fought bravely in every Italian city, perhaps nowhere was the loss felt more than in the industrial city of Torino, the center of Italy's car-making industry. Many of the workers in the factories and other establishments around the city refused to comply with the Wehrmacht, or German military forces. As a result, as many as 7,000 of the workers were taken to a concentration camp in Cefalonia, where they perished under harsh labor conditions or in lethal gas chambers.

LA FESTA DELLA LIBERAZIONE

While many festivals in Italy are only celebrated locally, Liberation Day is a "Red Day" on the calendar or a national holiday. Most of the country shuts down — including public buildings and transportation, and many restaurants — so citizens can attend parades, concerts, demonstrations, speeches and ceremonies honoring those who lost their lives at the hands of the Nazis, particularly the Resistance fighters.

The most elaborate celebrations occur in the capital city of Rome, notably the Italian president's annual visit to the Ardeatine Caves mausoleum, where 335 Romans were killed by Nazis in 1944. However, every city hosts events to honor the holiday. Even in smaller cities, like Torino, you'll find parades and other events taking place throughout the day.

**March 2016 Geneva Lodge Merger and New Officer
Installation Ceremony featuring our
NYS Grand Lodge President, Carolyn Reres.**



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