



# The Roar of the Lion

Marisa Rubé, editor  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you all know, I was elected in January for my second full term as president of the Vincent Lombardi Lodge. I want to thank one and all for the confidence and trust you have in me. I'm looking forward to the continued relationship I have with my fellow brothers and sisters. I am proud of all the hard work our members have done to make our lodge continue to grow.



A special thanks to our council members Sr. Nancy Rubé and Br. Ross and Sr. Bonnie Cottone for their hard work and loyalty to our lodge, As you all know they are stepping down from their Council positions, but will remain active members of the lodge. Welcome to our new Council members: Brother Ron Santoli - Sentinel, Sister Mary-Lou Cadena - Mistress of Ceremony and Brother Matt Grosodonia - Orator. Congratulations to all.

I also want to thank our other Council members that continue to serve our lodge.

A reminder, if you haven't paid dues yet please get them in as soon as possible we have to give the information to the Grand Lodge shortly.

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Moving on, our winter picnic/clambake is rapidly approaching. Flyers announcing the details have been sent out. Hurry and make your reservations. This year the winter picnic is being catered by the Wilshire restaurant and is being held at Gates memorial park. This is a fun event and everyone enjoys themselves, so please join us for a wonderful day together.

In March, come and help us celebrate the installation of your new Council members. There will be a brunch at Burgundy Basin Inn on March 19th at 11:30am. Flyers have been distributed, so hurry and make reservations to support your lodge members.

We are looking for ideas of different ways to raise money for the lodge. Any and all suggestions are welcomed. Please see a Council member to pass your ideas on as we are making lists of what we can try in the future.

Hope to see you all on the 12th at the Winter Picnic at Gates Memorial Park.

Fraternally,  
Peace,  
president Vince



### **Rochester Italian American Community Events**

February 3, 2017 6:30 pm General Meeting with  
Guests, Italian American Sport Club

February 4, 2017 10:00 am Casa Italiana Book  
Club, Casa Italiana Of Nazareth College

February 9, 2017 12:00 pm Thursday Club Lunch,  
Italian American Sport Club

February 11, 2017 6:30 pm Valentine Party, Italian  
American Sport Club

February 15, 2017 7:00 pm Conversational Italian,  
Italian American Community Center (IACC)

February 18, 2017 2:00 pm FIG Meeting, Friends  
of Italian Genealogy

February 18, 2017 5:00 pm Valentine Party,  
Sicilian Sport Club

February 23, 2017 12:00 pm Thursday Club  
Lunch, Italian American Sport Club

February 25, 2017 6:00 pm Murder Mystery  
Theater, Italian American Community Center



## **Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270**

### **Calendar - 2017**

February 2nd, 2017 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

February 9th, 2017 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

**February 12th, 2017 @ 1pm: Winter Picnic & Clambake  
Gates Memorial Park - RSVP by February 5th**

March 2nd, 2017 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

March 9th, 2017 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

**March 19th, 2017 @ 11:30am: Officer Installation Brunch  
Burgundy Basin Inn - RSVP by March 10th**

April 6th, 2017 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

April 13th, 2017 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

May 4th 2017 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

May 11th, 2017 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

**June 1st-4th, 2017: Annual NYS OSIA Convention**

June 8th, 2017 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

July 6th, 2017 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

July 13th, 2017 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

August 3rd, 2017 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

August 10th, 2017 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

September 7th, 2017 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

September 14th, 2017 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

October 5th, 2017 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

October 12th, 2017 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

**October 2017 Date & Time TBD: Christopher Columbus  
Italian American Heritage Dinner**

November 2nd, 2017 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

November 9th, 2017 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

**November 2017 Date & Time TBD: 18th Annual Papa  
Antolini's Turkey Raffle**

December 7th, 2017 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

December 14th, 2017 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

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



**Patricia Galante 2/3**  
**Joe Galante 2/12**  
**Anthony Micciche 2/14**  
**Stephen Cataldi 2/18**

**Elvira Chiarenza 2/23**  
**Joe Capogreco 2/28**  
**Sandy Meleca 2/27**



...Best wishes to Sr. Marilyn Sarkis, recovering from surgery.



...Our thoughts and prayers are with Br. Mike Tomaselli and his wife, Del for the recent loss of Del's brother.

...and Sr. Maritza Buitrago and her partner, Ricardo, for the loss of Maritza's grandfather and Ricardo's father.

Congratulations to our newly elected Council members:

**Brother Ron Santoli**, Sentinel  
**Sister Mary-Lou Cadena**, Mistress of Ceremony  
**Brother Matthew Grosodonia**, Orator



Consider This....

Today we have about 25 members who have not paid their 2017 dues or let us know if they are renewing their memberships for 2017. In a few days we will be sending in our membership list to the Grand Lodge. We must include those 25 members on our list, unless we are specifically told they are not renewing. The list we send in determines our per capita tax paid to the Grand Lodge for the entire year. Each member cost about \$13 per person, per quarter, or \$325. A cost for the year of \$1300! Even if only 10 people fail to notify us that they will not be renewing, that equals \$130 per quarter or about \$500 per year that could be going to other use for our lodge. Please be considerate and send in your dues or call or email and tell us of your intention to renew. Thank you.

**PAID**  
**DUES**



### **2017 Scholarship Info**

**National: (DEADLINE February 28th, 2017)** Through the Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF) with hundreds of thousands of family members located in all fifty states and the District of Columbia, the Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA) has awarded nearly \$59 million in scholarships to date.

In past years, the SIF has offered 10 to 12 merit-based scholarships (National Leadership Grants), ranging from \$4,000 to \$25,000, in a nationwide competition. These figures and the number of scholarships may vary according to funding each year.

General Eligibility: U.S. citizens of Italian descent (at least one Italian or Italian-American grandparent) enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program at a four-year, accredited academic institution for the 2016/7 Fall term. Previous SIF scholarship winners are not eligible. (Please note: Additional eligibility requirements may apply to specific scholarships.)

More information can be found at: <https://www.osia.org/students/scholarships.php>

**State: (DEADLINE March 31st, 2017)** Always aware of the need for personal scholarship and the support of scholarship study, the NYSOSIA Grand Lodge has maintained a consistent financial support system for many decades. In any given year, the NYSOSIA, through the New York Grand Lodge Foundation, Inc. and the local lodges, expends some \$250,000 in such support. While many local lodges sponsor their own programs, the New York Grand Lodge Foundation, Inc. has an overall state competitive scholarship process in place since 1982. The funds for the Foundation scholarship endowment, which now hovers near \$1 million, has grown substantially due to the generosity of individual lodges, members of OSIA, as well as benefactors and friends. Promoting, encouraging and supporting scholarship and grant assistance has been the core piece of OSIA's efforts to honor young collegians in their academic pursuits. The statewide and district scholarships, and grants, established by lodges, districts or individuals are distributed on a yearly basis by the NYSOSIA Grand Lodge Foundation, Inc. at the State Convention.

More information can be found at: <http://www.nysosia.org/scholarships>

**Lodge: (DEADLINE March 31st, 2017)** At the Vincent Lombardi Lodge, we take pride in our ability to give scholarships to local students. Our only requirements are that the student must be of Italian descent (at least one grandparent must be of Italian heritage), must live in and attend school in Monroe County as a high school senior, and must commence study at an accredited academic institution of high learning in the fall of 2017. Preference is given to students associated with members of the lodge, but anyone that meets the above requirements are eligible and encouraged to apply.

More information and an updated application is available at [www.sonsofitalyrochester.com/scholarships/htm](http://www.sonsofitalyrochester.com/scholarships/htm)

### **Other Opportunities for Italian American students:**

<http://www.collegescholarships.org/scholarships/italian-students.htm>

<http://www.fastweb.com/directory/scholarships-for-italian-students>

<http://www.noiaw.org/scholarships/>



## CSJ Report: Creating a Positive Cultural Image

**Sr. Marjorie Focarazzo**

Culture is defined as the customs, mores, traditions, and creative pursuits of a country that differentiates itself from its neighbors or any other country. Italian culture is distinctive. It not only includes creative, economic, and political factors, but also takes into consideration family life, community life, festivals, and celebrations. During the 19th and 20th centuries immigration, it was one of the most recognizable European cultures because of its uniqueness.

Italian culture is very broad and has been a major influence, giving incredible contributions to the world of art, architecture, music, cuisine, fashion, interior design, film, literature, and sports. It is considered the heartland of art, beauty, and knowledge in Europe, and its people are known for being welcoming, sociable, and indulgent.

Early Italian immigrants, while searching for new opportunities and a better way of life, bore many hardships before, during and after their travels. Between 1821 and 1930 there was a mass immigration from regions all over Italy to America. They were poor and lived in lower-class communities in large cities which became known as “Little Italy’s”, where they were able to carry on traditions with full force. Everyone in the communities spoke the same language, practiced the same religion, cooked similar food, and shared similar ways of life. They endured by taking on menial jobs such as garbage collectors, sewing in factories, and other jobs considered undesirable.

Italian life is centered around the family, which includes not only the immediate family but grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Italians also form bonds with their neighbors and friends, identifying more with a home town and/or region rather than a central government. Families pulled together to earn income, raise children, and offer moral support. Early immigrants brought their religion and faith with them. Roman Catholic parishes were established to help preserve the Italian culture but to also provide support, sponsorship, financial assistance, and encouragement. One such place is the Our Lady of Loreto Church in Brooklyn, built in 1908 by Italian immigrants. It is known as one of the original “Italian footprints” in the area.



Our Lady of Loreto Church,  
Brooklyn

It is important to create and promote a positive Italian culture. History is important to people, giving them a sense of identity and belonging. As we get older, we want to know who we are, where we came from, and how did we get here. We search for our past through genealogical archives and organizations to help us to know our past and understand our present. We acknowledge the hardships and what has been tumultuous, but then we connect the best of the past to the present to create the future. We want to bring people together to talk about “us” more and “I”, creating a sense of togetherness and sharing. We have a need to belong—to a community, to society, to an organization—and when we belong, we have a very deliberate process of socialization, where we learn about and share our culture and heritage. As we become more global, there is still the importance of maintaining contact and a connectedness.

While Italian culture has been portrayed in a less than positive light in many films, there are so many more reasons visitors are compelled to not only visit Italy but to come back time and time again. Italy is a land of contrasts—the distinctive friendliness of the people, the love of a good debate, their appreciation for the moment, their love affairs with food, wine, good company, and beauty of all forms, and their strive for excellence in all they do.

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