



The Roar of the Lion

Marisa Rubé, editor
June 2016

To all my Brothers and Sisters of the Vincent Lombardi Lodge,

I hope you had a good spring and will enjoy the approaching summer.

As a lodge, we have been very active and busy in community events, lodge events and in working committees. We started off with a special initiation night for our new members, held at the Grapevine Restaurant and hosted by the gracious Janet LaPietra. We welcomed Charles Schiano, Sam Valleriani, Eva Fantauzzo, Giacomo DiPisa, Carol DiNicola and Sal Rotolo into the lodge that night. The meal was fantastic and the evening was a huge success. As a lodge we are enjoying an increase in membership due to the hard work of all our members in

recruiting and spreading the word about our lodge. This was again reflected at our June general assembly meeting, when we initiated another new member, Daniel DeJohn, and reinstated Ron Santoli. To all our new members: Welcome!

As you know, the village of East Rochester has welcomed our lodge and accepted us as a true member of the community. Because of this, we are trying to become active in their village activities. Thanks to the efforts of our East Rochester liaison, Brother Tony Palucci, our members marched as a group in the Memorial Day Parade and we are looking forward to being an active participant in the upcoming Fireman's Parade, July 30th at 6:30p.m. It is important for us to participate wherever we can in village activities. As you know, the Grand Lodge of New York had the annual convention at Villa Roma Resort in the Catskills in June. Our delegates came back with exciting news! Brother Luigi DiFilippo was awarded a membership jacket for bringing in ten new members. Congratulations to Brother Luigi! Continued good news, through the effort of the editor in chief of our newsletter, Sister Marisa Rubé, we won the award for best newsletter across the state! Congratulations to Sister Marisa. The best news of the convention was the election of our very own Immediate Past President, Financial Secretary Brother Joseph Rubé as Grand Lodge State Trustee for District 8. Congratulations Brother Joe and I wish you all the luck and success in your new position. Overall, the convention was a huge success and we made many new friends. Thank you to all the delegates for attending and your hard work during the weekend. The only regret of the convention was the absence of Brother Tom and Sister Sandy Meleca due to illness. The good news is that Brother Tom is feeling better.

Scholarship awards were given to Matt Clements, Gina Gaudio, Jaime Kurmis, Andrew Vaccaro, James Vazzana Jr. and Victoria Viola. Congratulations to these bright young students! They will receive their awards at our August meeting. Thank you to our scholarship committee for their dedication and hard work performing the difficult job of choosing the six scholarship winners, and to all of our members who have so generously donated to this fund.

It was amazing to witness first hand the generosity of our lodge members as we participated in a fundraiser to purchase a wheelchair for the young student at East Palmyra Christian School. Support from our lodge has been awesome.

A reminder to keep Sunday, August 14th open for the President's Member Appreciation Picnic. This annual event is free to members who bring a dish to pass, and if you would like to bring a guest or non member, the cost is \$5. More information to follow soon.

In closing, I would like to thank all our members in following our motto of Liberty, fraternity and equality. We have done an exemplary job of following and living the ideals of the order.

Fraternally,
Peace,
President Vince



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**Important
DATE!**

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****

NYSOSIA Summer Plenary Session:
July 30th, Abruzzi Lodge #443:
Endicott, NY

Loggia Glen Cove #1016: La Festa del
Giglio, July 10th
Glen Cove, NY

Le Amiche Lodge #2550: Annual
Scholarship Dinner, July 12th
Yonkers, NY

Progresso Lodge @1047: Annual
Family Picnic, July 12th
Syracuse, NY

Sgt. John Basilone Lodge #2442:
Garage/Yard Sale, July 16th
Patchogue, NY

Donatello Lodge #2559: Annual
Testimonial, July 21st
Westbury, NY

District II: Kings and Queens
Pageant, July 24th
West Hempstead, NY

Binghamton Lodge #487: Centennial
Anniversary Gala
Binghamton, NY

Vincent Lombardi Lodge 2016 Calendar

July 7th @ 7pm: Council Meeting

July 14th @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

July 30th @ 6:30pm: East Rochester Firemen's Parade

August 4th @ 7pm: Council Meeting

**August 11th @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting (open) with
Scholarship and Essay Contest Presentation**

**August 14th @ 1:30: Annual Member Appreciation Picnic Eyer
Park (East Rochester, NY)**

September 8th @ 7pm: Council Meeting

September 15th @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

October 6th @ 7pm: Council Meeting

October 13th @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

**October 21st: Christopher Columbus Italian American Heritage
Awards Dinner Burgundy Basin Inn**

November 3rd @ 7pm: Council Meeting

November 10th @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

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

December 8th @ 7pm: Council Meeting

December 16th @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

December 2016, Date TBD: Lodge Christmas Party

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



Other District 8 Events



Geneva Lodge 2397

**STEAK
NIGHTS**

Every Tues. Night Starting June 2nd
Serving From 5:30 - 7:30 pm

**10 oz. or 12 oz. Steaks
Grilled Chicken Breast
Fried Butterfly Shrimp**
All Dinners Served with Fries or Salt Potatoes
Side Salad and Dinner Roll

\$10 for 10 oz. Steak
\$12 for 12 oz. Steak
\$9 for Chicken Breast
\$9 for Shrimp

Stop in and let us cook dinner for you!

Geneva Lodge 2397
31 Prospect Ave.
Geneva, NY 14456



June 6th: Mary Ricci
June 11th: Tricia Lagana
June 13th: Deborah Sisto
June 16th: Nellie DiCesare
June 16th: Eunice McCarthy
June 17th: Hugh Warner
June 18th: Giacomo DiPisa
June 19th: Angela Perotto

June 22nd: Carol DiNicola
June 22nd: Nicola Giordano
June 22nd: Matthew O'Connor
June 25th: Edward Groszewski
June 25th: Michael Tomaselli
June 27th: Louis DeCarolis
June 30th: Edward Maruggi

...Br. Tony Palucci, continuing his recovery from surgery.
...Br. Russ Gugino, hospitalized and fighting illness.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Br. Quintino and Sr. Nellie DiCesare as they mourn the loss of Quintino's brother, Dielio DiCesare.

...An article highlighting the business of our brothers, Louis and Paul DeCarolis, was featured in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle on May 8th. Read the article here: <http://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/money/business/2016/05/08/decarolis-truck-small-business-spotlight/83983038/>

...An article was printed in the Rochester Business Journal on May 13th, featuring our brother, Pat Bernunzio. Read the article here: <http://www.rbj.net/article.asp?aID=228435>

Congratulations Louis, Paul, and Pat! Keep up the great work!

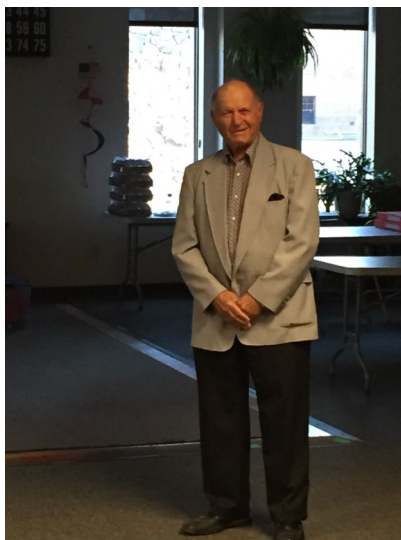
...Matthew Sisto, one of our past scholarship award recipients, sent us a note to let us know how he has been doing. Here is his update: *On May 15, I graduated from the University of Rochester with a dual Bachelor of Arts Degree in History (specifically East Asian) and Japanese language. This fall, I will be heading to Columbia University to pursue a master's degree in East Asian Languages and Cultures. I am contemplating pursuing a doctorate in the same field at the conclusion of the master's program.* ~Matthew Sisto, Rochester, NY

Congratulations Matthew!

On June 18th, the Italian Civic League hosted a bocce tournament at the Italian American Community Center. Our lodge was well represented with two teams that included Brs. Vince Giannantonio, Luigi DiFilippo, Joe Rubé, Don Campisi, Ray Macera, Tony Galvano, Mike Tomaselli, Jeremy DiFilippo. It was a wonderful event and we look forward to playing again next year!



In May, members enjoyed a special evening at the Grapevine to initiate and welcome six new members. We followed that up with another new member initiation at our June General Assembly Meeting. We also re-instated previous member Ron Santoli. Please give a warm welcome to Charles Schiano, Sam Valleriani, Eva Fantauzzo, Giacomo DiPisa, Sal Rotolo, Carol DiNicola, Daniel DeJohn, and Ron Santoli!



Dear Brothers & Sisters of the Vincent Lombardi Lodge,

Did you know that many of us lodge members belong to the exclusive **FIG** group.

Yes, I knew that you would ask...it means **FRIENDS of ITALIAN GENEALOGY**.

Specifically it stands for:

The Carmella Iulianello,
Friends of Italian Genealogy in
the Greater Rochester Area

The group started as POINTers in Person #25 of Rochester, NY and was lead by Carmella Iulianello our 1st president, now deceased. However, when POINTers (Pursuing our Italian Names Together) ceased to exist at the end of 2013, we who became friends decided to continue to meet and discuss and research our Italian roots and formed FIG.

If you would like to **join** this **exclusive group** all you have to do is contact one of our members and come to one of our meetings.

Call Tom Meleca 315-986-1097,

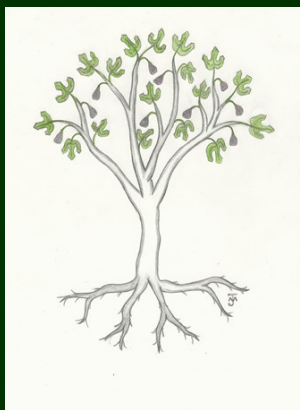
E-mail - tomsanmeleca@hotmail.com

Next Meeting:

Saturday, July 9th @ 10am

Penfield Community Center

1985 Baird Rd. Penfield



CSJ Report

Sr. Marjorie Focarazzo

A considerable amount has been written about the discrimination and prejudices Italians suffered during the early part of the 20th Century in the United States. Prior to that time, Italians living in North America, going back as far as the 17th Century, were respected craftsmen, musicians, soldiers, merchants, missionaries, educators, artists, scientists, and architects. They had a major influence in exploration and settlement of America. But mass immigration in the last of the 19th Century conveyed a different reception, a different attitude, those lacking in formal education vying for lower paying jobs and housing resulting in hostility towards them. They left behind poverty, unemployment, high mortality, poor medical care, a lack of schooling, inadequate housing, near starvation, a rigid class structure, and exploitation. While some hoped for a better life, many came only to stay long enough to earn enough money to send back to families in Italy.

As we moved into the 20th century, Italians moved steadily into the main currents. By the 1930's Italian immigrants would see their children grow up as Americans. While education provided these children with a new language, a new culture, different traditions, and sometimes an Anglicized name, it often created a cultural gap between the second Americanized and their parents.

Italians were not initially welcomed by the trade unions. There was an unwarranted fear they would work for any amount of money, which would result in taking over jobs from other workers. In time, Italian Americans were able to achieve advances in the workforce. Major labor unions began to open their doors to immigrants and allow them to move into better paying positions, careers, and become business owners.

World War II brought on more changes as Italian Americans tried to assimilate more into the center of US cultural life. Nearly one million served in the armed forces and millions more worked in war industries. National service gave them more social mobility and more access to education. The end of the war saw Italian immigrants in all regions of the US, in almost every career, and nearly all walks of life. They could be found in show business, politics, science, and art. We can recognize the influence Italians had on the American way of life and around the world: Fiorello LaGuardia served as ambassador for both New York City and his national heritage; Marlon Brando became the face of a new school of naturalistic acting; Rocky Marciano revolutionized boxing; Joe DiMaggio led the Yankees to nine World Series championships; crooners Perry Como, Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra ruled the airwaves; Enrico Fermi continued his Nobel-Prize winning work on the mysteries of the atom. Today, we are represented from the Supreme Court to the National Academy of Sciences to the National Basketball Association.

We have much to be proud of, and as we move further from our roots, it becomes extremely important to recognize the talents and gifts we have contributed to the United States by way of our heritage, struggles, and successes.

2016 NYSOSIA Convention Award Winners

Bene Emeritus Award: Joseph Rondinelli, State Immediate Past President



The Bene Emeritus Award remains the highest honor bestowed upon a member of OSIA in New York State. This award is given to an individual who has performed outstanding deeds to enhance the image of the Italian American community, both within the Order Sons of Italy and the community at large.

Dr. Vincenzo Sellaro Award: Jean Gagliardo, Cellini Lodge #2206 and Louis Mazzacone, St. Francis of Assisi Lodge #2629



The purpose of the Dr. Vincenzo Sellaro award is to recognize and acknowledge OSIA members who have distinguished themselves in the ideals and principles exemplified by its founder, Dr. Sellaro.

Family of the Year: The Capicotto Family of the Antonio Meucci Lodge in White Plains, NY



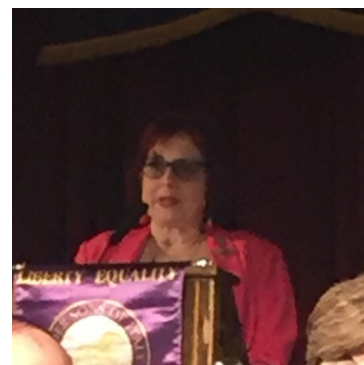
The Family of the Year Award recognizes and acknowledges an OSIA family which has distinguished themselves in the ideals and principles of the Order. The family displays the traditions and values of an Italian American Family.

Elena Lucrezia Cornaro Award: Dr. Mary Anne Trasciatti of Long Beach, NY



This award recognizes outstanding Italian American women in higher education who have contributed to their community. It is in honor of the first doctoral degree ever awarded to a woman, Lady Elena Lucrezia Cornaro Piscopia, in 1678.

Literary Award: Marianna Randazzo of the Father Capodanno Lodge in Staten Island, NY



Given in memory of Pietro DiDonato and John Frante, the Literary Award was established in 2002 to attract attention to the many Italian American writers, novelists, poets, and playwrights who contribute to the Italian experience in America.

Other 2016 NYSOSIA Convention Highlights

Our very own Br. Joseph Rubé was elected as State Trustee for District 8! Congratulations Br. Joe!



Fundraising reports included profits of \$14,878 from the 2015 calendars, and a gross income of \$28.25 from the 2016 calendars; a net revenue of \$25,323.21 from the Annual Golf Outing; excess of \$18,000 from Walk for a Cure; net revenue of \$18,345.48 from the 2016 Winter Charity Ball; net revenue of \$38,517.80 from the Cooley's Anemia Dine Around; and net revenue of \$45,500 from the 2015 raffle.

Newsletter Competition Winners

Best Newsletter: Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270



Best Layout, Print/Composition: Fr. Vincent Capodanno Lodge # 212

Best Layout, Photography: Lt. Joseph Petrosino Lodge #285

Most Informative: Dr. Vincent Sellaro Lodge #2319

Most Promising: Gabriele D'Annunzio Lodge #321

Best Editor: John Michael Marino Lodge #1389

Scholarship Committee, Michele Ment, State Scholarship Chair reported a total of 158 applicants were received for 125 scholarships and 6 grants; 68 students have been selected to be awarded a total of \$79,100 in scholarship money and \$3600 in grant money; presentations will be made on Saturday, June 11th at Tappen Zee High School.

Membership, NYS 1st VP, Robert Ferrito presented awards for the greatest increase in the number of members (Constantino Brumidi Lodge #2211), greatest net percentage increase in the number of members (Rocky Marciano Lodge #2226), and the net increase of 50 new members (Constantino Brumidi Lodge #2211).

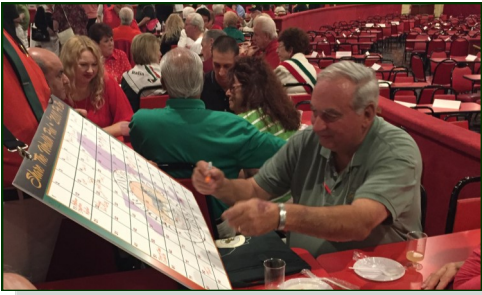
Our very own Br. Luigi DiFilippo was awarded a membership jacket for sponsoring ten or more new members in 2015. Congratulations Br. Louie!



The culture committee has been busy creating costumes to represent each of the 20 regions of Italy. These costumes will be worn in this year's Columbus Day parade. At this session we saw costumes from Calabria, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Lazio, Liguria, Lombardia, Sicily, and Veneto

2016 East Rochester Memorial Day Parade





2016 OSIA State Convention



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