



# The Roar of the Lion

Marisa Rubé, editor  
March 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Spring is right around the corner according to the calendar, but not according to mother nature. Hope everyone is staying safe and warm, especially after the day we had for our winter picnic. Members of our lodge have great perseverance to attend an event in the middle of a snowstorm. Everyone had a great time at the winter clambake. A special thanks to everyone that donated to the dessert and appetizer table. Everything was delicious! Thanks to our Geneva friends that traveled in a winter storm to be with us.



Speaking of Geneva - Saturday night, March 19, our fellow District 8 lodges will be officially declared one and have installation of their new officers. They will be celebrating the merger of the two lodges and they have extended an invitation to our lodge members to attend the ceremony and dinner afterwards. Grand Lodge President Carolyn Reres will be in attendance for the officer installation. We already have a small group of our members that wish to attend. Please let me know if you wish to join us. I would like our lodge to make a good showing. This would be a perfect opportunity to meet our Geneva brothers and sisters, and our state president, as representatives of District 8.

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On a further note, plans are being made for our next Cibi Dinner which will occur at the beginning of May. Details to follow.

The Honoree Committee is looking for nominations of who we should honor at our October dinner. If you have anyone in mind please write a brief statement explaining your choice and give it to me or Brother Joe Rubé.

We are still looking for volunteers for our various lodge committees. Please check over the descriptions of the committees and choose one that you would be interested in helping out on.

In regards to the ICL, brother Tom Meleca has been appointed to represent the lodge as one of three delegates. He joins Brother Joe Rubé and Brother Tony Galvano as our lodge representatives.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Easter.  
Buona Pasqua!  
Peace  
Fraternally,  
President Vince



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

March 2nd: Loggia Lodge #1016  
Officer Installation Ceremony (Glen Cove)

March 3rd: Guglielmo Marconi Lodge #2232  
Social Night (Islip)

March 4th: Mario Lanza Lodge #2491  
St. Joseph's Party (Middle Village)

March 5th: Arturo Toscanini Lodge #2491  
Night at the Races (Dix Hills)

March 6th: Loggia Glen Cove Lodge #1016  
Feast of St. Joseph (Glen Cove)

March 7th: Cellini Lodge #2206  
Officer Installation Ceremony (New Hyde Park)

March 12th: Lt. Joseph Petrosino Lodge #285  
Fabulous 50's Sock Hop (New York City)

March 13th: Cellini Lodge #2206  
St. Joseph's Feast (New Hyde Park)

March 15th: Giovanni Caboto Lodge #2372  
Officer Installation Ceremony (Seaford)

March 16th: Arturo Toscanini Lodge #2107  
Officer Installation Ceremony (Commack)

March 16th: John Michael Marino Lodge #1389  
Officer Installation Ceremony (Port Washington)

March 17th: Guglielmo Marconi Lodge #2232  
Feast of St. Joseph (Islip)

March 19th: Luigi Pirandello Lodge #2875  
Feast of St. Joseph Festival (Fresh Meadows)

March 19th: Progresso Lodge #1047  
St. Joseph's Day D/D (Syracuse)

March 21st: Marco Polo Lodge #2214  
Officer Installation Ceremony (Levittown)

March 21st: Fr. John Papallo Lodge #2684  
Officer Installation Ceremony (Kings Park)

March 22nd: Guglielmo Marconi Lodge #2232  
Children's Easter Party (Islip)

March 23rd: Captain Kathy Mazza Lodge #2163A  
Officer Installation Ceremony (Bethpage)

**Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 2016 Calendar**

**March 3rd, 2016 @ 7pm: Council Meeting**

**March 10th, 2016 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting with initiation ceremony**

**April 7th, 2016 @ 7pm: Council Meeting**

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

**May 5th, 2016 @ 7pm: Council Meeting**

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

**\*\*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, NY)**

**October 2016 Date TBD: Christopher Columbus Italian American Heritage Awards Dinner**

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

**December 2016, Date TBD: Lodge Christmas Party**

**Other District 8 Events**

**March 19th: Our brothers and sisters at the newly merged Geneva Lodge will be having their Merger Ceremony and Installation of Officers, attended by State President Carolyn Reres. We have been invited to attend and celebrate with them. Please let President Vince know if you would like to attend this event. We have a group of folks planning to go and support our District 8 brothers and sisters.**

## NYS OSIA GRAND LODGE EVENTS

### Order Sons of Italy in America

Grand Lodge of New York Foundation, Inc.

ANNOUNCES

#### The Lecturer in Residence Series

A pilot program of dynamic and intriguing presentations by  
Salvatore Primeggia, Ph.D.



#### AVAILABLE TOPICS

**Tracing Italian Immigrant History to the Italian American Present**

There is nothing small about the history and heritage of Italian-Americans. Come and get the big picture.

**Religion and Superstition in the Lives of Italians and Italian Americans**

What makes Italian and Italian-American religious devotion unique?

It's an age-old blend of Catholic and folkloric traditions that include God, saints, and assorted superstitious beliefs.

**Italian American Comedy: From the Immigrant Era to the Present**

Don't laugh! Oh, go ahead. Through the generations, the hardships of immigration and the challenges of assimilation

actually did have their lighter sides - no joke!

**The Giallo Feast of Brooklyn: Building Upon Solid Roots**

Every July, 120 men of Italian heritage fill, carry and "barn" a 4000 pound, 80-foot tall metal tower through Brooklyn's streets. In the presentation, one of them will explain why.

**Media Images of Italian-Americans: Perceptions Do Matter!**

A look at the Italian-American as portrayed by the media vs. the positive contributions of Italian-Americans.

Program funded by the

New York State Grand Lodge Foundation, Inc.,

Order Sons of Italy in America

For details and information on this program, contact

Austina Vlastakis, Chairperson - (516) 455-0859 - [vlastakisnys@yahooc.com](mailto:vlastakisnys@yahooc.com)

Carolyn Reyes, President, New York State Grand Lodge Foundation, Inc.



**WIN**

**\$20,000\***

**CASH**

2nd Prize  
\$5,000

4th Prize  
3 @ \$1,000

3rd Prize  
2 @ \$2,000

5th Prize  
5 @ \$500

**Each ticket is \$100**

Drawing will be held on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 3:00pm  
At NYS Grand Lodge Foundation Inc., 2101 Bellmore Ave, Bellmore, NY 11710  
For information contact:  
Raffle Chairperson Luigi Squillante at 516-456-2541 or [LSQUILL@yahooc.com](mailto:LSQUILL@yahooc.com)  
Or Raffle Co-Chair Keith Wilson 516-633-1435 or [KWILSON@optonline.net](mailto:KWILSON@optonline.net)  
\*If 80% of the tickets are not sold, then first prize will be \$15,000



### 19th ANNUAL

New York Grand Lodge  
Foundation, Inc.

### WALK-A-THON

Saturday, May 14, 2016  
Registration 8:30 AM

"Walk for a Cure"



Carolyn Reyes  
State President

### GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK 43RD ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

**DATE:** Sunday, April 24, 2016  
Farmingdale Lanes, 999 Conklin Street, Farmingdale, NY  
(516) 249-4300  
**TIME:** Breakfast - 8:30am (practice at 9:00am - 9:30am tournament begins)  
**FEE:** \$20.00 per bowler for three (3) games. To ensure reservations, your  
entire fee and form must be received by April 19, 2016.

All participants must be members in good standing. Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary are invited to participate. All league bowlers will use their league averages. Last year's summer league average will be allowed. An 80% handicap from 200 will be used. Absent bowlers will have five (5) points taken off their average.

Average will be determined from ABC league sanctions. If no ABC average is established, the bowler may use any house league average where the participant bowled at the end of the 2014-2015 season. Bowlers with no established average or absent bowlers will start with 140 for the men and 110 for the ladies. All teams must consist of four bowlers. Please include a lineup with the names clearly printed or typed on the form enclosed in the order in which participants will bowl. Three games will be used for team total wood for winning team trophy. All three games will be used for individual awards for high series and high game. An individual is eligible for only one individual award. There will be no mixed teams allowed.

Plaques will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finish for high average, high game and high series in both divisions. Plaques will be awarded at the State Convention. ABC rules for tournaments are to apply unless otherwise stated. Presidents please appoint a chairperson for your lodge to represent your bowling teams. All entries must include the name and telephone number of your bowling chairperson.

Join with us, as State President Carolyn Reyes throws out the first ball of the tournament. Please make checks payable to the **New York Grand Lodge** and mail with the attached completed form to: **Keith Wilson at 1116 N. Baldwin Drive, North Massapequa, NY 11758.**

Keith Wilson, Chairperson  
516-633-1435

Coffee and doughnuts will be served for breakfast  
Lunch and shoes are included!

Order Sons of Italy in America is the oldest and largest organization of Italian American men and women in the United States



### 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 Classico "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 NYSOSIA 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 goodnight ... not good-bye. 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!

Fraternally,

Mary Naccarato

State Cooley's Anemia Chairperson

Mildred Mancusi

State Cooley's Anemia Co-Chairperson

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You are cordially invited to attend our  
Gala 34th Anniversary Celebration  
of the  
Golden Lion Awards Dinner  
in honor of our  
GOLDEN LION AWARD RECIPIENTS

Dr. Dominic J. Marino  
Angelo Mazzone  
Honorable Frank P. Petrone

to be held at

The Garden City Hotel

Cocktails at 7:00pm  
Dinner at 8:00pm

Friday, April 15, 2016

Black Tie - Dinner Donation \$300 per person





**03/07 Mercie DiGiacomo**  
**03/07 Kim Marie Ruggieri**  
**03/08 Christopher Ciaccio**  
**03/08 Christopher Przepiora**  
**03/10 Ann Battaglia**  
**03/14 Catherine DiNicola**

**03/16 Donald Campese**  
**03/23 Donna McIntosh**  
**03/26 Mary Rinere**  
**03/27 Annette Taddeo**  
**03/30 Shirley Sculli**  
**03/31 Hon. Donald Mark**



...Br. Tony Palucci, entering rehabilitation after surgery.

...Br. Ted DeSoto, recently hospitalized and recovering well.

...Br. Avis "Fuzzy" Marino from the Geneva Lodge, recently hospitalized and recuperating at home.



Our hearts and prayers go out to Sr. Stephanie and Br. Rufus Bray and their family, as they mourn the loss of Stephanie's father.



....to our fellow brothers and sisters at the newly merged Geneva Lodge. You have our sincere best wishes as you celebrate this momentous occasion!



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Want to take a minute to thank all of you for the donations of desserts and appetizers brought to our clambake in February. I appreciate all the donations and I hope everyone had a wonderful time. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and thank you once again for your generosity.

Sister Sandy



## CSJ Report—Sr. Marjorie Focarazzo

Columbus Day is a holiday in many of the counties in the Americas dating back to the early 19<sup>th</sup> Century. It became an official state holiday in Colorado in 1906 and a US federal holiday in 1937. We, as Italian-Americans, celebrate Columbus Day as part of our heritage. It was first enshrined as a legal holiday through the lobbying efforts of Angelo Noce, a first generation Italian, in Denver. The first state- wide holiday was proclaimed by then Governor of Colorado, Jesse McDonald in 1905 and became a statutory holiday in 1907. The state that began Columbus Day is the same state trying to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day (HB16-1135). The term indigenous is defined as existing in a place or country rather than arriving from another place. According to a DNA research study out of Harvard Medical School and the University College London and radiocarbon dating from earliest human remains, the first migration to the North American Continent along the western coastal areas occurred between 11,500-11,000 PB, after the melting of the great glaciers that blocked passage from Siberia to Alaska and before the rising waters at the end of the last ice age submerged the land bridge known as the Bering Strait. If we are to believe what science tells us, then the Americas were populated by people from Siberia and Mongolia, with no native people here. If we are to establish a day to celebrate Indigenous People, then choose another day, leaving Columbus Day as the time when Christopher Columbus set foot on the American Continents and returned to Europe with the knowledge that by sailing west, land will be reached. The holiday marks the event-the discovery of the New World, The Age of Discovery, expanding the geographical horizon. The age of discovery increased knowledge, created new products, introduced cultures, opened new markets, etc. and new challenges brought changes in maritime technology - improved navigation, shipping, cartography, and ship building. The Age of Discovery restored the confidence of Europe from a sagging economy and fragmented political power, and connected Europe, Asia, Africa and the New World.

Columbus Day has been celebrated around the world for decades, but not until recently have activists sought to eradicate the day celebrations because of its association with Italian immigrants, the Knights of Columbus, and Catholicism. Columbus has been blamed for the way indigenous people were treated during the colonization period, but the treatment of indigenous peoples varied greatly depending on the historical period and the colonizing power. Western civilization brought reason, science, self-reliance, individualism, ambition, and productive achievement. Adhering to the American Indian Movement of Colorado that Christopher Columbus is responsible for events and treatment in the years that followed makes it easier for people today to avoid taking responsibility for their own actions, or the actions of their governments regarding indigenous populations.

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? As Italian-American it is our duty to express our displeasure and disappointment that changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day to satisfy the wants of some is disrespected to who we are and our culture. I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to those who have taken a stand and already written at keep Columbus Day as the federal holiday initiated in 1937. If you have not written in support of leaving Columbus Day as is, I ask that you contact: Chair- Su Ryden, D, Aurora 303-866-2942 [su.ryden.house@state.co.us](mailto:su.ryden.house@state.co.us) or Vice Chair & Co-Sponsor of Bill 1135- Susan Lontine, D, Denver/Jefferson 303-866-2966 [susan.lontine.house@state.co.us](mailto:susan.lontine.house@state.co.us) expressing concern, discontent, and dissatisfaction in the sponsorship of HB Bill 16-1135. You will be kept updated on what transpires with this piece of legislation.

## STATEMENT FROM THE SONS OF ITALY® ON THE PASSING OF U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ANTONIN SCALIA

Washington, D.C., February 16, 2016

On behalf of its hundreds of thousands of family members in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, the Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA), the oldest and largest organization representing Americans of Italian heritage, deeply mourns the passing of United States Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

OSIA National President Daniel J. Longo of Maryland calls Scalia a "shining example of the very best the Italian American community has to offer, highlighting a brilliant career in public service and jurisprudence." Justice Scalia was recognized by the Sons of Italy Foundation® (SIF) in 1991 for being that shining example, receiving the SIF's highest honor, the National Education & Leadership Award.

OSIA National Executive Director Dr. Philip R. Piccigallo, who knew Justice Scalia for more than a quarter century, states that, "whether one agreed or disagreed with his strong legal and philosophical positions, it was impossible not to recognize Justice Scalia's intellectual acuity, command of prose, forceful impact on American law, the legal system and culture, and the historical importance as the first Italian American appointed to the Supreme Court in 1986." Piccigallo adds, "moreover, virtually everyone respected and enjoyed Justice Scalia's company, irrepressible wit, and sense of humor."

OSIA extends its deepest condolences to Justice Scalia's devoted wife, Maureen, his nine children, and more than two dozen grandchildren. His indelible place in American history and jurisprudence is clear and firm.

**Discover Your Heritage,  
Treasure Your History: *Voices  
from the Past*  
Sr. Marjorie Focarazzo**

Every journey has a beginning. It begins with a first step. Many of us are curious about the past and often will spend hours researching what was. We poke through old photos, join search sites such as Ancestry, work with genealogist to discover the final secret to the code that will reveal the next layer to the answers of what we are seeking to find. Digging into past history is all about determining who we are, how we came to be, why we have certain interests, our likes and dislikes, and even our disposition. We can learn from the experiences of those who came before us through their trials and tribulations, their struggles, and their successes. Sharing the stories of past experiences is really telling living history, and by engaging in conversations with family, friends, and neighbors, it will reveal that which has been interesting and intriguing.

Who do you think you are? Pursuing our own family history or those of friends provides an understanding of who we are as individuals and as a people. It is important to preserve the past for future generations, lest we forget who we are, where we came from, and how we got to this point. We can value and appreciate lifestyles, likes, dislikes, hopes, and dreams. Your ancestors are waiting for you to tell their story. Preserve our past.

6th, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders start the conversation with someone who emigrated from Italy. Share their story.

Essay submission deadline is April 8<sup>th</sup>. The attached registration form will provide additional information. Contact Marjorie Focarazzo, [MAFocarazzo@gmail.com](mailto:MAFocarazzo@gmail.com), if there are any questions.

**Our Italian Culture: The Italian American Museum  
Br. Ed Groszewski**

On the corner of Mulberry and Grand Streets in Little Italy, New York City, in the building that formerly housed the Banca Stabile, is the Italian American Museum. The authenticity of their collection and the knowledge and enthusiasm of its mostly volunteer staff more than make up for its small size. The next time you're in the city, a visit to the museum will be well worth your time. (And it's surrounded by some very good Italian restaurants.)

The Banca Stabile was founded by Francesco Rosario Stabile in 1885. It faithfully served the immigrants and permanent residents of the neighborhood for over forty-five years. The charter for the museum was issued in 2001. Many of the original bank fixtures, including the large safe, are still in place. The museum's collection includes documents and artifacts from the peak years of Italian immigration to America, as well as showcases devoted to important individuals in the community. The career of the martyred New York policeman, Joseph Petrosino, receives special attention.

The mission of the museum parallels that of our lodge: "An important mission of the Italian American Museum is to raise public awareness and appreciation of the many accomplishments and contributions made by Italian Americans to our American society."

The day I visited the staff included Daniella Day and Tony Petracca (who is originally from Rochester and is a very talented artist.) We began our visit with a short video and then wandered through the exhibits at our leisure. Tony was especially helpful when we told him we were Rochesterians. There is no admission charge, but donations are accepted. It is currently open from noon until 6 PM on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

[www.italianamericanmuseum.org](http://www.italianamericanmuseum.org)



*Outside the museum on Grand Street.*



*The Presepio Napoletano is about 100 years old. It was made by the Ferrigno family.*



## 2016 Winter Clambake and Picnic





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