



The Roar of the Lion

Marisa Rubé, editor
November 2015



Ai Miei Fratelli e Sorelle,

I want to thank all of you for your participation and support in honoring our Italian heritage during this month of October.

This month started with involvement by our lodge as host organization for the Italian Civic League Christopher Columbus Luncheon. We were honored to receive an award as the host organization for participating in the ceremony. One of our members, Paul DeCarolis, was honored with the Lifetime Achievement award. Congratulations Brother Paul! I want to thank all of our members for showing such great support and attending the luncheon.

The month ended on a high note with a very successful and well attended dinner at Burgundy Basin Inn. Seeing the support of so many of you in attendance made me proud to be the president of this lodge. It was one of our most successful events. Attendance was widespread with individuals from all walks of life, bringing us into the community limelight. I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard and diligently to make our evening such a success. From the ad book committee and event co-chairs, to the people that sold the 50-50 tickets, the basket maker, and the members manning the petition and membership tables...each one of you helped to make this event the success that it was. I would like to name names but that would fill the whole page!

Several new members were initiated in October: Ezio Bonanni, John Pecora, Nicola Giordano, and Louis Velocci. Welcome!

Approaching very quickly is November 19, our annual Turkey Raffle. Judith Ranalatta will be providing the entertainment for the evening. This event is one of our oldest traditions, so we hope you will all try to attend. Thank you in advance to Jen Gugino for all her hard work in organizing this great evening.

Our immediate past president, Dr. Joseph Rubé, is going to vie for a position on the Grand Lodge Counsel. Brother Joe, we support you in your bid for this position as New York State District 8 Trustee. We wish you much success.

Thank you for all your support this month. You make me proud to be your lodge president.

Sempre Avanti Fratelli e Sorelle ,
President Vince

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STATE AND NATIONAL OSIA EVENTS

**NOVEMBER 7TH: GARIBALDI MEUCCI
MUSEUM ANNUAL BRUNCH
STATEN ISLAND, NY**

**NOVEMBER 14TH: GIFT OF SIGHT
AWARDS LUNCHEON**

****Please see President Vince if you are
interested in any of the above events**

Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 Upcoming Events

November 5th @ 7pm: Council Meeting
Eyer Building (317 Main Street, East Rochester)

November 12th @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting
Eyer Building (317 Main Street, East Rochester)

**November 19th @ 5:30pm: 15th annual Papa Tony Antolini
Turkey Raffle Dinner**
St. Cecilia's Church (2732 Culver Rd, Rochester)

December 3rd @ 7pm: Council Meeting
Eyer Building (317 Main Street, East Rochester)

December 10th @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting
Eyer Building (317 Main Street, East Rochester)

December 19th @ 1pm: Lodge Christmas Party
Lodge on the Green (2888 Ridgeway Avenue, Rochester)

Vincent Lombardi Lodge # 2270

Proudly Presents the
15th Annual Papa Tony Antolini Turkey Raffle

Papa Tony Antolini, a dedicated member of the *Sons of Italy* many years ago in Dunkirk New York, began the tradition of an annual turkey raffle as a fund raiser for his lodge, creating wonderful memories for his young daughter Jen. Today Jen Gugino lovingly carries on this joyful tradition in the Rochester Lodge in honor of her father's memory.

Please Join Us for a Fun Filled Evening
~Turkey Raffle~

Live Entertainment!

Thursday, November 19th, 2015
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM
St. Cecilia's Church
Newcomb Friendship Center
2732 Culver Road
Rochester, NY 14622

Tickets \$22.00 Per Person

Join us for a delicious roast beef supper prepared by Dave's Side Walk Café



SONS OF ITALY VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY


Saturday, December 19th,
2015

1pm-5pm

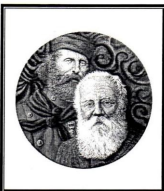
Lodge on the Green

2888 Ridgeway Ave, Rochester, NY 14626

Statewide Events



Join us for a champagne toast
in celebration of the newly discovered
images and artifacts exploring the legacy of
Antonio Meucci and Giuseppe Garibaldi



View the newly installed bricks in the
Garibaldi-Meucci Museum Brick Walkway

Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 3:30 pm
following the Annual Fundraiser Luncheon

Garibaldi-Meucci Museum
420 Tompkins Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10305
(718) 442-1608



The Board of Commissioners of the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum
cordially invites you to celebrate with us at

The 27th Annual Fundraiser Luncheon
Saturday, November 7, 2015
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

honoring

Joseph Rondinelli
State Immediate Past President

Luigi Squillante
GMM Immediate Past Chairperson

Annamarie Gulino Gentile, Esq.
Supervising Partner at Angiuli & Gentile LLP
Chair, Staten Island Chamber of Commerce



Dr. Christine D. Cea
New York State Board of Regents
Judicial District XIII, Richmond

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697 Forest Avenue
Staten Island, New York 10310

Price: \$75.00 per person



The 2016 NYS Grand Lodge Lottery Calendars are now available for sale at our lodge. Each calendar comes with a unique three digit number. Each evening, a number is drawn by the Grand Lodge. If your number matches the number drawn, you are a winner! There are 365 chances to win (one chance every evening for all of 2016) and you can win more than once per year! Once you have purchased your calendar, you do nothing. The Grand Lodge keeps track of all the numbers and if you are a winner, you will receive a check in the mail. We have had several winners from our lodge in past years!

Calendars cost \$30 each. Buy one for yourself, and consider another as a gift for a loved one. Please see President Vince for purchase.



Order Sons of Italy in America
Vigiano Brothers Lodge #3436 of Port Jefferson, NY
Invites you to Our 2nd Annual
"A Night at the Races"
On
Saturday, November 21, 2015
At
The Bates House
1 Bates Road
Setauket, NY 11733
Time: 7:00pm
Cost: \$15 per person
Pizza, Soda, Coffee and Cake
BJCB
50/50 and Raffle Prizes

For Reservations:
Please Contact Annette at 631-928-9167



Fr. John Papallo Lodge No. 2684
Order Sons of Italy in America
Kings Park, New York
Joan Aliperti, President
16 Bruce Lane South
Kings Park, NY 11754

June 19, 2015

Dear National Officers, State Officers, Lodge Presidents, Members, Family and Friends:

You are cordially invited to attend our Testimonial Brunch honoring our Immediate Past President Maddalena McKee. The Brunch will be held on Sunday, November 15, 2015 at Crestwood Manor, 1036 Fort Salonga Road, Northport, New York, at 11:00 A.M. The Donation is \$55 per person.

This event is also an important opportunity for our Lodge to raise funds for scholarships Charities, cultural events and community service initiatives, through our Souvenir Journal.

Accordingly, we have attached a Journal Ad Application for the convenience of family, friends, patrons and members of the order who wish to have their congratulatory remarks to our honoree entered in the journal.

We hope you will join us in honoring Maddalena for her work and dedicated service to the Fr. John Papallo Lodge, and look forward to seeing you on November 15. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joan Aliperti
Dinner Dance Chairperson

Richard Macellaro
Journal Chairperson



11/01	Hon. Franklin D'Aurizio	11/13	Dennis Erbetra
11/01	Hon. Joseph Valentino	11/15	Patrick Sculli
11/07	Louis Velocci	11/16	Sharon Avery
11/08	Dr. Joseph Polizzi	11/17	Patricia Johns
11/09	Terry Fico	11/25	Gino Romano
11/11	Joshua Sisto	11/29	Catherine Nuci

...Sr. Jen Gugino, recovering at home from an illness.
...Br. Russ Gugino, recovering at St. Johns from an illness.

A warm welcome is extended to our newest lodge members:
Br. Louis Velocci, Br. John Pecora, Br. Nicola Giordano, and
Br. Ezio Bonnani



Honor Flight, Inc. and affiliated hubs in the national Honor Flight Network are private, not-for-profit organizations created solely to honor America's Veterans for their many sacrifices. Recently, our very own Br. Peter Maddalena was taken on an honor flight from Rochester to Washington DC to visit the World War II Memorial.



November 1st—All Saints Day

La Festa di Ognissanti, or the All Saints Feast, is a religious event celebrated on November 1st. This feast celebrates all the saints of the Catholic calendar.

The origins of this feast date back to very ancient times. In fact, records exist of celebrations held in honor of Christian saints even during the very first centuries of the development of Christianity. Writings related to the dedication by Pope Boniface IV of the Roman Pantheon to "Mary and all the martyrs" on May 13th 609 AD can be considered as the symbolic text inaugurating the tradition.

Over the course of time, the feast was moved to November 1st for reasons that are still unclear. There are claims that All Saints Day was moved to November by Alcuin, the counselor of Charlemagne, so that the Church could christianize the pagan feast of the Celtic New Year, which allowed for celebrations to last three whole days. Whatever the reason, it was decided that the feast would take place in November and, as of June 1st, 1949, the Italian Constitution listed the day of Ognissanti as a public holiday.

Christopher Columbus Italian American Heritage Dinner

Chairperson: Sister Sandy Meleca

Hello Everyone, I want to thank all of you who helped make our dinner so successful. Everyone appeared to have a great time and said they liked the venue, the food and the event. I worry if I name names that I might forget someone, so I just thank all of you for your help and support. I do have to send a very special thank you to Sister Bonnie Cottone. Without her help I fear some people would have been standing all night! Thanks again, Sandy

Membership

Chairperson: Brother Tom Meleca

Our last initiations for the year will be held at our General Assembly meeting on December 10th. If you have anyone who is interested in joining the lodge, please let them know that applications should be in by November 4th.

Commission on Social Justice

District Chair: Brother Joe Rubé

During the past month the CSJ has continued in its pursuit of fighting negative bias and bigotry against Italians and Italian Americans, and just as importantly, promotion of positive image recognition of many Italians and Italian Americans. The CSJ has temporarily suspended its drive to obtain signatures for the petition to save Columbus Day. The issue is not resolved by any means but the national organization is reviewing how we can join with other organizations in making this a more formidable process. Some of our newer activities include:

- 1) Support of the efforts of Doug Gladstone and Lou Del Bianco to have the Director of the National Park Service, wherein Mount Rushmore is located, to acknowledge Luigi Del Bianco's masterly work in the carving of the figures on Mount Rushmore. Called the "Chief Carver of the Project" by his boss, Luigi is barely mentioned as participating in the project.
- 2) In Bridgeport, Connecticut, the school board made a decision to rename Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples Day. The item was not on their agenda and only six board members were present. No one in the public community knew the item was going to be discussed. An attempt to revisit this item was blocked. A petition went out immediately to have the "NATIONAL" holiday reinstated. We are asked to support this petition. Possible legal action to be considered against the Bridgeport School Board.
- 3) There have been some very negative comments made by columnists George Will and Colin Meyler, making fun of Yogi Berra by describing his facial features as "Neanderthal" and "apelike".

I do want to emphasize that every effort is made by your Local CSJ District Chair to get all updates to you through communications with the Lodge CSJ Liaisons, Deputies, and Presidents, and by asking you, when appropriate, to send letters to those requested by our State CSJ Chairman, Lou Gallo.

Please note....email addresses of lodge members are private. Emails about non-lodge events and other items should be sent to President Vince or to our lodge communications email address (communications@sonsofitalyrochester.com) for approval. Once approved, we will forward the information out to all members via email and/or the lodge newsletter.

November 2nd—All Souls Day

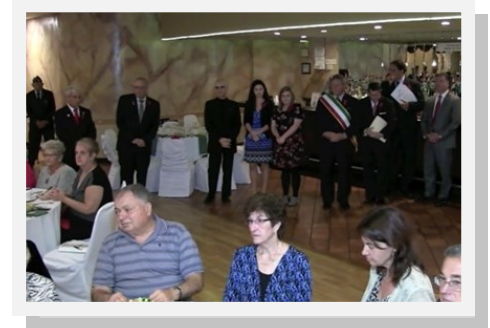
This feast is directly tied to the celebration of All Saints Day, and follows it directly on the calendar, on November 2nd. The direct link between the two days can be traced back to 998 AD, when the Abbot Odilo of Cluny established the day to remember the dead should follow the day celebrating all the Saints, mainly because the dead were believed to be able to intercede with God for the living, very much like saints.

It is also not surprising that Catholics chose to honor the dead during this time period. Many ancient civilizations celebrated the dead in the months of October and November, likely owing to the fact that the coming winter was in direct contrast to the rebirth of spring.

The date of November 2nd is also connected to the Day of the Deluge as told in the Genesis, hence making many people believe it was chosen to remember those who perished during it and exorcise another similar disaster. All Souls Day has a common denominator in many parts of Italy: the belief the departed will visit that day. Even though it is a religious event, there are many popular traditions that remain alive to this day, which combine pagan and Catholic elements.

The entire country is united in celebrating All Saints and All Souls Day by honoring the dead, a habit mirrored in the loving care taken in the weeks running to those days in preparing, cleaning and decorating graves, in a manner which is extremely close to that typical of Mexican and, more generally, South American tradition.

2015 Italian Civic League Columbus Day Luncheon



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