



The Roar of the Lion

Marisa Rubé, editor
November 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What a month – so many activities surrounding our Italian heritage and Christopher Columbus. The Civic League luncheon was a huge success with many Italian organizations in attendance and a great showing by the Friends of Italian Genealogy (FIG) and our lodge. Not only did we attend the civic league luncheon in force, but many of us also went out to support our friends at the Geneva Lodge at their annual honoree dinner. Congratulations to all our brothers and sisters in Geneva.



I want to thank everyone that purchased pies during our annual pie sale. The pies can be picked up the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, which is November 21. They will be distributed in East Rochester in the hallway at the Eyer Building, starting at 12 o'clock. Please be sure to come for your pies.

I also want to take a moment to welcome two new members to our lodge. Frank and Lorrie DiBisceglie were initiated at our last meeting. Welcome to our lodge!

The plans for the Annual Turkey Raffle are going full force. Just a reminder to save the date, Thursday, November 16 and to get your reservations in as soon as possible. Once again we will be at the Newcomb Friendship Center of St. Cecilia's Church (2732 Culver Rd) with a start time of 6PM. Tickets are \$22 if purchased before November 9th and \$25 after the 9th and at the door. Looking forward to spending time with all of you and having a great event.

Let us not forget about our Reverse Raffle being held Friday, February 23rd at Burgundy Basin. Raffle tickets are now available at \$100 each. Only 100 tickets are being sold with prizes up to \$3,000. Tickets come with the meal included and if you wish to just attend the dinner or bring a guest, tickets for dinner are \$30. This is a new venture for us and can be a great way for us to support our lodge. I hope all members will show support of this event by attending and purchasing Reverse Raffle tickets. Remember only 100 tickets will be sold. Hope to see you all there.

On a final note, as a reminder we will still be having our After Holiday Party, but will be at a new venue this year. We will be going to the Brook House on Ridge Road. The party will be Sunday, January 14, from 12pm to 4pm. Tickets will be \$25 per person. Flyer to come out soon.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Hope to see you all at our meetings and future events.

Fraternaly yours,
Peace,
President Vince

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Rochester Italian American Community Events

November 2, 2017 12pm - Thursday Luncheon,
Italian American Sport Club

November 4, 2017 6:30pm - Halloween Party,
Italian American Sport Club

November 16, 2017 12pm - Thursday Luncheon,
Italian American Sport Club

November 30, 2017 12pm - Thursday Luncheon,
Italian American Sport Club

December 3, 2017 12pm - Christmas Concert,
Italian American Sport Club

December 9, 2017 6:30pm - IASC Christmas Gala,
Italian American Sport Club

December 14, 2017 12pm - Thursday Luncheon,
Italian American Sport Club

December 17, 2017 12pm - Christmas with Santa
(kids), Italian American Sport Club

December 28, 2017 12pm - Thursday Luncheon,
Italian American Sport Club

December 31, 2017 7pm - New Year's Eve Party,
Italian American Sport Club

OSIA New York Grand Lodge Events

Nov. 11 - 29th Annual Garibaldi Meucci
Museum Fundraiser Luncheon honoring
State President Carolyn Reres, Celebrity
Chef & Author Rossella Rago and a
special salute to General Giuseppe
Garibaldi

LiGreci's Staaten, Staten Island, NY
11:00am, \$75pp.

Contact: Fran Cicero @ 718-902-3276.

Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 Calendar - 2017/18

November 2nd, 2017 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

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

November 22nd, 2017: Pie Pick Up - Eyer Building (East Rochester)

November 16th, 2017 @ 6pm: 18th Annual Lodge Turkey Raffle - St Cecilia's Church, Newcomb Friendship Center (2732 Culver Rd, Rochester) Tickets \$22 with RSVP by 11/9 or \$25 after that date and at the door

December 7th, 2017 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

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

January 4th, 2018 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

January 11th, 2018 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

January 14th, 2018 @ 12pm: After Holiday Party - Red Fedeles Brook House (920 Elmridge Center Dr, Rochester). Tickets \$25

February 1st, 2018 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

February 8th, 2018 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

February 23rd, 2018 Time TBD: Reverse Raffle Dinner - Burgundy Basin (Bushnell's Basin). Raffle Tickets \$100 (includes dinner), Dinner tickets \$30

March 1st, 2018 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

March 8th, 2018 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

March 18th, 2018 Time & Location TBD: Winter Clambake

April 5th, 2018 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

April 12th, 2018 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

April 22nd, 2018 Time & Location TBD: Cibi Dinner

May 3rd, 2018 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

May 10th, 2018 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

May 26th, 2018: East Rochester Memorial Day Parade

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



11/1 Joseph Valentino
11/1 Franklin D'Aurizio
11/13 Dennis Erbetra
11/15 Patrick Sculli

11/16 Sharon Avery
11/17 Patricia Johns
11/25 Gino Romano



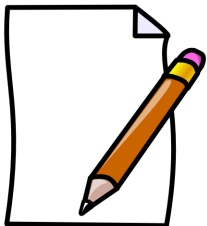
....Sister Marilyn Sarkis, recuperating from a broken arm.
....Sister Shirley Sculli, recovering after a recent hospitalization.



Congratulations to the DeCarolis family as they were once again named one of Rochester's Top 100 companies! DeCarolis was ranked number 94th this year and has the distinction of being featured on the list 13 times. DeCarolis is the 6th largest company on the list, and is the 5th oldest company at 79 years old.



A note from our vice president, Sister Sandy Meleca:
Thank you to all those members who contributed to making our October Heritage Dinner a huge success, we couldn't have done it without you. And to those who were unable to attend but made scholarship donations, we thank you as well. This event truly makes a difference for our lodge, and for the good we can do for the community. Thank you!



As a follow up to our Save Columbus Day efforts, and all that you have heard over the past few months in regard to efforts by revisionists to try to have statues and monuments removed from public spaces, including the statue at Columbus Circle in NYC, the Italian American Museum is encouraging it's members to take part in the Monuments Survey being conducted by the commission set up by the city to review all monuments. NYS OSDIA is encouraging our members to also take the survey. The survey can be found at:

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/monuments/survey/monuments-survey.page>



Council Nominations

Thank you to Sister Linda Agnello, who has agreed to be our nominations committee chairperson again for this year. If any existing council members would like to step down from their current positions, please contact Linda as soon as possible. Likewise, if any of our members are interested in serving on our council, please also contact Linda. If no officers step down and no members would like to submit their names for a role on the council, the existing slate of officers will remain in place until our next election cycle, 2019.



Some of our members have expressed an interest in getting a monthly card club started. Suggested times would be the second Wednesday of each month, either lunch at noon and then cards, or dinner at 4pm and then cards. If you are interested in taking part in this, please contact Sister Linda Agnello.

Italian-American Medal of Honor Recipients (by Marjorie Focarazzo)

Veteran's Day is November 11th, a day to honor our service men and women, originally adopted in 1926 by the United States Congress. Not until May 13, 1938 was it made a legal holiday by a Congressional Act as a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day'. June 1, 1943 Congress amended the bill replacing 'Armistice' with 'Veterans'.

The Medal of Honor was created during the Civil War and is the highest military decoration presented to a member of the armed forces. It is usually awarded by the President of the United States for actions of valor. Each branch of service-Army, Navy includes

Marines and Coast Guard, and Air Force-have their own version. The Medal of Honor was established in 1862 for those who distinguished themselves "conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity" during combat against the enemy of the United States. The Medal of Honor, also known as the Congressional Medal of Honor, because it is "presented in the name of Congress".

The following are Italian-American soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who risked their lives and went beyond the call of duty in actual combat against an armed enemy force:

Civil War

Luigi Palma di Cesnola

Rank and organization: Colonel, 4th New York Cavalry

Date and place of action: 17 June 1863, Battle of Aldie, Virginia

Thomas W. Hyde

Rank and organization: Major, 7th Maine Infantry

Date and place of action: 17 September

1862, Antietam, Maryland

Indian War

George Ferrari

Rank and organization: Corporal, 8th U.S. Cavalry

Date and place of action: 23 September 1869, Red Creek, Arizona Territory

Spanish American War

Frank O. Fournia

Rank and organization: Private, Company H, 21st U.S.

Infantry Date and place of action: 1 July 1898, Santiago, Cuba

Korean War

Reginald B. Desiderio

Rank and organization: Captain, United States Army, commanding officer, Company E, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division

Date and place of action: Near Ipsok, Korea, 27 November 1950

Joseph Vittori

Rank and organization: Corporal, United States Marine Corps Reserve, Company F, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division(Reinforced)

Date and place of action: 15 and 16 September 1951, Hill 749, Korea

Vietnam War

Lewis Albanese

Rank and organization: Private First Class, United States Army, Company B, 5th Battalion (Airmobile), 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division

Date and place of action: 1 December 1966, Republic of Vietnam

Gary W. Martini

Rank and organization: Private First Class, United States Marine Corps, Company F, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division

Date and place of action: 21 April 1967, Binh Son, Republic of Vietnam

Vincent R. Capodanno

Rank and organization: Lieutenant, United States Navy, Chaplain Corps, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Reinforced), FMF

Date and place of action: 4 September 1967, Quang Tin Province, Republic of Vietnam

Louis R. Rocco

Rank and organization: Sergeant First Class, United States Army, Advisory Team 162, Military Assistance Command

Date and place of action: 24 May 1970, northeast of Katum, Republic of Vietnam

Jon R. Cavaiani

Rank and organization: Staff Sergeant, United States Army, Vietnam Training Advisory Group

Date and place of action: 4 and 5 June 1971, Republic of Vietnam

Humbert R. Versace

Rank and organization: Captain, United States Army, Detachment A-23, 5th Special Forces Group, Army Special Forces, Intelligence Advisor to Military Assistance Advisory Group, Ca Mau, Republic of Vietnam

Date and place of action: 29 October 1963 to 26 September 1965, Vietnam

Frank R. Fratellenico

Rank and organization: Corporal, United States Army, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division

Date and place of action: 19 August 1970, Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam

Italian-American Medal of Honor Recipients

(continued)

World War I

Michael Valente

Rank and organization: Private, United States Army, Company D, 107th Infantry, 27th Division

Date and place of action: 29 September 1918, east of Ronssoy, France

World War II

John Basilone

Rank and organization: Sergeant, United States Marine Corps, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division

Date and place of action: 24 and 25 October 1942, Lunga Area, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands

Vito R. Bertoldo

Rank and organization: Master Sergeant, United States Army, Company A, 242nd Infantry, 42nd Infantry Division

Date and place of action: 9 and 10 January 1945, Hatten, France

Willibald C. Bianchi

Rank and organization: First Lieutenant, United States Army, 45th Infantry Regiment (PS), Philippine Scouts

Date and place of action: 3 February 1942, near Bagac, Bataan Province, Philippine Islands

Anthony Casamento

Rank and organization: Corporal, United States Marine Corps, Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division

Date and place of action: 1 November 1942, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands

Ralph Cheli

Rank and organization: Major, United States Army Air Corps

Date and place of action: 18 August 1943, near Wewak, New Guinea

Joseph J. Cicchetti

Rank and organization: Private First Class, United States Army, Company A, 148th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division

Date and place of action: 9 February 1945, south Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands

Mike Colalillo

Rank and organization: Private First Class, United States Army, Company C, 398th Infantry, 100th Infantry Division

Date and place of action: 7 April 1945, near Untergriesheim, Germany

Peter J. Dalessondro

Rank and organization: Technical Sergeant, United States Army, Company E, 39th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division

Date and place of action: 22 December 1944, near Kalterherberg, Germany

Anthony P. Damato

Rank and organization: Corporal, United States Marine Corps

Date and place of action: 19 and 20 February 1944, Engebi Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands

Arthur F. DeFranzo

Rank and organization: Staff Sergeant, United States Army, 1st Infantry Division

Date and place of action: 10 June 1944, near Vaubadon, France

Gino J. Merli

Rank and organization: Private First Class, United States Army, 18th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division

Date and place of action: 4 and 5 September 1944, near Sars la Bruyere, Belgium

Frank J. Petrarca

Rank and organization: Private First Class, United States Army, Medical Detachment, 145th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division

Date and place of action: 27 July 1943, Horseshoe Hill, New Georgia, Solomon Islands

Robert M. Viale

Second Lieutenant, United States Army, Company K, 148th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division

Date and place of action: 5 February 1945, Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands

War in Afghanistan

Jared C. Monti^[2]

Rank and organization: Sergeant First Class, United States Army, 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division

Date and place of action: 21 June 2006, Gowardesh, Nuristan Province, Afghanistan

Salvatore Giunta

Rank and organization: Staff Sergeant, United States Army, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade

Date and place of action: 27 October 2007, Korengal Valley, Afghanistan



Joe Capogreco - Celebrating 50 years on the radio





**2017 Christopher Columbus Italian
American Heritage Dinner**



