



# The Roar of the Lion

Marisa Rubé, editor  
October 2015



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

October has finally arrived; this is our month to celebrate everything that is Italian. October being Italian Heritage Month affords us the opportunity to reflect on our heritage and values and traditions.

This month we honor Christopher Columbus for his foresight and his courage, and also our ancestors that immigrated to these shores, into the unknown. If it wasn't for our ancestors wanting a better life for their families, we wouldn't be in the position of success that we are today. This is a time to reinforce our family values so that we can maintain them for our future generations, and so we, as Italian-Americans, can be proud not only of our Italian roots but also of being Americans.

Just a reminder of our upcoming events; Monday, October 12th at 11am at the Diplomat Party House is the Columbus Day luncheon. Friday, October 23rd at 6pm at Burgundy Basin Inn is our Christopher Columbus Italian American Heritage Awards Dinner. If you haven't made reservations yet there is still time to send in your RSVP to join us. Also, the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Papa Tony Antolini Turkey Raffle is being held on November 19th at 5:30pm at Saint Cecilia's church. Our final event of the year, the annual lodge Christmas party, will be held at Lodge on the Green on December 19th at 1pm. More information to follow on the Turkey Raffle and Christmas party. Hope to see you all on Columbus Day.

Peace, fraternally yours,  
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 in-  
terested in any of the above events \*\***

#### **Italian Civic League Columbus Day Luncheon**

**October 12th, 2015  
Diplomat Party House  
11am: Flag Raising  
12pm: Lunch**

**Our lodge is hosting this event,  
which will honor one of our  
members, Br. Paul DeCarolis**

**Tickets are \$20. Please see President  
Vince for purchase.**

#### **Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 Upcoming Events**

**October 1st @ 7pm: Council Meeting**  
Eyer Building (317 Main Street, East Rochester)

**October 8th @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting w/ New  
Member Initiation**  
Eyer Building (317 Main Street, East Rochester)

**October 12th @ : Italian Civic League Columbus Day Luncheon**  
Diplomat Party House (1956 Lyell Avenue, Rochester)

**October 23rd @ 6pm: Christopher Columbus Italian American  
Heritage Awards Dinner**  
Burgundy Basin (1361 Marsh Road, Pittsford)

**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: Annual Turkey Raffle Dinner**  
St. Cecilia's Church (2732 Culver Road, 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 Christopher Columbus Italian American Heritage Awards Dinner**

**Friday, October 23rd, 2015**

**This year we will be honoring:**

**Woman of the Year: Franca Cinelli  
Lifetime Achievement: Chief Michael Ciminelli  
Family of the Year: The Colaruotolo Family**

**RSVP's must be turned in by October 16th. Reserve your spot today. This  
is always a fantastic event!**

## Statewide Events



### Fr. John Papallo Lodge No. 2684

Order Sons of Italy in America

Kings Park, New York

Joan Alperin, 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 Alperin  
Dinner Dance Chairperson

Richard Macellaro  
Journal Chairperson



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

October 15, 2015

Nassau County  
celebrates  
Italian Heritage and Culture Month

The Grand Lodge of New York is one of the honorees.  
The program, including entertainment, begins at 6:00PM  
and  
refreshments will immediately follow the program  
The celebration is open to  
you, your lodge members, family and friends.  
Invitations are forthcoming and an RSVP is required

Theodore Roosevelt Executive and Legislative Building  
1550 Franklin Avenue  
Mineola, NY



### Albany Sons of Italy Roma Intangible Lodge #215

Proudly Announces It's  
102<sup>nd</sup> Lodge Anniversary Gala  
and  
2015 Annual Golden Lion Award Dinner  
on  
Saturday, October 17, 2015, 7:00PM  
at the  
Manston At Cedar Hill  
1016 River Road, Selkirk, NY

Honoring  
2015 Golden Lion Award Recipient  
Michael J. Castellana  
President & CEO - SEFCU

Albany Sons of Italy  
102<sup>nd</sup> Lodge Anniversary Gala & Golden Lion Award Dinner  
Please Resound by October 9, 2015

persons will attend at \$85 per person - kindly remit payment with reservations

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please select entire choices:

\_\_\_\_\_ Fillet Mignon \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Piccata \_\_\_\_\_ Herb Encrusted Salmon

Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Dinner 8:00 PM

Open Bar

Music by Good Times Band

\$85 per person

Make check payable to: Roma Intangible Lodge #215

Attn: Anthony L. Gaddis

P.O. Box 16211 Albany, NY 12212-6211

Or Call Anthony L. Gaddis at 518-862-0702 for more information



2015 DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI

### Columbus Day Dinner Dance

Saturday, October 17, 2015

6:00pm - 10:00 pm

Cocktail Hour w/hors d'oeuvres

First Course

Mixed Antipasti

Second Course

Penne W/Marinara, Bracirole and Chicken Cutlet

Dessert

\$30.00 Person, Cash Bar



In Celebration of ITALIAN CULTURE & HERITAGE MONTH

The Sgt. John Basilone Sons of Italy Lodge of Blue Point PRESENTS:

### A NIGHT OF SONG AND COMEDY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

ELKS CLUB 41 HORSEBLOCK ROAD CENTEREACH

\$30. Per Person 7:00-11:00 p.m.

Includes an array of Italian Desserts, Tea or Coffee

CASH BAR



FEATURING

THE INCOMPARABLE PAT COOPER

and

"IL GRUPPO ALLEGRIA"

tenor RINALDO TOGLIA, soprano MARY MANCINI and  
accordionist MARIO TACCA



Special Thanks to Pat Cooper for his participation in our Gala Evening.  
He has officially retired from show business but has generously agreed  
to regale us with his hilarious humor.

FOR MORE INFORMATION; Luisa Potenza 631-589-6634 or Madeline Brewster 631-289-0413

## NEW YORK GRAND LODGE

ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA



### GOLF OUTING

honoring

FRANK TROTTA  
BIAGIO ISGRO  
MICHAEL RUGGIERO

Monday  
October 19, 2015

Golfing at  
Town of Oyster Bay Golf Course  
1 South Woods Road  
Woodbury, Long Island  
516-677-6960

Dinner at  
Woodbury Country Club  
884 Jericho Turnpike  
Woodbury, Long Island 11797  
Tel # 516.692.6200



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 Angili & Gentile LLP  
Chair, Staten Island Chamber of Commerce

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

LiGreci's Staaten  
697 Forest Avenue  
Staten Island, New York 10310

Price: \$75.00 per person

### Constantino Brumidi Lodge #2211

2075 Deer Park Ave.  
Deer Park, NY 11729

Presents

### ANNUAL FALL FASHION SHOW

### "A Fall Spectacular"

Thursday, October 15, 2015

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Sit Down Dinner

Beer, Wine, and Soda

Cash Bar

DJ & Entertainment

\$45.00 Per Person

Chair - Lucille DiNardo

Co-Chairs - Sabrina Savino & Karen Lorito

Ticket Ladies:

Fran - (631) 667-1543

Ann - (631) 243-0104





10/01	Ann Vazzana	10/17	Thomas Ferraro
10/02	Lillian Bonanni	10/20	Michael Sacchitella
10/11	Vincent Giannantonio	10/21	Stacey Romeo
10/13	Joe Yonda	10/21	Eugene Sisto
10/14	Martin D'Ambrose	10/30	Mary Delman
10/15	Sister Carole Proia		



Our deep sympathy goes out to the Colaruotolo Family, this year's Vincent Lombardi Lodge honorees, as they mourn the loss of their matriarch, Ann Colaruotolo.



On August 1st at the Grand Lodge of New York Plenary Session, the State President Carolyn Reres and the Grand Council ratified an extension of appointment as Deputy to the Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 to our friend and brother, Tony Idoni, of the Geneva Men's Lodge. Thank you, Tony, for your time and commitment to our lodge!



A note of thanks was received from Sister Joanne Napoli that she would like conveyed to all members: "Thank you to all the many members who came to Chris's wake. The Honor Guard ceremony was very moving and I know Chris would have loved it. I remain most grateful for every kindness shown to me during this sad time."

—Sister Joanne Napoli



Brother Ted DeSoto is planning a program on Saturday, Nov 14 for FIG which will include WWII veterans talking about their military experiences and a video made by a young grandson of our brother, Dr. Ed Maruggi, about the Italian Resistance.

**If you are or know a WWII vet and would like to participate**, please contact Brother Ted . His information can be found in your membership list.

### **Commission for Social Justice**

**CSJ Liaison: Br. Matthew Grosodonia**

I just want to thank all lodge members for their continued support of the CSJ. The most important announcement that I have is that our "Save Columbus Day" Petition will be available for all to sign at our October Dinner Dance.

After the relative success of our Internet campaign last year, we have decided to go all paper this year, so that our elected representatives will actually see a human signature associated with each name.

Please sign the Petition and tell you friends and family to do the same. More information will be available at our next lodge meeting.

### **IT Committee**

**Chairperson: Br. Louis DeCarolis**

The IT committee is looking for any lodge members who have experience using WordPress. We are starting the process of creating a new webpage in WordPress and would value any help that you can offer. Please see me if interested in joining our committee.

### **Membership Committee**

**Chairperson: Br. Tom Meleca**

December will be the last opportunity for initiating new members before the end of the year. If anyone needs an application, call or see me.

The October Awards Dinner is a good time to recruit people who may be interested in our lodge. I'm looking for a couple of members to help that evening at our membership table. Please see me if interested in lending a hand.

There will also be a Save Columbus Day/Sign the Petition table at the awards dinner. If anyone is interested in helping Brother Ed Groszewski at that table, also see me.

### **Christopher Columbus, as celebrated by OSIA**

**Sons of Italy By-Laws, Article 114 of the August 2007 Revision includes the following text:**

To commemorate the anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, the Supreme Lodge proclaims Columbus Day as the  
**OFFICIAL HOLIDAY OF THE ORDER.**

Since the discovery of America by the Italian navigator, who divined the event and blazed the way to its realization, is a milestone in the history and progress of mankind, the grand lodges and the local lodges of the Order shall celebrate such anniversary each year in a solemn and dignified manner worthy of the outstanding achievements and greatness of Christopher Columbus.

## **October 2015 - Italian American Heritage and Culture Month**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION** memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 2015 as Italian Heritage and Culture Month in the State of New York

**WHEREAS**, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those whose true purpose and worthy accomplishment foster a spirit of community as they promote and recognize the goals and ideals of the rich cultural heritage of the Italian community; and

**WHEREAS**, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 2015 as Italian Heritage and Culture Month in the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS**, The Italian Heritage and Culture Committee (IHCC) of New York, a not-for-profit organization, was founded in 1976; Dr. Angelo Gimondo, its Founding Chairman, has played a leadership role since the beginning; its Board of Directors is composed of prominent representatives of New York's Italian-American community, and Joseph Sciamè continues to ably serve as its President and Chairman; and

**WHEREAS**, IHCC's Board of Directors, consisting of Italian and Italian-American leaders in Greater New York, announced the 2015 theme: Italian Creativity: Celebrating 50 Years of Science and Technology; New York World's Fair 1965-Expo Milano 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, During the year, there will be events with a special focus on highlighting the Italian and the Italian American scientific and technological advances over the past five decades; there will be related lectures, panels, receptions and proclamations at every level of government in collaboration with the Italian Consulate, educational institutions and other community organizations; we welcome all to join in this salute to Science and Technology with its Italian and Italian American contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, For the year 2015, the IHCC-NY, Inc. recognizes Expo Milano 2015, a worldwide celebration in Italy, saluting the various programs that will be sponsored, especially in the month of October 2015, a positive representation of all that has occurred and is occurring in Italy and presented to the world; that gift has been hundreds of years of inventions and research that have brought about some of the most creative outcomes in the fields of science and technology; and

**WHEREAS**, The celebration of Italian Heritage and Culture, which began as a week-long event, has grown to a month-long celebration of special events and programs organized and hosted by cultural associations, community centers, libraries, schools and universities during the month of October; and

**WHEREAS**, Each October is dedicated to a specific theme or personality representative of the history and culture of Italy and Italian-Americana; October 2015 marks the 39th Anniversary of Italian Heritage and Culture Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Italian-American cultural events and programs venerating Italian history, culture, and the many significant contributions of Italians, Italian-Americans, and Italian culture to America will take place throughout New York State during this special month for people of all cultures to enjoy; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 2015 as Italian Heritage and Culture Month in the State of New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York; and Joseph Sciamè, President and Chairman of the Italian Heritage and Cultural Committee of New York, Inc.

## Christopher Columbus

### QUICK FACTS

Christopher Columbus was an Italian explorer, navigator, colonizer and citizen of the Republic of Genoa. Under the auspices of the Catholic Monarchs of Spain, he completed four voyages across the Atlantic Ocean.

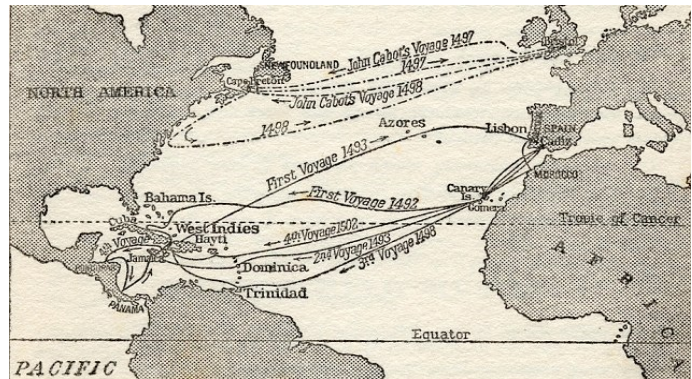
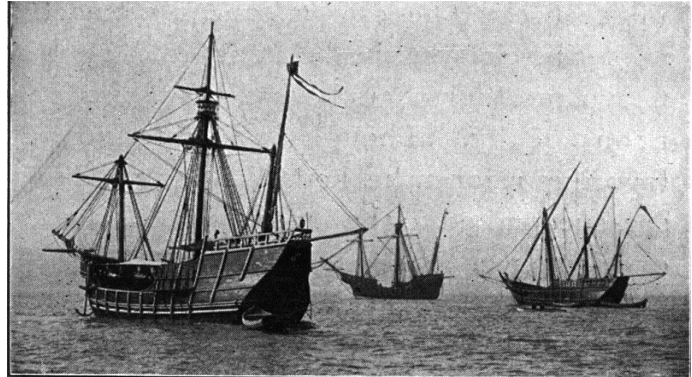
**Born:** 1451, Genoa, Italy

**Died:** May 20, 1506, Valladolid, Spain

**Buried:** Seville Cathedral, Seville, Spain

**Spouse:** Filipa Moniz Perestrelo (m. 1479)

**Children:** Diego Columbus, Ferdinand Columbus



### Columbus Quotes

“You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore”

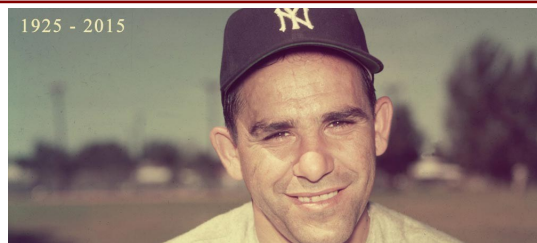
“By prevailing over all obstacles and distractions, one may unfailingly arrive at his chosen goal or destination.”

No one should fear to undertake any task in the name of our Saviour, if it is just and if the intention is purely for His holy service.

“And the sea will grant each man new hope . . . his sleep brings dreams of home.”

“Gold is a treasure, and he who possesses it does all he wishes to in this world, and succeeds in helping souls into paradise”





Yogi Berra won the affection and admiration from peer and public to a degree uncommon in American life. His kindness, humility and good humor remain the stuff of legend.

Yogi Berra transformed himself from barefoot sand lotter into one of the greatest catchers and clutch hitters in the history of the game. He anchored the New York Yankees' dynasty from the late 1940s to early '60s, becoming a 15-time All-Star, winner of 10 world championships (most in baseball history) and three-time Most Valuable Player along the way. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1972 and was a member of Major League Baseball's All-Century Team. As a manager with both New York teams, he became the first man in over 40 years to win pennants in different leagues (Yankees in 1964, Mets in 1973).

Yogi is quoted more than most poets; his one-of-a-kind observations have made him a major contributor to the national repository of wisdom ("It ain't over 'til it's over" and "When you come to a fork in the road, take it"). No other sports figure has as many entries in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations. Yogi was also renowned for his selflessness, giving generously of his time for countless youth organizations and charitable causes.

Lawrence Peter Berra was born on May 12, 1925 in "The Hill" section of St. Louis, an enclave of hard-working Italian immigrants, trying to realize the American dream. Along with his neighbor and boyhood pal Joe Garagiola, he played every sport imaginable. Yet Yogi – he got the nickname from a friend who said he resembled a yogi in a Hindu-themed movie – was most passionate about baseball. He left school after eighth grade to help his family, working various menial jobs while playing American Legion ball.

Yet after a 1941 tryout with the hometown St. Louis Cardinals, he refused general manager Branch Rickey's offer of \$250 to sign. He was insulted he didn't get the same \$500 offer given to Garagiola, so he signed with the Yankees a year later, making \$90 a month with the team's Class B affiliate in Norfolk. With World War II in full swing, he joined the Navy at age 18 and volunteered for duty on a secret mission – training to operate machine guns on a 36-foot "rocket" boat. Yogi and his five crewmates provided cover fire on Omaha Beach, softening the German defenses to support the Allied invasion during the D-Day invasion of Normandy.

Yogi survived and would soon exchange his Navy uniform for baseball pinstripes in 1946 with the Newark Bears, the Yankees' top minor-league team. He debuted with the Yankees in the waning weeks of the '46 season, and hit a home run against the Philadelphia A's in his very first game. Through hard work and with the help of Yankee great Bill Dickey, he became a star behind the plate, once going 148 straight games (and 950 chances) without making an error. A master handler of pitchers, he caught two no-hitters by Allie Reynolds in 1951 and Don Larsen's perfect game in the 1956 World Series. The photo of Yogi leaping into Larsen's arms is one of baseball's most iconic images.

His prowess at the plate was also legendary. Despite the glamorous shadows around him, first Joe DiMaggio, then Mickey Mantle, it was Yogi who was the most feared hitter on a host of Yankee pennant winners – including an unprecedented five straight world championships – as he led the team in RBI's for seven straight seasons (1949-55). He seldom struck out and was an amazing bad-ball hitter, known to swing at – and hit – pitches near his eyes or burrowing around his ankles.

A squat 5'8, 190-pounder, whom former Yankee president Larry MacPhail said reminded him of "the bottom man on an unemployed acrobatic team," Yogi seemed like an improbable star – especially on baseball's most elite team, the Yankees. Yet he graciously accepted whatever teasing came his way, letting his actions on the field – such as Most Valuable Player-winning seasons in 1951, 1954 and 1955 – quell any doubts.

He was baseball's unofficial ambassador and one of the game's most respected statesmen. For years he was a revered presence in spring training and in the Yankees' clubhouse. He has collaborated on several books – including the 1998 national bestseller "The Yogi Book: I Really Didn't Say Everything I Said" – and has been a spokesman for numerous products. Despite all the accolades and honors, Yogi Berra never changed. As journalist Leonard Koppett wrote: "In the brightest of publicity spotlights, for more than four decades, Yogi remained completely himself – a rarer and more difficult accomplishment than making the Hall of Fame."

Yogi Berra's dignity and unshakable principles were never more evident than his 14-year refusal to return to Yankee Stadium, after his ignominious firing as manager by George Steinbrenner 16 games into the 1985 season. However, Yogi accepted the Yankee owner's heartfelt apology to him and his wife, Carmen, in a private meeting in January 1999 at the Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center, a reconciliation that paved the way for his celebrated return to the Yankee family.

*Information taken from The Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center at <http://yogiberramuseum.org/about-yogi/>. Please visit this website for more great information about the legendary Yogi Berra.*



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