



"The Roar of the Lion"

Jennifer Rubé, editor
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SICILIAN SUNDAY DINNER

Sunday May 1st we will be hosting a Traditional Sicilian Sunday Dinner at Cibi Deliziosi in Mendon. Sister Rosita's restaurant is located on Route 251 right in the town of Mendon and is very easy to get to.

Chef Rosita will be serving dishes made from family recipes and a cash bar will be available. During the meal she will be explaining the recipes, how they are created and some of the history behind them.

If you would like to reserve a table for groups of four or more, there are tables available that seat four people, six people or eight people. Call Jennifer at 381-5540 for table availability. Please see the enclosed flyer for information and travel directions. All lodge members, friends and family are invited to join us for this special event.

FESTA ITALIANA

This year's festival will be held the weekend of July 15th – 17th on the grounds of the IACC. We will once again open our booth of Italian apparel and souvenirs to raise money for lodge activities. Please mark your calendars and come help us out. Last year's festival was the best so far and our lodge members had a lot of fun with lots of laughs, singing Italian songs and dancing to the Italian music that we were playing.

2011-2012 OFFICERS



INSTALLATION BRUNCH



Left to Right: Lodge Deputy Anthony Idoni, Lodge President Dr. Joseph Rubé, State Recording Secretary Carmine Federico, District 8 State Trustee Joseph Berta, State Deputy Anthony DiCostanzo

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Our lodge can be found online! Check out our website at www.sonsofitalyrochester.com or look for us on Facebook by searching for Sons of Italy Rochester NY. You can visit the NY State Grand Lodge website at www.nyosia.org and the national Supreme Lodge at www.osia.org.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our many thanks to Sister Jennifer for arranging the Installation Ceremony of our new Board at Midvale Country Club. I received many favorable comments from both members and non member guests, not only about the brunch and service at Midvale but also about the ceremony itself. The Sons of Italy is one of the few organizations that have such a formal ceremony and several of those in attendance will take it back to other clubs. Another example of the pride we have in our lodge and the entire Sons of Italy organization. I do want to thank particularly New York State OSIA Recording Secretary Carmine Federico, NYS OSIA State Trustee Joe Berta (acting on behalf of State President Sal Lanzilotta), State Deputy Tony DiCostanzo, and Lodge Deputy Tony Idoni for their duties in carrying out the ceremony. It is with great pride that I continue to serve you as President. And...for those who asked...yes, our Columbus Day Dinner Dance WILL be held October 22nd at MIDVALE COUNTRY CLUB.

Speaking of the Columbus Day Dinner at which we honor several members of our Italian American community in recognition of their services to their community, I must remind those who are presenting nominees for these awards, OSIA has an accepted rule that indicates that any person running for a political office in the year of the award, is not able to be considered. We encourage our members to support our worthy Italian American leaders but as an organization, we cannot be seen as endorsing one individual over another.

With the new Board installed, a reminder that we will have our April Board Meeting preceding the General Assembly meeting at 5:45 promptly at the CASA. This meeting will be dedicated to review of our proposed budget and an official audit of our finances. If there is time we can do the report on the Bereavement Fund (this could also be done at the GA meeting if time permits.) As of today we will have one new member initiation and we will have some guests visiting from other Italian American organizations that evening. As always we encourage our lodge members to attend the General Assembly meeting as this is your opportunity to have a voice in our lodge plans and events. We will need some help in the upcoming events like the booth at the Festa in July, the lodge picnic, the parade, the Columbus Day Dinner Dance, the Ad book, and the Turkey raffle. We are about to start our very active season and look forward to the enjoyment that comes with it.

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A reminder about the upcoming dinner (Sicilian menu) being prepared by our very own member, Rosita Caridi-Miller on Sunday, May 1st at her restaurant Cibi Deliziosi in Mendon. We are starting to receive reservations and seating is limited. The invitation is out to the community so reserve your places for this wonderful meal soon.

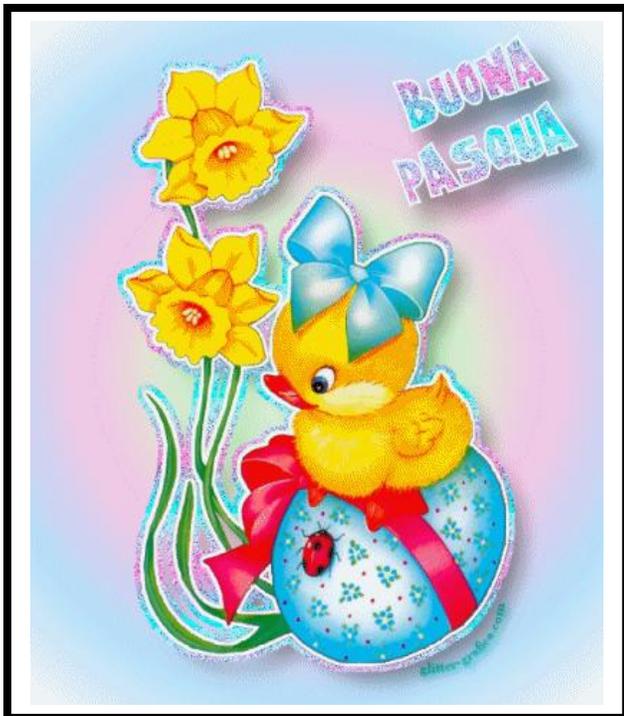
A reminder for all before I close – BUON COMPLEANNO ITALIA –the 150th anniversary of the birth of Italy's independence with the formation of the true republic. As I've gone around to the different Italian American clubs I have found various levels of knowledge about this great event in Italy's history. This stimulated me to read more about it myself and to write a brief summary about it for this month's lodge newsletter – not because I think I know all about it but in hopes of stimulating all to learn more about it. ANCORA IMPARO. The Festa della Repubblica is a special day celebrating this event. This year it will be held on June 2nd. Unfortunately all of our Convention Delegates will be at the Villa Roma representing you at the convention which starts on that same date. I hope that many of you try to attend this special celebration on our behalf. If they need someone representing our Lodge to be a flag bearer, I'm sure someone will step forward. I'm sure there will be something related at the convention. We are very proud of our heritage.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who have been ill or lost a loved one and for all who serve our country in the military.

BUONA PASQUA.

Fraternally,

Joe Rubé
Lodge President



ITALIAN EASTER

La Madonna Che Scappa in Piazza - Abruzzo Region

Sulmona, in the Abruzzo region, celebrates Easter Sunday with *La Madonna Che Scappa in Piazza*. On Easter Sunday people dress in green and white, colors of peace, hope, and resurrection, and gather in the main piazza. The woman playing the Virgin Mary is dressed in black. As she moves to the fountain, doves are released and the woman is suddenly dressed in green. Music and feasting follow.

Holy Week on the island of Sardinia

The island of Sardinia is a part of Italy steeped in tradition and a good place to experience festivals and holidays. Because of its long association with Spain, some Easter traditions are strongly linked to the Spanish *Semanta Santa*.

Florence - *Scoppio del Carro*

In Florence, Easter is celebrated with the *Scoppio del Carro*, explosion of the cart. A huge, decorated wagon is dragged through Florence by white oxen until it reaches *Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore* in Florence's historic center. Following mass, the Archbishop sends a dove-shaped rocket into the cart, igniting the fireworks held in the cart. This spectacular display is followed by a parade in medieval costumes.

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- April 10th, 2011 – 11:00AM – IACC – Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast (info: IACC (585) 594-8882)
- April 13th, 2011 – 12Noon – IACC – Luncheon (info: (585) 594-8882)
- April 14th, 2011 – **5:45PM** – **OSIA Board Meeting – Casa Italiana (info: Jennifer (585) 381-5540)**
- April 14th, 2011 – **7:00PM** – **OSIA General Assembly Meeting – Casa Italiana (info: Jennifer (585) 381-5540)**
- April 21st, 2011 – 12Noon – IASC – Luncheon (info: (585) 464-9160)
- April 27th, 2011 – 12Noon – IACC – Luncheon (info: (585) 594-8882)
- May 1st, 2011 – **2:00PM Cibi deliziosi - Traditional Sicilian Sunday Dinner with Chef Rosita – see enclosed flyer. (info: Jennifer 381-5540)**
- May 5th, 2011 - 12Noon – IASC – Luncheon (info: (585) 464-9160)
- May 7th, 2011 – 6:30PM – IACC - Campania Regional Dinner (info: (585) 594-8882)
- May 11th, 2011 - 12Noon – IACC – Luncheon (info: (585) 594-8882)
- May 19th, 2011 - 12Noon – IASC – Luncheon (info: (585) 464-9160)
- May 25th, 2011 - 12Noon – IACC – Luncheon (info: (585) 594-8882)
- June 2nd, 2011 – **NO BOARD MEETING**
- June 2nd, 2011 – Festa della Repubblica at the IACC
- June 2nd – 5th, 2011 – **NYS OSIA Convention at Villa Roma**
- June 18th, 2011 – Ballo Amici with the Italian Civic League – more info to follow
- July 15th – 17th, 2011 – **Festa Italiana at the IACC (more info to follow)**
- October 22nd, 2011 – **Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance at Midvale Country Club (more info to follow)**

SUNSHINE CORNER

Our thoughts go out to Sister Mickey Palucci who underwent recent surgery.

Our condolences go out to Sister Susan Berta on the passing of her sister-in-law.

If you know of any lodge members who are ill or could use cheering up, please let Corresponding Secretary, Sister Ann Vazzana know at 224-8907.



ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

The next general assembly meeting will be held on Thursday April 14th, 2011 at the Casa Italiana located on the Nazareth College Campus at 4245 East Avenue. The college is located about half a mile from the Village of Pittsford on Route 96/East Avenue. Enter the campus at the entrance with the traffic light (South Campus Drive). Turn immediately into Parking Lot A on the right as you enter the campus. On the right you will note the Casa Hispana building and then the Casa Italiana building. Take the lower walk to the right of the building which leads directly to the meeting room. The meeting will begin at 7:00PM sharp and everyone is welcome. Please Note: the meeting room is handicapped accessible.

2011 OFFICER INSTALLATION



VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04/01 Ted DeSoto
04/10 Angela Amato
04/14 Bonnie Cottone
04/17 Edmund Calvaruso
04/26 Peter Maddalena

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome our newest members, Mary Joyce D'Aurizio and Lori Sidoti Krause. Lori is scheduled to be initiated into the lodge at the April 14th General Assembly Meeting and Mary Joyce at the May 12th General Assembly Meeting.

We are always looking for new members to bring into our lodge. Think about family, friends and co-workers who might enjoy joining our group and promoting our Italian heritage.

LODGE APPAREL

You can now order jackets, polo shirts, sweatshirts and baseball caps with our Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 Logo embroidered on them.

PRICES FOR 2011:

Golf/Polo Shirts: \$25
Three-season jackets: \$75
Sweatshirts: \$35

For more information call Jennifer at 381-5540 or email jennajlr@aol.com

REFRESHMENTS

We are looking for volunteers to bring refreshments to our General Assembly meetings. You're welcome to partner up with another member if you want to.

If you'd like to bring refreshments to an upcoming meeting, please give Sister Ann Vazzana a call at 244-8907. Thank you to all our volunteers as this is one more thing that keeps expenses down for the lodge.



FUNDRAISERS

Ink and Toner Cartridges!

Thank you to all the members who have been bringing us empty ink and toner cartridges. Each one gives us credit towards future printing at Staples and because of these donations many of our newsletters have printed at little or no cost this year. This is a huge savings for the lodge and enables us to put that money towards other expenses and events.

Thanks, Jennifer

BUON COMPLEANNO ITALIA

CENTOCINQUANTI ANNI

1861 – 2011

A Brief Summary...

Back in 1848 after popular uprisings in Europe due to crop failures and ideas of liberation, two revolutionary exiles named Mazzini from London and Garibaldi from Uruguay, joined together in Italy to participate in the struggle with the idea to form a republic. The two were together at Bergamo under King Charles Albert's control and were defeated. Both retreated to Switzerland. Eventually, Garibaldi was called to Rome by Mazzini to defend Rome against King Ferdinand, the French and the Neapolitans. The French were defeated and then the Neapolitans. A truce was called during which time Garibaldi had red shirts made for all of his legionnaires (the shirts later became the symbol of Italian Unification). As a result of the French interventions, the "Italian" efforts were ultimately met with failure.

In 1856, Count Cammillo di Cavour, prime minister of the Kingdom of Sardinia, convinced Napoleon to take up arms again against the Austrians who had occupied the region of Piedmont. This time the French came to the aid of the Italians and defeated the Austrians and Lombardy was surrendered to Napoleon III.

In 1854 after a time spent in both the United States (Staten Island) and South America, Garibaldi returned to Italy and formed an alliance with Victor Emmanuel II, King of Sardinia and Corsica. In 1859 he led the expedition against the Austrians in the Alps and in 1860 he conquered Sicily and then Naples, which he delivered to Victor Emmanuel. By 1860 only the region around Venice remained Austrian and the French would be asked to protect the Papal States from annexation to Italy by the revolutionaries. By March 17, 1861 a united Italy was established with Victor Emmanuel as its ruler and its capital in Torino. The Papal State of Rome was still not part of Italy, nor was the Austrian-held Venice.

In 1866 after war with Austria, Venice was turned over to Italy and now Rome, standing alone and unprotected, was overtaken by Italian troops. In July 1871 Rome became the capital of a united Italy. Only the Vatican City, residence of the Pope, remained as a separate state until 1929 when "an independent Vatican City was established" with diplomatic relations between Italy and the newly formed Papal State of the Vatican City.

In early 2011, Italy's President Giorgio Napolitano officially opened ceremonies celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of the Republic of Italy. The year 1861 is recognized as the beginning of an independent and unified Italy. March 17th is the date the first Italian Parliament was assembled. Torino, the first capital of the Republic, is the center of the celebrations (Rome did not become capital until 1871). Here in Rochester, the Festa della Repubblica" will as usual, take place with a ceremony on June 2nd.

Much of the information in this brief essay is taken from articles found in two recent newspapers – The Italian Tribune and L'Italo-Americano. I encourage all of my Italian American friends to read more in depth works describing the very interesting process that the people of Italy took to become an independent republic. Of historical interest to our members of the Order Sons of Italy in America, is that when Garibaldi came to the United States he stayed at the Meucci home on Staten Island, which today houses the Sons of Italy's Garibaldi – Meucci Museum.

2011 Vincent Lombardi Lodge Events - Revised

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
April 14 th	Board Meeting	5:45PM	Casa Italiana – Nazareth College
April 14 th	General Assembly Meeting	7:00PM	Casa Italiana – Nazareth College
May 01 st	Event: <i>Sicilian Sunday Dinner</i>	2:00PM	Cibi-deliziosi – Mendon NY
May 05 th	Board Meeting	7:00PM	Casa Italiana – Nazareth College
May 12 th	General Assembly Meeting	7:00PM	Casa Italiana – Nazareth College
June 2 nd	NO BOARD MEETING		
June 2 nd	Event: <i>Festa della Repubblica</i>	TBD	Italian American Community Center
Jun 2 nd – 5 th	NYS OSIA Convention		Villa Roma Resort – Callicoon NY
June 9 th	General Assembly Meeting	7:00PM	Casa Italiana – Nazareth College
July 7 th	Board Meeting	7:00PM	Casa Italiana – Nazareth College
July 14 th	General Assembly Meeting	7:00PM	Casa Italiana – Nazareth College
July 15 th – 17 th	Event: <i>Festa Italiana</i>		Italian American Community Center
August 4 th	Board Meeting	7:00PM	Casa Italiana – Nazareth College
August 11 th	General Assembly Meeting	7:00PM	Casa Italiana – Nazareth College
September 1 st	Board Meeting	7:00PM	Casa Italiana – Nazareth College
September 8 th	General Assembly Meeting	7:00PM	Casa Italiana – Nazareth College
October 6 th	Board Meeting	7:00PM	Casa Italiana – Nazareth College
October 8 th	Event: <i>Columbus Day Parade</i>	TBA	Downtown Rochester
October 10 th	Event: <i>Columbus Day Luncheon</i>	11:00AM	Diplomat Party House – Gates NY
October 13 th	General Assembly Meeting	7:00PM	Casa Italiana – Nazareth College
October 22 nd	Event: <i>Columbus Dinner Dance</i>	6:30PM	Midvale Country Club – Penfield NY
November 3 rd	Board Meeting	7:00PM	Casa Italiana – Nazareth College
November 10 th	General Assembly Meeting	7:00PM	Casa Italiana – Nazareth College
November 16 th	Event: <i>Turkey Raffle Dinner</i>	TBA	St. Cecelia's Church – Irondequoit NY
December 1 st	Board Meeting	7:00PM	Casa Italiana – Nazareth College
December 8 th	General Assembly Meeting	7:00PM	Casa Italiana – Nazareth College
December DTBA	Event: Christmas Party/Dinner	TBD	