



## ROCHESTER VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270, INC.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

January 2011

I sit here today, December 31, 2010, with some very mixed emotions. At midnight tonight, with the ball dropping in Times Square, fireworks, and family and friends taking in the festivities, thinking about this past year and making promises for the new year, Nancy and I will be celebrating the end of my active medical practice. Yes, at the stroke of Midnight my retirement becomes official.

I have no regrets – my road to Rochester and my surgical practice passed through 4 ½ years of Medical School in Bologna, Italy. That was quite an experience that only strengthened my pride in being of Italian heritage. When I returned back to the states we came to Rochester – just for a year!!!! – and now 41 years later, after 7 years of training and 33 years of practice, I am fulfilled and ready to take another path to happiness. When I started my surgical practice, my Italian background and language were responsible in part for my being asked to care for a very large part of the Italian American Community – always proud and honored to not only be known as “il dottore “ but also their friend and part of their families. It has truly been an honor to serve all and I will miss them. Many will continue to be a part of my new path in life.

As I have done in the past several years I use this January Newsletter to review the past year (see the photo display) and look to see where I'd like to see our wonderful lodge go in the coming year. Without going into the details of each event, I thank all the Chairpersons and their helpers for making each and every event a huge success. February brought us the Valentine Dinner and Dance at Midvale CC – a fundraiser for the Gift of Sight. In March we had the showing of the movie *UNCLE NINO* – enjoyed by all - and in April we showed *THE GOLDEN DOOR* – giving many a good look at what our ancestors endured to fulfill their dream of coming to America. In June we started the month with many members participating in the FESTA DELLA REPUBBLICA held at the IACC – then your honored Delegates attended the STATE CONVENTION for the first time being held at the Villa Roma. Our lodge gave one of our largest donations to very worthy charities thanks to your fund raising efforts. Also in June we had the opportunity to attend a seminar where “tax exempt” status was presented by 2 experts in this field.

July brought the FESTA ITALIANA at the IACC – another huge success and fund raiser for our Lodge. In August the lodge held its ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC at the American Legion facility in Penfield –some of us need to practice our skills at bocce! As usual, October was a busy month. The COLUMBUS DAY PARADE – with the truck, 4 cars, and the “band wagon” decked out in our fine decorations and some impromptu jamming with the band by our own Dr. Russ Gugino and a clarinet player who just wanted to participate. The COLUMBUS DAY DINNER DANCE was held at the IACC - a beautiful setting, great music, and pride in honoring 4 very active members of our community and our scholarship winners (3 this year thanks to fund raisers and donations from members and friends). The dinner and the AD BOOK were also very successful fund raisers. November – what else but the TURKEY RAFFLE held at the IASC – great dinner, entertainment, and again financially successful in support of the scholarship program. In December we had an excellent CHRISTMAS DINNER held at Carpani’s. In addition to these events many of our members participated in events held at other Italian American Clubs or Organizations. Our newsletter and web sites have grown with much of the cost being covered by our members’ contributions of ink cartridges and Staples points. One of our members, Mary Delman was given the use of a “low-vision reader” from the State GIFT OF SIGHT Foundation. We were able to add a 3<sup>rd</sup> scholarship for our high school seniors with our fund raising efforts. We inducted 3 new members with one more to be inducted in January. On a sad note we lost a very long term active member this year, Peter Cimino – we all will miss him. HUGE thanks to all of you for making every event successful.

For the new year we must continue to bring in new members – family and friends are our best source – reaching out to the entire Italian American Community –inviting them as guests to our social events - speaking very positively about our lodge and its members and activities. As you can see from our 2010 activities we were very successful in fundraising –hopefully we will continue that trend – it is also my hope that we can give back some to our members by thanking them with some activities that will be reduced in price, by allowing members to share their skills and expertise with some new events and to find some ways to allow those who wish to advertise their business or interests with ads in our newsletter and web site at nominal fees which – in turn will support a decrease in expenses for those venues. Hopefully, we will continue to participate in fund raising events to support our contributions to our charities and scholarships. Costs continue to rise – State and National dues, locations for our events, our communications, as well as sending our Delegates to the State Convention. We should focus on making participation in all these things available to all our members – another way of giving back. These will cost but to help we need to encourage friends, families, and members to participate in our events. I have no doubt we can succeed and will.

The Nominating Committee will present its slate of officers at the January General Assembly meeting – this includes the Delegates for the Convention. If the slate is accepted as presented there will be one vote cast and a February election will not be needed. At the January meeting Nominations can be made from the floor –nominee must be present. This, if it happens, will then require a vote at the February meeting. March is the Induction Ceremony – open to families and friends – at Midvale Country Club – on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Our thoughts and prayers to those who have been ill or have lost a loved one.

Fraternally,

Pres. Joe Rube’



## *"The Roar of the Lion"*

Jennifer Rubé, editor  
January 2011

### 2011 ELECTIONS

Please join us at the January General Assembly Meeting on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> as our Nominating Committee presents the proposed slate of officers for the 2011-2012 term of the Board of Directors. If there is no opposition at the January meeting then a motion will be made at that meeting to have the Recording Secretary take a vote for the positions as they are proposed. At this meeting, anyone from the General Assembly can oppose the proposed nominations which would force a vote at the February General Assembly Meeting.

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- **Trustee:** Linda Agnello
- **Trustee:** Mary Delman
- **Trustee:** Antonio Palucci
- **Trustee:** Joseph Galante
- **Chaplain:** Ann Vazzana
- **State Convention Delegates:** Jennifer Rubé, Susan Berta, Ann Vazzana

### WARM HUGS CLOTHING COLLECTION

Thank you to all of our lodge members who donated clothing items to the Warm Hugs Clothing Collection. In partnership with over a dozen merchants in the Village Of Pittsford, hundreds of items of warm clothing were collected to help out less fortunate children at Number 12 School in the City School District.

These girls are from Sister Sandy Meleca's class. They came out to help unload the car and get all the clothing into the school for distribution before the holiday break started.

We will continue to collect warm clothing throughout the Winter. If you have anything to donate, please bring it to the next General Assembly Meeting.



# VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011** – **OSIA Lodge Board Meeting** – 7:00PM Casa Italiana (info: 461-1181)
- **January 13<sup>th</sup>** – **OSIA General Assembly Meeting** – 7:00PM Casa Italiana (info: 461-1181)
- **January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011** – Irondequoit Kiwanis' Annual Chili Cook-Off. 5:00PM Christ the King Church (info: Stacey Romeo 544-5650) \$5 per person.
- **March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011**– Brunch and Installation ceremony for new board members - Midvale Country Club

## SUNSHINE CORNER

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 January 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Do You See What I See?



Congratulations to Sister Mary Delman as she learns how to use her new low vision viewer. Sister Mary lives with macular degeneration and the use of this machine helps her to read and write. Our thanks go out to the Sons of Italy Foundation and the Gift of Sight for helping with such a wonderful gift.

*Dear Brothers & Sisters,*

*I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for your support in my selection as the recipient of the use of my new low-vision viewer.*

*It has provided me with renewed quality at this stage in my life. I wish to thank everyone who has made this become a reality for me. I am deeply grateful to you all.*

*Fraternity is very important in our lives and as you can see from this experience, we are very lucky to have such wonderful family members in our lodge.*

*Thank you once again, Mary Delman*

# VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

## NEW MEMBERS

This month we are happy to welcome our newest member, Luigi "Louie" DeFilippo who is being sponsored by Brother Vince Giannantonio. He is scheduled to be initiated into the lodge at the January General Assembly Meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

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.

## 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

Congratulations to President **Joe Rubé**, who is officially retired as of Midnight on New Year's Eve.

Congratulations to Sister **Stacey Romeo** on her new position as president of the Irondequoit Kiwanis Club

Congratulations to Brother **Joe Berta** on being named as a guest professor to teach a week long course on "Beethoven - a Man and His Symphonies" at the Chautauqua Institute in July 2011.

**Jennifer and Nancy Rubé** begin teaching the new Italian Genealogy course at the IACC starting January 12<sup>th</sup>. For more info call the IACC.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01/06 - Paul DeCarolis

01/13 - Maria Tirone

01/15 - Frank Oliveri

01/20 - Tony Palucci

(Tony & Mickey's Grandson)



## Leone D'Oro Wines

*Leone D'Oro*<sup>™</sup> (Golden Lion) is the official wine brand of OSIA. Developed with licensing partner Votto Vines Importing, the red, white and sparkling varietals from the Italian regions of Piemonte, Friuli, Le Marche and Toscana are available for purchase locally. There is a minimum number of cases needed for the store to order these wines so if members are interested in ordering, we'll see if we can get enough members who want to order and combine the orders. Case quantities also receive a discount. If you'd like to try any of the wines listed below, please contact Jennifer at 381-5540 and we'll start a list so we can place a larger order together.

- Prosecco V.S.A.Q Extra Dry  
\$15.99 per bottle

- Pinot Grigio  
\$13.99 per bottle

- Gavi  
\$15.99 per bottle

- Sangiovese  
\$15.99 per bottle

- Chianti Colli Senesi  
\$13.99 per bottle

- Vino Nobile di Montepulciano  
\$19.99 per bottle



# ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY



Rochester New York – December 2010



Florence Italy – December 2010

## ITALIAN TRIVIA

**Which cheese went into space with Italian astronauts on February 22, 1996, when they took it aboard the Columbia Space Shuttle on a NASA space mission?**

- a. Gorgonzola
- b. Parmesan
- c. Mozzarella

**Traditional Italian pesto is made from basil, olive oil and which nut?**

- a. walnut
- b. pine nut
- c. almond

**What is the special procedure to make a passito wine such as the famous Passito de Pantelleria?**

- a. the grapes are crushed by bare-footed workers
- b. such wines are made of grapes that have been left to shrivel in the hot sunlight
- c. they get an extra dose of sugar
- d. they are strengthened with additional liqueur

## Italian Words to Know This Month

- Party – partito
- January – gennaio
- Winter – verno
- Snow – nevecare, neve



# 2010 - OUR YEAR IN REVIEW



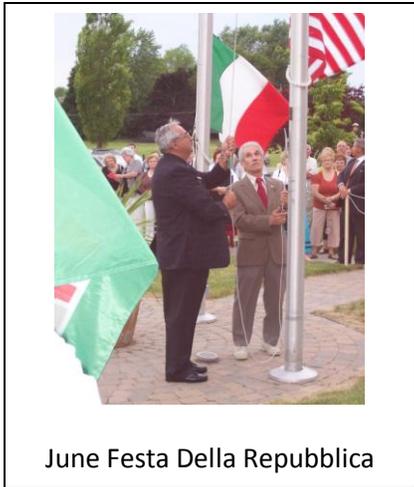
February Valentine's Dinner



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April discussion with Author, Dominic Pulera



June Festa Della Repubblica



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June NYS OSIA Convention



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July Festa Italiana



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[www.sonsofitalyrochester.com](http://www.sonsofitalyrochester.com)



July Festa Italiana

# 2010 - OUR YEAR IN REVIEW



August Annual Picnic



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October Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance



October Columbus Day Parade in Rochester



November Turkey Raffle Dinner

**2011  
Promises  
To Be  
Better  
Than  
Ever!**

# CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY 2010



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*Saturday  
December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010*

*Carpani's Restaurant*

