



"The Roar of the Lion"

Jennifer Rubé, editor
June/July 2011

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. This is one of our lodge's biggest fundraisers of the year and we need your help to make it as big a success as possible. The work shifts will be:

Friday:

Set Up & Sales: 3PM – 8PM

Sales and Close Up: 8PM – Midnight

Saturday:

Open Up & Sales: 11AM – 3PM

Sales: 3PM – 8PM

Sales & Close Up Tent: 8PM – Midnight

Sunday:

Open Up & Sales: 11AM – 4PM

Tear Down and Pack Up 3PM

Please call Jennifer at 381-5540 to sign up for working.

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. Its also a great time to talk to festival-goers about our lodge and organization and maybe get some new members.

We understand that this year will have more vendors than previous years and the festival itself seems to be growing in attendance every year. There will be two entertainment tents, some food demonstrations, a car show and much more! Please think about bringing family and friends to enjoy the entertainment and food during the festival.

SUMMER PICNIC

President Joe and Nancy Rubé have offered to hold this year's Summer Picnic at their house. We'll set up in their back yard with canopy tents, tables and chairs with lots of food and fun for all.

President Joe told members at the May meeting that he would like to have this event be free to the members and their immediate families as a thank you for their support of the lodge during his presidency. All he asks is that everyone brings a dish to pass or some of the needed supplies.

The Rubés have some construction projects going on early this Summer so we have scheduled the picnic for **Saturday August 13th** with a rain date of Sunday August 14th. Please make sure to send in your RSVPs as soon as possible so that planning can begin.

If you would like to volunteer for the picnic planning committee, please contact President Joe at 461-1181. We can use help organizing the food and supplies as well as any activities.



FIND US ONLINE...

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.



VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

June/July 2011

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As you will note this newsletter is a joint June/July one in order to cover our recent trip to the Villa Roma for the State Convention and to give adequate time to arrange your schedules for the July events. I will cover the convention in a separate article in order to give it some prominence for those interested in such events that are very important to our overall understanding of how our beloved OSIA differs from other Italian American Organizations.

June brings us Summer with the ending of the school year for our children, vacations, etc. All of this has a tendency to bring families together and that, of course, is a good thing. Unfortunately there is a tendency to have several activities going on at the same time and having to make choices. We all will do the best we can and my hope for all our members is that we will not forget our heritage and culture and find ways to teach our children and grandchildren how to incorporate them into their everyday activities.

It was unfortunate that I and my family were out of town for the Festa della Repubblica. I was happy to hear that many of you were able to attend and found it to be very worthwhile. We all should take great pride in attending such functions that celebrate events in Italian history. There was little mention of the occasion at our convention but on June 2 to honor both the anniversary of the NYS Order of the Sons of Italy and the Festa della Repubblica the evening attire was Green White and Red with a touch of Gold. We did receive some photos to put in our newsletter.

On June 11th several of us attended a talk on the Civilian Conservation Corps Camp in Hamlin. You might ask what this has to do with us. Well, the talk was sponsored by our POINTER Group (Italian Genealogy) and we learned that this camp was used as the "Concentration Camp" for first Italians then Germans during WW II. As one looks at the names of the workers for the CCC many are of Italian origin. One such person is a relative of our member, Sister Sandy Meleca.

On our way to the Convention, Sister Nancy was reading an article in a Genealogy book about where the historical records are kept for the Order of the Sons of Italy in America. Some of the information is very interesting and we've not seen it before. We will pursue this and see if we can learn more about our own area. In case others are interested, the info is kept in the Library at the University of Minnesota. They have published the "Guide to the Order of the Sons of Italy Information". In looking for something in the Rochester news, Nancy also came upon a notice of a picnic sponsored by the Sons of Italy Lodge in East Rochester. That clipping was from 1929! Do we have any member who might be interested in the position of HISTORIAN for our Lodge?

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We welcome Mary Joyce D'Aurizio to our Lodge. She was initiated at our General Assembly meeting last week. That reminds me to remind you that our July GA meeting cannot be held at the Casa as the room will be set up for the Children's Camp. See Sister Jennifer's note for the location. We may be having the initiation of our first whole family into the Lodge at that time (a very special occasion!)

The date for our annual picnic – this year to be held at CASA RUBE' – is August 13th (rain date 14th.) This year your President, me, will be honoring YOU for your support of our Lodge in various ways. For this reason there will be no fee for members and immediate family other than a plate to pass. We also will honor, in a special way, our members who hold current positions in our State Grand Lodge, Bene Emeritus Lou Giambra and State Trustee Joe Berta. As President I have been privileged and honored to have all of you for your support.

Again – our thoughts and prayers and thanks to all those who are serving in our armed forces. Have a wonderful, safe, and happy summer.

Fraternally,

Pres. Joe Rube'

LODGE PUBLICITY

Watch your local Post newspapers in the next few weeks for spotlight articles on our new board members. If you see any publicity about our lodge, please save a copy and send it to Sister Jennifer so that we can keep it with the archives and history of our lodge. Articles have been sent to the Henrietta Post, Brighton-Pittsford Post, Irondequoit Post, Webster Post, Greece Post, and Fairport-East Rochester Post with more to follow.

If you'd like to see more, please contact your local papers and ask the Features departments if they will do a story about the Vincent Lombardi Lodge and the Order Sons of Italy in America. The more we're seen, the more people will learn about our organization.

Any board members who have not yet returned their spotlight questionnaire to Sister Jennifer, there is still time!

HAPPY 4th Of JULY!



NEW YORK STATE OSIA 2011 CONVENTION

From President Joe Rubé:

On June 2nd-5th your delegates, President Joe Rubé, IPP Joe Vazzana, Susan Berta, Jennifer Rubé and Ann Vazzana along with State Trustee Joe Berta attended the Centennial NYS Convention at the Villa Roma in Calicoon (Catskills). As Sister Jennifer was contracted by the Grand Lodge to handle the Gift Gallery this year, our family arrived around noon with 2 carloads of merchandise for sale. After a quick lunch and registration opening session was held. At this session Convention Committees were announced (Yours truly co-chaired the Newsletter Committee), minutes of 2010 convention were approved and several State and Officer Reports were given. We have several copies of those reports available to those interested.

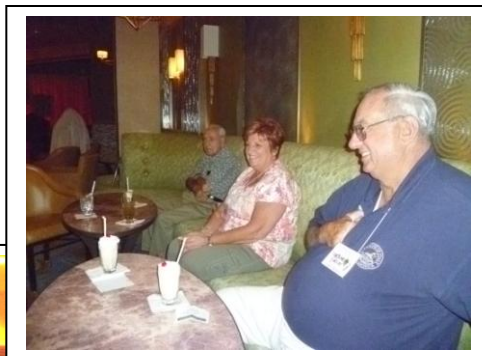
Following this session the Gift Gallery was open by Sister Jen – overall sales were good for the three days – took much work in preparation –set up –take down. Sister Nancy was invaluable for success. We had our usual “social hour” before dinner. A reception was held and a wine tasting event. Thursday dinner was their specialty Italian dinner with Goat’s Head which the three Joes ate (none tried the eyes!). After dinner was the show – a wonderful singer –attire was the Italian colors with gold, togas and the like. After the show were the hospitality suites –mostly by those running for office. Friday started with the 2nd session - more convention reports, resolution and amendments to the by-laws, nominations for elected offices. The slate presented by the nominating committee was accepted for all but the National Delegates which thus required vote on Saturday.

The afternoon was devoted to more business and awards. Family of the Year was given to the FRATTA FAMILY from the Lt Joseph Petrosino Lodge in Manhattan. The Vincent Sellaro award was presented to LOUISE CORSELLO of the Per Sempre Ladies Lodge in Queens and NATALE MANNINO of the Arturo Toscanini Lodge. The Literary Award went to RICHARD VETERE whose latest novel “BAROQUE” is a true story of a painter in Rome. He also has produced and published plays, films and poetry. He gave a VERY moving talk on his appreciation for this award for an Italian American author – his pride in his heritage - and his dedication to seeing that Italian American writers receive more recognition for their contributions to American Literature.

During and following the sessions there were many activities including the Newsletter Committee meeting to choose the best in six categories. There were twenty four entries (including our own) - ten more than last year. This has become the most competitive award of the State Awards. At dinner that evening four worthy people were given the prestigious BENE EMERITUS award. They are: NANCY DiFIORE QUINN, Carlo MATTEUCCI , JOSEPH DiTRAPANI, and JOSEPH CANGEMI – all previous NYOSIA STATE PRESIDENTS.

The Saturday morning session was devoted to voting and talks on various charities (Mary Delman mentioned for Gift of Sight). The Newsletter Grand Prize went to the Sgt John Basilone Lodge. Of note is that THE GARIBALDI MEUCCI MUSEUM on Staten Island is having some financial difficulties – this museum is owned and run by OSIA. Towards the end of the morning session each Lodge presented their charitable contributions. I, under the direction of our lodge members, gave \$125 to AUTISM, and \$100 to each of ALZHEIMERS, GARIBALDI MEUCCI MUSEUM and GIFT OF SIGHT. The approximate totals for all contributions was \$14,000 for Cooley’s Anemia, \$9300 for Alzheimers, \$8000 for Autism, \$12500 for Garibaldi Meucci Museum, \$7300 Gift of Sight, \$5300 Cancer, \$6000 CSJ, \$2000 other – all a great testimony to the generosity of NYS OSIA Lodges. The afternoon session was report of voting and the passage of the Presidency from Sal Lanzilotta to Thom Lupo. The evening saw black tie /white formal receptions, formal passage from current officers to newly elected at dinner, then another show and a large ice cream social and hospitality suite parties. The Sunday morning session was to visit FOR THE GOOD of THE ORDER where participants had opportunity to critique the convention and offer opinions on any subject related to OSIA. Then the ride home till next year. Feel free to ask any question about the Convention of the Delgates at our next Gen Assembly meeting July 14th at the Legacy.

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A Personal View of the Annual State Sons of Italy Convention by Susan Berta, Financial Secretary/State Delegate

This year I attended my eighth Sons of Italy Annual State Convention and as always I was very excited once again at the prospect of being a part of this great event. As we drove to the convention I reflected on the first several conventions I attended. I remember sitting at the meetings so awed by the enormity of the work our many lodges do and being overcome with the feelings of pride at being a part of something so much bigger than just our local lodge. As I became more familiar with the convention format I remember wishing I could be a part of the convention rather than just an observer. Little did I know that my wish was soon to be granted.

Since those first few years I have been asked to serve on the financial committee and the nominating committee which was very informative and gave me a behind the scenes view of the work these committees do rather than just hearing a report of their work. Last year and this year I was asked to serve on the Credentials Committee and I must say how much I love being a part of this very integral part of the convention operation. Each person who attends the convention must bring their credentials to the committee member assigned to their lodge and sign in as this verifies their attendance and also allows the committee to verify that each person elected by their lodge as a delegate is the person attending the convention. Also if there is an election each delegate must return to sign in to receive their ticket to vote in the election. We on the committee learn quickly the rules of attendance and replacement of delegates. As a delegate to the convention I find it is gratifying to contribute my gifts and talents to the convention operation and to truly be a part of the convention format.

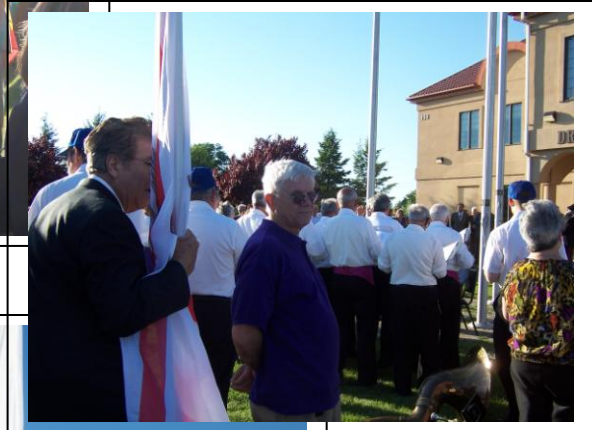
The other most gratifying time for me is when each lodge President steps up to the microphone to note the contributions that their lodge is making to the many worthy causes supported by OSIA. To watch representatives from over 80 state lodges announce the fruit of their fund raising efforts and to hear the cumulated effect of those efforts is astounding to me. This year over \$63,000 was raised in a matter of minutes:

It means so much to me to be a part of a national organization that brings Italian Americans together for the common good of all. It fills me with pride to know that the work we do in our local lodge is part of that total effort. There is no other Italian organization that makes such a profound impact on the lives of others. The convention brings some of those impacted by the work we do to the stage to tell their stories and to hear how some small contribution we made when combined with many small contributions from others can change someone's life makes me want to work even harder for the fund raising efforts of our lodge.

There are so many special moments for me such as: the election and installation of the new state officers, the Mass Father Forno holds to honor all of our members who have died in the past year, the induction of Past Presidents as Bene Emeritis and watching my husband Brother Joe Berta at the State Trustee table doing the work of our order to name a few. The convention reinforces for me why I chose to be a member of the Order Sons of Italy in America and why there is no other Italian organization in the United States that can compare. It reaffirms my love of our order each year and inspires me to keep up our efforts to be a part of this great organization. Whether through our Commission for Social Justice or our Garibaldi-Meucci Museum, or our generous donations to help our fellow man, or just the spirit of good old Italian fun and family we are part of a great Italian fraternal order that no other Italian American club or group can boast of and that makes me feel proud!!



2011 FESTA DELLA REPUBBLICA



VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

JUNE/JULY BIRTHDAYS

June

06/06 Mary Ricci
06/16 Eunice McCarthy
06/22 Matthew O'Connor
06/27 Louis DeCarolis
06/30 Edward Maruggi

July

07/01 Michael Maloni
07/03 Anita Militello
07/04 Antonio Palucci
07/04 Nancy Rubé
07/08 Susan Berta,
07/10 Jennifer Rubé
07/21 Elizabeth Osta
07/24 John Pilato
07/25 William Agnello
07/27 Sharon Strati



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 224-8907. Thank you to all our volunteers as this is one more thing that keeps expenses down for the lodge.

LODGE APPAREL

We have golf/polo shirts and hats with the Golden Lion/Sons of Italy logo on them. If you would like shirts or ball caps please call Jennifer at 381-5540 or email jennajlr@aol.com.

Shirt colors are: Navy, white, purple, pale pink, green, wine in sizes S – 4X. Each has the Golden Lion Logo embroidered on the chest.

Sizes S – XL = \$35 each
Sizes 2XL – 4XL = \$40 each

Cap colors are: Black, purple, coral, spruce green, Caribbean blue, seafoam green, and white. Each is \$20 and includes the Golden Lion Logo embroidered on the front.

Lodge members receive 20% off of these prices so think about Christmas, birthdays, etc!

NEW MEMBERS

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 Members Seen Around Town:
Brother Tom Meleca, Brother Lou DeCarolis
and Brother Louie DiFilippo at the bi-weekly
Italian American Sports Club Luncheon**

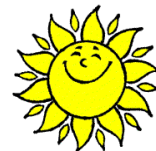
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- June 22nd, 2011 - 12Noon – IACC – Luncheon (info: (585) 594-8882)
- June 30th, 2011 - 12Noon – IASC – Luncheon (info: (585) 464-9160)
- July 6th - 12Noon – IACC – Luncheon (info: (585) 594-8882)
- July 14th, 2011 - 12Noon – IASC – Luncheon (info: (585) 464-9160)
- **July 15th – 17th, 2011 – Festa Italiana at the IACC (more info to follow)**
- July 20th, 2011 - 12Noon – IACC – Luncheon (info: (585) 594-8882)
- July 28th, 2011 - 12Noon – IASC – Luncheon (info: (585) 464-9160)
- August 3rd, 2011 - 12Noon – IACC – Luncheon (info: (585) 594-8882)
- August 11th, 2011 - 12Noon – IASC – Luncheon (info: (585) 464-9160)
- **August 13th, 2011 – OSIA Lodge Picnic (more info on Page 1)**
- August 17th, 2011 - 12Noon – IACC – Luncheon (info: (585) 594-8882)
- August 25th, 2011 - 12Noon – IASC – Luncheon (info: (585) 464-9160)
- August 31st, 2011 - 12Noon – IACC – Luncheon (info: (585) 594-8882)
- **August 13th, 2011 – OSIA Lodge Picnic (more info on Page 1)**
- **October 10th – Columbus Day Luncheon (more info to follow)**
- **October 22nd, 2011 – Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance at Midvale Country Club (more info to follow)**
- **November 16th – 11th Annual Turkey Raffle Dinner (more info to follow)**
- **December (Date TBA) – Lodge Christmas Party (more info to follow)**

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.



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.

Thank you also for all the bottle caps from Coke Products (including Disanti water and all other Coke items). We are collecting them to redeem for some raffle prizes for events later this year.

Thanks, Jennifer

ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

The next general assembly meeting will be held on Thursday July 14th, 2011 at the Legacy located behind Mercy High School at Clover and Blossom Roads.

This meeting is handicapped accessible.

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE NEWS!

DUES, DUES, DUES

It is that time of year again when our annual dues are due!! An invoice has been mailed to each member.

Please make your checks payable to **Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 Inc.** and mail your dues to Susan Berta, Financial Secretary at 10 Debran Drive Henrietta New York 14467.

Once your dues are received we will mail your new membership card along with the next newsletter mailing.

If you have any questions Sister Susan may be reached at 585-334-6641. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

MEMBER NEWS

Sister **Angie Parise** has moved to Irondequoit to be closer to her family. Please change her address on your lodge membership list to:

Mrs. Angela Parise
2 Woodbridge Court
Apt. 5
Rochester NY 14622
585-506-9477

Brother **Dr. Joseph A Polizzi** also has a change of contact information. Please update his information to:

Dr. Joseph A Polizzi
7008 West Country Club Drive, North
Palm – Aire Country Club
Sarasota FL 34243-3513

BEREAVEMENT FORM UPDATES

A new bereavement form has been included along with the dues notice mailed to each member and we ask that you complete the form and return it to Sister Susan Berta at your earliest opportunity.

We updated this information last in 2008 and there may have been changes in your life in the past three years which would necessitate changes on your form. Please be sure to fill in your date of birth as it is important to the computing of the amount of the benefit that will be paid to your beneficiaries. If you wish to leave the money in the lodge fund then please write that on your form and return the form to us as well so that we will have your wishes in writing.

Please mail the completed form back to Susan Berta Financial Secretary at 10 Debran Drive, Henrietta, NY 14467.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

