



"The Roar of the Lion"

Jennifer Rubé, editor
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INSTALLATION BRUNCH

All lodge members, friends and family are invited to attend the 2011-2012 Officer Installation Brunch on Sunday March 20th at Midvale Country Club.

Please see the enclosed flyer for more information and be sure to send it back to Susan Berta ASAP so that we can give the country club an accurate count for how many guests to expect in our party.

If you have a group attending and would like to reserve a table, please contact Jennifer at 381-5540 so we can make sure to have one available for you.

Attire is "business casual" and incoming officers are asked to be dressed appropriately for this occasion. We will have guests attending from the Geneva Lodges, other local Italian American organizations as well as friends and family so let's make a good impression. We will also be taking our official lodge officers photo to be submitted to local media and the Grand Lodge.

SICILIAN SUNDAY DINNER

Sunday May 1st we will be hosting a Traditional Sicilian Sunday Dinner at Cibi Deliziosi in Mendon. Sister Rosita's place 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.

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.

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.



ROCHESTER VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270, INC.

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March 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I write this letter to you, I realize that I am very privileged to be President of an organization that has a great history, a solid foundation of dedicated members, a Board that tries very hard to serve its members and, despite differences of opinions, I believe really wants us to succeed in a community of over 20 Italian American organizations. I believe that we all want the same things; a good social calendar of events, a sense of commitment to supporting charities, raising funds to support our scholarship programs, to pass on to our next generation the values that our ancestors brought with them from Italy, and to also be sure that our children and grandchildren will continue to believe that their Italian heritage is a very important part of their lives.

Nancy and I are currently at the tail end of a trip to Virginia where we have been doing some research into her ancestors. I find it very interesting and as stimulating to compare our journey through Virginia and eventually back to England, as it was to research my Italian ancestors. There are many similarities between the two cultures.

This past month has been filled with much emotion. Our hearts and prayers go out to the Gugino Family for their tragic loss. In attending the services it was quite obvious how many lives the family has touched. We also send our get well wishes to those who have been ill or have had surgery.

Our Installation Brunch at Midvale on March 20 is getting a good response. We also look forward to the Sicilian dinner being prepared for us May 1st by our very own member, Rosita Caridi-Miller at Cibi deliziosi. This reminds me to remind all of you that if you have an interest in doing an activity as a fund raiser or for enjoyment let me know. We are anxious to have our membership active and to promote our Lodge membership to family, friends, and the entire Italian American Community.

We hope to see you all March 20th and at our future events.

Fraternally,

Joe Rubé
President Vincent Lombardi Lodge # 2270

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **March 6th, 2011** – Pasta Dinner Fundraiser – IACC (info: 594-8882)
- **March 10th, 2011** – IASC Lunch (info: 464-9160)
- **March 10th, 2011** – **NO GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING!**
- **March 16th, 2011** – 12noon - IACC Lunch (info: 594-8882)
- **March 20th, 2011**– 11:00am - Brunch and Installation ceremony for new board members - Midvale Country Club (info: Jennifer 381-5540, Susan 334-6641)
- **March 24th, 2011** – IASC Lunch (info: 464-9160)
- **March 30th, 2011** – 12noon - IACC Lunch (info: 594-8882)
- **April 2nd, 2011** – Bus Trip to Fallsview Casino with Peter Maddalena (info: Peter 737-3385 or cruisepete@aol.com)
- **May 1st, 2011** – 2:00PM Cibi deliziosi - Traditional Sicilian Sunday Dinner with Chef Rosita – see enclosed flyer. (info: Jennifer 381-5540)
- **June 2nd, 2011** – Festa della Repubblica at the IACC
- **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)

Twenty years ago this week, Rochester experienced one of the worst ice storms in our city's history.

Do you remember where you were on March 3rd, 1991?

SUNSHINE CORNER

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of the Gugino Family, especially Sister Jen and Brother Russ, for the recent loss of their daughter Marisa.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sister MaryAnn Koons who is recovering from major surgery. She is doing quite well at home.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Brother Peter Maddalena who has undergone recent surgery.

Please keep our older members in mind during these cold Winter days. Many are housebound in this weather and could use a phonecall to cheer them up.

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.

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

NEW MEMBERS

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

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.

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.

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:

Three-season jackets: \$75

Sweatshirts: \$35

Golf/Polo Shirts: \$25

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 03/04 | Mary Stewart |
| 03/07 | Mercie DiGiacomo |
| 03/10 | Ann Battaglia |
| 03/11 | John Manion |
| 03/26 | Marcella Cavalier |
| 03/28 | Flora Fustaino |
| 03/28 | Raymond Piarulli |
| 03/30 | Shirley Sculli |
| 03/31 | Donald Mark |

CARNEVALE IN VENICE



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