



"The Roar of the Lion"

Jennifer Rubé, editor
May 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.

We are especially looking for help during the later evening hours if any of you can give us your time Friday and Saturday night. The festival is open until midnight and late at night is when the festival takes a turn, the music starts and the lights go on. It is truly a festive atmosphere and people are in the buying mood!

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.

We understand that this year will have more vendors than previous years and the festival itself seems to be growing in attendance every year. 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 last 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 are looking at having the picnic early in August. This year there will also be a rain date given (just in case). When the flyers for the picnic are sent out in June's newsletter, 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.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have just returned from the Sicilian Dinner prepared for us by our very own Rosita Caridi-Miller (Cibi Deliziosi) sponsored by our Lodge. We had 19 people for dinner and what a wonderful meal it was! It has been over 20 years since I've tasted caponata (an eggplant dish) that tasted anywhere close to what my grandmother used to make. Rosita took time out to explain each of the selections of recipes she obtained from relatives on a recent trip to Sicily and she has promised to send us the recipes to try on our own. Those who attended were already planning our next event with her. We thank Rosita and her staff for a delightful dinner. As planned we had a 50/50 drawing as a charity fundraiser for Autism. Brother John Manion went home with his share of the \$\$\$ and we will give a good donation to Autism at the convention in June. Thanks to Sister Jen for organizing this event. See the photos included in this newsletter. Sister Rosita has a few other cooking classes coming up (May 5th is *Sugo di Pomodoro* (Beyond Tomatoes); May 18th is *Spring Soups and Stews*; June 2nd will be *Really Nouveau Italian* and June 15th will be *Grillin' and Chillin'*) For reservations call 624-9590 or go to www.cibi-d.com.

I also want to remind everyone about the *Festa della Repubblica* to take place at the IACC on June 2nd. This is going to be a VERY special occasion given that it celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Unification of Italy (becoming a Republic). BUON COMPLEANNO Italy! Although yours truly, Nancy, Jennifer, the Bertas and the Vazzanas cannot attend due to fact that we will be at the NY OSIA Convention at the same time representing our Lodge, I hope that all members of our Lodge will consider representing us at this very important event. Preliminary plans that we've heard about are excellent and should make us all very proud of our ancestors and of our heritage. I remind all that Garibaldi – one of the key persons involved in the movement – was once considered to lead the Union Army during the Civil War and while here in the US lived with Meucci on Staten Island in the home that is now occupied by the Sons of Italy's Garibaldi-Meucci Museum. The Festa here in Rochester is organized under the direction of Vice Consul Mario Daniele and Antonio Galvano along with ALL the Italian American Clubs and organizations in the community. We hope that this will be a unifying event for our Italian American Community.

We have listened to our members and this year our Annual Summer Picnic will be held at our home and will be free to members of the Lodge and immediate family. The only "cost" to you will be a dish to pass. This is a thank you from your President to all of our members for supporting our Lodge through working, attending events or paying your dues. Even with declining membership (which we hope to turn around) I believe we are a very successful and respected Lodge, in our community as well as out.

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Visit our website at www.sonsofitalyrochester.com

Work has begun on the AD book and the Columbus Day Dinner Dance (October 22nd at Midvale Country Club). We will need everyone's help in obtaining ads for the Souvenir Book – renewals are most helpful – new ones are needed to be successful. Our Honorees will be selected this month and will be conveyed to you as soon as known. Thanks to Sisters Susan Berta and Eunice McCarthy for your hard work.

The Italian Festa at the IACC (7/15 – 7/17) is being organized and merchandise is being purchased by Sister Jen Rubé. (Of interesting note is that Sister Jen has been asked to run the "Gift Gallery" at the State Convention this year.) She's hard at work pricing and packing all the cartons of merchandise that are arriving daily. What this does for us as a Lodge is that it gives us an increased choice of shirts, and hats with OSIA logo as well as more choices of other things to use at the Festa here (the profits of which our Lodge shares in).

We understand there WILL BE a Columbus Day Parade this year - more info to follow. Brother Joe Berta reports that the Scholarship Committee has been hard at work at all levels. Thanks Brother Joe.

So many thank you's – all very sincere – from your President who is very grateful to lead YOUR Lodge. Please don't hesitate to speak up at meetings with constructive criticism on ways in which we can do things better or to ask questions. At our last Board meeting, thanks to Sister Susan's detailed accounting of our funds, the audit by the Trustees was successful and recommended to be accepted by the Board and membership. We continue to work on the new budget and the Bereavement Fund is well endowed and was explained in detail to those present at the General Membership meeting.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to those who have been ill, had surgery or who have lost a loved one recently. As Memorial Day draws near, our prayers go out to all our soldiers, veterans and their families for their service to this great country and ourselves.

AND last but not least, BUONA FESTA DELLA MAMMA

Fraternally,

President Joe Rube'



VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- May 7th, 2011 - 6:30PM - IACC - Campania Regional Dinner (info: (585) 594-8882)
- May 11th, 2011 - 12Noon - IACC - Luncheon (info: (585) 594-8882)
- May 12th, 2011 - 7:00PM - Casa Italiana - OSIA General Assembly Meeting (info: Jennifer (585) 381-5540)
- 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 - 5th, 2011 - NYS OSIA Convention at Villa Roma
- June 2nd, 2011 - 12Noon - IACC - Luncheon (info: (585) 594-8882)
- June 2nd, 2011 - Festa della Repubblica at the IACC
- June 8th, 2011 - 12Noon - IACC - Luncheon (info: (585) 594-8882)
- June 9th, 2011 - 7:00PM - Casa Italiana - OSIA General Assembly Meeting (info: Jennifer (585) 381-5540)
- June 16th, 2011 - 12Noon - IASC - Luncheon (info: (585) 464-9160)
- June 22nd, 2011 - 12Noon - IACC - Luncheon (info: (585) 594-8882)
- June 30th, 2011 - 12Noon - IASC - Luncheon (info: (585) 464-9160)
- July 15th - 17th, 2011 - Festa Italiana at the IACC (more info to follow)
- August (Date TBA) - OSIA Lodge Picnic (more info to follow)
- October 10th - Columbus Day Luncheon (more info to follow)
- October 22nd, 2011 - Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance at Midvale Country Club (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.



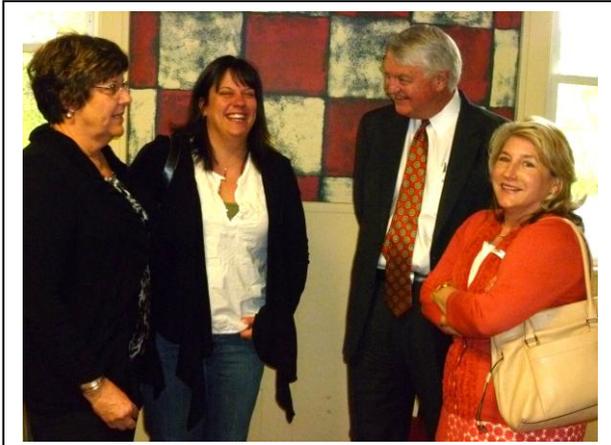
FUNDRAISERS

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. Thanks, Jennifer

ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

The next general assembly meeting will be held on Thursday May 12th, 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.

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

05/01 Richard Santo
05/05 Joseph Berta
05/06 Vincenzo Buonomo
05/07 Dr Russell Gugino
05/08 Philip Bellini
05/12 Mario Daniele
05/20 Robert Dierna
05/29 Elvah Trieste
05/31 Adeline Cimino



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 APPAREL

NEW ITEMS: baseball/golf caps with our Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 - Golden Lion Logo embroidered on them.

Available Colors: Black, White, Sea Foam Green, Caribbean Blue, Coral, Stone, Spruce Green, Purple.

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

ITALIAN TRIVIA

Did you know? The name "Italy" comes from Greek "italos", which means calf. It was originally given to the region of Calabria by Greek settlers in the 8th century BCE, and was extended to the whole peninsula under Roman emperor Augustus.

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.



Thank you to all who purchased tickets in our recent 50/50 drawing. With your support we raised over \$100 to give to Autism Research at next month's Convention. Congratulations to Brother John Manion who was the winner of the drawing.

ITALIAN VOCABULARY

- Spring: primavera
- Summer: estate
- Flower: fiore
- Happy Birthday: Buon Compleanno
- Vacation: vacanze
- Fireworks: pirotecnico
- Seashore: spiaggia
- Camping: campeggiare



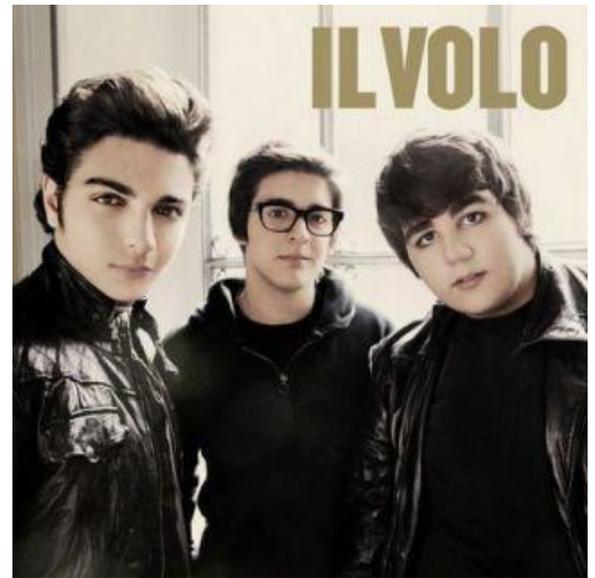
ITALIAN MUSIC

While many of our readers are all wrapped up in the TV show "AMERICAN IDOL", the new show "VOICE" and the upcoming "X FACTOR" many Italian Americans are not fully aware of the access we have to the wonderful music of Italy. For forty four years our fellow lodge member and friend, Joe Capogreco and his radio show "CAROSELLO ITALIANO" bring us the music of Italy, the classics, old and new, something for everyone. His shows are heard around the world through his web site.

He keeps us up to date with Italian musical specials like THE SAN REMO FESTIVAL, The TV show TI LASCIO UNA CANZONE and many others. There are other radio shows available in our area. What many don't realize is that for many years RAI the Italian TV station has been available to us through Cable TV – on Channel 17 and more recently RAI INTERNATIONAL on Channel 1240 (Time Warner –special addition to your programs) 24 hours a day of Italian TV – music, specials, and ,of course, soccer. These venues are mentioned because of the Italian TV show TI LASCIO UNA CANZONE that runs for about 10 weeks where children between ages 7 and 16 compete (like American Idol) singing songs of the music stars of Italy. It is a wonderful show and it amazes all on how well and professional these children sing with a full orchestra and at times with the adult singer stars themselves.

Out of this group of children have emerged three young tenors (I TRE TENORINI) – now known as IL VOLO. When they first recorded together two were 15 and one 14 years of age. Their voices are amazing with their rendition of O SOLO MIO and IL MONDO. This month their first CD is being released throughout the world. One can get a preview by going to a web site (google IL VOLO) One can pre order the CD on the web. Don't take my word for it- listen for yourself. ENJOY.

IL VOLO



2011 Board Members

The local Post newspapers would like to do spotlight features on all our new board members. Please return the questionnaire you received in March so that we can get this project started.

Our new board covers almost every hometown that the Post newspapers cover so they would like to spotlight each board member in their own hometown newspaper.

If you have misplaced the form sent to you, please let Sister Jennifer know and she will give you another copy for you to fill out. The questions are simple to answer and won't take more than a couple of minutes. It will be great publicity for our lodge. Thanks!

