



“The Roar of the Lion”

Jennifer Rubé, editor
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SUMMER PICNIC

It is now August and summer is winding down. Our lodge is getting ready for our annual summer picnic which will be held at President Joe's house next Saturday afternoon. As of today, we have almost 70 lodge members, family and friends coming so an executive decision was made to rent a party tent for the back yard. This way, if the sun is too hot or the angels decide to water the lawn, we will have plenty of room for everyone under the tent. We'll use the smaller tents around the large one for more seating and to keep the food out of the sun.

Because we are on a fairly narrow street, we are asking everyone to carpool if possible. Please also park on only **one** side of the street or else the local authorities will interrupt our fun and make people move their cars.

As in the past, this year's picnic is free for lodge members and their immediate family members – all we ask is that you bring a dish to pass that serves about 30 – 40 people. Jon Seiger and his group will once again come give a special performance for us.

President Joe is also looking for a small committee to help with setting up tents, tables, chairs, etc and cleaning up afterwards. If you'd like to volunteer, please call him at 461-1181.



FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT...

People ask me what the secret is to the Sons of Italy and I thought I would put that question out to all of you. When other local Italian American organizations are complaining about declining membership, we are gaining members.

There are a great many benefits to being a member of our wonderful organization but sometimes it is difficult to explain to outsiders. Just the term “outsider” puts a negative spin on the discussion so maybe we should just refer to those that are not currently members as “future members”.

What are the positives that you see in being a member of OSIA? Each person has a different reason for joining and each person has a different reason for signing that dues check every year.

FAMILY: We are a large family with all the positives and negatives of family life. We are Italians, so we will always have disagreements and we will always want things done in certain ways. However, when things happen in life and family is needed, we pull together closely, protecting and loving each other. I have never seen a group that is so quick to jump into action when the low points in life happen for one of our family members. In turn, we also pull together for fun things like births, weddings, and our many social activities. Ever notice that most of our social events revolve around family?

PRIDE: We all share a great pride in our Italian heritage. We bring our family customs to our events and we share stories about the past, the present and our hopes for the future. We also share the pride of being part of a national organization that works for what we believe in.

COMMUNITY: No matter where you go across New York State and probably across the country, you have family members, many of whom you've never met. Total strangers meet and because of their connection through OSIA, they are family.

I would love to hear from all of you. Tell me what you feel are the benefits of your OSIA membership and I'll try to publish them in future newsletters. If any of you would like to start a column in the monthly newsletter, please let me know. I am always looking for contributions from our membership.

Thanks, Jennifer - VP / Membership Chair



VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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As July comes to an end and August arrives, we all seem to be doing our best to accept the heat and lack of rain and go on with our many activities, Many have continued to fill their days and evenings with various family activities including vacations, weddings, picnics and, believe it or not, get our children and grandchildren ready to go back to school. As many of you know the Lodge has not been idle through the month.

All of the hassle preliminary to the Festa Italiana at the IACC stressed out many but ultimately turned out to be a great success for the IACC and most importantly for our Lodge. My sincerest thanks to those who readjusted their schedules to help us out – especially to Brother Ross Cottone who spent many hours setting up, closing down, and , along with Sister Bonnie were selling too. I would be remiss in not mentioning the MANY hours Sister Jen put in to assure all went smoothly. I think the sales person of the weekend was Sister Rosita who stayed outside the booth successfully encouraging passer-bys to stop and shop! And to Brother Tom Meleca who made every customer want to consider joining our Lodge. Between the super sign provided by the Grand Lodge (1st VP and membership chair Brother Joe Rondinelli) and the sales pitch by Brother Tom we have already received four requests for membership applications. To all the others who came to help as well as enjoy the Festa, my thanks – The Lodge will be rewarded once again with a nice check to support our various programs.

By now you all should have received the latest edition of the Golden Lion newspaper. I encourage you all to read through President Thom Lupo's and Sister Carol DiTrapani's review of the Convention in June. As those of you who have attended the last General Assembly meeting are aware, we did experience some negativity from one of our main programs but will at this time refrain from comment until we get a review of the recent plenary session. Overall, we, your Delegates, were very pleased with the Convention and look forward to next year's Convention (yes, I will be Immediate PAST President for that one!!!!) Congratulations to Brother Tony DiCostanzo as newly elected State Trustee for our District replacing Brother Joe Berta who has been appointed District Deputy. We look forward to working with both to be sure Western New York is well recognized as a positive force within the state.

Our annual picnic will be held August 11 at our home. I look at this event as an opportunity to thank all of you for not only your support of me as your President, but more so to thank you all for making our Lodge the pre- eminent Italian American Organization in Rochester. Our membership is up when others are losing members – a special thanks again to 1st VP and Membership Chair Sister Jen Rubé as well as to all who have sponsored new members. Also, special thanks to Sister Susan Berta for her attention to our finances as well as righting the ship concerning our reinstatement as a tax exempt organization as a filial member of the National and State OSIA. These members as well as several others will receive the President's Recognition Award at our picnic for their enormous contributions to our Lodge and all it stands for. NEXT PAGE>>>>

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER FROM PREVIOUS PAGE:

Although we've run into some stumbling blocks in getting to you the special 40th Anniversary issue of our newsletter, we are working on it. Sister Jen and I are working to get through thousands of photographs and documents that have been given to us by members, family and friends.

After the picnic, our attention will start to focus on the upcoming October events. I encourage all members to recognize the 40th Anniversary by placing an Ad in our Ad (Souvenir) Book as well as going out and getting ads from those businesses and friends who support our desire to promote our heritage and recognize all those Italians and Italian- Americans that have made this the greatest country in the world.

In closing, from our family to yours, we wish you health, happiness, and all the best. Let us not forget our beloved friends and family who have passed away or have been ill, and especially those serving in our Armed Forces preserving our freedom.

Fraternally yours,

President Joe

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **August 9th** – 7:00PM at Casa Italiana – OSIA General Assembly Meeting
- **August 11th** – 3:00PM - Summer Picnic
- **September 6th** – 7:00PM at Casa Italiana – OSIA Board Meeting
- **September 13th** - 7:00PM at Casa Italiana – OSIA General Assembly Meeting
- **October 4th** – 7:00PM at Casa Italiana – OSIA Board Meeting
- **October 11th** - 7:00PM at Casa Italiana – OSIA General Assembly Meeting
- **October 20th** – Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance – 6:30PM at Midvale Country Club – Come help us celebrate the 40th Anniversary of our lodge's charter. More info to follow.
- **November 1st** – 7:00PM at Casa Italiana – OSIA Board Meeting
- **November 8th** - 7:00PM at Casa Italiana – OSIA General Assembly Meeting
- **November 15th** – Turkey Raffle Dinner – St Cecelia's Church - more info to follow
- **December 2nd** – Christmas Party – more info to follow

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 09/08 Michela Palucci
- 09/09 Ross Cottone
- 09/09 Vincenzina Sciortino
- 09/13 Henry DiNardo
- 09/18 Mary Yacono
- 09/25 Sylvia Vazzana
- 09/27 Marilyn Sarkis
- 09/28 Salvatore Cutaia



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

If you do not have a 2012 Lodge Membership Directory, please contact Sister Susan at 334-6641 and she will send you one. If everyone would check their own listing in the directory and make sure it is correct, we would appreciate it. Please let Susan know of any corrections that are needed.

All Vincent Lombardi Lodge Communications should be sent to President Joe Rubé at:

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VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE NEWS

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.

Ideas: cake, cupcakes, brownies, cookies, fresh cut up fruit, sheet pizza or anything else you wish to bring.

If you'd like to bring refreshments to the next 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.

SUNSHINE CORNER

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

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.

Our lodge can be found online!

Check out our lodge 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.

INK CARTRIDGES

Thank you to everyone who has brought us empty ink and toner cartridges. Redeeming these has cut the cost of printing our newsletters almost in half for 2011 and have saved almost \$600 already this year. If you have any empties to redeem please bring them to the next meeting or call Jennifer at 381-5540.

COKE BOTTLE CAPS

We are still looking for bottle caps from all Coca Cola products. We redeem these for products that can be raffled off at our events throughout the year. Last year's bottle caps were redeemed for the MP3 Player that was raffled off at the Valentine Fundraiser.

PULL TABS!

Little things can make a big difference in the lives of local children. We are now accepting the small pull tabs from the tops of soda, soup, pet food or other aluminum cans and we will donate them to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Rochester. This is a project you can get your kids, grandkids, co-workers and friends involved in.

COOKBOOKS

Now Available –

Vincent Lombardi Lodge's "*The Little Italian Cookbook*"
\$8.00 each plus shipping if needed.

NYS Grand Lodge's "*Cucina Classica, Maintaining a Tradition*" and "*Cucina Classica II, The Legacy Continues*"
\$15 each or the set of 2 for \$20 plus shipping if needed.

GARIBALDI-MEUCCI MUSEUM

Recognition Walkway

Brick Program

Bricks are available for:
\$100 - \$250 - \$1000

Call the Museum at

718-442-1608

\$50 RAFFLE

To benefit the

Garibaldi – Meucci
Museum

If you would like to buy one of these tickets please contact President Joe 585-381-5540

FESTA ITALIANA MEMORIES #1



FESTA ITALIANA MEMORIES #2

