



“The Roar of the Lion”

Jennifer Rubé, editor
March 2012

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We have some projects coming up where we need volunteers. If you can help with any of them please contact Sister Jen at 381-5540 or President Joe at 461-1181.

LODGE ARCHIVES: Do you have paperwork, old ad books, photos, awards, newspaper articles or anything else you would like to donate to the lodge? President Joe is going through boxes of items given to us by Brother Lou Giambra’s family and by Sister Angie Parise and organizing them so that everything will be passed along to future lodge presidents. If you have lodge related memorabilia that you don’t want to part with, we would be happy to make copies and return the originals to you.

LODGE PHOTO ARCHIVES: The board voted to update our lodge archives. We will be having lots of photos printed in the next couple of weeks and need volunteers to help with identifying the people in the photos as well as putting the photos into the new albums. We especially need some of our older members who can identify members that have either passed on, left the lodge or have become inactive.

We would also like to scan as many older photos as possible and add them to the history section of our website. If you have a photo scanner and would be willing to scan photos for us and put on a CD or flash drive, please let us know. The originals will either be returned to their owners or put into the photo albums.

There are several other upcoming projects that we’ll tell about at meetings and then in future newsletters. As always, we thank everyone for the work they do to make our lodge as vibrant as possible.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

The Vincent Lombardi Lodge is pleased to announce that we have THREE lodge scholarships available this year.

- **The Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 Scholarship** (\$1500)
- **The Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 Past Honorees Scholarship** which is funded through donations made annually by those who have received honors or awards from our lodge in the past. (\$1000)
- **The Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 Scholarship in Honor of Dr Richard Constantino** is a one-time scholarship created through the donations received honoring Dr Constantino when he received our Man of the Year Award last year. (\$1000)

For more information or for applications for state or local lodge scholarships: Joe Berta (334-6641)
Lodge Scholarship Deadline is March 31st

VALENTINE’S DINNER 2012

It was brought to our attention that we didn’t list the raffle winners for the two major prizes. Congratulations to Sister **Elizabeth Osta** who won the overnight stay at the Woodcliff Hotel & Spa and congratulations to Sister **Angie Parise** who won the 50/50 raffle.

With the generosity of all that attended this event or bought tickets for prizes, we will be making a donation of \$450 to the Pluta Cancer Center for their Empowerment Support Group. We had decided from the beginning that we wanted any money donated to go directly to patient support programs at the center. Thank you to everyone for their support!



VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270
71 Cohasset Drive
Rochester, New York 14618



Dear Brothers and Sisters

March 2012

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This being an "off year" for our Lodge as far as a March Installation of new officers is concerned, we seem to be in "quiet time". I'm sure many of you are quite busy with other things, hopefully enjoying yourselves on vacations, spending time with families, and enjoying our unusual winter season. I just heard the temperature will get close to 60 this week!!!! Even though we don't have elections this year I wanted to take the opportunity to welcome Brothers Bill Agnello and Ross Cottone to our Board. In their relatively short time as members of our Lodge they have been very active and contribute to our discussions. Benvenuto!!!

I'm sure that Sister Susan has been busy with her duties as Financial Secretary preparing for presentation of our budget for this year as well as her records for the Bereavement Fund report and the Financial records for the upcoming audit by our Trustees. We are fortunate to have her in this position with the assurance that all records are accurate and would pass anyone's audit. I too, have been busy perusing the materials I have been given by Sisters Angie Parise and Shirley Sculli and from Brother Lou Giambra's family that I am using to compile a history of our Lodge from it's being chartered in June of 1972(see article on the charter) to present. We have minutes of meetings from 1985 to present. I have almost no information from 1972 to 1984. If the minutes are not available, any newsletters (apparently our news letter won an award in 1988/89), ad books, news articles or photos would be much appreciated. If you have these and are willing to share I would be happy to either accept them for our "archives" or, if you wish them returned, I will make copies. If you are sharing photos it would be great if persons in the photo are identified and the year/function at which they were taken is noted.

By the time you receive this letter, member nominations for our CCDD Honorees will have closed. The Honoree Committee Chair, Sister Eunice McCarthy, and her Committee will review every submitted name and there are several, and hopefully be able to announce their choices at the April General Assembly meeting. Again, with this being our Lodge's 40th Anniversary, we hope that we can count on our membership in supporting the event - so save the date – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20 – at MIDVALE Country Club. Brother Joe Berta and his committee are also in the midst of selecting students to receive three Lodge Scholarships and several State and National Scholarships. This is not an easy job – thanks to Brother Joe and his Committee.

I would be remiss if I did not mention how very important our ongoing MEMBERSHIP drive is. Sister Jennifer, our Membership Chair, has done an excellent job following up on any person who has shown an interest in joining. As a result of her efforts we have 4 applications in hand – 2 for Regular and two for Social (not of Italian Heritage) who will be presented to the Board and to the General Membership at this month's meetings and initiated at the March 8th meeting.

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Visit our website at www.sonsofitalyrochester.com

>>>CONTINUED: From the Italian Civic League (ICL) comes word of the possibility of a parade in October – a wonderful opportunity for the entire Italian American Community to come together to celebrate our heritage. We, your delegates to the ICL (Sisters Eunice McCarthy and Jennifer Rubé and myself) will keep you updated.

In late April Sister Rosita Caridi-Miller is planning another Italian (Calabrese) meal at her kitchen in Mendon (Cibi deliziosi). Those who attended the Sicilian Dinner last year were treated to a wonderful meal. The Summer Picnic is going to be held at Casa Rube' on Saturday, AUGUST 11 – (rain date Sunday, Aug 12th). Again, as a tribute to our 40th Anniversary and to our members, other than a plate to pass, the event will be without cost to our members. First Lady Nancy and I would like a small committee to help with set up and ideas of how to make this another memorable event to honor our members. As mentioned above, Sister Susan is already preparing for the Columbus Day Dinner Dance in October and I'm sure she would not mind a plug for all of us to seek ads for this year's AD BOOK which again will help celebrate our 40th. This is our major fund raiser for the Lodge that allows us to do not only those things required by being a filial member of a national organization – The ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA (OSIA) but also to provide scholarships, donate to charities, supplement cost of Delegates going to Convention, and hold social events and yet keep our dues at a minimum.

With the month of March comes a very special day, St. Joseph's Feast Day (LA FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE) – March 19th and with it the traditional St. Joseph Day Table. This is truly one of our living history events that traces its roots to Sicily of the Middle Ages. During a long draught the people of Sicily prayed to San Giuseppe to bring rain for their crops. The rains came and in appreciation of the life saving rain, the people carried out a pledge of an offering to help the needy in their community, as a way to thank St. Joseph for relief from the natural disaster. In Italy, aside from the St. Joseph Day events, it is also a national holiday, and considered the time to celebrate "Father's Day". Our Lodge does not have a special "Table" or event to recognize this day so I encourage all our members to participate in the celebrations being held at our community's other Italian club events or those sponsored by their churches.

So much for my short letter this month. As always, our thoughts and prayers go out to anyone who has been ill, has lost a loved one, and to all those serving in our Armed Forces.

LIBERTY – EQUALITY – FRATERNITY

Fraternally,

President Joe Rubé

OSIA FUNDRAISERS

The Garibaldi- Meucci Museum

Recognition Walkway Brick Program

\$100 - \$250 - \$1000

Bricks are available by
Calling the Museum at

718-442-1608

45 YEARS OF CAROSELLO ITALIANO

Congratulations to Brother Joe Capogreco who is celebrating 45 years on the local radio airwaves as the host of Carosello Italiano. Brother Joe is planning a celebration on April 13th at Mario's Restaurant which will include dinner and a concert by Italian singer Michael Castaldo. If you would like more information or tickets to the concert, please contact Sister Jennifer at 381-5540. We have reserved tickets for four tables that evening but they are selling fast. Seating is limited. Ticket Price: \$45



To learn more about the artist, visit www.michaelcastaldo.com.

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Our condolences go out to **Sister Angie Parise** who lost family members in a terrible accident this month. Our prayers are with her.

Our thoughts are with **Sister Marcella Cavalier** who has moved into the Blossom Nursing Home.

DIRECTORY

Sister Marcella Cavalier has sent us this update. Please change the address in your membership directory.

Marcella Cavalier
Blossom Nursing Home
989 Blossom Road
Room 306
Rochester NY 14610

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Book Title : **DICEVA LA MIA NONNA..... My grandmother used to say.....** Compiled by fellow lodge member, Joseph Antinoro-Polizzi, Ph.D and AngelineGuzzetta Jones, M.A.

Il padrone di casa sono io, chi comanda e' mia moglie! = I am the master of my household, but it is my wife who commands!

Casa senza donna, barca senza timoni. = A house without a woman is like a boat without a rudder.

Fa'male e pensaci, fa'benee dimentica. = Do ill and regret it, do good and forget it.

Mazze e "panelle" fanno i figli belli; "panelle" senza maze fanno I figli pazzi. = Cuffs and goodies bring forth well-behaved children, but goodies without cuffs produce unruly children. Or... Spare the rod and spoil the child.

NEW MEMBERS

This month we will be welcoming four new members. Ms **Marilyn Sarkis**, Ms **Sunni Povero**, **Dr Ralph Doerr** and Ms **Eileen Wozniak** will be joining us. Their initiation ceremony will be held at the General Assembly Meeting on Thursday March 8th. Please join us in welcoming these new members and remember that we're always looking for more people interested in joining us and promoting and preserving the Italian culture in our community.

NYS GRAND LODGE

\$100 Raffle Tickets!

1st Prize = \$20,000

2nd Prize = \$5,000

3rd Prize = \$2,000 (2)

4th Prize = \$1,000 (3)

5th Prize = \$500 (5)

Drawing will take place
on
Saturday June 2nd, 2012

Winner need not be
present.

Contact President Joe
For tickets at 461-1181

MEMBERSHIPS in OSIA

We all know that the Order Sons of Italy in America organization is for Italian Americans who are proud of their Italian heritage and wish to promote it with family and friends. Did you know that there is also a social membership for people who aren't fortunate enough to have Italian roots but who still believe in promoting the culture and heritage? Maybe they grew up in an Italian neighborhood and longed for the simple lives of the hard-working people around them.

If you know of someone, of Italian descent or not, who might enjoy joining our lodge and celebrating the Italian American culture, please let us know. We have informative brochures that we can send out so that people know more about what OSIA is and stands for. For more information or for a membership application please contact Jennifer Rubé at 381-5540 or jennajlr@aol.com.

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **March 8th** – 7:00PM OSIA General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: Pres. Joe 461-1181)
- **April 5th** – 7:00PM OSIA Board Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: 461-1181)
- **April 12th** – 7:00PM OSIA General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: 461-1181)
- **April 13th** – 7:00PM Joe Capogreco's 45th Anniversary Celebration at Mario's (tickets: Jennifer 381-5540)
- **April 29th** – 3:00PM – A Calabrese Dinner at Cibi delizioso. Details on the enclosed flyer.
- **May 31 – June 3rd** – NYSOSIA Convention at Villa Roma
- **August 11th** – Summer Picnic – more info to follow
- **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.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03/04 Mary Stewart
03/07 Mercie DiGiacomo
03/10 Ann Battaglia
03/23 MaryJoyce D'Aurizio
03/26 Marcella Cavalier
03/28 Flora Fustaino
03/30 Shirley Sculli
03/31 Donald Mark



AVIS CAR RENTAL DISCOUNTS

OSIA has a new promotion for discounts on AVIS Auto Rentals.

Receive \$20 off a weekly rental or one free Weekend Day.

Contact President Joe at 461-1181 if you would like these coupons.

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.

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.

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.

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.

From the....

SONS OF ITALY BLOGGER

WHAT DO THEY REALLY MEAN?

“Morto un papa, se ne fa un altro”

- Direct translation: One pope dies, another will be made
- What it means: There are lots of fish in the sea or Life goes on

“Ogni morte di papa”

- Direct translation: Every death of the pope
- What it means: Once in a blue moon

And then there are Italian expressions with very familiar English equivalents...

“Chi va piano, va sano e va lontano”

- Direct translation: Who goes slowly, goes safely and far
- What it means: Slow and steady wins the race

“Non si può avere la botte piena e la moglie ubriaca”

- Direct translation: You can't have the barrel full and your wife drunk
- What it means: You can't have your cake and eat it too

“Chi dorme non piglia pesci”

- Direct translation: Who sleeps doesn't catch fish
- What it means: The early bird catches the worm

And the few expressions that are confusing when translated...

“Acqua in bocca”

- Direct translation: Water in the mouth
- What it means: Keep quiet, keep it a secret!

“Non vedo l'ora”

- Direct translation: I can't see the hour
- What it means: I can't wait!

And finally there are expressions that are chiefly Italian, like this one that describes Italians' view on marriage.

“Moglie e buoi dei paesi tuoi”

- Direct translation: Wives and oxen of your own land
- What it means: Marry a woman from your own neighborhood



The New York State Commission for Social Justice is looking into getting more recognition for Italian Heritage Month in local communities. Watch the Italian Civic League calendar for local events honoring Italian Heritage Month at www.italiancivicleague.org.

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

QUIZ for March = Memorable Achievements of Italian Women

(from an article found in March 17, 2011 Italian Tribune Newspaper)



1) She was born in Los Angeles to an award winning director and a legendary singer/actress. She has won 3 Tony Awards, an OSCAR, an Emmy, 2 Golden Globes, and a Grammy.

2) Born in Detroit, she is the daughter of Italian American singer Rose Marie Cassanti and a Lebanese American comedian. After cancellation of her TV sitcom she wrote children's books including the 1973 classic "Free to be... You and me. Married to Phil Donohue and has won 4 Emmys, a Golden Globe, a Grammy and the George Foster Peabody Award.

3) She has had a career as journalist, writer, editor and filmmaker, and is best known for her work in comics and magazines. Working for Marvel Comics she created such characters as Typhoid Mary, Blackheart, Longshot, Mojo and Spiral. Her first superhero series was "Spider-Woman". She specifically addressed societal issues, confronting sexism, racism, and nuclear proliferation while fighting super villains.

4) She was born in Bari, Italy and made her unofficial singing debut in 1934 when she replaced the featured singer in a performance of "Madame Butterfly" by Puccini in Milan. This became her signature role. She made her US debut at the Metropolitan Opera in NY in 1940 singing the first of 72 performances of "Madame Butterfly". In 1995 she was awarded the American National Medal of the Arts by the National Endowment of the Arts and has a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for Recording.

5) She was born in London, England born to Actress Connie Emerald and her father was a popular comedian in 1918. She made her film debut in 1932 in "Her First Affair" which led to a contract with Paramount. She starred in "Anything Goes" with Bing Crosby and Ethel Merman. After switching to Warner Brothers she received Best Actress Award from New York Film Critics for her role in "The Hard Way". In 1949 she formed her own film company, Emerald Productions. She wrote and directed films that tackled controversial social themes. She came to be known as one of Hollywood's pioneering female directors. She directed such TV shows as "Have Gun, Will Travel", "The Untouchables", "Bewitched".

FROM THE NATIONAL SUPREME LODGE ...

- The first Italian-American (and Italian New Yorker), Pietro Cesare Alberti, landed in NYC in 1635? Sister Nancy Rubé has her family lines traced back to this first Italian – American!
- Did you know that the Rome's Coliseum once staged great naval battles? Check out the History Channel's Engineering an Empire series about the history of the Coliseum tunnels.
- Despite the economic downturn, The Guardian reports that Italian's consumed €2.5 billion (\$3.2 b) worth of gelato last year
- Following a contamination scare, the public found out that half of Italy's mozzarella comes 'from abroad.' Italian farmers staged protests following that scare, saying the case reflected a deeper problem of typical Italian products being made outside the country to lower standards
- The Italian national flag, "Il Tricolore," was first adopted on January 7th, 1797 in Reggio Emilia.

We are still looking for empty ink and toner cartridges as well as bottle caps from all Coca Cola products. We saved about \$400 in printing costs last year with the cartridges.

March Quiz Answers:

- 1) Liza Minelli
- 2) "Marlo" Thomas
- 3) Ann Nocenti
- 4) Licia Albanese
- 5) Ida Lupino

HAPPY 40th ANNIVERSARY VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

Our Original Charter Application and Charter Members List



SUPREME LODGE

ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA

Application for Charter

N.B.—This application must be forwarded to the Supreme Venerable or to the Grand Venerable if a Grand Lodge exists within the area in which the lodge is to be founded.

OUR MOTTO IS: LIBERTY - EQUALITY - FRATERNITY

Date: May 1972

TO: Grand Lodge of the State of New York
Order Sons of Italy in America

We, the undersigned, desirous of joining the Order of the Sons of Italy because of the high ideals and purposes which the tenets of the Order embrace, respectfully petition for the issuance of a Charter to found a filial lodge in conformity with the General Laws of the Order.

Toward that end, we declare:

1.—That the following signatures have been selected for the purpose of having them inscribed on the Charter:

- (a). John P. Lomenzo
- (b). Leo Spezio
- (c). Joseph DiMaggio

2.—That the name of the lodge to be formed shall be:

Vincent Lombardi Lodge of Rochester

3.—That it shall be located in the City and State of:

Rochester, New York

Hon. John Lomenzo
Leo Spezio
Paul Borreggine
Joseph DiMaggio D.D.S.
Kenneth W Pavia
Romolo DeSpirito
John Antonelli
Anthony Audino
Michael Cassara Jr
Eugene Fioravanti
Joseph Lusardi
Alfred Lusardi
Anthony LaBue

Frank DiMino
Edward Chafel Jr
Albert Pelusio
Philip J Scardino
Dr Orry Marciano
Edward Pero
Richard Crecco
Anthony Comparato
Anthony Marsh
Thomas Licata
Jerry Livadas
James Cimino
James Cimino Jr

Justin Carotenuto
Joseph E Battaglia
Anthony R Dunn
Joseph Nalore
James Castiglione
James Castiglione Jr
Robert Castiglione
James Manno
William Sabatini
Frank Cariscuolo

Approved by the Grand Council of the State of New York on the 20 day of

May 1972

P. Vincent Lando Grand Venerable
Gregorio J. ... Grand Recording Secretary

Ratified by the Supreme Executive Council on the _____ day of _____ 19____

[Signature]
Supreme Venerable

Supreme Secretary