



“The Roar of the Lion”

Jennifer Rubé, editor
May 2012

SUNDAY DINNER AT CIBI

Over 30 lodge members, family and friends came together at Cibi deliziosi in Mendon for our second annual Italian Regional Sunday Dinner. Lodge member, Chef Rosita provided a five course meal for us to enjoy. Great food, great friends and lots of fun and laughter made the day a huge success. The 50/50 drawing was held and Sister Jennifer won the \$140 prize. Thank you to all who attended and for those that couldn't join us – we're already planning the next dinner.





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



May 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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Lodge First Lady Nancy and I just returned from a week-long trip to Virginia where several things brought to mind how very much family and friends from the past and present intertwine in each and every day of our lives. Our first stop was Arlington Virginia where we attended the military funeral services of Nancy's cousin's husband, a West Point graduate who served in Vietnam. The entire family came together to mourn his death, but most of all to celebrate his life. One of his sons told us all that his father wanted always to be remembered as a good father, husband and friend but most of all as a man that loved his country. He was a military man and honored to serve his country, thus the military burial at Arlington National Cemetery. The Ceremony was very moving and reminded me that we all can feel proud to live in this wonderful country no matter what nationality we are.

After this we went on to research Nancy's Civil War Virginia ancestors on her mother's side. If you have ever watched the TV program "Who Do You Think You Are?", you can understand how going to the areas where our ancestors came from and seeing all the original records – births, deaths, deeds, wills - gives you a sense of what life was like back then. The same is true when we research our Italian roots. Sister Jen will once again be teaching a class at the IACC showing people how to research their family's Italian history starting in May. The end of our trip was highlighted with a visit with two of my college classmates – both of Italian descent. We reminisced about those years, our grandparents, Italian food, family and friends. One of them wanted to know if he could join our Lodge even though he lives in Virginia!!!

May – Festa della Mamma - Sunday May 13 – I know we all will be thinking of our own mothers as well as our wives, the mothers of our children.

We recently have had some sad news – the passing of Sister Debbie Sisto's mother and our sympathy and prayers go out to her and the family. In the same family there is also some very good news – Brother Matthew Sisto has won one of the Grand Lodge State Scholarships. How very proud we are of you! Add to that, within days we also received word that the Cornaro Award presented by the Grand Lodge to a woman of Italian descent who has distinguished herself and attained a Doctorate degree has been awarded to our Lodge's nominee – Dr. Stella Plutina - Calabrese – Director of Nazareth College's CASA ITALIANA . Stella will be the first recipient they have had from Upstate New York. Again, we are so very proud of her accomplishments and to have sponsored her for this very prestigious award.

For those who attended our friend and Brother's 45th Anniversary Dinner Concert with Michael Castaldo, I thank Brother Joe Capogreco for allowing us to share in this wonderful, musical night. We were truly treated to an excellent evening of food at Mario's (also a Lodge Member), music and stories that brought tears of joy to all of us. Congratulations again, Brother Joe Capogreco. NEXT PAGE>>>>

Visit our website at www.sonsofitalyrochester.com

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE: I continue to work on our Lodge's archives, organizing material for next month's special Newsletter edition recognizing our Lodge's 40th Anniversary. I will be meeting with several of our "older" members to identify past members in our photo collection. Thanks to all who have provided these materials and Sister Shirley (the longest active member of the Lodge, having joined two years after Charter in 1974 and, so far, our only female President), I will especially be testing yours and Sisters Angie and Eunice's memories.

Finally – another proud moment when Senator Joe Robach presented our Lodge with the State Legislative Resolution congratulating us on our 40th anniversary at our last General Assembly meeting. Thank you to all of you who came out for this special occasion.

As always, our thoughts and prayers to those who have lost a loved one, been ill or had surgery, and especially to our military family and friends from all over the Country.

Fraternally,

President Joe

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION



Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition

Presented to

**SONS OF ITALY -
LODGE 2270**

In Recognition of

*Its members, past and present for their dedication
and service to the local community*

April 23, 2012
Date


Tom Reed, Member of Congress

FESTA della REPUBBLICA

Join us for this year's celebration

Sunday June 3rd

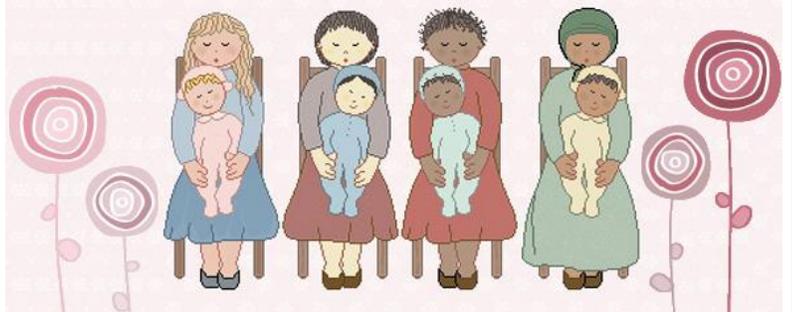
At the
Italian American Community Center
150 Frank DiMino Way
Off Manitou Road

Call 594-8882 for more info

FESTA ITALIANA

July 20-22nd

Contact Jennifer if you want to volunteer in
The OSIA booth.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

AROUND TOWN



President Joe recently participated in a charity fundraiser for Autism at OptiGolf in Victor.



MEMBER DIRECTORY

Please add the following new members to your 2012 Membership Directory:

Hon. Gail Donofrio
131 Caversham Woods
Pittsford NY 14534
(585) 381-0049

Patricia Mattice
6282 Murphy Drive
Victor NY 14564
(585)

Sarah Carbone
1400 East Ave, Unit 305
Rochester NY 14610
(585) 244-9379

Rene DeCroce
2254 Surrey Hill Way
Rochester NY 14623
(585) 272-9337

Dennis Erbeta
480 Bouckhart Avenue
Rochester NY 14622
(585) 544-3521

Rosalba Moscato
1686 Island Cottage Road
Rochester NY 14612
(585) 301-3055

IN THE NEWS

Our condolences go out to the **Sisto Family** – Debbie, Gene, Matthew and Joshua – on the recent passing of Debbie's mother.

Our condolences to **Brother Hon. Phil Dattilo** and his family on the recent passing of his stepmother.

We received notice that **Brother Matthew Sisto** will receive the Rev Julius Valentinelli CCS Religious Vocation Scholarship and the New York State Grand Lodge Foundation Inc Scholarship in Memory of the Italian-American Heroes of 9-11. Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Dr. Stella Plutino-Calabrese**, Director of Casa Italiana on receiving the Dr Elena Lucrezia Cornaro Award, one of the most prestigious awards given by the New York State Grand Lodge.

Congratulations to **Mary Jo Gugino Colligan**, oldest daughter of lodge members Dr Russ and Jennie Gugino, on receiving the Italian American Community Center's 2012 Civic Award for founding and running the Angels of Mercy program. Mary Jo is also the recipient of the 2012 United Nations Association of Rochester Outstanding Community Organization Award.

NEWS FROM GENEVA

GENEVA ITALIAN FESTIVAL

FRIDAY JULY 6th

&

SATURDAY JULY 7th

THESE COLORS



DON'T RUN !!!

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **May 8th** – 11:30AM at Fingerlakes Racino (info: Jennifer 381-5540)
- **May 23rd** – Five Guys Fundraiser – see enclosed flyer.
- **May 31 – June 3rd** – NYSOSIA Convention at Villa Roma
- **June 7th** – 7:00PM at Casa Italiana - OSIA Board Meeting
- **June 14th** – 7:00PM at Casa Italiana – OSIA General Assembly Meeting
- **July 20 – 22nd** – Festa Italiana – more info to follow
- **August 11th** – Summer Picnic – more info to follow
- **October 6th** – Columbus Day Parade and Italian Festival – 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.
- **November** – Turkey Raffle Dinner – more info to follow
- **December 1st** – Christmas Party – more info to follow

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



CASINO DAY!!!

Join fellow lodge members at the Fingerlakes Racino in Farmington for buffet lunch and some time on the slot machines.

Tuesday May 8th, 2012

Meet for Buffet Lunch in the Vineyard Buffet 11:30AM

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.

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

OSIA FUNDRAISERS

MUSEUM

The Garibaldi-Meucci Museum

Recognition Walkway

Brick Program

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

Calling the Museum at

718-442-1608

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.

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. If you have any empties to redeem please bring them to the next meeting or call Jennifer at 381-5540.

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

Tickets will be available
at the April and May
meetings.

DONATIONS

Every year our lodge elects to donate money to specific charities at the New York State Convention in June. These are lodge donations that come from the money we raise during our various activities during the year. If you would like to make a personal donation to any of the charities that OSIA supports, please contact President Joe. He will be happy to make that donation for you at this year's convention. Charities include Autism, Alzheimer's, Cooley's Anemia, Gift of Sight, Cancer Research, Arthritis, Parkinson's and more. You can see the list on the national OSIA site at www.osia.org.

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.



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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.

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE



Happy 45th
Anniversary
Brother Joe!



Congratulations
From
Senator Joe Robach



Watch for information about this year's
Columbus Day Parade and Italian Festival

Saturday October 6th, 2012 in Irondequoit

The parade will follow Lakeshore Boulevard and the festival will be at Camp Eastman under the big tent.

HAPPY 40th ANNIVERSARY VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

State of New York
Legislative Resolution

Senate No. 3725
BY: Senator Robach

CONGRATULATING Vincent Lombardi Lodge Number 2270,
Order Sons of Italy in America, Rochester, New York, upon
the occasion of celebrating the 40th Anniversary of its Charter

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is also the custom of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Vincent Lombardi Lodge No. 2270, Order of Sons of Italy in America, Rochester, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating the 40th Anniversary of its Charter; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Saturday, June 23, 2012; and

WHEREAS, The Order Sons of Italy in America was established in New York City on June 22, 1905, by Vincenzo Sellara, M.D. and a small group of other professionals; for more than nine decades the Order Sons of Italy and its many local Lodges have been of service to the Italian-American community throughout New York State and the Nation; and

WHEREAS, The Order Sons of Italy in America encourages the maintenance of Italian culture and language, as well as the assimilation into American social and political life; it has sponsored a wide variety of programs in furtherance of its mission, as well as countless Italian heritage events; and

WHEREAS, The Sons of Italy Vincent Lombardi Lodge No. 2270 was chartered on June 23, 1972, as a fraternal organization of Italian American men and women in Rochester, New York, the lodge was formed as a local branch of the Order of the Sons of Italy in America (OSIA) which is the oldest and largest fraternal organization of the Italian Americans in the North American continent, and

WHEREAS The Sons of Italy Vincent Lombardi Lodge No. 2270 was built on the original Sons of Italy principles of liberty, equality and fraternity; it affectionately offers a hand to all and keeps alive the traditions of its ancestors; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of its President Joseph A. Rubé, Jr., M.D., the mission of Sons of Italy Vincent Lombardi Lodge No. 2270 is to seek to unite Italian Americans in preserving and disseminating the cultural history of Italy; it seeks to promote and advance positive images of Italian Americans in our society through philanthropic, cultural, educational, social, civic and community activities; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when an organization of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention, it should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Vincent Lombardi Lodge No. 2270, Order of Sons of Italy in American, Rochester, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating the 40th Anniversary of its Charter; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph A. Rubé, Jr., M.D., President, Vincent Lombardi Lodge No. 2270, Order of Sons of Italy in America, Rochester, New York.

ADOPTED IN SENATE ON
March 27, 2012

By order of the Senate,
Francis W. Patience, Secretary