



## *"The Roar of the Lion"*

Jennifer Rubé, editor  
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### SUMMER PICNIC

It was a warm and sunny Saturday afternoon when almost eighty of our lodge members and their families arrived at President Joe's and First Lady Nancy's house for the 2012 President's Appreciation Summer Picnic.

With tons of great foods provided by our members and great music provided by Jon Seiger and his band, everyone seemed to have a great time. Sister Emma Ferlise and Brother Joe Vazzana entertained us with singing and dancing and the rest of us enjoyed ourselves under the big tent that was put up for this event.

### SOUVENIR AD BOOK

Each year we present those who attend the annual Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance with a beautiful souvenir ad book. The ad book is totally dependent on all of us to make it a success in bringing in ads from family, friends and those with whom we do business. There are several ways in which you can help us with the ad book...the first is by obtaining an ad for the book. Another way is by placing your name as a lodge member on the member page and there is an order form for this included with this newsletter.

Finally you can place your own ad stating your sentiments as a member of one of the oldest fraternal orders of Italian men and women in America on this, the 40th anniversary of our lodge. This would be your unique opportunity to share what the lodge means to you and what it means to be Italian. Please contact Sister Susan at 334-6641 for an order form or help with your ad.

### COLUMBUS DINNER DANCE

From event chairperson Susan Berta: Come celebrate the 40th Anniversary of our dear lodge and the 107th Anniversary of the Order Sons of Italy in America at our annual Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance on October 20, 2012 at the Midvale Country Club.

Join with us as we honor several outstanding Italian Americans from the Rochester community, our scholarship recipients and most of all as we honor and celebrate one another as members of our great lodge. We have a delicious menu selected, music and dancing to the tunes of Len Hawley and several wonderful surprises.

This year's award winners are:

JoAnne Ryan (Volunteers of America) – Woman of the Year

Joseph Berta – Man of the Year

Thomas Ferraro (Foodlink) – Humanitarian of the Year

Martin Mucci (Paychex) – Lifetime Achievement

Join in the solidarity, the fraternity and the festivities as we celebrate our Italian heritage at our dazzling annual event.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As summer ends and we start to look ahead to less appealing weather, we need to start thinking of our active older members. We now have a number of older members who no longer drive or should not be driving after dark or in bad weather to meetings and social events.

If you can help with picking up some of these members, please let President Joe know. They are mainly on the east side in Irondequoit and the East Ave/Culver Road/ Winton Road areas.



**VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270**  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

September 2012

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Once again it seems like summer flew by faster than usual but perhaps that is because I'm sure that besides the flurry of activity by many of our Lodge members we all find that we are feeling the strains of the economy and how it affects our everyday lives. As many of you know, after our State Convention we started the ball in motion to correct our tax status. At your request and approval we enlisted the services of a tax attorney to get us back in line and have our tax exempt status reinstated as a filial member of the Supreme Lodge. This required the gathering of all our reportable income and expenses for the past several years. Your Financial Secretary, Sister Susan, with her superb book keeping, was able to provide this info to the lawyers after many hours of checking and rechecking all the figures. Well, we have the application finalized as of this week and I will be signing it within days so it can be submitted. I can't imagine how our fellow Lodges are able to accomplish this without the same financial records that Sister Susan has kept over the years. Thank you, Sister Susan.

On a more enjoyable topic – how about that Annual Picnic? Even the weather was exceptional. The decision to rent a large tent at the last moment due to the uncertain forecast and the attendance count approaching 70 relieved your hosts of any anxiety we had. The music of Jon Seiger was again wonderful –to see Sister Emma Ferlise, Brother Joe Vazzana, and several others dancing on the deck was wonderful. I would be remiss if I didn't dole out thanks to those who made this "President's Member Appreciation Picnic" possible. Of course first of all to your Hostess, the First Lady who spent endless hours getting the yard looking as beautiful as it did. To Sister Jenn for providing support in keeping us calm with great ideas as the day grew closer and what we would do IF it rained and the 70+ attendees and the band had to move inside. To Brother Tony Palucci who allowed me to observe and take mental notes on his making enough sausage to assure at least 2 pieces to each attendee –many compliments. And to Brothers Louie DiFilippo, Lou DeCarolis, Vince Giannantonio and Peter Maddalena for bringing and setting up the other tents, tables and chairs.

As I did last year, I gave special appreciation awards to those who have made my job as President easier, as well as being sure our Lodge was continuing to thrive in a time when many other organizations were having membership and financial problems, and to provide our members with the opportunity to participate in and enjoy our many activities. This year the awards were given to Sister Jenn, my daughter, who took on membership, the newsletter, the website, communications, driver, fundraising, and just about anything I've asked; Sister Susan for her enormous commitment to me and the Lodge in handling the finances as well as the Columbus Day Dinner Dance; Sister Eunice McCarthy who has provided us with her support but more in the fine Honorees provided for the CCDD; Sister Mary Ricci –what can I say –she is responsible for getting me to join the Lodge and always actively recruiting new members; Shirley Sculli for recognition of being, to date, our only female Lodge President and her tremendous help in providing us with an accurate history of our Lodge so we can have a Archive of information for our new members;

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>>> FROM PREVIOUS PAGE: Lou DeCarolis whom I met prior to his becoming a member – always present when help was needed (especially with the Festa tents and packing up), computer work, parade director, and photographer extraordinaire; and the last is to go to Sister Angie Parise – who provided us with over 20 years of meeting minutes from which I was able to reconstruct the “early” years and also provided much material for our archives. I hope this function – the annual picnic will remain an appreciation event to thank our members for all their contributions - at no charge to the members – and a great tradition.

Thanks again to all who contributed to the formation of the soon to arrive 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Book - especially to my daughter Marisa, who took 30 years of photos and put them all on CDs, but most of all to Sister Jenn, the editor of the publication, who has put many hours into choosing pictures to include all our current members and as many of our older members as possible, many of whom have passed away, leaving us a tremendous legacy.

As many of you know, the October Parade and Festa have been postponed due to getting a late start. Brothers Dennis Erbeta, Louis DeCarolis and Sister Jenn put in many hours trying to get it off the ground. Many have expressed disappointment as, in the past these events have brought the Italian American Community together to express their pride in their great heritage. On October 8<sup>th</sup> the Italian Civic League, of which we are a member, will hold its annual Columbus Day Luncheon at the Diplomat. I encourage all our members to attend – I have tickets.

Our next major event is our Columbus Day Dinner Dance, being held at Midvale Country Club on October 20<sup>th</sup>. We are celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> and are honored that both New York State OSIA President Thom Lupo and National OSIA President Joe DiTrapani will be in attendance. Invitations went out this week and hopefully we will have a great turnout by our members. Our Honorees and Scholarship winners are exceptional as always. And don't forget to take out an ad in our souvenir book to commemorate this wonderful occasion. My thanks also to Brother Joe Capogreco who allowed me to brag about our Lodge in a radio interview last Sunday.

In closing, we wish speedy recovery to those who have been ill or have undergone surgery, our hearts go out to those who have lost a loved one, and as always, our thoughts and prayers go out to our Armed Forces who protect us and our freedom.

## LIBERTY EQUALITY FRATERNITY

Fraternally yours,

President Joe



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# VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE NEWS

## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Once again, I take this space in our newsletter to thank all of you, my fellow lodge members. I asked you for help increasing our membership with the hope that we would have a couple of new members this year. As of September 1<sup>st</sup>, we have brought twelve new members into the lodge in 2012 with four more and possibly a fifth for October! This is an amazing accomplishment for a small lodge such as ours. I was asked the other day, "What do you attribute this success to?" My answer was, "Our members!"

I'm attributing this year's success to the fact that we're having a lot of fun in our lodge. We have fantastic social events almost every other month and sometimes in consecutive months. Also, our social events aren't just for members – friends and family are always welcome to join us and many times those people have so much fun with us that they ask for a membership application.

Four years ago, when Dad took over as President of our lodge, he told me his goal was to get our lodge to 100 members during his presidency. Right now, we have 91 active members in our lodge and with the four coming in October we are getting very close to Dad's goal. Many of you have taken applications for friends and family members – if you have anyone that is interested in joining the lodge please have them send in their applications and maybe we'll reach our goal of 100 members before Dad's term ends in March 2013. Brothers, sisters, co-workers, neighbors – everyone is welcome! If you need me to send out applications and information about the lodge, just give me contact info and I will be happy to help.

Jenn

VP/Membership

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

## AUGUST & SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

I'm sorry for mixing up the birthdays last month. Here is the list of August birthdays that was supposed to be in the last newsletter. From now on I will be listing birthdays for two months at a time.

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| 08/03 | Rosalba Moscato          |
| 08/11 | Joseph Vazzana           |
| 08/11 | Thomas Vazzana           |
| 08/12 | Linda Agnello            |
| 08/12 | Jerry Griffo             |
| 08/14 | Francis (Frank) Affronti |
| 08/22 | Ross Battaglia           |
| 08/24 | Tom Meleca               |
| 08/28 | Lillian Siracuse         |
| 08/31 | Joseph Rubé MD           |
| 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         |

# SUMMER PICNIC MEMORIES #1



# SUMMER PICNIC MEMORIES #2



# SUMMER PICNIC MEMORIES #3



# 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

Our condolences go out to **Sister Catherine Nuci** on the passing of her daughter.

Get Well Wishes go out to **Brother Tom Meleca** who is home recuperating from recent surgery.

If you know of any lodge members that have been ill or could use a note of support, please let Sister Ann know at 224-8907.

## Our lodge can be found online!

Check out our lodge website at [www.sonsofitalyrochester.com](http://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](http://www.nyosia.org) and the National Supreme Lodge at [www.osia.org](http://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.

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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