



"The Roar of the Lion"

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FESTA ITALIA

At the last General Assembly Meeting the members decided they would like to participate in this year's Festa Italia in East Rochester. The festival runs from 11am – 11pm on Thursday June 6th, Friday June 7th and Saturday June 8th.

For those of you who are new to the lodge this year, the members volunteer in the festival booth selling Italian souvenirs and the lodge gets a large portion of the profits from those items. We'll work around your work schedule with the older or retired members taking shifts during the day so that those who have to be at work during the day can come at night. It's a great opportunity to hang out with fellow lodge members, enjoying the entertainment and saying hi to visiting friends and neighbors. It is also a good opportunity to talk to people about our organization and possibly gain new members.

They also have some great Italian entertainment lined up and the list of food vendors that I've seen so far looks very impressive. We hope you can make time to come out and enjoy some time with us!

NYS OSIA CONVENTION

This year's NYS OSIA Convention will be held at the Villa Roma Resort from Thursday May 31st through Sunday June 2nd. If you would like to join us for the weekend, please contact Brother Joe Rubé (461-1181) or President Jenn (381-5540) for more details. Everyone is welcome to attend but reservations must be made through the lodge in order for you to be included in Sons of Italy events, meals, entertainment, etc.

FESTA DELLA MAMA

La Festa della Mamma

(taken from an article appearing in the May 6, 2010 edition of the "Italian Tribune")

Just as Mother's Day in our country is celebrated on the second Sunday of May – the month devoted in the Catholic Church to Mary, the Mother of God – Italy also celebrates it on the same day. It did not become an official Italian Holiday until 1957. It is a day for remembering and honoring mothers. With the passing of time, Mother's Day, which can be traced back to ancient Rome, and the coming of Christianity, the practice of celebrating mothers evolved into a religious festival. It became important for people to return to their "mother" church. For Italian mothers, tending church on Mother's Day remains an important part of tradition.

La Festa della Mamma centers on the activities of the whole family and how it expresses its appreciation for the mother. The mother is not to work, has special foods made and brought to her, and she receives gifts and flowers (pink roses most common). Just as in this country, Italian Mother's Day is the most popular day of the year to dine out. In many piazzas throughout Italy, there is a mass sale of azaleas organized by the Association for Cancer Research to raise funds for breast cancer research.

Mother's Day is, and will always be, a day for families and other personal expressions of love. (The highest volume of phone calls are made on this day of the year)

So, this year, as in years past, make the celebration of Mother's Day or Festa della Mamma, a special day for mothers, even if just with the words 'thank you' for her playing such a vital role in our lives.

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May 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The skies have cleared, the snow piles in the parking lots are gone and the bright colors of green grass, yellow daffodils, pink cherry trees and everything else have arrived. Spring in Rochester is one of the most beautiful times of the year. It is also a traditional time for new beginnings, new ideas and a renewed sense of energy, which is also true in our lodge.

Your new council has been hard at work sorting through records, organizing upcoming events and trying to lead our organization in the best way they know. Suggestions and ideas are always welcome, whether or not you are on the council. I would like to thank Brother Louis DeCarolis for all the work he has done computerizing some of our records that were needed for our tax forms and also to Brother Joe Rubé (that still sounds odd) for all the work he has done organizing records, straightening out banking issues and preparing reports for the tax attorney and accountant. My thanks always to everyone who is working to make our lodge the best it can be.

We already have a good schedule of upcoming events for the year so keep an eye on the monthly calendar in each newsletter so you are aware of any changes. About 25 lodge members, family and friends will be getting together this coming Sunday for our 3rd Annual Regional Dinner at Cibi. A special thank you to Sister Rosita and her staff for preparing this meal for us and letting us meet in her historic building where we always have a great time with great food. Thank you also to the lodge members who helped her with the menu and gave her recipes.

As many of you know, Brother Joe Vazanna has been in the hospital for the past several weeks. I know many have sent cards or made phone calls and they are appreciated. Last week I found out that Sister Mary Delman recently suffered a bad fall with some injuries and that she is resting at home. She has said she appreciates all the cards and phone calls checking on her. Our older members are a very important part of our lodge so please keep them in your prayers.

On a happier note, our oldest lodge member, Sister Elvah Trieste will be celebrating her 99th birthday in May – Happy Birthday! I'm very proud to be able to tell people that our lodge is so diverse that we have teenagers and seniors in our membership as well as all ages in between.

As we turn the calendar to May I'm asking for your help with two Italian Festivals this year. At our last meeting it was decided that we should try the festival in East Rochester as well as participating in the July festival at the Italian American Community Center. For those of you who are new to the lodge, lodge members work in the festival tents

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and in return the lodge receives a percentage of the profits from the sales of Italian souvenirs and clothing. The best part is that we get to know each other and we hang out with friends and family and enjoy the culture of our heritage. Please remember to bring your own lawn chairs when you work at the festivals! What we really need are volunteers, especially those that can help set up at the beginning and break down at the end – please see more details throughout the newsletter. I will have sign-up sheets for both of the festivals at next week's meeting and I'll also email the info out to everyone with email addresses.

To all the mothers, grandmothers and godmothers in our lodge, we wish you Buona Festa Della Mama. To our members who are under the weather for any reason, we send you our best wishes for a speedy recovery and as always, we keep our members of the Armed Forces around the world in our thoughts and prayers.

Fraternally,
President Jenn

LODGE NEWS

Congratulations go out to **Sister Rene DeCroce** on the birth of her second grandchild.

Get well wishes go out to **Sister Mary Delman** who recently suffered a fall.

Get well wishes go out to **Brother Joe Vazzana** who has been recently hospitalized again.

If you know of any lodge members who have been ill, had surgery or have lost a loved one, please contact Sister Ann Vazzana at 586-6266. We also love to hear about positive things going on in our lodge!

IN MEMORIAM

Stewart, Mary C. (Regano)

Rochester: March 14, 2013, age 92. Predeceased by husband, Anthony; and her daughter, Catina Stewart Winfield. She is survived by cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and dear friends.

Mary joined the lodge in 1988 and was very active in lodge activities for many years before suffering from ill health.

PIZZA CRISIS IN ITALY?

Source: AOL News

Even though so many jobs are outsourced or performed by immigrant labor, you might think that Italy would be the one place in the world where you could count on your pizza being made by an Italian. But according to a new report by FIPE, an Italian business federation, there's a shortage of pizza-makers in the country, and foreigners like Egyptians are filling the void.

The current pizza-maker deficit in the country is pegged at 6,000, reports Britain's Telegraph newspaper. The figure is jarring for reasons well beyond pizza's place in Italian culture; the country's unemployment rate is currently 12 percent. (The figure is even higher for Italian youth -- 35 percent.) And the reason that out-of-work Italians aren't signing up for the job? Because they simply don't want to get their hands deep enough in the dough to maintain the 25,000 pizzerias, some say. "The Italian mindset is that being a pizza-maker is humiliating, it is a manual labor job," Rome pizzeria owner Alessandro Rossi told The Telegraph. Italians "want a nice comfortable office job where they can work six hours a day, five days a week, in air-conditioning. They're not prepared to work 10, 12 hours a day," Rossi said.

An average of 100 people per year from Egypt are receiving formal pizza training in Italy, according to the Italian School for Pizza Makers. Newly turned-out pizza-makers also reportedly hail from Bangladesh, the Philippines and the Ukraine. Of course a move toward non-Italian pizza-makers is hardly unique to Italy. Roberto Caporuscio, U.S. president of the Association of Neapolitan Pizzaiuoli, told NBC News that "most of the immigrants" now preparing pies in American restaurants are from Latin America.

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

MAY & JUNE BIRTHDAYS

MAY

05/01 Richard Santo
 05/06 Vincenzo Buonomo
 05/07 Dr. Russell Gugino
 05/08 Philip Bellini
 05/12 Mario Daniele
 05/20 Robert Dierna
 05/26 Angela Cataldi
 05/29 Elvah Trieste

JUNE

06/06 Mary Ricci
 06/07 Rene DeCroce
 06/13 Deborah Sisto
 06/15 Marie Moscato Foxton
 06/16 Eunice McCarthy
 06/22 Matthew O'Connor
 06/25 Edward Groszewski
 06/27 Louis DeCarolis
 06/30 Edward Maruggi



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **May 3rd** – 7:00PM - OSIA Board Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: President Jenn 381-5540)
- **May 5th** – 3rd Annual Regional Dinner at Cibi
- **May 9th** - 7:00PM OSIA General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: President Jenn 381-5540)
- **June 2nd** – Festa Della Republica - IACC
- **June 6th – NO BOARD MEETING!**
- **June 6th – 8th** – Festa Italia in East Rochester – Volunteers Needed!!!
- **July 3rd** – WEDNESDAY DATE CHANGE! 7:00PM OSIA Board Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: President Jenn 381-5540)
- **July 11th** - 7:00PM OSIA General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: President Jenn 381-5540)
- **July 19th – 21st** – Festa Italiana at the IACC – Save the Date!
- **August 1st** - 7:00PM OSIA Board Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: President Jenn 381-5540)
- **August 3rd** – Annual Summer Picnic – more info coming – Save the Date!
- **August 8th** 7:00PM OSIA Board Meeting at Casa Italiana (info: President Jenn 381-5540)
- **October 19th** – Columbus Dinner Dance – Save the Date!

REFRESHMENTS

We are looking for volunteers to bring refreshments to our General Assembly meetings. If you would like to bring refreshments to the next meeting, please contact Sister Ann Vazzana at 586-6266. Thank you to all of our volunteers as this is one more thing that helps keep expenses down for the lodge.

INK CARTRIDGES

Thank you to everyone that has brought us empty ink and toner cartridges this year. Redeeming these empties cut the cost of printing our newsletters by \$500 last year. If you have any empties to donate, please bring them to the next lodge meeting or call Jennifer at 381-5540.

COKE REWARDS CODES

We are still collecting bottle caps and rewards codes from all Coke products. The codes can be found inside the bottle caps or inside the cardboard boxes from canned drinks. We redeem these codes for points towards different items that we can use for raffles at lodge events. If you can't bring them to the next meeting, feel free to email the codes to Jennifer at jennajlr@aol.com or call 381-5540.

MEETING DIRECTIONS

Our lodge general assembly meeting are held on the second Thursday of each month 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.