



The Roar of the Lion

Marisa Rubé, editor
August/September 2014



HERITAGE AWARDS

The Vincent Lombardi Lodge will be honoring the following people at our Italian American Heritage Awards Dinner, for their contributions to our lodge and the community:

Man of the Year: Senator Joseph Robach
Family of the Year: The Bernunzio Family
Lifetime Achievement: Lou Gramm

The awards will be given at our event on Friday, October 24th at The Burgundy Basin. If you have not yet responded to your invitation, please do so as soon as possible, so that we can give the banquet center the correct count.



SCHOLARSHIPS

This year, due to the generosity of so many, we were honored to award eight scholarships! Congratulations and good luck to these very deserving students!!

Lodge Scholarship in memory of Jennifer Rubé (\$1500): Mary Michelson

Lodge Scholarship (\$1500): Caroline Bennet

Lodge Scholarship (\$1000): Lauren Sedita

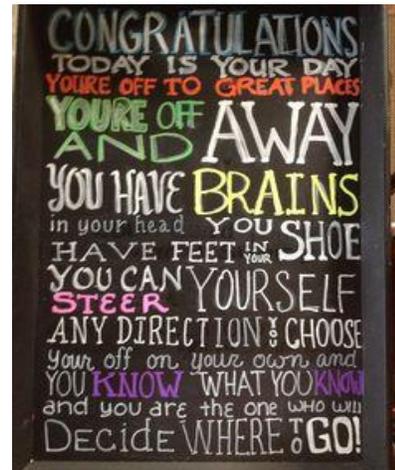
Past Honorees Scholarship (\$1000): Brian Buttaggi

Past Honorees Scholarship (\$1000): Frank Lamar

Lodge Scholarship in honor of Salvatore Mitrano (\$1000): Christian Toscano

Lodge Scholarship in memory of Nick Mastrofilippo (\$1000): Andrew Loete

Nick Mastrofilippo Scholarship in memory of Jennifer Rubé (\$1000): Amanda Paratore



~Dr. Seuss



EDITOR'S NOTE

We are trying to update our current email contact list. If you currently do NOT receive lodge newsletters and other communication by email, and would like to, please send me an email at marisarube@gmail.com. Please note, in addition to our newsletters and official lodge event flyers and communications, we do send occasional email communications and notices out on behalf of our members-these include personal invitations, events, and happenings in the lives of our members that they would like to include other lodge members in, that are not official lodge events. These communications are only sent by email. Postal mail is used only for newsletters and official lodge information and events, so if you would like these extra communications, please do provide me with an email address. We blind copy to all of our members, so email addresses are not shared with the entire lodge or any outsiders.

Thank you and enjoy,
Sister Marisa

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VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270
61 Sunset Street
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Summer is almost over and it was certainly a busy one for our Lodge.

At the end of July we were involved with the Festa Italiana at the IACC. It was a great time and very successful. Throughout the month of July we started putting together our Ad Book and finalizing details for our October Dinner. I want to express my sincere gratitude to all the members that are working on the plans for the October Dinner. I look forward to seeing all of you at this exciting and worthwhile event.

August was another hectic and busy month for us. We had our annual Casa Rubé picnic that was a great time for all. I would like to thank our hosts, the Rubé family for once again opening their home to us. Everyone had a wonderful time. A special thanks to everyone that provided a dish or beverage.

On August 24th our lodge presented eight scholarships to eight exceptional and worthy students. Many proud family members attended to a capacity filled room at the Grapevine Restaurant in East Rochester.

The Abruzzese Festival held in Gates followed this event. Once again we had great participation by our Lodge members and it was another profitable event. Franco Gallelli and his band; a concert by Lou Gramm; and other talented musical groups filled the event with music.

August was complete with an invitation from Joe Yonda to our lodge members to the Yonda's 30th Annual Pig Roast. Thank You Brother Joe!

We had a surprise visit at the end of August by Lou Gallo, our CSJ State Chairman, at the Geneva Lodge. I had the pleasure of meeting members of both the Gail Lodge and the Geneva Men's Lodge. While in Geneva the discussion was centered on the current progress of the CSJ in District VIII. It's important to note that as an organization we should be on guard for negative portrayal of Italian Americans. The Presidents of the lodges discussed the groups coming together in the future. We plan on sharing responsibilities for various projects such as the essay contest, which will award cash prizes provided by the state CSJ.

Entering September, we look forward to initiating many new members into the Lodge, thus maintaining our delegate count at the State Convention and bringing in new faces with fresh ideas. The initiation ceremony will be held at our September meeting at the Saint Nicholas Society Hall at 7 p.m. in East Rochester.

Upcoming events include the Columbus Day Luncheon at the Diplomat Party House. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased from me. It's important to have a good showing at this luncheon because it's the beginning of Italian Heritage Month. This event is attended by various Italian organizations in our area. Awards are given to individuals that have had a positive effect on our Italian-American Heritage.

I want to express my thanks and gratitude to all our members that have helped me during this transitional period. I look forward to many exciting days ahead.

I leave you with one thought for now "Together we can make a difference".

Peace to all,

President Vince

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OSIA APPAREL

We still have OSIA apparel. We are selling these items at deep discount to our members. Discounted stock available includes men's and women's Polo shirts in limited sizes and colors, and sweatshirts in limited styles, sizes, and colors.

We are also able to order apparel in all sizes on an individual basis.

If you are interested in purchasing any of the apparel items or placing an order, or if you would like a price list, please contact Dr. Joe Rube' at 461-1181 or bolognadoc@aol.com.

Cash, check, or credit cards accepted.

Keep your family in mind-these shirts and sweatshirts make great Christmas and birthday gifts!



COKE REWARDS

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 Marisa at marisarube@gmail.com.



SOUVENIR AD BOOK

This year's Souvenir Ad Book will be handed out at the October Awards Dinner. Please help us make this ad book a success by obtaining at least one ad from a business that you know. You received an ad form with the last newsletter.

Please make sure to sign the form before turning it in so that we know who sold the ad.

Remember, many of the proceeds from this book go towards scholarships and other charitable donations made by the lodge throughout the year.

Please contact Dr. Joe Rube' at 461-1181 with any questions, and mail completed forms and ads, with check made payable to Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 to:
Dr. Joe Rubé,
71 Cohasset Dr. Rochester, NY 14618



INK CARTRIDGES

Thank you to everyone that has brought us empty ink and toner cartridges this year!

This year our donated rewards points continue to be used for supplies and printing at Staples, to help keep our administrative costs low.

If you have any empties to donate, please bring them to the next lodge meeting or social event.

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WELL WISHES

Our sympathy goes out Marjorie Focarazzo, who lost her father in August.

Best wishes to Ross Cottone for a speedy recovery from surgery.

Best wishes to Shirley Sculli for a continued recovery from surgery.



Reminders

The annual Turkey Raffle will be held on November 19th, 2014 at St. Cecilia Community Center.

Past Honorees, please get your donation in for the Past Honorees Scholarship as soon as possible. As of now, we are over the \$1000 mark!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SEPTEMBER

09/08 Michela Palucci
09/09 Ross Cottone
09/09 Vincenzina Sciortino
09/14 Joanne Napoli
09/18 Mary Yacono
09/22 Luigi DiFilippo
09/25 Sylvia Vazzana
09/27 Marilyn Sarkis
09/28 Salvatore Cutaia
09/30 Robert Meli

OCTOBER

10/01 Ann Vazzana
10/11 Vincent Giannantonio
10/13 Joe Yonda
10/14 Anthony Strati
10/15 Sister Carole Proia
10/17 Thomas Ferraro
10/21 Stacey Romeo
10/21 Eugene Sisto
10/30 Mary Delman



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Abruzzese Festival





Festa Italiana





Member Picnic





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Scholarship Awards





*Out and About:
St. Judes Madonna Dei
Miracoli
&
Yonda Pig Roast*

