



# The Roar of the Lion

Marisa Rubé, editor  
September 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With fall right around the corner and the kids back to school it brings to mind the most important upcoming event of our lodge—the October dinner at the Burgundy Basin Inn, which is the main support for our yearly scholarship awards.



This year we were able to award seven scholarships to very talented and worthy students, thanks to everyone’s generosity with our 2014 Turkey Raffle, ad book sales, and private donations. To me, the scholarship awards are the most important and worthwhile endeavor that our lodge participates in. The opportunity to help students start the path to their lifelong careers is satisfying and rewarding. Seeing the excitement on the faces of the scholarship winners on our award presentation evening made me proud to be a member of the Vincent Lombardi Lodge. I thank all of you that help make this project such a great success.

A sincere thanks to the Rubé family for hosting our annual summer picnic. This picnic is a member appreciation event and I look forward to our planning for next year.

Upcoming events in October will include initiation of new members on October 8, the Civic League luncheon on October 12, which our lodge is hosting, and of course, our Christopher Columbus Italian American Heritage Awards Dinner on October 23. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend and support all of these events.

Peace, Fraternally Yours,  
President Vince

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**STATE AND NATIONAL OSIA EVENTS**

**NOVEMBER 7TH: GARIBALDI MEUCCI  
MUSEUM ANNUAL BRUNCH  
STATEN ISLAND, NY**

**NOVEMBER 14TH: GIFT OF SIGHT AWARDS  
LUNCHEON**

**\*\*Please see President Vince if you are in-  
terested in any of the above events \*\***

**Italian Civic League  
Columbus Day Luncheon**

**October 12th, 2015  
Diplomat Party House  
11am: Flag Raising  
12pm: Lunch**

**Our lodge is hosting this event,  
which will honor one of our  
members, Br. Paul DeCarolis**

Tickets are \$20. Please see President  
Vince for purchase.



**Geneva Lodge # 2397  
Clambake**

**October 3rd, 2015**

**Details to follow....**

**Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 Upcoming Events**

**September 3rd @ 7pm: Council Meeting**  
Eyer Building (317 Main Street, East Rochester)

**\*\*September 9th @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting**  
Eyer Building (317 Main Street, East Rochester)

**October 1st @ 7pm: Council Meeting**  
Eyer Building (317 Main Street, East Rochester)

**October 8th @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting w/ New  
Member Initiation**  
Eyer Building (317 Main Street, East Rochester)

**October 12th @ : Italian Civic League Columbus Day Luncheon**  
Diplomat Party House (1956 Lyell Avenue, Rochester)

**October 23rd @ 6pm: Christopher Columbus Italian American  
Heritage Awards Dinner**  
Burgundy Basin (1361 Marsh Road, Pittsford)

**November 5th @ 7pm: Council Meeting**  
Eyer Building (317 Main Street, East Rochester)

**November 12th @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting**  
Eyer Building (317 Main Street, East Rochester)

**December 3rd @ 7pm: Council Meeting**  
Eyer Building (317 Main Street, East Rochester)

**December 10th @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting**  
Eyer Building (317 Main Street, East Rochester)

**December 19th @ 1pm: Lodge Christmas Party**  
Lodge on the Green (2888 Ridgeway Avenue, Rochester)

**Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270  
Christopher Columbus Italian American  
Heritage Awards Dinner**

**Friday, October 23rd, 2015**

**This year we will be honoring:**

**Woman of the Year: Franca Cinelli  
Lifetime Achievement: Chief Michael Ciminelli  
Family of the Year: The Colaruotolo Family**

RSVP's must be turned in by October 12th. Reserve your spot early, this  
is always a fantastic event!

## Statewide Events

### Seeking musicians, performance artists, actors, singers, writers, graphic artists, readers, jugglers, acrobats, original acts

The upcoming San Gennaro Feast is the largest and most visible annual Italian cultural expression in New York City. The Lt. Joseph Petrosino Lodge, through the auspices of its Chaplain Msgr. Sakano, has hosted an Italian cultural booth during the feast for the last three years on the block of St. Patrick's Church on Mulberry Street, between Prince Street and Houston Street. This is a lovely quiet block called the "Piazza Napoli" with only 2 vendors and our cultural table, so there is no distraction to interfere with presentations.

Last year we expanded it to include additional artists such as musicians, performance artists, actors, singers, graphic artists, writers, authors and filmmakers. We had some wonderful presentations last year: singing, guitar playing, books on display, dramatic readings, poetry readings. This year we have the benefit of the booth once again. We would like to invite anyone in these artistic areas to join us in presenting our cultural display again this year. No pay, of course.

If you know anyone who is interested, have them contact Bob Agnoli at [Rdiangelica@aol.com](mailto:Rdiangelica@aol.com) as soon as possible. The Feast runs from September 10 through September 20. You may attend any time from 11 am to 11 pm but the best times for display are weekday evenings and full days on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Please respond asap but **PLEASE REPLY ONLY TO: RDIANGELICA@AOL.COM**

### Constantino Brumidi Stables

Presents



Saturday, September 26, 2015

7:00PM Post Time:7:30PM  
2075 Deer Park Avenue, Deer Park  
\$12.00-Adults \$6.00-Children  
\$15.00 - Adults at the Door

Includes Pasta, Meatballs, Chicken Fingers, Seasoned French Fries, Soda, Ice Cream  
Coffee, Tea, Dessert (Beer/Wine/Drinks available at an additional Cost)  
**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY - ALL AGES**  
(Prepaid ticket holders will have assigned tables)

Our six Italian Thoroughbreds are ready and excited to run our race track. Come and cast your bet on these vibrant wooden horses as they run eight exciting races including Hurdle Races, a Steeple Chase Race, & even a race of the Mysterious Horses. We will also hold a Horse Auction where you can buy and own a horse for our Lodge's long race. The evening promises fun and excitement for you and your family. **Committee Chairman-Carmine Soldano 586-0883**  
For Tickets contact Carol Nani 242-4261 or Susan Soldano 586-0883

### NEW YORK GRAND LODGE ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA



## GOLF OUTING

honoring

FRANK TROTTA  
BIAGIO ISGRO  
MICHAEL RUGGIERO

Monday  
October 19, 2015

Golfing at  
Town of Oyster Bay Golf Course  
1 South Woods Road  
Woodbury, Long Island  
516-677-6960

Dinner at  
Woodbury Country Club  
884 Jericho Turnpike  
Woodbury, Long Island 11797  
Tel # 516.692.6200

In Celebration of ITALIAN CULTURE & HERITAGE MONTH  
The Sgt. John Basilone Sons of Italy Lodge of Blue Point PRESENTS:

## A NIGHT OF SONG AND COMEDY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

ELKS CLUB 41 HORSEBLOCK ROAD CENTEREACH

\$30. Per Person 7:00-11:00 p.m.

Includes an array of Italian Desserts, Tea or Coffee

CASH BAR



FEATURING

THE INCOMPARABLE PAT COOPER

and

"IL GRUPPO ALLEGRIA"

tenor RINALDO TOGLIA, soprano MARY MANCINI and  
accordionist MARIO TACCA

Special Thanks to Pat Cooper for his participation in our Gala Evening.  
He has officially retired from show business but has generously agreed  
to regale us with his hilarious humor.

FOR MORE INFORMATION; Luisa Potenza 631-589-6634 or Madeline Brewster 631-289-0413

### Constantino Brumidi Lodge #2211

2075 Deer Park Ave.  
Deer Park, NY 11729

Presents

## ANNUAL FALL FASHION SHOW

### "A Fall Spectacular"

Thursday, October 15, 2015

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Sit Down Dinner

Beer, Wine, and Soda

Cash Bar

DJ & Entertainment

\$45.00 Per Person

Chair - Lucille DiNardo

Co-Chairs - Sabrina Savino & Karen Lorito

Ticket Ladies:

Fran - (631) 667-1543

Ann - (631) 243-0104

### America Lodge # 2245

## Under The Tuscan Sun

Dinner Dance  
& Scholarship Journal

HONORING  
STATE PRESIDENT  
CAROLYN RERES

Saturday, September 19, 2015

Verdi's at Westbury

Old Country Road Westbury, New York

\$85.00pp

Cocktails at noon

Dinner & dancing to follow

### Judge Frank A. Gulotta Lodge #2180

Order Sons of Italy in America

## Dinner Dance

Honoring Immediate Past President

Gil DeCosimo

&

Grand Deputy

Maria Diglio Kobylarz

Sunday September 13, 2015

1 to 5 PM

at

Pompei Restaurant & Catering

401 Hempstead Ave.

West Hempstead, NY 11552

## 2015 Scholarship Award Winners



### **Giuliana Bozza—Vincent Lombardi Lodge Scholarship—\$1500**

High School: Greece Arcadia

College: Baldwin Wallace University

“My future goal is to pursue vocal performance and music studies. After college I’ll go to graduate school and eventually earn a Masters and Doctorate degree. I want to study at La Scala in Milan and sing professionally. At some point I’d like to teach at a well-known college or university. I intend to enjoy my future in music and share it with others.”



### **Lillia Rodriguez—Jennifer Rubé Memorial Scholarship—\$1500**

High School: West Irondequoit

College: Niagara County Community College

“From a young age I have always been interested in the business and hospitality industry...My goal for the future is to receive my Associate’s degree in gaming and casino management and then to continue on to receive another degree in the hospitality/travel/tourism field. I would love to run my own business so that I can make sure my expertise in these fields can be passed on to my customers.”



### **Gabriella Macera—Rubé Family Scholarship—\$1000**

High School: Webster Schroeder

College: Mercyhurst University

“In the future, I plan on attending college to major in interior design/architecture and to minor in business. I have always been interested in design, and I owe much of my interest in architecture to the beautiful buildings that I saw while visiting Italy. My goals are to be academically successful in college and to someday thrive in a career as an interior designer.”



### **Henry (Jack) Gumina—Past Honorees Scholarship—\$1000**

High School: The Harley School

College: Hamilton College

“...I am now in the position to fulfill my own dream to become a doctor. I have been accepted to Hamilton College for my undergraduate degree, where I plan to major in chemistry. I then hope to go on to medical school and become a surgeon. I am forever indebted to the generations of past Italian Americans for everything they have done which has enabled me to be where I am and have the opportunities that I do.”

**Alissa Wells—Vincent Lombardi Lodge Scholarship—\$1000**

High School: The Harley School      College: American University

“I plan to attend American University in the fall. I don’t know exactly what I want to major in, but I’m considering being a CLEG major (communications, law, economics, and government) with a minor in political science on the pre-law track. I hope to attend law school after graduation. My dream career would be working for a NGO to improve education globally. I’m incredibly passionate about education, as I have seen first-hand in my volunteer work at the Horizons program how a good education can change a child’s life.”

**Melia Gasbarre—Nick Mastrofilippo Memorial Scholarship—\$1000**

High School: Fairport      College: Gannon University

“...I plan to be a physician assistant major at Gannon University next year. Also, because my experience was so meaningful to me the first time that I went to Italy, I want to study abroad in Italy for a semester. I hope to take Italian classes in college to fulfill my dream of becoming closer to my culture and my grandparents by knowing their native language...My Italian heritage has had a profound impact on my past, and my plans for the future reflect the mindset and values of the Italian people who have helped me along my path.”

**Janae Marcello—Vincent Lombardi Lodge Scholarship—\$1000**

High School: Pittsford Sutherland      College: Ithaca College

“I have chosen to go to college to earn a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. This will give me the opportunity to establish daily personal relationships with patients and know that I am truly helping them recover to their fullest potential. I will be contributing to people functioning in healthy ways that may otherwise have external threats, allowing me to give back to my community. It is the perfect opportunity for me to pursue a career that matches my ideals of feeling intrinsically rewarded for helping others. I will continuously put forth my greatest efforts in order to prove myself, and expose my truer person. I believe my Italian heritage has made me the dedicated, committed, and hardworking person that I am.

Be sure to check out the full bios of all of our winners in the ad book at our Christopher Columbus Italian American Heritage Awards Dinner in October!



## CSJ Report

Br. Joe Rubé

State CSJ Chairman, Lou Gallo, came to meet with us August 29<sup>th</sup>. His goal is to visit all Districts during his tenure in this position to assure us that this is an all inclusive organization. The meeting was attended by Lodge CSJ Liaisons, Lodge Presidents, our District 8 State Trustee and other lodge officers. Lou started by commending us in our participation in CSJ projects and for participating via Skype in his monthly meetings. As he went through the current list of CSJ activities he encouraged us to offer suggestions on how the organization can accomplish a positive outcome for these activities. Our group offered several suggestions which he plans to use.

Some of the things we are working on currently are:

- a)** Petition to have Yogi Berra receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Yogi turned 90 recently and as many know, presents such a positive image of Italian Americans. 100,000 signatures were needed by June 8<sup>th</sup> for the Presidential administration to consider it. Once OSIA got involved the goal was easily reached. We await the outcome.
- b)** Dominic Chianese (Uncle Jr. from the Sopranos): He is a singer/musician and appeared in "The Godfather, Part II," and "Gotti". He made an appearance at the Rockland Lodge 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Feast & Carnival. The CSJ felt that his role in movies & TV should not be the basis for any intervention for his appearance as a musician.
- c)** NY Daily News picture depicting Gov. Cuomo and Mayor DiBlasio as mobsters. This newspaper has a long tradition of bashing Italians. CSJ will intervene using competitive papers as well as their advertisers to have impact.
- d)** Columbus Day Issues: Many activities are going on to save Columbus Day - petitions, education of youth on all the good things done by this Navigator, banners for the Columbus Day parades, a ceremony with wreath at Columbus Statue in Mineola, and dealing with statues of Columbus in New Jersey and Boston being defaced.
- e)** Discussion on Perlasca film "My Italian Secret" - a film about how Italy participated in protecting the Italian Jews from the German Nazis. This movie is dedicated to Walter Wolf and his story of the Holocaust. We would like to acquire this film to show to our membership.
- f)** Wandering Dago, a food truck that travels around to different venues selling Italian food. They have been expelled from some venues because of the use of the word "Dago" in their name. They were due to participate in a Festival in Kinderhook, NY on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Lou asked us to notify the organizer of this event to try to prevent this food truck from appearing at this event. Many of us called or emailed and lo and behold Lou received an email that the truck was not going to be there.

There were several other issues Lou addressed but our main point is to let all members know there can be great value in upholding and fostering the work of the CSJ. As Lou always says : "SEMPRE AVANTI!"

Do you know a high school student who may be applying for college scholarships? If so, you'll want to let them know of this great resource:

The Calandra Institute for Italian Studies has produced a Scholarship Handbook for Italian American students. There are over 100 scholarship opportunities listed.

The handbook can be found at the Calandra Institute's website:

<http://qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/calandra/sites/calandra.i-italy.org/files/files/scholbook2013.pdf>

Our District VIII lodges have been invited to participate in the Columbus Day Parade in NYC on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>! We are discussing the possibility of going down together as a group, as the Grand Lodge has offered our district \$500 towards the transportation rental for us to attend. This would be a day trip, leaving approximately 5am and returning home around 10pm.

If you would be interested in participating in this trip, and marching in the parade, please contact President Vince asap, as the parade is just a few weeks away!

## Reminder: Ad Book Sales

The deadline for all ad book sales for our awards dinner is September 15<sup>th</sup>. The awards dinner and accompanying ad book are now our biggest lodge fundraiser and a major source of monies for our scholarship program and other lodge expenses. Please consider add your name to our membership ad page for just \$10. If you know a business owner who might be interested in purchasing an ad, now is the time to approach them!



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|-------|----------------------|-------|------------------|
| 09/06 | Patrick Bernunzio    | 09/22 | Luigi DiFilippo  |
| 09/08 | Michela Palucci      | 09/25 | Sylvia Vazzana   |
| 09/09 | Ross Cottone         | 09/27 | Marilyn Sarkis   |
| 09/09 | Vincenzina Sciortino | 09/28 | Salvatore Cutaia |
| 09/14 | Joanne Napoli        | 09/30 | Robert Meli      |
| 09/18 | Mary Yacono          |       |                  |



...Br. Robert Meli, recovering from surgery.



Our very own **Rosita Caridi-Miller** was in the news! In a wonderful story in the Democrat and Chronicle on August 22nd, Sr. Rosita discusses her emigration to the US from Calabria, Italy. Here is a link to the story:

<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2015/08/22/storycorps-rochester-rosita-caridi-miller-italy/32157315/>



**Courtney Brey**, 2013 scholarship award winner and daughter of lodge members Rufus and Stephanie Brey, is presenting research that she has worked on with one of the professors at Niagara University at the **250th Annual American Chemical Society (ACS) National Meeting** being held in Boston this August. Courtney is presenting in the "Professional" Poster Session (as opposed to the "undergraduate" poster session") so her work will be presented alongside people in both industry and graduate school!

Congratulations Courtney!



Please make note, all future lodge communications will be sent via our new email address:

[communications@sonsofitalyrochester.com](mailto:communications@sonsofitalyrochester.com)

Please add this email address to your safe senders list to make sure you don't miss any important news!

### Italian Garden, Part III

Don't throw out that tomato water! Tomato water is simply that red-hued tasty liquid that spills from your ripe tomatoes. Here is a recipe adapted from chef Michael Ruhlman that appeared in L'Italo-Americano in August 2014.

#### Shrimp and Fresh Tomato Pasta with Tomato Water and Basil

- 1 lb summer ripe tomatoes
- 1/2 tsp kosher salt, plus more
- 1/2 cup basil, cut into thin ribbons
- 1 lb large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 lb thin pasta
- 3 Tbsp olive oil, plus more
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 5 large cloves garlic, chopped
- 1/2 tsp red pepper flakes
- 3 Tbsp butter

#### Preparation:

Chop the tomatoes and place in bowl. Season with 1/2 tsp salt. Add the basil. Toss well and set aside for at least 30 minutes. Stir occasionally. Place shrimp in a bowl. Drizzle with a bit of olive oil and season lightly with salt and pepper.

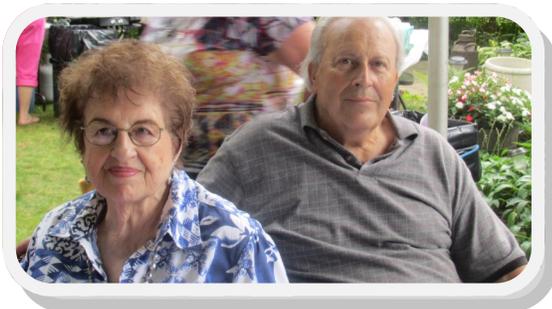
Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Cook pasta according to directions until al dente. Reserve 1 cup of pasta water. Drain, place back in pot and drizzle with olive oil to keep it from sticking. Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Heat until hot but not smoking. Add in the shrimp and sauté, turning once, until just cooked through, about 2-3 minutes. Turn the heat to medium low. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the shrimp to a bowl.

Add the garlic to the oil remaining in the skillet along with the red pepper. Cook until the garlic is soft, about 1-2 minutes. Over the skillet, pour the tomatoes through a fine mesh strainer so that the tomato water is added to the sauce. Set the tomatoes and strainer aside. Bring the sauce to a simmer and add the butter to the skillet. Stir until melted. Add in the pasta. Stir to coat the pasta evenly. Add the shrimp and tomato/basil mixture. Stir. If too dry, add a bit of pasta water to moisten. Buon Appetito!

# LODGE SUMMER PICNIC



Picnic, Continued



### Picnic, Continued



### Scholarship Awards Night



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