



Name: Louis DeCarolis

Hometown: Rochester (Greece)

Work: DeCarolis Truck Rentals

Lodge Position: Orator

Hobbies/Interests: Woodworking, Cooking, Winemaking, Gardening, Problem Solving and Learning

He says: I have been a member of the Sons of Italy for three years and I have been on the board for two years. I joined the organization to get a larger perspective of Italian American contributions and history. The Sons of Italy is the oldest and largest organization of Italian Americans in the United States. It is the only national membership organization with a local chapter that meets regularly in Rochester. OSIA has a structure that helps me to grow within the organization. I enjoy the friends I've made, the activities the club holds and the fun we have as a group.

I am a fourth generation American of Italian Heritage. I do not speak Italian myself and much of the family's Italian food has become Americanized. I have joined several local groups to find mentors in preparing fresh Italian foods like those I enjoyed while visiting Italy. There is a very strong work ethic among Italian Americans and they are genuinely good people willing to share their experiences and knowledge with the next generation.