



The Roar of the Lion

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year! Wishing all of our members a very healthy and prosperous year.

At this time, the lodge is very stable and we have had a very successful year. All of our events have been profitable and a huge success. We are looking forward to this upcoming year to be more successful than the past. In March we should see continued success with the installation of the new officers. I feel confident that we will continue to move forward under the leadership of our new counsel.



In regards to events, our first event of the year will be our After Holiday Party, January 13, 12 PM at Valicia's in Gates. It will be an Italian style buffet, said to be one of the best in the area. **Reservations will still be accepted up to the 10th of January.**

Plans are tentatively in the works for our Annual Winter Picnic and Clambake. Hopefully it will be at the end of February near Presidents Day. More information to follow.

Next on the agenda is the most important event of the lodge. Our installation of new officers will be on Sunday, March 24, at Burgundy Basin with a 12:00 buffet. Plan on attending to welcome and show your support for the new officers and council members.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our Christmas Party.

Quick reminder—please send in your dues ASAP. Again, we need to reconcile our membership by January 31st.

Thank you for your constant support. We will see you at our next general assembly meeting.

Peace,

President Vince

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Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 2018 Calendar

- January 3rd, 2019 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
- January 10th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting
- January 13th, 2019 @ 12pm: After Christmas Party (Valicia's Ristorante, Rochester)**
- February 7th, 2019 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
- February 14th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting
- March 7th, 2019 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
- March 14th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting
- March 24th, 2019 @ 12pm: Officer Installation Brunch (Burgundy Basin, Bushnell's Basin)**
- April 4th, 2019 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
- April 11th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting
- May 2nd, 2019 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
- May 9th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting
- May 30th—June 2nd, 2019: New York State Convention**
- June 13th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting
- July 11th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting
- August 1st, 2019 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
- August 8th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting
- August 25th, 2019: Annual Summer Picnic (Eyer Park, East Rochester)**
- September 5th, 2019 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
- September 12th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting
- October 3rd, 2019 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
- October 10th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting
- November 7th, 2019 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
- November 14th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting
- December 5th, 2019 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
- December 12th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

State OSDIA Events

- January 25th, 2019: NYS OSDIA 26th Anniversary Winter Charity Ball, Chateau Briand, Westbury NY

Jan. 23, 2019 AT 7 PM

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2019 Monthly Card Games at The Grapevine

A group of our lodge members meets monthly at the Grapevine Restaurant to have dinner and play cards. All are welcome and you can plan to come for just dinner, just cards, or both! Cards night is the second Wednesday of each month. Dinner at 4pm, cards after. Dates for this year: February 13th, March 13th, April 10th, May 8th, June 12th, July 10th, August 14th, September 11th, October 9th, November 13th, December 11th. Please note, there is no cards night in January. Cards night is occasionally cancelled due to holidays or other circumstances, so please watch your email for notices of cancellation.



1/1: Mary Kosinsky
1/2: Sam Mammano
1/4: Anthony Cataldi
1/6: Paul DeCarolis
1/11: Ron Santoli

1/13: Lorrie DiBisceglie
1/14: Joe Corona
1/15: Deborah Rosati
1/16: Pat Bartholomew
1/17: James Valerio



Get well wishes to Sister Marilyn Sarkis, Sister Lillian Bonanni, Sister Jenny Gugino, and to all of our members who are ill and recuperating.



Reminder - If you have not yet paid your 2019 dues, please get in touch with us right away to let us know if you intend to renew or not at this time. Dues were due on 12/31/18. We now have to reconcile our member list to the Grand Lodge list, and we must pay per capita taxes all year for any members on the list. If you haven't been in touch with us, the only way we know whether you want to remain a member is if you send your dues payment in, and if you don't renew your membership but don't let us know, we are forced to pay per capita taxes to the Grand Lodge for your membership for the entire 2019 year. To those who have paid, thank you for your prompt attention to this simple matter.



**Congratulations
Brother Paul DeCarolis
on receiving the
2018 Rochester Icon Award
for Success and Leadership!**

The NYS Commission for Social Justice has announced their 2019 Bella Lingua Award 2019 application. Information will be mailed to only those high schools offering an Italian language program and should be available through the school principal, the guidance department, and/or the teachers of Italian.

Language instructors will only be able to select one student of their most qualified graduating seniors who have completed at least three years of Italian language courses. Schools participating must submit two copies of their applicant's official transcript, letter of recommendation, completed application, and student essay. The application must include the number of years the student has taken Italian language, extracurricular activities, honors, achievements, employments, and hobbies/interests. The student will select one of the six topics on the application page to write an essay.

The deadline for submission is March 20, 2019 and should be mailed to: Marjorie Focarazzo, 84 Mulcahy Blvd., Rochester, NY 14624

Any questions can be directed to me by either email (MAFocarazzo@gmail.com) or by phone (585-749-5346).

The winner from District VIII will be presented with a check of \$500 drawn from the New York State Grand Lodge Foundation. The presentation will be made at our scholarship awards ceremony, August 8th.



CSJ Report, Sr. Marjorie Focarazzo

The Italian Armistice, September 8, 1943

Time often has a way of mellowing past events. The turning point can be significant, and sometimes it can be a bitter remembrance. Events that led up to the Italian Armistice began in July 1943 when the Allies invaded Sicily after expelling the Italian and German forces from Africa. The Command of the Armed Forces was returned to the King, who arrested Mussolini the day after. The main functions of the government were taken by Pietro Badoglio, which could have meant the end of Fascism, but it did not mean the end of the war. Negotiations were carried out in mid-August by General Giuseppe Castellano in Lisbon, and on August 31st, he met with the Allies to plan the taking of Rome as long as it was in conjunction with the announcement of the armistice.

Badoglio knew the army in defense of Rome had no ammunition and was virtually ineffective. King Vittorio Emanuele III decided to accept the armistice. Castellano signed the "short" form armistice on Sept. 3, 1943 in Cassibile. He was later presented with the "long" armistice document, which he vehemently protested the terms were beyond Italy's capability to carry out. The Allies planned an impressive landing, known as Operation Avalanche, in Salerno as soon as the armistice was made public, but after several days Badoglio still had not spread the word. Under a direct order from an Allied delegation, Badoglio was to make the armistice known to the people of Italy with an airborne operation on Rome airports. The Allies were told the airports were under German control and the Italian army powerless. The armistice needed to be postponed once again, and the airborne operation, known as Operation Giant II, was cancelled by General Eisenhower. Unfortunately, the landing operations in Salerno were already in progress, and on the evening of Sept. 8th, the signing of the armistice was made public on Radio Algiers and over the Rome radio. It was agreed that hostility against Anglo-American forces would cease by Italian forces, but there was no indication on how to deal with the Germans, who were present in large forces throughout Italy. Without a plan on how to handle German occupation, the announcement of an armistice was perceived as the end of the Italian War and many soldiers returned home. One Italian newspaper on the morning of Sept. 9th read, "The war is over."

Most of Italy had been seized by German troops, and as the Allies landed in Salerno on Sept. 8th, King Victor Emanuele III and Badoglio escaped Rome to Ortona to set up a "free" government. Since Italy had become a German-occupied country, it was evident to Eisenhower they were incapable to carry out the terms of the "long" document and he suggested the terms be relinquished, but London would not agree. Eisenhower was ordered to have the "long" document signed without any changes. Badoglio was to be given a letter absolving Italy from implementing any "impossible" term in the agreement, and Badoglio agreed to sign, which he did as representative for Italy. Eisenhower signed for the Allies.

Eisenhower gave Badoglio a letter absolving Italy from being able to carry out certain conditions and would not be considered a breach of good faith, which was signed and given in secret. It was expected Rome would be liberated within a few days of the "long" document's signing, but due to all the chaos in Rome, there were fears the Communists and Republicans would create a government in opposition of the one Emmanuel and Badoglio had formed. A British general, Noel Mason-MacFarland without informing his superiors, sent a letter to Badoglio that the Allies would recognize his government after the fall of Rome. Washington and London were alarmed at what Mason-MacFarland had done since no one knew which of the Italian factions would come out on top. It was decided in mid-October 1943, to try to retrieve both letters given to Badoglio. They concocted a story about needing the letters back to correct some spelling errors. Badoglio was able to give them the Mason-MacFarland letter immediately. They had the one letter but determined they would in all likelihood not be able to get the letter Eisenhower gave Badoglio. The "long" document was officially amended on Nov. 12th, the protocol being dated November 9, 1943 and was later published in London as a wartime document.

The Italians ceased a war against the Allies and then started a new war with their former ally, which carried on the war for an additional two years, leading to many more atrocities and massacres. Germany chose to fight to the end, but Italy chose a different future that day in September 1943. After the war, Italians chose the republic over the monarchy, and in 1948 drew up a new constitution.

2019 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Sons & Daughters of Italy in America offers college scholarships at all levels of the organization. Here is information on the National, State, and of course our local lodge scholarship opportunities.

Local Vincent Lombardi Lodge Scholarships:

ELIGIBILITY: High school graduating senior from a public, private or parochial school. Student must be of Italian descent (at least one grandparent must be of Italian heritage). Applicant must live in and attend school in Monroe County, or be related to a lodge member if living in another county, and must commence study at an accredited academic institution of high learning in the fall of 2019. Preference is given to students associated with members of the lodge, but anyone that meets the above requirements is eligible and encouraged to apply.

Fees and Deadlines: There is no fee to apply. Application deadline is March 31st, 2019. Applications received after the deadline date will not be considered.

Vincent Lombardi Lodge Scholarship applications will be sent to all Monroe County schools and to our members in January 2019. Applications are also available on our lodge website:
www.sonsofitalyrochester.com

Questions? Please contact vincentlombardilodge@gmail.com

New York State OSDIA Scholarships:

Eligibility: Applicant must be of Italian descent and a resident of New York State. Undergraduate and graduate awards are presented to high school or college students who will begin full-time study for the fall academic term of the year their application is eligible to apply for competition. The scholarship awards are based on academic excellence and service. Students must have an average of 85% or above to apply.

Fees and Deadlines: A \$10 non-refundable processing fee is required with each scholarship application. All applications are due by March 31st, 2019.

For more information and to download the application packet: <http://www.nysosia.org/scholarships>

National OSDIA Scholarships

Eligibility: U.S. citizens of Italian descent (at least one Italian or Italian- American grandparent) enrolled in a four year undergraduate program or a graduate program at an accredited academic institution for the Fall 2018 term. Previous SIF scholarship winners are not eligible. Additional eligibility requirements may apply to specific scholarships.

Fees and Deadlines: A \$35 non-refundable processing fee is required with each scholarship application. The fee includes a one-year At-Large Membership to OSDIA, with all At -Large Membership benefits. The deadline for all scholarships (unless otherwise noted) is February 28, 2019.

For more details and information go to: <https://www.osia.org/programs/scholarships/>

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