



The Roar of the Lion

Marisa Rubé, editor
January 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Hope you are coping with this unseasonal weather. As temperatures varied from day to day, from high to low, it was difficult to know if it was winter or spring.

Our lodge continues on with annual activities and we are already planning for our summer events.



As February approaches we are getting closer to our upcoming event, the Reverse Raffle. There is still ample time to purchase tickets for this fun evening. Please see attached flyer accompanying this newsletter.

Our next big event will be the Cibi Regional Italian Dinner, prepared by our favorite chef, Rosita-Caridi Miller. More information on this event to follow soon.

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We are looking for members interested in being a delegate to the New York State Grand Lodge Convention. Being a delegate requires attendance at various meetings and activities throughout the weekend. This year's convention takes place May 31st through June 3rd. There are five delegate positions open with four alternates. Open elections will take place at our next assembly meeting in February. If you are interested in becoming a delegate please submit your intentions in writing to me before February 1. The cost to each delegate is travel expenses, the rest will be covered by the lodge. This is an opportunity to see the inner workings of the Grand Lodge and meet fellow Italian Americans across the state.

Hope to see you all at our next meeting.

Fraternally yours,

President Vince



OSIA New York Grand Lodge Events

January 26th @ 7:30pm: **25th Anniversary Winter Charity Ball** - Chateau Briand, Carle Place.

February 25th @ 12pm: **CSJ Annual Dinner Dance** honoring Past CSJ Chairman Louis Gallo - Russo's on the Bay, Howard Beach.

April 3rd, 6pm: **Grand Lodge Foundation Cooley's Anemia Dine Around**

April 27th @ 7pm: **Grand Lodge Foundation 36th Anniversary Golden Lion Awards Dinner** - Garden City Hotel, Garden City.

Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 2018 Calendar

January 4th, 2018 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
January 11th, 2018 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

January 14th, 2018 @ 12pm: After Holiday Party - Red Fedeles Brook House (920 Elmridge Center Rd, Rochester)

February 1st, 2018 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
February 8th, 2018 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

February 23rd, 2018: Reverse Raffle Dinner - Burgundy Basin (Bushnell's Basin). Raffle Tickets \$100 (includes dinner), Dinner tickets \$30

March 1st, 2018 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
March 8th, 2018 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

March 18th, 2018 Time/Location TBD: Winter Clambake

April 5th, 2018 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
April 12th, 2018 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

April 22nd, 2018 Time & Location TBD: Cibi Dinner

May 3rd, 2018 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
May 10th, 2018 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

May 26th, 2018: East Rochester Memorial Day Parade

May 31st-June 3rd, 2018: OSDIA NYS Convention

June 14th, 2018 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

July 5th, 2018 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
July 12th, 2018 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

August 2nd, 2018 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
August 9th, 2018 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

August 2018: Date/Time TBD: Member Appreciation Picnic

September 6th, 2018 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
September 13th, 2018 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

October 4th, 2018 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
October 11th, 2018 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

October 2018, Date/Time TBD: Italian American Heritage Dinner

November 1st, 2018 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
November 8th, 2018 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

November 2018, Date/Time TBD: Annual Turkey Raffle

December 6th, 2018 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
December 13th, 2018 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting



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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



...Sending good wishes to Brother Tom Meleca as he recuperates from a recent medical procedure.

...And to Brother Tom Vazzana, recovering from surgery and recuperating at St. Ann's.

...And to Sister Jen Gugino, recovering from surgery.

...And to Sister Sylvia Vazzana, recovering from illness.



...Our thoughts and prayers are with the Berta family as they grieve the passing of our former lodge member, Susan Berta. Susan's obituary can be found at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=susan-m-bera-faggial-imperati&pid=187649370&fhid=13379>



Please give a warm welcome to our newly initiated members!
From left to right—Tony Mangione, Robert Rosati, and Deb Rosati



Our Reverse Raffle Dinner is coming up fast. Tickets are \$100 each and include one dinner ticket. Additional dinner tickets can be purchased for \$30 each. Only 100 raffle tickets are being sold, for a chance at \$3000 in prizes! The Reverse Raffle Dinner is slated for February 23rd at the Burgundy Basin. Don't miss your chance to be a part of this great event and win some money! If you or anyone you know would like to purchase a ticket, please see any member of our Council to do so.



You should have received a notice November for your 2018 OSDIA membership renewal. Your dues payment is needed by January 13th at the absolute latest if you plan to renew for 2018 and we hope you will! Please note, we are required to send our complete membership list in to the NYS Grand Lodge by the end of January, and the Grand Lodge uses that list to determine the dues that we are to pay to them. Even if you have not paid your dues and do not plan to renew, we are required to keep your name on that list and pay the fee for your membership to the Grand Lodge, unless we hear otherwise from you that you are not planning to renew this year. If you have not paid your dues to date, please send an email to vincentlombardilodge@gmail.com stating whether it is your intention to renew and when we can expect your dues, or letting us know that you do not intend to renew at this time.

2018 OSDIA SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



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 2018. 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, 2018. 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 2018. 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, 2018.

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, 2018.

For more details and information go to: <https://sonsofitalyfoundation.submittable.com/submit>

Italian Facts
As reported in the Italian Tribune

1. The Italian Fairytale “ADVENTURES OF PINOCCHIO” was written by Italian author Carlo Collodi in the town of Pescia province of Pistoia, Tuscany. Originally published as a newspaper serial in 1881 and 1882, as “La storia di un burattino” (The Tale of a Puppet) and in 1883 as a book. We all know the story.

In 1990’s it was found to have been translated into over 260 languages and is the most translated and best selling non religious book in the world.

The original serialized version ends by Pinocchio being hung for his numerable faults. In the book version 20 chapters were added and the “Blue Fairy” rescues Pinocchio and eventually transforms him into a real boy.

There are many versions of the story adapted to the stage and screen. Pinocchio (1911) was a live action film and the first movie based on the novel.

Perhaps the most famous is Disney’s animated film released in 1940.

In Pescia there is the “Parco di Pinocchio” not only an amusement park but an extraordinary museum

2. Michelangelo’s Statue of David, Michelangelo Buonarroti, was 26 years old when he started the carving of the statue of David.

The statue was carved from a massive slab of Carrara marble purchased 25 years earlier by the Duomo of Florence. He began carving in 1501 and finished in 1504. It stands 17 feet tall and weighs 12,478 pounds.

On September 8, 1504 the statue was unveiled at the entrance to the Piazza della Signoria. At first, parts of the statue were covered in gold leaf, including the sling over left shoulder, the tree stump behind right leg, and the garland around his hips (presumably to preserve his modesty). Over time due to exposure to the elements, the gold leaf was washed away and not replaced.

A copy of the statue replaced the original in the Piazza when the original was moved to the Accademia Gallery in the late 1800s.

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN IMMIGRANTS

By Sister Marjorie Focarazzo

There is much difficulty in becoming an American citizen. The decision to become an American citizen is a very important one. It means showing a commitment to the United States and loyalty to its Constitution. In return one is granted all the rights and privileges that are part of being a US citizen, but it is not a speedy process. Certain requirements must be met. To apply for naturalization, one must first be qualified to apply, complete an application, attend an interview, and pass a test on English and US history and government. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) states that applicants for naturalization must be: (1) at least eighteen years old; (2) a lawful permanent resident of the United States; (3) resident and physically present in the United States for at least five years at the time of application; and (4) of good moral character.

Immigrant assimilation is complex, and we live in an era that is becoming more and more nervous about assimilation. A multicultural America is moving away from the analogy of being a “melting pot”. Assimilation was never meant to mean that everyone “melted” into a homogenous American, but rather immigrants adapted and changed, rejecting their traditions and even some values or, perhaps, to forget their mother tongue and ethnic cuisine. It means learning to live in a pluralistic society. It’s a process that may span generations.

Italian immigrants began arriving in large numbers in the late 1800’s. Most of the early arrivals were young men leaving a semi-feudal Southern Italy that held little opportunities. They were unskilled labor and settle in northern cities and small industrial towns of Pennsylvania and Ohio. They helped to fuel a booming industrial economy. They built factories, roads, dams, tunnels, and other infrastructures. Their work provided them with a small economic foothold in American society. It allowed them to provide for their families, which stood at the core of Italian American life.

While they had high regard and respect for authority, especially that of parents and elders, they were cautious of the broader authority figures and politicians. The family stood as the bulwark against the larger, sometimes hostile government agencies. Respect within the family was of the utmost important.

Many Italians often chose to wait to become naturalized citizens which delayed full inclusion into America’s political and civic life. A large movement for naturalization occurred from 1939 to 1941 as war erupted in Europe. Over half a million Italian Americans served in the United States military during World War II, but non-naturalized citizens found themselves branded as “enemy aliens” with the US in conflict with Italy. More than 13 Italian American soldiers were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and became national heroes. As we moved into the next decades of the 1950’s and 1960’s, Italians still encountered prejudice and negative stereotypes. All Italians were lumped into the collective reputation tarnished by organized crime. Italian American life became skewed through the entertainment venue.

In recent years genealogy has exploded with many Italian Americans, wanting to learn more about their ancestors, culture, heritage, and to regain a kind of authenticity of experience they feel has been lost in the assimilation process. Most of our ancestors did not dwell on their past since they felt there was little future for them in Italy. The immigration process was so arduous and placed them into a modern world, they felt conflicted between deeply rooted traditions and the possibilities of a new, prosperous life. As new immigrants continually arrive in America, they are making their own lives and navigating the complicated process of adapting to a new life while not completely surrendering the past.

Dear Lodge Member,

Jan. 12, 2018

Here are a few important questions to ponder.

How do we support our charities and our scholarship program?

How do we maintain our lodge expenses such as meeting room rent, offices supplies & postage etc. including our delegates cost for our state convention?

How do we pay for a rise in the grand lodge per capita tax, without a rise in your lodge dues?

By supporting the Reverse Raffle Fundraiser Dinner. Buy a raffle ticket for yourself and a dinner ticket for a spouse or friend. Sell tickets to family & friends or share the cost of a raffle ticket with your golfing buddies, club members or co-workers.

Where can you go out for a evening of fun and entertainment with good food and friends only for \$130.00? Speaking of friends plan on a table of 8-10 and make your own special event within our fundraiser.

With only 100 raffle tickets being sold you have a good chance to win a \$3000.00 cash prize or just come for the dinner and entertainment there is no minimum number of guest that can come.

Just come and partake in a good meal at the Burgundy Basin, enjoy great music by Franco Gallieli & Friends, request your favorite song and dance and sing along and perhaps Lady Luck will visit you or your guests.

All this while securing a stable future for our charities, scholarships and our lodge.

Do Your Part!!! Thank You

Event: Reverse Raffle Fundraiser Dinner

Date: Friday 23, 2018 & Time: 6:00 Cash Bar - 6:30 Dinner

Location: Burgandy Basin Inn, 1316 Marsh Rd, Pittsford, NY 14534

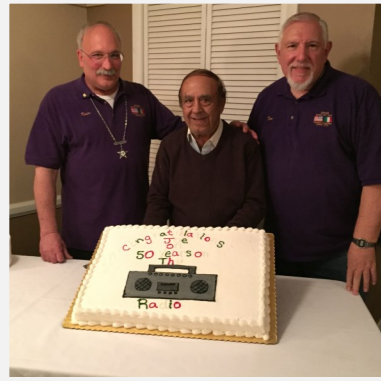
For Tickets contact any Board Member

Call VPs Tom & Sandy - (315) 986-1097 or President Vincent - (585) 208-1578

Vincent Lombardi Lodge 2017—A look back....



NYS Grand Lodge Convention



Celebrating Joe Capogreco's 50 years on air



President's Picnic



Officer Installation Brunch



Bella Lingua Award Ceremony



Turkey Raffle



Scholarship Awards Night



Winter Clambake



Geneva Lodge Installation

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