



The Roar of the Lion

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July-August 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are back! Here is the news of the summer...

The Plenary session in July was a huge success! It appears that our friends from downstate had a great time. Both our lodge and the Geneva lodge did a lot of work to make things run so smoothly. I want to thank our lodge members who came to Geneva to help with preparations to make this event a success. The lodges of District 8 were given an appreciation plaque for co-hosting the event.



As you know, we have chosen our scholarship winners and they along will be attending our next assembly meeting on Thursday, August 9 with their families. This is an open meeting so you can invite friends or family to attend with you.

We are having a combination winter clambake/president's picnic on Sunday, September 23, at Eyer Park in East Rochester. This picnic is open to all, feel free to bring friends and family. Flyers have been sent out and the picnic should be a great success. It is our first fall picnic and I hope to see you all there!

Work is being done on our October Italian American Heritage Dinner. The dinner is on Friday evening, October 19, at 7 PM. The honorees have been notified and have accepted their honor and an emcee has been chosen.

Honorable Joseph Valentino, who is looking forward to being with us for the evening, will be our emcee. Man of the year will be Marty D'Ambrose, town village administrator in East Rochester; Woman of the Year will be Danielle Riley, a real estate broker in Rochester; and Lifetime Achievement award winners will be Gordon and Patricia Rask for their involvement in maintaining our Italian heritage. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by Mr. Ernie Capone. Invitations will be mailed out very shortly.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next general assembly meeting in August.

Peace.
President Vince

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State and National OSDIA Events

August 27th, 2018:
 NYSOSIA State Golf Outing
 Town of Oyster Bay Golf Course
 Honoring State Past President
 Thom Lupo, Frank Scobbo, and
 Anthony Izzo
 Registration at 9:30am, shotgun
 start at 11am, \$180 per golfer.
 Dinner to follow at Woodbury
 Country Club, 5pm, \$80 pp
 Contact:
 Michele Ment 845-225-1144

September 29th, 2018
 NYSOSIA Grand Lodge
 Foundation Gift of Sight Awards
 Luncheon honoring Anthony
 Viola and Dr. Stephen H Tsang
 Woodbury Country Club, 12pm,
 \$70pp, Contact:
 Mary Naccarato 516-921-7839

November 3rd, 2018
 NYSOSIA 30th Annual Garibaldi
 Meucci Museum Fundraiser
 Luncheon honoring outgoing
 commissioners Ciro Capano,
 Anthony Conetta, Theresa Corey,
 Joseph Fratta, and Pasquale
 Greco at LiGreci's Staaten, Staten
 Island, 11am, \$75 pp, Contact:
 Fran Cicero 718-273-8741

Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 2018 Calendar

- August 2nd, 2018 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
- August 9th, 2018 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting
- September 6th, 2018 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
- September 12th, 2018 @ 4pm: Monthly Card Game (Grapevine Restaurant)
- September 13th, 2018 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting
- September 23rd, 2018: Member Appreciation Picnic (Eyer Park, East Rochester)**
- October 4th, 2018 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
- October 10th, 2018 @ 4pm: Monthly Card Game (Grapevine Restaurant)
- October 11th, 2018 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting
- October 19th, 2018 Time TBD: Italian American Heritage Dinner (Burgundy Basin, Bushnell's Basin)**
- November 1st, 2018 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
- November 8th, 2018 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting
- November 14th, 2018 @ 4pm: Monthly Card Game (Grapevine Restaurant)
- November 2018, Date/Time TBD: Turkey Raffle**
- December 6th, 2018 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
- December 12th, 2018 @ 4pm: Monthly Card Game (Grapevine Restaurant)
- December 13th, 2018 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting
- January 13th, 2019 @ 12pm: After Christmas Party (Valicia's Ristorante, Rochester)**

**The Sons and Daughters of Italy
 Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270
 FAMILY PICNIC and CLAMBAKE**

1:00PM
SUNDAY September 23th, 2018
 Eyer Park - East Rochester, NY

Follow
 E- Chestnut or E- Commercial Sts- off of S- Lincoln Rd.

**Raffles
&
Prizes**

BUFFET MENU

- Italian Sausage w/Peppers & Onions
- Baked Marinated Chicken
- Chef Salad & Dressing
- Ziti & Sauce
- Corn & Salt Potatoes
- Cookies & Brownies
- Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate

**Bring an
Appetizer or
Dessert
to Share**

Cost - Buffet - \$22.00 / Dozen Clams - \$7.00 each

Reservations including your check are needed by **September 15th!!**
 Make Check Payable to: Vincent Lombardi Lodge # 2270

Name: _____ Telephone No: _____
 Email Address: _____

Number of Adults: ___ @ \$22-00 each
 Number of Clams: ___ @ \$7-00 per dozen
 TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____ Check #: _____

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8/2 John Pecora
8/10 Ross Battaglia
8/11 Joe Vazzana
8/11 Tom Vazzana
8/12: Linda Agnello
8/12 Jerry Griffo

8/14: Frank Affronti
8/22 Jacqueline Perrotta
8/23 Jeremy DiFilippo
8/24 Tom Meleca
8/27 Saverio LaPietra
8/31 Joe Rubé



Brother Joe DiMaria, Sister Eva Fantauzzo and Sister Mary Kosinski, all recuperating after a hospital stay.
 Sister Mary Lou Cadena and Sister Annette DeCarolis, recovering after medical procedures.
 Sister Lila Bonanni, recovering from a dental procedure.



Brother Tony Mangione was featured in the July/August edition of 55 Plus Magazine! The cover featured a great picture of Brother Tony with the title: **Taste of Italy—Film aficionado Tony Mangione brings Italian films to Rochester Community.** You can get a copy of the magazine at Wegmans, or read the article here: <http://www.roc55.com/wordpress/topstories/coverstories/taste-of-italy/>

Increase your participation in our lodge, and at the same time enter for a chance to win \$1000 for yourself or a family member to attend high school, college, trade school, or graduate school!

The premise is simple - the contest will run from July 2018 through December 2019. At the end of the contest, the member with the most points wins the prize! Check out the flyer for more details on who qualifies and how to earn points. \$1000 has never been so easy to win!

Please contact Brother Louis DeCarolis at 585-734-7166 or by email at louis@decarolis.com to register and get started earning points.



Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270

Member Participation Contest

July 2018 - December 2019

In keeping with the Lodge scholarship tradition, this contest award will also go towards higher education. Contest is open to member families who have someone in school (high school, accredited college, trade school, graduate school).

The contest will have one winner who must be in school. Prize will be a \$1000 check written to a school.

Points are accumulated by member participation (see chart below). Multiple family members who are also Lodge members may combine points. (spouse, grandparents, parents, children)

A member must register for the contest. Each time points are accumulated, the member must notify the recorder. An online spreadsheet will show the accumulation of points and be accessible by all members participating.

The prize will be awarded at the Lodge's December 2019 General Assembly meeting. The participant with the highest number of points (minimum 100) will be the winner. The winner decides the family member to benefit.

If the contest is funded again and continues to 2020, the winner's points will reset to zero, and the other participants can keep accumulating points.

Point Values

1-Attend General Assembly	3-Attend the State Convention
1-Bring Meeting Refreshments	1-Ad Quarter Page Renewal
1-Attend Lodge Event	2-Ad Half Page Renewal
5-Become an Officer or Trustee	3-Ad Full Page Renewal
1-Attend Council Meeting	2-Ad Quarter Page New
2-Sell or Buy a Pie	4-Ad Half Page New
1-Sell a ticket to a Lodge Event	6-Ad Full Page New
5-Sponsor a New Member	2-Newsletter Submission
2-Join a Committee	4-RSVP on-time for event
4-Chair a Committee	5-Pay Dues by December 31st
	1-Volunteer/Community Events

2018 Vincent Lombardi Lodge Scholarship Winners



Kevin Michelsen Jr. —Vincent Lombardi Lodge Scholarship

Hello, my name is Kevin Michelsen, I was born in Rochester, NY eighteen years ago. I attended St. Joseph's school in Penfield NY until I graduated 6th grade, I then attended Siena Catholic Academy for 7th and 8th grade. After I graduated Siena I then moved on to attend McQuaid Jesuit, in Brighton NY where I spent the next four years. While at McQuaid I played several sports such as Hockey, Rugby, and Football. I was a member of several clubs such a Italian club, Environmental club, and Simba Society. I completed two volunteer projects of over 75 hours: Camp Open Arms, and McQuaid Ballers (Hillside), I also logged a total of 150 volunteering hours. I had several academic achievements such as four years continuously on Honor Roll, Academic Letter recipient, and Academic Bar recipient. Next year I will attend University at Buffalo where I plan to study Chemical Engineering.



Katherine Flanigen—Jennifer Rubé Memorial Scholarship

Katherine Flanigen is looking forward to a career in medicine and will be studying Neural Science at New York University Shanghai Campus in the fall. She has spent the last ten months serving as a Rotary Youth Exchange Ambassador in Palermo, Italy and attended an Italian scientific high school during her senior year. At Pittsford Sutherland High School, Katherine was on the National Honor Society, Model United Nations team, Latin Club, Reality Check, Pittsford Sutherland Rotary Interact Club, and served as Sophomore Class Treasurer. She rowed for the Pittsford Crew team for three years and served as an Assistant Counselor for Camp Bronco-Power. In addition, Katherine completed a Neurosurgery Internship at the University of Rochester Medical Center and worked as a child care provider for four years. In terms of additional volunteer activities, Katherine has worked in soup kitchens, visited with residents in an Assistive Living and Memory Care community, participated in the annual Polar Plunges to benefit the Special Olympics, supported the Erie Canal Clean Sweep, and helped with the Memorial Art Gallery President's Day Event.



Elena Greco—Past Honorees Scholarship

My name is Elena Greco and I am a graduate of the class of 2018. I have recently graduated Churchville-Chili High School and earned an advanced regents diploma with science honors. My upcoming education rests at the College at Brockport, where I will be studying Environmental Science and specializing in Terrestrial and Aquatic Biology/Ecology. My goal for the future is to be able to help not only my fellow community through service but also our environment in which we rely on. I currently help out at my church, Calvary Chapel Westside, as a childcare volunteer. In my spare time I enjoy participating in sports such as dance and soccer. My hobbies include reading, writing, and drawing. I owe this accomplishment to my family because with their love and support, I have become the successful young woman I am today. Being an Italian-American is something I am very proud of and it has formed my strong morals. I am thankful to the Vincent Lombardi Lodge for awarding me this huge honor. Thank you.



Noah Schwartz—Rubé Family Scholarship

My name is Noah Schwartz and I graduated from Canandaigua Academy High School in the spring. Throughout high school, I played varsity hockey and varsity volleyball. In both sports, I was selected to the Monroe County All League team. When I am not doing schoolwork or playing sports, I like to spend my time either hanging out with my family or my friends. I will be attending the University of Notre Dame next year to study business.

2018 State OSDIA Award Winners



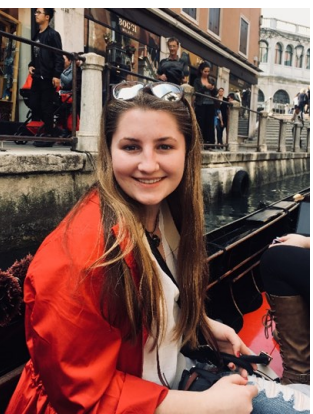
Antonio Buonomo - District VIII RICHARD DI MARCO SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP donated by John DiMarco, and the GIAMBRA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP and the PAUL AND CHERYL SPERANZA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Antonio plans to attend St. John Fisher College to study accounting. Antonio cares about his community and young people, volunteering with his church, library, Gates Chili High School Summer Meals on Wheels, and the Chili Recreation Department. He has worked as a camp counselor and a referee for youth soccer. He was a member of the Gates Chili marching band, achieved high honor roll academics, and had a perfect attendance record since kindergarten.



Nicholas Pierleoni - District VIII GENEVA LODGE #2397 SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS and the GUGIELMO MARCONI LODGE #154 SCHOLARSHIP and the JANE LIPPA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Nicholas will attend Syracuse University in the fall to study business. He has a passion for soccer and won the High School State Championship last fall. He co-founded and was co-president of the Italian Society, which focuses on Italian culture and heritage at McQuaid. He believes his greatest strength is his ability to excel under pressure or in stressful situations. Nicolas is very family oriented and says family comes first, and he owes his family for just about everything he knows.



Samantha Buckley - District VIII LA BELLA LINGUA AWARD

Samantha has studied Italian language and culture for six years. Samantha chose to study Italian because she wanted to learn about a culture and history deeper than her own and to connect with the language of her faith and understand more aspects of the Catholic religion. While she wanted to take classes with her friends, she also wanted to forge her own path and journey. She has traveled to Italy and immersed herself in the language and culture increasing her global perspective. Samantha plans to attend Savannah College of Art and Design in Atlanta, Georgia.

CSJ Report **Sister Marjorie Focarazzo**

THE FATE OF EUROPE'S TREASURES

The Allies won on two fronts: the battlefield triumphs and the determination to save Europe's artistic heritage from obliteration. As Allied forces fought the Nazis for Europe's freedom, there was another group of American and Art experts waging a comparable campaign to save and locate at-risk works of art and monuments that may be damaged or stolen during the chaotic war years, and then preserve them the best they could in the field. The true extent of the Nazi art theft was not fully realized until 1943. The entire contents of the Uffizi Museum, museums of Paris, and the treasures from many churches were taken by the Nazis, which they hid for use after the war. They were stored in underground storage facilities like the one located in the Austrian Alps at Alt Aussee, which comprised of more than 12,000 of some of the most important works destined for Hitler's Linz museum.

The mission to save artifacts, paintings, sculptures, and buildings was sanctioned by the Allied Commander Dwight D. Eisenhower. Writer Robert Edsel said, "You have to show respect for the things people value. You don't need to understand it or like it, but if you are going somewhere, you need to pay attention." These men-historians, architects, artists, archaeologists, and archivists, known as the Venus Fixers-were dedicated in protecting and saving Renaissance art by whatever means necessary. Works of art that could not be moved to safety were ingeniously hidden. In Rome, the 70-foot-high Arch of Constantine was protected with sandbags and scaffolding. Michelangelo's eight-foot statue of Moses was encased in cloth and a brick wall built around it, as was his sculpture of David. Edsel further stated, "Saving these masterpieces was vital because people understand their importance to civilization."

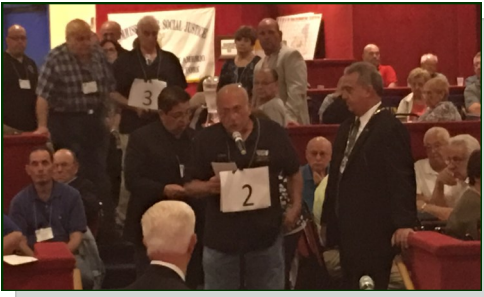
While Italy was Germany's ally it was spared from pilfering during the first three years, but once their allegiance changed, German troops took whatever they could. President Roosevelt established the American Commission for the Protection and Salvage of Artistic and Historic Monuments in War Areas. Along with the War Department, maps of European cities and towns where significant monuments and religious sites were concentrated were used by bombing crews and commanders when planning operations. The Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archive Program (MFAA) ranks grew to more than 80 as the war progressed across Europe. They were charged to report on and bring first aid to damaged buildings and art treasures throughout Italy.

The Italian Campaign took 22 months from Sicily to the Alps. To the allies fighting in Italy amounted to conducting a war in a museum-through many beautiful cities and ancient little towns with innumerable masterpieces. The Venus Fixers fought to preserve that "museum" while dodging German attacks and Allied means to defend. The conditions were less than optimal, transportation inadequate, and resources few, they were able to initiate repair work on 700 historic buildings. Their mission as an art lover was both a nightmare and a dream.

At the beginning of the war, thousands of works of art had been secretly hidden from the Nazis in castles, villas and monasteries located in the countryside's. In Florence, more than 3000 crates were filled with paintings, sculptures, entire libraries, and archives and were threatened by the bombings. Michelangelo's sculptures of the Medici tombs were located in a garage of the Villa di Torre a Cona. Paintings from the Uffizi Galleries and Pitti Palace were discovered by chance in the Castle of Montegufoni. Stolen was the art work from the Villa of Poggio a Caiano in the Summer of 1944 and disappeared behind enemy lines.

Eventually, more than 500 pieces of art were uncovered in South Tyrol after Germany surrendered in May 1945. Loaded on 13 cars of a train, these were the first to cross the Po River to be returned to Florence. They arrived home on July 22, 1945. A more recent discovery of more than 1500 pictures were found in the apartment of Cornelius Gurlitt, son of a Nazi art dealer. It is a painful reminder that 73 years ago, while the task for the Venus Fixers was epic, they were still not able to avoid destruction of the Abbey of Monecassino or the devastation of Mantegna's Ovetari Chapel in Padua. On the other hand, monuments thought to be lost have been restored: Tempio Malatestiano in Rimini, many 17th century palaces in Turin and Genoa, and the Baroque churches of Palermo. The pervasive quality of Italian art is not only found in major museums but can also be found in a narrow Neapolitan alley or Umbrian town or a small city located away from the coastline of Sicily.

2018 State OSDIA Convention



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