



The Roar of the Lion

Marisa Rubé, editor
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What a month! Starting with the East Rochester parade, Italian Regional Dinner, and most importantly our New York state Convention held at Villa Roma. Our East Rochester parade was successful, ending with the get together at the Saint Nicholas Society building after the parade—we had pizza and drinks and great company.

At the parade our new banner was an instant hit with our new Sons & Daughters logo. Many thanks to brother Luigi DiFilippo for making the funds available for this beautiful new representation of our lodge—Thank you my good friend Louie.



The Italian Regional Dinner was incredible, with many tastings created by Chef Rosita and her staff. Many new and interesting foods were served and enjoyed by all. It was a financial success as well. Many, many thanks to Chef Rosita, Brothers Richard Meleca, Hugh Warner, Louis DeCarolis and Matthew Grosodonia. Special thanks to Lisa Pontera for supplying the linens and sister Marjorie for making another beautiful gift basket for the raffle. Many thanks to our friend, Nick, who marched with us in the East Rochester parade and worked so hard on our Regional Dinner. Special thanks to Tanya and Christine, our servers from the Grapevine, for such a wonderful job. Thank you as well, to Dr. Joe and Sister Nancy Rubé for taking the time on Saturday to help Sister Rosita prep for the dinner and also for helping at our check-in table. Last but not least, thank you to our chairperson, Sister Sandy Meleca, for organizing our dinner.

Finally, the State Convention in Calicoon, New York was a huge success. Although we work very hard during the day, in the evening we were able to mingle with other delegates across the state at the after hours events. Congratulations to President Robert Ferrito for his fantastic job of streamlining the convention. A good time was had by all. A convention report will be given at our next assembly meeting. Congratulations to Dr. Joe for his reelection as the State Trustee. Thank you, Joe, for representing our district and doing such a great job. Congratulations are in order for IPP Carolyn Reres on becoming Bene Emeritus. On another note, you will be pleased to hear that we, the members of the New York State Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, raised over \$93,000 for various charities that we support!

Congratulations to our scholarship winners, Kevin Michelson, Noah Schwartz, Katherine Flanigen, and Elena Greco! Our scholarship awards ceremony will be held at the General Assembly Meeting on August 9th. This will be an open meeting with refreshments so plan to attend if you can.

Mark your calendars now and plan on attending the OSDIA Plenary meeting in Geneva on July 27th and 28th. We will be hosting the meeting with the Geneva lodge. We are expecting a large turnout from our members. This is your chance to see how the Sons and Daughters of Italy operates. The event is free and open to all members with food and entertainment provided. See you there.

One last nag—membership, membership, membership. Everybody knows somebody!

On a somber note our lodge has lost an icon in our membership, Sister Eunice McCarthy. Not only did she work to help keep our lodge going in the old days but she was a pillar in the Italian community with ties to every Italian organization. Our deepest sympathy and condolences to brother Joe DiPasquale and the family of Eunice McCarthy.

Until our next newsletter, please enjoy the summer and Happy Father's Day to all.

Peace,

Fraternally,

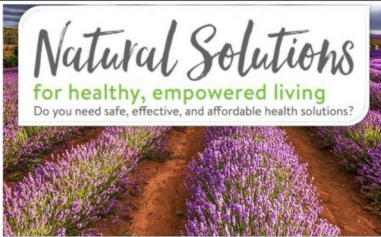
President Vince

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Saturday, June 30th
2:00 p.m.
62 West Avenue, Fairport



Join Cindy DeCarolis, Certified Natural Health Professional and doTerra Wellness Advocate, for an introduction to using essential oils. This class is open to all members of the Sons of Italy and is limited to 10 people. Please RSVP via e-mail to cindydecarolis62@gmail.com or via phone at 585-474-1451.

Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 2018 Calendar

June 7th, 2018: Reminder: No Council Meeting

June 13th, 2018 @ 4pm: Monthly Card Game (Grapevine Restaurant)

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

June 30th, 2018 @ 9am: ICL Bocce Tournament

July 5th, 2018 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

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

July 28th, 2018 @ 8:30am: Summer Plenary Session at the Geneva Lodge. Picnic dinner to follow (Geneva, NY)

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

Upcoming State and National OSDIA Events

June 9th, 2018 @ 11am

NYS Grand Lodge Foundation Scholarship Program
(Tappan Zee High School—Orangeburg, NY)



June

- 6/6 Mary Ricci
- 6/7 Frank Dibisceglie
- 6/11 Tricia Lagana
- 6/11 Joe Quatela
- 6/16 Quintino DiCesare
- 6/16 Eunice McCarthy
- 6/17 Hugh Warner
- 6/18 Giacomo DiPisa
- 6/22 Carol DiNicola
- 6/22 Nicola Giordano
- 6/25 Ed Groszewski
- 6/25 Mike Tomaselli
- 6/27 Louis DeCarolis
- 6/30 Ed Maruggi

July

- 7/4 Maritza Buitrago
- 7/4 Robert Kosinsky
- 7/4 Nancy Rubé
- 7/4 Antonio Palucci
- 7/8 Joseph DiMaria
- 7/8 Richard Meleca
- 7/11 Melanie Sarkis Carozza
- 7/15 Marjorie Focarazzo
- 7/18 Rosita Caridi-Miller
- 7/21 Elizabeth Osta
- 7/22 Stephanie Brey
- 7/23 Robert Golino
- 7/24 John Pilato
- 7/25 Bill Agnello
- 7/27 Gerald Camardo
- 7/29 Angelo Coccia
- 7/29 Eileen Wozniak

As a lodge we mourn the death of our longtime member, and pillar of the Italian community, Sister Eunice McCarthy. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to Brother Joe DiPasquale and Eunice's family.

A full obituary can be found here:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/by/mccarthy/eunice>

Sister Mary Lou Cadena, recuperating after surgery.
Joe DiMaria, recovering in the hospital after surgery.

Our July and August newsletters are combined into one, and will be published end of July/beginning of August. In the meantime, lodge communications will continue to be sent via email.

Members of our lodge recently attended the Annual Awards Dinner at the Geneva Lodge. Seen here is part of the press release from the event, featuring Brothers Joe Rubé and Tom Meleca as they join Geneva Lodge President Palma Fratto-Evans and State Orator Biagio Isgro in honoring this year's awardees.



Submitted photo to

From left are State Trustee Dr. Joe Rubé, Lodge President Palma Fratto-Evans, Pat Visco (representing Irene Presutti), Eric Lewis, Dominic Coluzzi, Marie Bruno, John Salone (representing Vincertina Salone), Lodge Deputy Tom Meleca, State Orator Biagio Isgro. Absent were awardees representing Joe Perry and Steve Davoll.

CSJ Report: The Forgotten Resistance

By Sister Marjorie Focarazzo

April 25th marked the anniversary of Italy's liberation from Nazi Occupation. Although many of the Ally countries fought along side the Italian partisans, Italian history has largely ignored its importance. While Italy, initially entered into World War II on Germany's side, when they shifted sides in September 1943, things changed dramatically. Germans went from friends to foes literally overnight. The message now was the Italians and Anti-Fascists contributed to defeating the Germans and accelerating the Allied victory. Every true Italian was a partisan and sympathetic to the cause of liberation. As in any political faction, there were those who spoke fondly of the German soldier who deserted and joined the resistance; the "bad" partisan who looted and killed; the anti-fascist who held grudges; and there were spies who acted as partisans by day and informants to the Nazis by night. Ex-partisans say the Fascists were "morally bankrupt swine; they were un-Italian and without moral ground".

On March 23, 1944, more than 300 Italian civilians were murdered for a partisan attack on a SS unit. The Nazis had occupied a greater area of the Italian peninsula since it's surrender the year before, which prevented the Allies from establishing base of operations against German strongholds. Italian airbases would also fall under the control of the Allies further threatening German air power. The Italian partisan now fought against German fascism, killing enemy soldiers, destroying the lines of communication, demolishing transportation centers, and wiping out supply lines. By the summer of 1944, the resistance fighters were able to secure eight of the 26 German divisions located throughout northern Italy.

Keeping an anti-fascist diary or journal during the German occupation carried an immediate death sentence, but that was exactly what Ada Gobetti did. Her entries were written in cryptic English only she could understand. In 1922, her husband, an anti-fascist activist, Piero, founded the political journal *Revoluzione liberale*. Its purpose was to inform citizens of Mussolini's dictatorship. In 1926, he was beaten to death by Fascist gangs and died at the age of 24. Ada vowed to continue his work. She ran a network of safe houses in Turin for anti-fascist refugees. She offered a safe haven to Auschwitz survivor and author Primo Levi. Piero and Ada's son, Paolo, was 18 when he decided to fight against the occupying Germans. Paolo was affiliated with 6 Via Fabro, an Action Party who eventually evolved to smuggled pro-Churchill literature past SS road blocks, defended parliamentary democracy, and ran caches of

tommy guns and dynamite into the Susa Valley. Ada's memoir, *Partisan Diary*, tells of everyday life during the occupation.

Others who made a difference: Carla Cappioni is one of a handful of Italian women who has earned the Gold Medal of Military Valour. She was known as "Inglesina", the little English girl who worked with the antifascist guerilla group GAP, Gruppo di Azione Patriottica. The group's leader did not want to give Cappioni a gun, so she stole one from a police office on a public bus. She later wrote a book, *Con cuore di donna*, With the Heart of a Women, which depicts the moral dilemmas women faced as female partisans.

Felice Cascione was a young doctor in Liguria who treated the wounded fighting in the mountain region and led them in exercises to keep them strong and healthy. He also cared for prisoners and prevented anti-fascists from killing them, but unfortunately, he was murdered by the fascists in 1944. Cascione is known for writing the lyrics to *Fischia il vento*, one of the anthems of the Resistance.

Gino Barteli is a two-time winner of the Tour de France and three-time champion of the Giro d'Italia, which provided the skills to save the lives of Jews by transporting false identification papers between cities by hiding documents in the seat of his bicycle. He then began to physically move Jewish people to the safety of the Alps in a wagon pulled by his bike. He told patrols that the various journeys were part of his training. He more than likely aroused suspicion, but as a national hero, the police did not want to risk any issues with arresting the cyclist.

Tina Anselmi was 13 when the war started, and she played an active part in the underground resistance in the Veneto region. She wrote about her experiences in a series of books for children and young adults.

Pompeo Colajenni was known under the pseudonym, Nicola Barbato, a Sicilian partisan, who became a prominent figure in the resistance in 1945 in the Piedmont region where he led a group of partisans in freeing political prisoners and liberating several towns.

Many people are acquainted the basic facts of the French Resistance, but few know that there was this prominent and equally strong movement in northern Italy, just across the Alps. Italians were protesting the German occupation and the Fascists with support from the locals. Italy's experience is different from that of any other European Allied country. The people of Italy want it known they were led astray by Mussolini and a handful of fanatics. People made sacrifices to pursue their goals, aspirations and ideals of their country, and they should be remembered with respect.

Columbus: Fact vs. Fiction

(Prepared by OSDIA Commission for Social Justice and continued from our May newsletter)

FICTION: COLUMBUS DESTROYED THE BALANCE BETWEEN MAN & NATURE.

FACT: Columbus and the other Europeans brought with them Old World agricultural techniques, including crop rotation and animal breeding. They also introduced new tools (including the wheel) as well as new plants and domesticated animals, including the horse. These imports led to improved farming methods, a greater diversity of crops and a more dependable food supply that benefited the native populations. Perfected over the centuries, they have helped make the nations in the Western Hemisphere a significant source of food for the rest of the world.

FICTION: COLUMBUS AND OTHER EUROPEANS STOLE THE NATIVES' LAND.

FACT: A sad fact of human civilization is that powerful nations usurp the land of the vanquished. The Spanish conquistadors who followed Columbus in the 16th and 17th centuries were establishing an empire through military conquest. They did what Egypt, Persia, Rome and China did before them in the Middle East, Europe and Asia. They also did what the Aztecs, Mayans, Incas and many North American Indians did in the Americas. "The Iroquois Federation in North America subjugated so many Indians," writes Richard Gambino, "that historian Francis Parkman calls them 'the Romans of the New World.'" But Columbus himself had no part in this.

It is worth pointing out that the Europeans brought considerable benefits to Latin America. Their arrival gave the entire continent a common language, while in North America, land taken from the Iroquois and other tribes eventually became the United States, a haven for the poor and oppressed from all over the world, who find opportunities and freedoms here that their own countries deny them. And it all started with Columbus.



What Columbus Accomplished

HISTORICAL:

- Columbus proved that it was possible to safely cross the Atlantic Ocean.
- Columbus founded the first permanent European settlement in the Western Hemisphere, Hispaniola (now Haiti and the Dominican Republic).
- Columbus was the first to open relations between Europe and the Western Hemisphere. His voyages mark the beginning of more than 500 years of cultural, economic and political relations between Europe and the Americas.

- The recorded history of the Western Hemisphere begins with Columbus. There was no written history about these vast continents before his arrival in 1492.

NAVIGATIONAL:

- Columbus was the first European to realize the full importance of the Atlantic wind pattern called the prevailing Westerlies, which blew steadily west to east. This convinced him it was possible to sail west with the Trade Winds to the New World and return to Europe with the Westerlies.
- During his four transatlantic voyages, Columbus chartered the route for what today are the islands of Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, the Lesser Antilles and the coasts of Panama, Honduras and Venezuela.
- Columbus' trans-Atlantic route lay the foundation for future navigation in the region. His maps were used by Amerigo Vespucci (after whom the American continent takes its name), whose maps were used by later explorers of South America.
- The route across the Atlantic Ocean that Columbus charted in the 15th century is still used by sailors today.
- Columbus introduced the principle of compass variation (the variation at any point on the Earth's surface between the direction to magnetic and geographic north) and observed the rotation of the Pole star.

2018 Regional Italian Dinner





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