



The Roar of the Lion

Marisa Przepiora, editor
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Fall has finally arrived! Our picnic /clambake was a huge success. The food was great, the weather was perfect for fall and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. This picnic/clambake was probably the best one we ever had since I became a member of the lodge. I want to personally thank everyone that helped make this picnic a success. Thank you to brother Ron Santoli, who chaired the event but was unable to attend due to illness. Brother Ron, I hope you feel better and thank you for your hard work.



As you know our next event is our biggest event of the year; the Christopher Columbus Italian American Heritage Awards Dinner at the Burgundy Basin Inn. Please send in your reservations and congratulatory ads as soon as possible. October is here and we need to have your responses so we can complete our planning. This event is our biggest fundraiser, including the ad book and 50/50 raffle. Without success at this event, our lodge would have a hard time completing the good work we do for our charities and scholarship program. So please help our lodge move forward by attending this and all of our other events.

The dates are set for the November Turkey Raffle and our After Holiday Party in January. The Turkey Raffle will be Thursday evening, November 15th at Saint Cecilia's Church. More details to follow so save this date. Our After Holiday Party will be at Valencia's, January 13th at 12 o'clock.

Time is running out before elections take place in our lodge. If you want to be considered for a council position, please send brother Ed Groszewski a written letter of intent by the end of November. Our Officer Installation Brunch will take place Sunday, March 24th at 12 o'clock at Burgundy Basin. Save the date.

Lately we've had an issue of contact information being incorrect for our members. If you move, change your phone or email address please notify our recording secretary, Sister Marisa (Rubé) Przepiora. It is important that our records are up to date so that we can keep in touch with you.

Our next meeting is October 11th, my birthday! Come help me celebrate at the meeting.

Fraternally yours,

Peace,

President Vince

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Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 2018 Calendar

- 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)**
- October 29th, 2018: Pie Orders Due!!!**
- November 1st, 2018 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
- November 8th, 2018 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting
- November 14th, 2018 @ 4pm: Monthly Card Game (Grapevine Restaurant)
- November 15th, 2018: Annual Lodge Turkey Raffle (St. Cecelia's Church Newcomb Friendship Center, Culver Rd, Rochester)**
- November 16th, 2018, 12PM: Pie Pick Up (Eyer Building, East Rochester)**
- December 6th, 2018 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
- December 12th, 2018 @ 4pm: Monthly Card Game (Grapevine Restaurant)
- December 13th, 2018 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting
- January 3rd, 2019 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
- January 9th, 2019 @ 4pm: Monthly Card Game (Grapevine Restaurant)
- 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 13th, 2019 @ 4pm: Monthly Card Game (Grapevine Restaurant)
- February 14th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting
- March 7th, 2019 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
- March 13th, 2019 @ 4pm: Monthly Card Game (Grapevine Restaurant)
- March 14th, 2019 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting



Upcoming events at the Geneva Lodge



State and National OSDIA Events

NYSOSIA 30th Annual Garibaldi Meucci Museum Fundraiser Luncheon honoring outgoing commissioners **Ciro Capano, Anthony Conetta, Theresa Corey, Joseph Fratta, and Pasquale Greco**

November 3rd, 2018
LiGreci's Staaten, Staten Island, 11am, \$75 pp,
Contact:
Fran Cicero 718-273-8741



10/01: Ann Vazzana
10/02: Lillian Bonanni
10/11: Vince Giannantonio
10/14: Marty D'Ambrose
10/14: Sal Rotolo

10/17: Thomas Ferraro
10/21: Stacey Romeo
10/22: Joe DiPasquale
10/26: Annette DeCarolis
10/30: Mary Delman



....Brother Joe Galante, recuperating after a heart event and illness.
....Sister Eva Fantauzzo, fighting illness.



....Our hearts and prayers go out to Brother Chris Przepiora and his family at the loss of his brother, Bob, after a 15 month battle with cancer.



Let Leo's do the baking for you. Good for any occasion. Will last in your freezer for six months. These pies will be ready for Thanksgiving with pick up on Friday, November 16th at the East Rochester Community Center. Only \$15.00. Choices are apple, pecan, peanut butter, cannoli, pumpkin, and lonsberry. For more information contact Marjorie Focarazzo at 585-749-5346 or MAFocarazzo@gmail.com.

Please give a warm welcome next time you see any of our four newest members

(from left to right)

Br. Frank DiFilippo, Br. Nick Baross, Br. Gordon Rask, Sr. Patricia Rask



2018-19 Member Participation Contest Information

In keeping with lodge tradition, award will go towards education. The contest will have one winner who must be in school (high school, college, graduate school, trade school). Prize will be a \$1000 check written to a school.

Points are accumulated by member participation. 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.

A flyer is included with this newsletter that contains a list of actions that will award points to participants. If you have any questions or would like to register to participate, please contact Brother Louis DeCarolis.



CSJ Report Sister Marjorie Focarazzo

CSJ Complaint Procedure

The original CSJ complaint policy was developed on November 14, 2007. It has not been reviewed since its inception, and it was decided the document may need some revisions which may reflect changes to our society. The committee's charge is to develop policies and protocols concerning complaints forwarded to the CSJ for action and guidelines in determining what issues will be embraced to investigate and acted upon. It is impossible for the CSJ to address every complaint, but each one will be taken into consideration. It should also be noted the organization has limited funding and jurisdiction.

Complaints come from all areas of our organization: executive members, lodge presidents, members of the Order, and those who fall under the umbrella definition of "complainant." The CSJ is the anti-defamation arm of the Order. We believe no one should suffer from discriminatory practices, hateful language, or wrongful treatment. The NYS CSJ is generally confined to issues and concerns that occur within its jurisdiction. If the complaint or target of the offense happens outside of New York State, the issue will first be addressed by the National CSJ with the NYS CSJ getting involved at the request of the National. The two bodies may very well work together to resolve the complaint.

All complaints must be eventually put into writing and signed by the complainant. Complaints must be articulated in enough detail for the CSJ to decide on whether to address the issue(s) and what possible action can be taken. Complaints must be filed with and go through the NYS CSJ Chair who will address the questions which will then be forwarded to the attention of the CSJ Counsel, the CSJ Board, or both.

Three factors will be taken into consideration:

Nature of the complaint

*complaints concern verbal remarks, actions and/or writings

*issues are singular or repetitive

*issues are private or public nature

Target of the complaint—involves a singular, small groups, or wider array

Type of complainant—individual, represents a group, has a certain standing in the community; will not become involved concerning employees as to their employers, litigants as to their litigations or those who want to use the CSJ for their own purpose

Other factors to be considered:

Concern raised the subject of legal, administration, or other legal proceedings

Whether the complainant has counsel who is already addressing the issue

Financial considerations

Whether is political in nature

Whether the issue is offensive to the reasonable Italian American in the context made

Each case will be determined on its own merit. The CSJ's goal is to remain an effective and relevant body with the purpose of fighting and eliminating bias and prejudices that not only relates to Italian Americans, but to all groups. A slight to one of us is a slight to all of us.



2018 Summer Picnic/Clambake

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