



# The Roar of the Lion

Marisa Rubé, editor  
July - August 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It's been a very exciting summer - in the last month or two, our lodge has experienced some wonderful events. We attended the OSIA convention of New York State and witnessed the election of our next New York State Grand Lodge President, Robert Ferrito. We wish him well in his endeavors in the Order Sons of Italy in America. We also wish to send our heartfelt gratitude to our Immediate Past President, Carolyn Reres.



The summer also brought us together for the East Rochester Memorial Day Parade. We were able to honor local veterans and march with them in honor of all veterans.

Another milestone of the summer was the process of choosing our scholarship winners. The committee had a difficult time making the final decision due to the high caliber of applicants. I would like to thank the chairman of the committee, Brother Rufus Brey, for guiding his committee through the various stages of making their choices. Thank you to the entire committee for all the time and effort you put forth working on this project. Congratulations to all our scholarship winners, Jacob Lynch, Natasha Dennison, Matthew Gasbarre, and Paige Tombasco.

We also had the pleasure of participating in the Second Annual Civic League Bocce Tournament. We had three teams of four from our lodge. This year we made it to the second round, but sadly we ultimately lost. Ah well, there is always next year! The most important thing about the tournament is not winning (even though it would have been nice) but the excellent interaction with our other local Italian organizations.

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This summer is the time when people are gearing up for our local elections. As usual, our members are at the forefront of local politics and community involvement. One of our members, Tony Micciche, is presently a member of the county legislature and is running for mayor of Rochester. Good luck Tony.

To top the summer calendar off let's not forget our summer picnic to be held Sunday, August 27th at 1 p.m. At Eyer Park in East Rochester. Members are free with a dish to pass and guests are just \$5. Please send your reservations as soon as possible so we know how to plan. Music will be provided by Joe Quatela and we will also be featuring homemade sausage made by Tom Meleca and company. The hots are being provided by Gerald Camardo and Jim Vacanti. Thank you all for your generosity.

Look for future events in our newsletter calendar, including our annual pie sale, October Heritage Dinner, etc.

On another note I would like to ask our members for any ideas or thoughts they might have for future events. Look for a survey to express your ideas and opinions coming out soon.

Thank you to all our members for actively participating in our lodge as it continues to grow.

Hope everyone has a successful crop of figs this year!  
Fraternally,  
Peace,  
President Vince

P.S. We need a few volunteer chefs for our picnic. Please contact me if you are willing to man the grill.



**OSIA State and National Events**

**August 14th - 19th, 2017: OSIA Supreme Lodge 55th Biennial Convention**

**August 28th, 2017: Grand Lodge Golf Outing (Oyster Bay, NY) \$180 per golfer or \$80 for dinner**

**September 30th, 2017, 12pm: Grand Lodge Foundation Gift of Sight Awards Luncheon (Woodbury, NY) \$70 per person**

**Rochester Italian American Community Events**

August 4, 2017 6:30pm - General Meeting  
Italian American Sport Club

August 10, 2017 12pm - Thursday Luncheon  
Italian American Sport Club

August 10, 2017 5pm - IACC Food Truck Rodeo  
Italian American Community Center (IACC)

August 24, 2017 12pm - Thursday Luncheon  
Italian American Sport Club

September 1, 2017 6:30pm - General Meeting  
Italian American Sport Club

September 7, 2017 12pm - Thursday Luncheon  
Italian American Sport Club

September 14, 2017 5pm - IACC Food Truck Rodeo  
Italian American Community Center (IACC)

September 21, 2017 12pm - Thursday Luncheon  
Italian American Sport Club

September 23, 2017 6:30 pm - Lobster Clambake  
Italian American Sport Club

September 24, 2017 12:00 pm - Clambake  
Sicilian Sport Club

**Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270**

**Calendar - 2017/18**

August 3rd, 2017 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

August 10th, 2017 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

**August 27th, 2017 @ 1pm: President's Picnic - Eyer Park (East Rochester) Free for members with a dish to pass, \$5 for guests. RSVP by August 20th.**

September 7th, 2017 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

September 14th, 2017 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting - Annual Pie Sale Begins

October 5th, 2017 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

October 12th, 2017 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

**October 20th, 2017 @ 6pm: Christopher Columbus Italian American Heritage Dinner - Burgundy Basin Inn (Bushnell's Basin).**

November 1st, 2017: Pie sale ends - all orders must be in by this date

November 2nd, 2017 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

November 9th, 2017 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

November 21st, 2017: Pie Pick Up - Eyer Building (East Rochester)

**November 2017 Date & Time TBD: 18th Annual Papa Antolini's Turkey Raffle**

December 7th, 2017 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

December 14th, 2017 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

**January 14th, 2018 Time & Location TBD: Holiday Party**

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

**March 18th, 2018 Time & Location TBD: Winter Clambake**

**May 20th, 2018 Time & Location TBD: Cibi Dinner**

**May 26th, 2018: East Rochester Memorial Day Parade**

**\*\*Please note, all Council and General Assembly meetings are held at the Eyer Building—317 Main Street, East Rochester\*\***



**7/4: Robert Kosinsky**  
**7/4: Nancy Rubé**  
**7/4: Tony Palucci**  
**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**  
**7/24: John Pilato**  
**7/25: Bill Agnello**  
**7/27: Gerald Camardo**  
**7/29: Angelo Coccia**  
**7/29: Eileen Wozniak**

**8/3: Rosalba Moscato**  
**8/7: Sam Valleriani**  
**8/11: Tom Vazzana**  
**8/12: Linda Agnello**  
**8/12: Jerry Griffo**  
**8/14: Frank Affronti**  
**8/22: Ross Battaglia**  
**8/22: Jacqueline Perrotta**  
**8/23: Jeremy DiFilippo**  
**8/24: Thomas Folino**  
**8/24: Tom Meleca**  
**8/27: Saverio LaPietra**  
**8/31: Joseph Rubé**

Congratulations to Brother Ed Maruggi, winner of this years OSIA NYS Grand Lodge Literary Award!



One of our previous lodge scholarship winners, Ryan Pietrocarlo, was ordained this year as a Deacon. Congratulations Deacon Ryan!



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"What attracted me in the beginning still attracts me today, and that is the diversity of ways to serve the Church. I am excited to see how the Holy Spirit will guide me throughout my life to serve His people."

Deacon Ryan Pietrocarlo, O.S.O. 



**A note of thanks...**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, I want to thank all of you for the support you gave me during my surgery and recuperation. The cards and phone calls always seemed to come at the perfect time. Thank you to everyone that brought food over and stayed for a visit. All your kindness and caring was so much appreciated. Thank you all and God bless you.

**2017 Cinema Lanzafama  
Fall Schedule**

**Sept. 10th, 2pm - Mafia Uccide Solo D'estate** (Mafia Kills Only in Summer)  
Directed by Pierfrancesco Diliberto, 2013 - 90 min  
Casa Italiana

**Sept. 21st, 7pm: Toto', Il Turco Napoletano** (A Neopolitan Turk) Directed by Mario Mattoli, 1953 - 86 min  
Italian American Community Center

**Oct. 1st, 2pm: Passione D'Amore** (Passion of Love)  
Directed by Ettore Scola, 1981 - 118 min  
Casa Italiana

**October 19th, 7pm: Porte Aperte** (Open Doors) Directed by Gianni Amelio, 1990 - 109 min  
Italian American Community Center

**Nov. 5th, 2pm: Manuale d'Amore** (Manual of Love)  
Directed by Giovanni Veronese, 2005 - 115 min  
Casa Italiana

**Nov. 16th, 7pm: L'Emigrante** (Little Funny Guy) Directed by Pasquale Festa Campanile, 1973 - 115 min  
Italian American Community Center

**Dec. 3rd, 2pm: Il Disco Del Mondo** (Piano, Solo) Directed by Riccardo Milani, 2007 - 104 min  
Casa Italiana

Cinema Lanzafama can be seen at either the IACC, 150 Frank Dimino Way 14624 or the Casa Italiana, Nazareth College 4245 East Ave., 14618.

**Congratulations to our 2017 Scholarship Winners!**

**Vincent Lombardi Lodge Scholarship - Jacob Lynch**

**Jennifer Rubé Memorial Scholarship - Natasha Dennison**

**Past Honorees Scholarship - Matthew Gasbarre**

**Rubé Family Scholarship - Paige Tombasco**

We will be honoring our winners at our August General Assembly meeting on Thursday, August 10th at the Eyer Building in East Rochester. This meeting and celebration will be open to guests. Look for more information and pictures of our winners in our September newsletter.



**Website Updates**

We are about to get started with the process of updating and revamping our lodge website. We are looking for members to help us with this endeavor. You don't need any special computer skills - we need folks to contribute thoughts and ideas, as much as the actual design work. If you are interested in joining this project, our first meeting will be held on August 14th to get the ball rolling.

Please contact Brother Louis DeCarolis, chair of the IT committee, if you would like to get involved.



**America**

By Sister Patricia Galante

America the beautiful

You have been so

Good to me, you gave me

A better chance at life.

When I was twelve years old

You allowed me to come to

The greatest country

In the world.

America I love you so.



## 2017 Ad Book Sales

Ad book sales for our 2017 Christopher Columbus Italian American Heritage Dinner in October are underway and we need your help! This year, we have Ad Book applications were sent via email to all members on our email list, and will be sent out to our postal mail members with this newsletter. If you need another copy of the applications, please see Brother Tom Meleca, or request them at [vincentlombardilodge@gmail.com](mailto:vincentlombardilodge@gmail.com). Several different options, detailed below, for purchasing space in our book. We appreciate your help and support with our biggest fundraiser of the year!

1. **Business Ads:** We all do business with local companies every day. Maybe it's your hair dresser, your car repair shop, your bank, or your favorite restaurant. Please consider bringing an ad book business application with you when you go to these local businesses, and ask them if they would be willing to support our club with an ad.
2. **Congratulatory Ads:** We have some wonderful honorees and scholarship winners this year: Brother Tom Meleca for Man of the Year, Brother Ed Maruggi for Lifetime Achievement, and The Camardo Family for Family of the Year, Jacob Lynch receiving the \$1500 Vincent Lombardi Lodge Scholarship, Natasha Dennison receiving the \$1500 Jennifer Rubé Memorial Scholarship, Matthew Gasbarre receiving the Past Honorees Scholarship, and Paige Tombasco receiving the Rubé Family Scholarship. Consider taking an ad out to recognize and congratulate these deserving folks on their accomplishments, or if you know anyone who knows our honorees and winners, ask them if they would like to take an ad out to do the same.
3. **Member Celebration Page:** This page is designated for all of our members who wish to add their names to celebrate and support our lodge and membership. A line on this page costs just \$10. Consider adding your names.

Don't forget to RSVP to our annual President's Picnic! You can send your RSVP and dish to pass information directly to President Vince, or email us at [vincentlombardilodge@gmail.com](mailto:vincentlombardilodge@gmail.com). This event is free for our members with a dish to pass, and just \$5 for guests, so it is a great time to bring your family and friends to introduce them to our lodge. This year we will have music provided by Joe Quatela, tons of food as always, including homemade Italian Sausage courtesy of the Meleca Family, and of course, bocce! We look forward to seeing you all at this great annual event!

**VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE**  
**Order Sons of Italy in America**

# ANNUAL MEMBER PICNIC

**August 27th**  **Eyer Park,**  
**1pm**  **East Rochester**

Come join fellow lodge members for great food,  
music, bocce competitions and much more!

Cost: No charge for lodge members and their  
spouses - just a dish to pass. \$5 for non-members.



Posted every other Sunday and produced by Anthony Fasano and Dolores Alfieri, this hour long show delivers on its name. It's about the culture of Americans of Italian heritage, whether as an immigrant or as the fourth generation of immigrants. The intent of the podcast is to deepen our understanding and appreciation of our heritage and do it through a series of interviews with scholars, writers, chefs, athletes and others. The interviews are always entertaining and the hour passes quickly. Because both of the producers came to more deeply appreciate their Italian heritage when they were well into adulthood, they contend that "meglio tardi che mai." (Better late than never.)

This series is available for listening and/or subscribing at iTunes, or you can listen at [Stitcher.com](https://www.stitcher.com).

-Brother Ed Groszewski

**2017 - 2019 Executive  
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Order Sons of Italy in  
America**



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**Biography, State President Robert M. Ferrito**

Robert M. Ferrito has been active in the Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA) for over 20 years. Prior to becoming President, he served as the State 1st Vice President of the Grand Lodge of New York. Robert is a dedicated and involved member and past president of the John D. Calandra Lodge #2600 in Yonkers, New York.

A proud Italian American, he joined the Order Sons of Italy in America to assist in preserving his Italian heritage. Through the years, he has been very active in the District IV area in which he lives, and after serving as the John D. Calandra President, he went on to serve as the New York OSIA State Trustee, State Treasurer, State Orator, State 2nd Vice President, and 1st Vice President. During his role as State 2nd Vice President, he served as the State Fundraising Chairperson and met his budgetary obligations while serving in that capacity.

Robert's dedication to community and charitable projects is exemplified by thirty-five years of commitment to numerous organizations. Interest in community affairs began in his birthplace of Bronx, New York. It was here that he became involved in various civic organizations. He belonged to the Parish Council at St. Lucy's School, as well as the Fathers' Club. He served as President of the Fathers' Club, and he was instrumental in providing safe recreation for the students of the school. Robert also became a member of the Bronx Columbus Day Parade Committee and the Columbus Alliance, an organization of which he later served as President.

Robert's track record of involvement continued when he relocated to Yonkers, a city in which he quickly felt at home. He held the title of President of the Maria Regina High School Parent's Association and served as President of the Eleventh Ward Republican Club, Co-ward Leader of the Eleventh Ward. Robert has volunteered his time on several political campaigns.

Robert also served as President of the Yonkers Board of Education, as well as a member of the Police Athletic League in the City of Yonkers, and also worked as Special Assistant to the mayor of Yonkers and Deputy Director of the Yonkers Parking Authority. Always displaying his pride in his heritage, Robert has been a proud member of the Yonkers Columbus Day Committee and served as General Chairman on numerous occasions. He currently serves as the Yonkers Columbus Day Foundation President. Robert's basic philosophy is that giving back to one's community is essential in order to preserve a quality of life in the city one calls home. *"To do more for the world than the world does for you - that is success,"* according to Henry Ford.

Robert is an Electrical Contractor who has owned and operated his own business, R.M.F. Electric, Inc., for 31 years. Robert has been married to his wife, Lina, for 43 years. They still reside in Yonkers and have two daughters: Danielle, a middle school English teachers, and Renee, an early childhood teacher. Robert and Lina are proud grandparents to six grandchildren: 8 year old Dominic, 7 year old Anna, 3 year old Lia Rose, 2 year old twins Vincent and Mary, and the most recent addition to the family, Lorenzo, 10 months old.

*Always mindful and proud of his Italian heritage, Robert M. Ferrito is a true Son of Italy and Italian American role model for all to admire. Robert will continue his commitment and dedication to the New York Grand Lodge and the Order Sons of Italy in America for many years to come!*



## **CSJ Report - Inspiring Italian Women throughout History**

### **Sister Marjorie Focarazzo**

It's a pretty great time to be a woman. Women have access to education, economic opportunities, and leadership roles. They have made their way to the head of the table in industries such as finance, design and marketing. They view technology, research, and energy no longer as being male dominated. They have broken traditional barriers throughout time and history. Some are well known, others not, but each has made an impact and contribution to our society.

Trota of Salerno was a medical doctor and is generally considered the world's first gynecologist and first female professor in the 11th and early 12th century. Much of her work was forgotten until rediscovered in the 20th century, but along with comprehensive works on women's medicine, she treated a wide range of afflictions from snake bites to bad breath.

Prior to the 17th century, art was also typically closed off to women, but Artemisia Gentileschi, a Baroque painter, was able to achieve success in spite of personal misfortune, which influenced the progressive and experimental nature of her painting. While her work was neglected for centuries, there has been a surge of interest in the past few decades, and until May 2017. Her work was exhibited at Rome's Palazzo Braschi.

Women who continue studying at colleges and universities own gratitude to Elena Cornaro Piscopia, the first woman to get an academic university degree with a PhD in philosophy in 1678. After being conferred with her degree, she explained some of the most difficult passages of Aristotle in Classical Latin. She was fluent in seven languages and an accomplished musician on the harpsicord, harp, and violin.

Rita Levi-Montalcini was a pioneering, persevering scientist who was a joint recipient of a Nobel Prize for her work on neurology. Rita faced many challenges: her father disapproved of her desire to go to medical school and Mussolini's passage of Italy's Racial Laws meant that as a Jew, she could no longer work in academia. She did not let either deter her, and once the war was over, she continued her work receiving many awards and accolades until her death at the age of 103 in 2012.

Tina Anselmi was Italy's first female minister. During World War II she played an active part in the underground resistance. She studied literature and became an elementary teacher, writing a series of books for children and young adults about her experiences in the resistance. In 1976 she became Italy's first female cabinet member, first as Minister for Labor and then as Minister for Health. She believed in equal rights, getting a bill passed that recognized fathers as primary caregivers. She chaired the National Equal Opportunities Commission and advocated for equal pay. She was the first living person to be commemorated on a postage stamp. Days later she died (Oct. 2016) at the age of 89.

Two well-known actresses in film are Anna Magnani and Sophia Loren. Magnani was the most celebrated Italian actress in the post war era, having won the Academy Award for Best Actress along with four international awards, for her role as a Sicilian widow in *The Rose Tattoo*, a role written for her by Tennessee Williams. Loren has won more than 50 international awards including the Academy Award for Best Actress in 1962 for her role in *Two Women*, a Golden Globe, a Grammy, a BAFTA and a Laurel Award. Sophia also ventured into the business world and became the first actress to launch her own fragrance and design eye wear. Today, at the age of 72, she spends time with her sons and their families.

Livia Pomodoro is an expert in family and juvenile law and is the first woman president of the Court of Milan since 2007. Livia also sits on the Italian Supreme Court, is a member of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, and a member of the UNESCO National Commission.

Chiara Saraceno is one of the most celebrated sociologists in Europe with a distinguished academic career, research, and serves on editorial boards of several journals.

Valeria Termini was the first female dean of the Scuola superiore della pubblica amministrazione. She currently is the commissioner of the Italian Regulatory Authority of Electricity and Gas and has led a delegation for Energy and Climate Change at G8, United Nations and OECD.

Gaia Gaja is one of the most knowledgeable and influential women in the wine industry. She is heiress to the Gaja Winery founded by her great-great-grandfather in 1859. Located in the Piedmonte region, also home to the famous white truffle, the winery is best known for its Barbaresco and Barolo wines. It's no surprise that the Slow Food movement (now an international phenomenon) began here in the village of "Bra".

Fabiola Gianotti is a particle physicist and is the first woman to head the world famous European Organization for Nuclear Research in Geneva, Switzerland. She was one of the leaders to discover the Higgs Boson, the long sought building block of the universe which is the theoretical discovery of a mechanism that contributes to our understanding of the origin of mass of subatomic particles.

Samantha Cristoforetti is an Italian Air Force pilot, engineer, and the first Italian woman in space. She is also one of the first women to hold the rank of lieutenant and fighter pilot in Italy.

George Bernard Shaw wrote: You see things; and you say 'Why?' But I dream things that never were, and I say 'Why not?' Each of these women grew up with dreams and aspirations as many do. And perhaps they never believed they could be someone who could make a difference, especially in fields mostly dominated and regulated by men. Throughout history, there are women have forged unknown paths to benefit all of us, not only in their achievements but as role models.



2017 NYS OSIA Convention







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