



The Roar of the Lion

Marisa Rubé, editor
November 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
What a month! Between the Columbus Day Luncheon at the ICL and our Heritage Awards Dinner at the Burgundy Basin Inn, our lodge was very busy! October is always the month that we celebrate who we are and where we came from, as we try to maintain our ties to our culture and heritage. It is -who we are. The accomplishments that Italians have brought to our civilization is unending - from the time of the early Romans to our modern day - in the fields of science, architecture, literature and to all aspects of society. The world today would be a very different place without Italians. We should be very proud.



Leaving October, going into November and December, we get ready to celebrate another important part of us. The family. This is the backbone of our heritage. Strong family ties make very successful future generations of Italian Americans.

Our Heritage Dinner was a very successful event. The honorees were exceptional and well deserving. Doctor Richard Constantino as the emcee was fantastic and our guests included a contingent from the Geneva lodge. A sincere thanks to President Sam Cosentino and his fellow lodge members. We even had visitors from California who were past members of our lodge attend. A special surprise visit from Grand Lodge President, Carolyn Reres afforded a great opportunity for our members to meet her in person. With her attendance came important news of a grant to the University of Rochester Medical Center in the name of our past president, Jennifer Rubé, from the Grand Lodge. More details to follow on that.

Also, I want to thank all of our lodge members for their time and efforts. From the chairpersons, to their committees, and all of our members that stepped up to help, I give my sincere thanks. This is the main event that makes our lodge successful and allows us to be able to contribute to certain charities and most importantly to our scholarship program.

Please keep our Italian brothers and sisters in your prayers as they suffer the devastation of a series of earthquakes. If you can, please make a donation to our Grand Lodge Relief Fund. Make checks payable to NY Grand lodge foundation OSIA (tagged for the earthquake relief.) and mail to 2101 Belmore Ave., Belmore NY 11710.

A quick reminder, November 17 is our 16th annual Papa Tony Antolini Turkey Raffle at St Cecilia's Church. The event starts at 5:30pm and tickets are \$22.00 per person. This is followed by our Christmas party at the Lodge on the Green in December. Hope to see everyone there. Happy Thanksgiving!

Peace,
Fraternally yours,
President Vince

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Rochester Italian American Community Events

Please see President Vince if you are interested in attending any of these events

November 2, 2016 12:00 pm: Wednesday Luncheon, Italian American Community Center

November 4, 2016 6:30 pm: General Meeting with Guests, Italian American Sport Club

November 5, 2016 10:00 am: Casa Italiana Book Club, Casa Italiana Of Nazareth College

November 5, 2016 6:00 pm: Opera Appreciation Concert, Casa Italiana Of Nazareth College

November 5, 2016 6:00 pm: Dante Scholarship Dinner, Italian Women's Civic Club

November 9, 2016 6:00 pm: Karaoke, Italian American Community Center

November 10, 2016 12:00 pm: Thursday Luncheon, Italian American Sport Club

November 12, 2016 6:30 pm: Past President Dinner, Italian American Sport Club

November 16, 2016 12:00 pm: Wednesday Luncheon, Italian American Community Center

November 17, 2016 12:00 pm: Thursday Luncheon, Italian American Sport Club

November 17, 2016 7:00 pm: Mancini Lecture by Dr. Richard Ciccone, Casa Italiana Of Nazareth College

November 17, 2016 7:00 pm: IACC Cinema Night, Italian American Community Center

November 18, 2016 6:00 pm: Cena di Santa Caterina (Saint Catherine Dinner), Casa Italiana Of Nazareth College

November 26, 2016 6:30 pm: Soccer Players Christmas Party, Italian American Sport Club

November 30, 2016 12:00 pm: Wednesday Luncheon, Italian American Community Center

Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 2016 Calendar

November 3rd, 2016 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

November 10th, 2016 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

November 17th 2016: Papa Antolini's Annual Turkey Raffle Newcomb Friendship Center, St. Cecilia's Church (Rochester, NY)

December 1st 2016 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

December 8th 2016 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

December 3rd, 2016: Lodge Christmas Party Lodge on the Green (Rochester, NY)

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

OSIA New York Grand Lodge Events

November 5th, 2016 @ 11am: Garibaldi Meucci Museum Luncheon

November 19th, 2016 @ 12pm: Annual Gift of Sight Luncheon

East Rochester Community Events

November 11th, 11am: Veteran's Day Ceremony: American Legion Post #1917, local, county and state officials along with the public honor local, armed service veterans. Ceremony held at the Gazebo at Edmund Lyon Park, 750 Main Street in view of "The Station of Hero's".

November 27th, 5pm: Advent Tree Lighting Ceremony: Verzella Gazebo in Edmund Lyon Park, 750 Main Street (location may change due to inclement weather) Open to the public.

December 10th, 9am: Advent Craft Show: East Rochester School Campus, 200 Woodbine Avenue. Crafts made by vendors from all over the county. Proceeds to benefit the East Rochester Community Resource Center.

December 10th, 10am-6pm: East Rochester Christmas Festival: Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the East Rochester School District and the Town/Village. This event celebrates the season of Joy and Happiness & Family. Providing horse drawn carriage rides, caroling and a visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus and much, much more.



11/01: Franklin D'Aurizio
11/01: Joseph Valentino
11/07: Louis Velocci
11/08: Joseph Polizzi
11/13: Dennis Erbetra

11/15: Patrick Sculli
11/16: Sharon Avery
11/17: Patricia Johns
11/25: Gino Romano
11/29: Catherine Nuci



...Sr. Joanne Napoli, healing from a broken shoulder.
 ...Br. Ross Battaglia, recovering from illness.
 ...Br. Sam Mammano and Sr. Marilyn Sarkis, recuperating from surgery.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sr. Mary Delman for the recent loss of her sister.

A very warm welcome goes out to our two newest members, initiated at our October general assembly meeting. We look forward to getting to know you both!

From Left: Angela Perrotto, Annette DeCarolis



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wanted to take a minute to thank all of you for helping make our October dinner a huge success. One person cannot plan and carry out this event alone. I especially want to thank Sister Bonnie Cottone for sitting and doing the seating arrangement with me because I believe that it is one of the hardest parts of planning. I want to also thank Sister Linda Agnello, Sisters Ann and Sylvia Vazzana and Sister Marjorie Focarazzo for all of their help on the evening of the event. Also, thank you to Sister Mary Lou Cadena and Rick Amico. Mary-Lou did an excellent job with the opening and closing prayers. I must also thank Brother Mario Danielle, Brother Luigi DiFilippo and Brother Tom Meleca for all they did to make sure the event was a success. I hope I didn't leave anyone off this list and I apologize if I did. Please know that I appreciate all that everyone did for the lodge and for this dinner. A special thank you to President Carolyn Reres for attending and spending time to get to know the members of our lodge. Thank you to all of the members that supported the night and brought friends with them to attend. By working together we not only build up our scholarship fund, but made many friendships along the way. God bless all of you and I hope you all enjoy wonderful holidays with family and loved ones.

Your Vice President, Sandy

PS I have to thank President Vince for constantly helping keep me on track while organizing this event.!



CSJ Report

This month's CSJ's report is a summary of the past quarter's activities given by NYSCSJ Chairman Lou Gallo at the recent Plenary Session.

THE COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY

In late August, the National Education Association (a national professional organization for teachers) issued a public announcement that it would initiate a nationwide campaign to encourage school districts to change Columbus Day to either Indigenous Peoples Day or El Dia de la Razza (The Day of the Race, referring to Latin America) and it would spend \$57,000 to do it! There were immediate responses from The Italian One Voice Coalition to halt such action and a strategy meeting was called. National CSJ initiated the online and ground petition to "Save Columbus Day". The Petitions were distributed. We need 100,000 signatures nationally going to the President by April 30th, 2017. We have "Save Columbus" t-shirts. Also, there was an article written in the Sag Harbor Press that called Columbus's landing in 1492 an invasion that resulted in genocide. Lou Gallo was given the opportunity to refute this article by writing a letter to the editor in which he argued that the word invasion means forceful entry with hostile intent. Such was not the case, as the early relations were cordial at outset with items exchanged. Genocide means a planned annihilation or extermination of race or ethnic group – also not Columbus' intent.

OUR LADY OF LORETO CHURCH

On August 16th the Diocese was asked to withdraw its permit application to demolish the church. A demonstration was held, at which several community groups, including our CSJ, spoke up and demanded the Diocese rescind its application. A week later the Dept. of Buildings did that but the Diocese has since reapplied on the basis of safety issues. At this time the course of action is to go to the local city councilman involved and demand that he support our cause of saving the building.

LUIGI DEL BIANCO (CHIEF CARVER OF MT. RUSHMORE)

This year is the 175th anniversary of the creation of Mt Rushmore. An article was written in late September about this in Newsday, a local Long Island daily, and nowhere in the article was the mention of Luigi del Bianco as the chief carver. Lou Gallo went into action again and his article went out to the public press. Net result is that in April 2017 a plaque will be unveiled at Mt. Rushmore in Luigi's honor by the National Park Service. Another positive outcome for NYOSIA CSJ involvement.

HISTORY IN A BOX

This is a program developed by Lou Gallo and the CSJ in which he travels around the State promoting a very positive image of our Italian heritage. He is very well received by the audiences for whom it is given – children and adults alike. The program was presented to the students attending the Student Summit in Albany in September. Lou's traveling program will respond to anyone in the state (and there's no charge!).

MORE POSITIVE IMAGING

Other accomplishments by our CSJ include replenishment of their storage facility with new orders of posters, bookmarks, and pamphlets due to overwhelming interest and orders by schools, lodges, and convention attendees. The Columbus bookmark has been revised. The Medal of Honor and Baseball Hall of Fame Posters have been updated. 16 CSJ video cassettes have been converted to DVDs and will be available to lodges in the near future as a lending library program. Lou has been interviewed on a YouTube program and cablevision. And finally, with the help of Past National and State President, Joe Sciame, and GMM Educator Marianna, after a program aired on radio station WCBS commemorating the anniversary of Alexander Graham Bell's obtaining the patent for the telephone, Lou and his team were able to get WCBS to air a program on Antonio Meucci's part as the true inventor of the telephone. Submitted by State Trustee Brother Joe Rube'

Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes

The mission of Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes, Inc. is to provide reliable information, support, referrals, and advocacy for individuals, children, families, and communities impacted by sexual and interpersonal violence.

We offer our services throughout Ontario, Seneca, and Yates County at

no charge.

For the rest of this year, we will have a donation box out at our general assembly meetings to collect donations to support Safe Harbors. Here is a list of our most pertinent needs.

Additionally, we provide a Christmas program for our clients and their children - asking local businesses and individuals to adopt a family or child to provide Christmas gifts so that during what is sometimes the most difficult time of their life, they can still experience the joy of Christmas. If you are interested in adopting a family/child, or making a monetary donation to this program, please see Sr. Marisa Rubé.

List of Needs

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Soap
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Diapers
- Hair Brushes/Combs
- Body Lotion
- Face Soap
- Face Lotion
- Baby Shampoo
- Shaving Cream
- Razors
- Small denomination gas cards
- Hats/Scarves/Gloves (children and adult)
- Other personal care items

**2016 Italian Civic League
Columbus Day Luncheon**





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