



The Roar of the Lion

Marisa Rubé, editor
October 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you know October is Italian heritage month. During this month we generally speak of Christopher Columbus and his endeavors of discovering a new world, but we must not forget about the other Italian explorers that have contributed to our country and the world: John Cabot, Giovanni da Verrazzano, Giuseppe Castiglione, Marco Polo and of course Amerigo Vespucci, whom America was named for. The list goes on and on, and we should take the time to learn about them as we celebrate our heritage this month.



As for our October festivities, let's remember our two big events: the Christopher Columbus Luncheon on October 10th at the Diplomat Party House, sponsored by the many Italian organizations in the Italian Civic League, and our Christopher Columbus Italian American Heritage Dinner, held on Friday, October 21st at the Burgundy Basin Inn. We understand that our State President, Carolyn Reres, may be attending our dinner so we hope all of you can join us for this most exciting event. If you have not yet RSVP'd to this event, please do so in order to be included in the dinner count.

In closing, let us all remember the victims of the earthquake in Italy. Please keep them in your prayers and consider a donation to the relief fund through our Grand Lodge.

Peace,
Fraternally yours,

President Vince



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- Calendar of Events.....2
- Members Corner.....3
- CSJ Report.....4
- Italian Inventors.....5



Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 2016 Calendar

October 6th, 2016 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

October 13th, 2016 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

October 21st, 2016: Christopher Columbus Italian American Heritage Awards Dinner Burgundy Basin Inn (Bushnell's Basin, NY)

November 3rd, 2016 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

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

November 2016, November 17th, 2016 @ 5:30pm: Papa Antolini's Annual Turkey Raffle St. Cecilia's Church Newcomb Friendship Center (Rochester, NY)

December 1st 2016 @ 7pm: Council Meeting

December 8th 2016 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

December 3rd, 2016 @ 1pm: 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****

Other notable local, state and national OSIA events

October 8th, 2016: Geneva Lodge Annual Columbus Day Dinner

October 9th, 2016: Long Island Columbus Day Parade

October 15th, 2016: Syracuse Progresso Lodge Annual Columbus Day Dinner

East Rochester Community Events

October 22nd, 9am: Scare Brain Cancer 8th Annual event sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 136 and open to the public.

Date/Time TBA. Youth Center Halloween Party Held in the Quinzi Lodge at Eyer Park, 200 Wilson Ave. Fun activities include crafts, games, donuts and cider for East Rochester residents pre-school- 5th grade. Costumes are encouraged.

Italian American Community Events in October:

October 7, 5:00 am **Opera Trip New York City** - Casa Italiana Of Nazareth College

October 10, 10:00 am **"I sapori dell'Italia" Cooking Classes** - Casa Italiana Of Nazareth College

October 10, 11 am **Columbus Day Luncheon** - Italian Civic League

October 11, 10:00 am **"I sapori dell'Italia" Cooking Classes** - Casa Italiana Of Nazareth College

October 13, 12:00 pm **Thursday Luncheon** - Italian American Sport Club

October 14, 7:00 pm **Dinner for San Francesco Patron Saint of Italy** - Casa Italiana Of Nazareth College

October 15, 6:00 pm **Saint Padre Pio Gala** - St. Padre Pio Institute

October 19, 6:00 pm **Visual Lecture on Women in Italian Society** - Casa Italiana Of Nazareth College

October 20, 6:00 pm - **Visual Lecture on Women in Italian Society** - Casa Italiana Of Nazareth College

October 22, 5:30 pm **Reverse Raffle Dinner** - Italian American Sport Club

October 27, 12:00 pm **Thursday Luncheon** - Italian American Sport Club

October 29, 6:00 pm **Halloween Party** - Italian American Sport Club



10/01 Ann Vazzana
10/02 Lillian Bonanni
10/11 Vince Giannantonio
10/14 Martin D'Ambrose
10/14 Sal Rotolo
10/15 Carole Proia

10/17 Thomas Ferraro Jr.
10/21 Stacey Romeo
10/21 Eugene Sisto
10/22 Joe DiPasquale
10/26 Annette DeCarolis
10/30 Mary Delman



..to Br. Joe Vazzana, recovering from illness.

...to Br. Joe Capogreco's son, Joey Jr., recuperating from surgery.

...Br. Ross Battaglia, recovering from illness.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to Br. Mike Tomaselli and his family, as they mourn the recent passing of Mike's brother.

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

From left to right: Br. Mike Arena, Sr. Maritza Buitrago, Br. Joe Corona.



October CSJ Report Sr. Marjorie Focarazzo

October—National Italian-American Heritage Month

Italian-American culture has made a significant impact on the world through its rich traditions, music, language, art, wines, and culinary creations. Each October, we celebrate the strong legacy of Italy as maintained in the lives of Italian-Americans throughout the United States. Our journey has been an arduous one—crossing the Atlantic, passing through difficulties and grueling trials of Ellis Island, and enduring racial, social, and religious discrimination but still maintaining an unwavering bond and strong foundation. Generations have helped to shape our society and guide us. We are bound by values of faith and family. We have flourished in all areas of public and economic life. We have persevered through hard work and with hope. Many of our young men and women have defended the liberty and integrity of this nation. Through the biases, injustices, inequity, and intolerance, we have risen above it to operate thriving businesses, educate our children, and be successful on many levels. We are able to draw on the courage and principles of those who came before us.

Over 5.4 million Italians immigrated to the United States between 1820 and 1992, with over 26 million Americans of Italian descent in the United States. As Americans, we acknowledge the determination and achievements of our ancestors who came to this country to work towards having a better life for themselves and their families. We have played a vital role in changing the political, social and economic facets of our country while dealing with the obstacles that we faced as immigrants. Today we face a new challenge in keeping Columbus Day as part of the US culture and a national holiday. We are to be reminded this country was named after an Italian, the explorer and geographer Amerigo Vespucci.

Our great-grandparents, grandparents, and parents brought with them the beautiful language, the music used in celebrations and the opera sung on stage, the fine art of Michelangelo, DaVinci, Raphael, the aromatic and delicious foods filled with vibrant flavors and spices, the fine wines Pinot Grigio, Chianti, Sangiovese, and fine cheeses Parmesan, Parmagiano Reggiano. They brought with them the importance of family, honor, and duty. It is a tribute in honor of those who have shaped the beauty of art, music, food, literature and shared these gifts with the United States.



Italian Words of Wisdom

A ogni uccello il suo nido è bello.

In English, the nearest meaning of this phrase is: "There's no place like home" - the mantra of Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz. The literal translation from the Italian, however, is rather more poetic: "To every bird, his own nest is beautiful".

Acqua passata non macina più.

"It's water under the bridge" you might say, to indicate that something's firmly in the past. The Italian version is a bit more complicated: "Water that's flowed past the mill grinds no more."

O mangiar questa minestra o saltar questa finestra.

This is the Italian way of saying "Take it or leave it". Literally, it's: "Either eat this soup or jump out of this window", "minestra" symbolizing the daily grind. Pretty brutal, really - but at least the Italian version rhymes.

La gatta frettolosa ha fatto i gattini ciechi.

Literally: "The hasty cat gave birth to blind kittens". So perhaps not the most refined way of saying that things done in haste tend to turn out badly. An English equivalent might be "haste makes waste".

CSJ Spotlight on Italian Inventors



Antonio Meucci was born in Florence in 1808. When he was a young man, he emigrated from Florence to Havana, Cuba, where he became employed as Superintendent of Mechanics at the Tacon Opera House. While

experimenting with the new phenomenon of electricity in 1849, he discovered that sound could be transmitted by electric wires. He then began his experiments on the transmission of the human voice.

Meucci emigrated again, this time to the United States. He settled on Staten Island, New York, where his home still stands (The Garibaldi Meucci Museum). By 1857 he had developed a working model of the telephone and in 1871 he obtained a provisional patent from the US patent office. In the years that followed, he was stricken by a series of disasters. As a result, he was unable to finance the development of his invention or to renew the costly patent.

When Alexander Graham Bell obtained his patent in 1876, Meucci, his friends and the Globe Telephone Company began a legal battle with Bell Telephone. An account of the life and inventions of Meucci, with his affidavits, his memorandum book, the designs, and the telephone instruments recently reconstructed were provided to the Secretary of the State of New York.

In a judgement in January 1886, the Secretary declared that there was sufficient proof to establish Meucci's priority in the invention of the telephone, and sent the case to the courts. Meucci's testimony lasted thirty-eight days and formed a volume of 172 pages. He explained how through his metallic diaphragm, the human voice was transmitted by means of the electromagnetic current created, not by vibrations of the air.

Finally, in July 1887, the court handed down a decision that went against Meucci. Though the case was appealed, it was postponed from year to year and finally died a lingering death in 1896.

Antonio Meucci died unrecognized on October 18th, 1889. He is interred on the grounds of his home on Staten Island, NY.



Leonardo DaVinci was born on April 15th, 1452, near the small Tuscan hill town of Vinci. He was one of the greatest painters of Italian Renaissance. His paintings of the Mona Lisa and The Last Supper rank among the most famous paintings in the world.

Leonardo, though trained to be a painter, became one of the most versatile geniuses in history. His interests and achievements covered many fields that are usually considered scientific specialties. He studied anatomy, astronomy, botany, geology, mathematics, optics, mechanics, physiology, zoology and paleontology.

Leonardo explored an amazing number of areas of human knowledge and is often called a universal genius. He recorded his scientific observations and his ideas for inventions in notebooks. Many of the ideas and designs Leonardo preserved in his notebooks were far ahead of their time.

Written in a peculiar right to left script, Leonardo's manuscripts can be read with a mirror. In 1965 in Madrid, two previously unknown notebooks belonging to Leonardo were found. His manuscripts reveal that Leonardo explored virtually every field of science. They not only contain solutions to practical problems of the day, such as the grinding of lenses and the construction of canals and fortifications, but they also envision such future possibilities as flying machines and automation.

Leonardo's observations and experiments into the working of nature include the stratification of rocks, the flow of water, the growth of plants, and the action of light. The mechanical devices that he sketched and described were also concerned with the transmission of energy. His solitary investigations took him from surface to structure, from catching the exact appearance of living things in nature to visually analyzing how they function.

Leonardo DaVinci's art and science are not separate, but belong to the same lifelong pursuit of knowledge. His paintings, drawings, and manuscripts show that he was the foremost creative mind of his time. Leonardo died on May 2, 1519.

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE OFFICERS

President
Vincent Giannantonio

First Vice-President
Sandra Meleca

Second Vice-President
Thomas Meleca

Recording Secretary
Marisa Rubé

Financial Secretary
Louis DeCarolis

Treasurer
Catherine DiNicola

Orator
Bonnie Cottone

Mistress of Ceremony
Nancy Rubé

Sentinel
Ross Cottone

Trustees
Edward Groszewski
Luigi DiFilippo
Antonio Palucci
Marjorie Focarazzo
Lillian Bonanni

Immediate Past President
Joseph Rubé, MD

Chaplain
Patricia Galante

**District VIII State
Trustee**
Joseph Rubé

Chaplain Emeritus
Sister Carole Proia

Lodge Deputy
Anthony Idoni

District VIII State Deputy
Thomas Meleca

Past Presidents
Joseph Lusardi*
Thomas Laverne*
Louis Giambra*
Joseph Vazzana
John March*
Victor Bell*
Peter Cimino*
Sam Parese*
Cosmo Caceci*
Michael La Comba*
Shirley Sculli
Phillip Dattilo
Joseph Berta
Joseph Rubé
Jennifer Rubé*



LODGE COMMUNICATIONS

All Vincent Lombardi Lodge communications should be sent to:

President Vince Giannantonio
61 Sunset Street, Rochester, NY 14606
(585) 208-1578
vinnyg1951@gmail.com