



# The Roar of the Lion

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Fall has finally arrived and with the change of seasons comes many events for our lodge.

As October is the month dedicated to Christopher Columbus, many organizations are planning for their celebrations centered around him. Friday evening, October 20th, 6pm at The Burgundy Basin, is our Italian American Heritage Awards Dinner Dance. We hope you will all join us. This year we are honoring our own lodge members; Gerald Camardo, Edward Maruggi, PhD and Tom Meleca. It is a celebration you won't want to miss.



Geneva lodge, 2397 is having their dinner Saturday, October 7th at their lodge on Prospect Street in Geneva. The Italian Civic League celebrates on Monday, October 9th at the Diplomat Party House with their annual luncheon that includes the awarding of their scholarships.

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Don't forget Friday evening, October 13th, Brother Joseph Capogreco will be celebrating 50 years on the radio with a dinner and entertainment at the Italian American Community Center. Please come show your support to Brother Joe for his many years of commitment to the Italian community by attending this dinner.

Hopefully we will see you at our next General Assembly meeting, October 12th, and remember Brother Dave and Sister Kitty DiNicola's son, Daniel, will be administering flu shots to our members. Please remember you will need ID and your insurance card if you would like the shot. Please call me to reserve your vaccination.

Peace  
Fraternally  
President Vince



### **Rochester Italian American Community Events**

- October 4, 10 am: AKRAGAS - Casa Italiana Of Nazareth College
- October 5, 12pm: Thursday Luncheon - Italian American Sport Club
- October 6, 6:30pm: General Meeting with guests - Italian American Sport Club
- October 7, 6pm: 20th Anniversary Celebration - Italian American Community Center
- October 9, 11:15am: Columbus Day Luncheon - Italian Civic League
- October 11, 12pm: Wednesday Luncheon - Italian American Community Center
- October 13, 6:30pm: Moreno Fruzzetti LIVE - Italian Civic League
- October 19, 12pm: Thursday Luncheon - Italian American Sport Club
- October 19, 6pm: Power Point: Tour of Sicily - Casa Italiana Of Nazareth College
- October 21, 2pm: FIG Meeting - Friends of Italian Genealogy
- October 21, 6pm: IASC Reverse Raffle - Italian American Sport Club
- October 24, 6pm: Tripe Dinner - Sicilian Sport Club
- October 25, 12pm: Wednesday Luncheon - Italian American Community Center
- October 26, 5pm: Food Truck Rodeo - Italian American Community Center
- October 28, 6pm: Dinner - St. Nicholas Society

### **Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270**

#### **Calendar - 2017/18**

- 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 16th @ 5pm: Lodge Turkey Raffle - St. Cecelia's Church Newcomb Friendship Center (Culver Rd, Rochester)**
- November 21st, 2017: Pie Pick Up - Eyer Building (East Rochester)
- December 7th, 2017 @ 7pm: Council Meeting
- December 14th, 2017 @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting
- January 14th, 2018 Time and 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**
- April 22nd, 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\*\***

#### **OSIA New York Grand Lodge Events**

- 29th Annual Garibaldi Meucci Museum Fundraiser Luncheon** honoring State President Carolyn Reres, Celebrity Chef & Author Rossella Rago and a special salute to General Giuseppe Garibaldi to be held November 11th at LiGreci's Staaten, Staten Island, 11:00am, \$75pp. Contact: Fran Cicero @ 718-902-3276.
- 25th Anniversary Winter Charity Ball** to be held Friday, January 26th at the Chateau Briand, Carle Place, 7:30pm. Contact: Annette Lankewish @ 516-933- 7393 or Joanne Spera @ 631-669-7295.



**10/1: Ann Vazzana**

**10/17: Thomas Ferraro**

**10/2: Lillian Bonanni**

**10/21: Stacy Romeo**

**10/11: Vincent Giannantonio**

**10/22: Joe DiPasquale**

**10/14: Martin D'Ambrose**

**10/26: Annette DeCarolis**

**10/14: Sal Rotolo**

**10/30: Mary Delman**



Please keep members of the Geneva lodge, and specifically Sister Sandy Cannuli-Schading and her family in your thoughts and prayers for the loss of Sandy's father, Geneva lodge member Tony Cannuli.



Our members, Brother Quintino and Sister Nellie DiCesare, and Brother Joe and Sister Nancy Rubé, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this month!  
*Buon cinquantesimo anniversario!*



Mary Jo Gugino Colligan, one of our past honorees and daughter of Sister Jen Gugino, has been asked to be the keynote speaker at the National Convention for Dress A girl Around the World on October 14th and 15th. We are so proud of what she has done throughout these past 10 years for Women and Girls in need around the world.



Tickets are still available for the celebration of Brother Joe Capogreco's 50 years on the radio. The celebration will take place at the Italian American Community Center on Friday, October 13th. The event will include a cash bar starting at 6:30pm and buffet dinner with wine served at 7pm. Live musical entertainment will be provided by Moreno Fruzzetto! Tickets are \$35. Please see President Vince to purchase.



At our General Assembly Meetings on October 12th and November 9th, Daniel DiNicola - son of lodge members David and Kitty DiNicola - will be holding a flu vaccine clinic for our members. If you would like to participate, please contact President Vince to reserve your spot. Photo ID and health insurance card are required for vaccinations.

## Reverse Raffle

Tickets for our Reverse Raffle fundraiser are now available for purchase! Raffle tickets are \$100 each. Each ticket includes a chance to win \$3000 in prizes, plus a ticket to the reverse raffle dinner being held February 23rd at the Burgundy Basin. Additional tickets to attend the dinner are available at a cost of \$30 each. All proceeds benefit our lodge. Please see President Vince or a member of a council member to purchase your ticket.

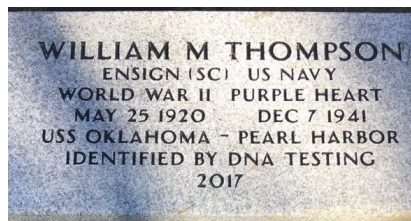


## Pies, Pies, Pies!!

Don't forget, pie sale orders are due in to Sister Sandy Meleca by November 1st. Don't miss your chance to get in on these amazing pies from Leo's Bakery. Available pies are apple, cannoli, peanut butter, lonsberry, pecan, and pumpkin. Pies are \$14 and all pie purchases support our lodge. Pies come frozen and ready to thaw and bake or serve. These pies will last at least six months in your freezer, so think ahead to any upcoming events you might have!



You may remember a newsletter story several months ago from Sister Nancy Rubé regarding the Navy DNA testing program that ultimately resulted in the identification of the remains of Sister Nancy's Uncle, William Manley Thompson, who was killed in action when his ship came under attack at Pearl Harbor. On September 9th, the family gathered in Petersburg, Virginia as Ensign Thompson was brought home and laid to rest with his family. If you would like to read more, you can access the story at: <http://wtvr.com/2017/09/20/pearl-harbor-remains-identified/>



WILLIAM M THOMPSON  
ENSIGN (SC) US NAVY  
WORLD WAR II PURPLE HEART  
MAY 25 1920 DEC 7 1941  
USS OKLAHOMA - PEARL HARBOR  
IDENTIFIED BY DNA TESTING  
2017

## October CSJ Report - Sister Marjorie Focarazzo

Amidst all the controversy and debate about Christopher Columbus, he was an interesting and intriguing person, but the history is incomplete, and there is a difference of opinion in his accomplishments. His initial voyage in search of the West Indies was primarily for exploration and did not carry soldiers or settlers. He thought he had found islands close to Japan or China. The natives, whom he named Indians, were eager to trade. When the Santa Maria ran aground on Christmas Day in 1492, he abandoned it and left the 39 men in a settlement called La Navidad, while he returned to Spain. Before his second voyage in 1493, he was told to establish friendly relations with the natives. Columbus voyaged to the Americas and back to Spain four times between 1492 and 1504.

Often it is important to events and happenings in perspective when looking back on history. What was cannot be looked at through the lens of the 21<sup>st</sup> century eye. In 1492, Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand expelled Jews from their Kingdoms of Castile and Aragon and then expelled all Jews from Spain, German mercenaries kill 232 residents of Alkmaar, Netherlands, King Henry VII of England invades France, Jews are burned at the stake in Mecklenburg, Germany, and 100,000 Jews expelled from Sicily. In the early 16<sup>th</sup> Century, a hysterical fear of witches grasped large segments of the population, including the learned. The Turks besieged Vienna, and the beginning of wars of religion in France. In 1517 Martin Luther nailed his 95 Thesis to the door of the cathedral in Wittenberg, and the Protestant Reformation was a blow to the Papacy and Roman Catholic Church. The Ottoman Empire continued to expand and the Chinese evacuated coastal areas because of Japanese piracy.

Historical negation is most often used to achieve a national goal by creating an illusion of what transpired. Historian James McPherson says that negationists would want revisionist history understood as, "a consciously-falsified or distorted interpretation of the past to serve partisan or ideological purposes in the present". History is manipulated and is used to advance an ideological agenda. It is rewritten and logical fallacies are used to construct arguments that will give the desired results.

Why Columbus Day is celebrated:

- Columbus was a visionary whose actions, tenacity, and bravery changed the world: opened the door to the Western Hemisphere, inspired explorers to follow him, led to the colonization of the New World, and provided a means for cultural exchanges which affects every country on the planet.
- The beginning of the Age of Exploration with proof that it was possible to safely cross the Atlantic Ocean.
- Columbus was the first to recognize the full importance of Atlantic wind pattern or the Prevailing Westerlies: that winds blow from west to east. It is possible to sail west with the Trade Winds and return with the Westerlies.
- The trans-Atlantic route laid the foundation for future navigation. He created maps used by later explorers of South America and Amerigo Vespucci. Columbus studied mapmaking in Portugal when he was 14.
- The Atlantic Ocean route established in the 15<sup>th</sup> century continues to be used by sailors today.
- Columbus introduced the principle of compass variation, which is 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.
- Columbus Day recognizes the achievements of the Renaissance period and the first settlement of a European community in the New World.
- It celebrates the beginning of a cultural change between the continents.
- The Age of Discovery brought contributions in music, art, science, medicine, philosophy and religious principles which helped to shape our country.
- Influences from Greek democracy, Roman law, Judeo-Christian ethics and the tenant all men are created equal.
- While facing bigotry and discrimination, Columbus is identified as an Italian who has been greatly celebrated across America for establishing a bridge between the Old World and the New World.
- Columbus was an explorer, a renowned sailor, and later governor who took action over the course of his career that were deemed unjust.
- Recorded history of the Western World begins with Columbus' discovery. There was no written history prior to 1492.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was written in 1892 in honor of the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Columbus' first voyage. President Benjamin Harrison declared Columbus Day a legal holiday that same year. In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt made Columbus Day a federal holiday. In 1971 Congress passed a law declaring the second Monday in October a federal holiday in all 50 states.
- It is celebrated in Latin America, Spain, Uruguay, Belize, the Bahamas, Argentina, Italy, and all the Little Italy's around the world.

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### Indigenous Peoples Day

- Want to change because the existing celebrations associated with Columbus Day are Eurocentric.
- Considering the diversity of indigenous peoples, an official definition of “indigenous” has not been adopted by any UN-system body. Instead the system has developed a modern understanding of this term. The term “indigenous” has prevailed as a generic term for many years. In some countries, there may be preference for other terms including tribes, first peoples/nations, aboriginals, ethnic groups, adivasi, and janajati. Occupational and geographical terms like hunter-gatherers, nomads, peasants, hill people, etc., also exist and for all practical purposes can be used interchangeably with “indigenous peoples”.
- Culture and Knowledge: Indigenous peoples are the holders of unique languages, knowledge systems and beliefs and possess invaluable knowledge of practices for the sustainable management of natural resources. They have a special relation to and use of their traditional land. Their ancestral land has a fundamental importance for their collective physical and cultural survival as peoples. Indigenous peoples hold their own diverse concepts of development, based on their traditional values, visions, needs and priorities.
- Political participation: Indigenous peoples often have much in common with other neglected segments of societies, i.e. lack of political representation and participation, economic marginalization and poverty, lack of access to social services and discrimination. Despite their cultural differences, the diverse indigenous peoples share common problems also related to the protection of their rights. They strive for recognition of their identities, their ways of life and their right to traditional lands, territories and natural resources.
- Feb. 2014: DNA from a skeleton shows that Native Americans descend from a single gene pool. Their ancestral roots are in Siberia, a new study finds, coming in a single migratory wave approximately 23000 years ago arriving in a land bridge between Siberia and Alaska. While the American Indian has habited North American for hundreds of years and were the first to be in the western hemisphere, in essence they are not “native”.
- The American Indian culture and pre-historic Stone Age lifestyle and culture had never altered in all of this time. The Native Americans had never undergone the changes and transition to the Bronze Age culture or the Iron Age culture. Their weapons and tools were all made of stone, they had not experienced the use of metals, and their culture was a primitive one.

To be fair, we should ban St. Patrick’s Day. After all, long and bloody battles between the Catholic and Protestants in Ireland went on for centuries, until the Republic of Ireland was re-establish as a state in 1937. Perhaps we should reconsider celebrating Thanksgiving. The relationship between the Pilgrims and Indians was contentious at best. The Pilgrims saw Native Americans as uncivilized savages, while the Native Americans saw Europeans as short, weak, and smelly, but they needed each other to survive. In 1637 the Puritans raided the Pequot tribe and burned more than 700 of the villagers alive. Upon return of the colonists to their settlement, a day of thanksgiving was proclaimed in celebration. Our history precedes us, and it is best to explain the dynamics-beliefs, rules, and customs-that existed for that particular time period. It does not make sense to critique what happened in the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> Centuries based on today’s ideologies. In doing so, there is poor understanding of the dynamics of that era and can be easily labeled as archaic.

## Cristoforo Colombo



“Nothing that results in human progress is achieved with unanimous consent.

Those that are enlightened before the others are condemned to pursue that light in spite of the others.”

“Life has more imagination than We carry in our dreams...”

“I went to sea from the most tender age and have continued in a sea life to this day. Whoever gives himself up to this art wants to know the secrets of Nature here below. It is more than forty years that I have been thus engaged. “Wherever any one has sailed, there I have sailed.

“No one should fear to undertake any task in the name of our Saviour, if it is just and if the intention is purely for His holy service. The working out of all things has been assigned to each person by our Lord, but it all happens according to His sovereign will, even though He gives advice. He lacks nothing that is in the power of men to give Him. Oh, what a gracious Lord, who desires that people should perform for Him those things for which He holds Himself responsible! Day and night, moment by moment, everyone should express their most devoted gratitude to Him .”

“The sea will grant each man new hope, and sleep will bring dreams of home.”

By prevailing over all obstacles and distractions, one may unfailingly arrive at his chosen goal or destination. “

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