



Order Sons of Italy in America, Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 Monthly Newsletter

## *"The Roar of the Lion"*

Jennifer Rubé, editor

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With Thanksgiving behind us and the Christmas season upon us, we go from thoughts of thanks for all we have received to thoughts of giving, and we realize what a fine line there is between the two.

Both holidays have a certain routine in how we celebrate them, but Christmas is a holiday that brings back memories of our youth and how Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were celebrated by our Italian ancestors. Just as dialects were so different in our families who came from different parts of Italy, each area celebrated their Christmas holidays in similar but different ways. There were (and still are) many similarities as well as differences, with no right or wrong way. The one thing in common with all of them is that it is a Holy Day and a Family Day.

At our December General Membership Meeting we will take time to share our thoughts and memories of how our families celebrated these holidays. Please bring those special memories with you and share them with fellow members. If you have special recipes for the holidays and would like to share them, please bring them and Jennifer will put them on a special page of the website and include some in future newsletters. Perhaps in the future we can organize them into a book and use it as a lodge fundraiser. More than that, sharing memories will bring us closer together as a lodge.

We will also begin the nominating process for electing new officers as well as the delegates to the State Convention in June. I will be announcing the nominating committee for our elections to the Board. At this meeting we will distribute job descriptions for all officers to be elected. Anyone who has an interest in being a board member should contact the chairperson of the nominating committee or me and your name will be entered into the list for consideration. The nominating committee will announce their selections at the January General Membership Meeting and elections will take place at the February General Membership Meeting. The induction of new officers will take place at a dinner meeting in March.

Nancy, Jennifer, Marisa and I wish all of you a blessed Holiday Season and all the best for the coming New Year. Buon Natale e felice anno nuovo.

Fraternally Yours,

Brother Joe Rubé

**Merry Christmas**



# VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE NEWS

## TURKEY RAFFLE DINNER

Thanks to Sister Jen Gugino and her committee, this year's Turkey Raffle Dinner was a huge success with over 70 friends and family of the Vincent Lombardi Lodge coming together for a delicious dinner of roast beef and chicken. This event was a fundraiser for the lodge with an end profit of almost \$500.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday Wishes go out to:

Paul Cloffey - 12/8  
Teresa Giuliani Imburgia - 12/9  
Marisa Rubé - 12/9  
Joseph Cammarata - 12/10  
James Vazzana - 12/15  
Rosella LaComba - 12/18  
Jennie Gugino - 12/20  
Emma Ferlise - 12/22  
Maurice Palucci - 12/23  
Ruth Provenzano - 12/28  
Lorraine Palucci - 12/30

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Put on your best "bling" and your dancing shoes and join us for our annual Christmas party. All members, friends and family are welcome!

This year's Christmas party will be held on Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> (please note that this is a date change) at the Eagle's Club on Buffalo Road.

Tickets will be \$16 per person paid in advance for appetizers and dinner buffet with dessert.

Cash bar will be available and there will be live entertainment by the group *Brass Magic*.

Please RSVP with payment to Sister Ann and Brother Joe Vazanna using the reservation form in your November newsletter or call 585-224-8907. Checks should be made payable to Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270, Inc.

## NEW YORK STATE OSIA DISTINGUISHED WOMEN AWARD

Correction: Sister Shirley Sculli's name was inadvertently left out of the November article about the OSIA Distinguished Women Award. Sister Shirley was the first and only female president so far in the history of the Vincent Lombardi Lodge.

Congratulations to Sister Shirley Sculli, Sister Carole Proia, Sister Angela Parise, Sister Eunice McCarthy, Sister Susan Berta and Sister Mary Ricci whose names have all been submitted for a plaque honoring Distinguished Women in OSIA in honor of our first female state president, Nancy DiFiore Quinn..

# ITALIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

## PASSPORTS

At the January General Assembly Meeting we will have County Clerk, Cheryl Dinolfo's office present to help with passports for lodge members, friends and family. They will be helping with first-time applications as well as renewals. You will be able to get applications processed as well as passport photos taken for both the traditional passport book as well as the passport cards. Please note that they will not be able to process the enhanced drivers' license applications at that time.

We are taking appointments for any time between 5PM and 7:45PM. Please call Jennifer at 585-244-8437 to set up an appointment to get your passport information processed. We have enclosed more information on passports, what identification is needed and other regulations. If you have any questions about passport procedures, please call Tom Fiorilli at 585-753-1613



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

- December 4, 2008  
OSIA Board Meeting - 7:00PM – Casa Italiana (info 461-1181)
- December 11, 2008  
OSIA General Assembly Meeting – 7:00PM Casa Italiana – New Members Induction Ceremony (info 461-1181)
- December 13, 2008  
OSIA Lodge Christmas Party - Eagles Club, Buffalo Road. \$16 per person, appetizers, dinner, dessert, cash bar and live music by Brass Magic
- December 14, 2008  
Italian Christmas Mass – 11am-2pm at Casa Italiana (info 389-2464)
- January 8, 2009  
OSIA General Assembly Meeting - 7:00PM – Casa Italiana (info 461-1181)  
This will be the meeting where we nominate new officers.
- February 5, 2009  
OSIA Board Meeting - 7:00PM – Casa Italiana (info 461-1181)
- February 12, 2009  
OSIA General Assembly Meeting - 7:00PM – Casa Italiana (info 461-1181)  
Election of new officers.

## ITALIAN TRIVIA

*“What Italy Has Given to the World”* by Gaetano Cipolla

The world's first bankers were Italians that set up shop on the streets of Florence and Siena, sitting behind a “banco” (bench).

What would the world be without ice cream? It was a Sicilian named Francesco Pocolio de'Coltelli that opened the first ice cream parlor in Paris in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. His establishment is still there called “Le Procopé”

If it were not for Italy, we would be missing two months on our calendars. The month of July was named for Julius Caesar and the month of August was named for Caesar Augustus. These men were the ones that developed the twelve month solar-based calendar which was altered slightly by Pope Gregory XIII (another Italian) and is still used in that format today.

# VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE NEWS

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING



This is the season for gift-giving and at the General Assembly Meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup> we will have the Christmas ornaments that we featured last summer at Festa Italiana. Since so many people have asked about the Italian ornaments we're going to have them available for you to purchase and take with you that night. Perfect for giving to friends, family, church members and secret Santas at work. Need a hostess gift for an upcoming Christmas party? Perfect!

Cash, checks, Visa/MC/Discover will be accepted. Profits from ornament sales will go to the Lodge for upcoming activities and our scholarship fund.

Come support the lodge and do your Christmas shopping at the same time. If you can't make it to the meeting, you can order by phone by calling Sister Jennifer at 585-442-0211. You can see our online gift shop at [www.sonsofitalyrochester.com/giftshop.htm](http://www.sonsofitalyrochester.com/giftshop.htm)

## LODGE MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Brother **Dr. Joseph Rubé** was awarded the Quality Award as the individual who has made a significant impact on improving the quality of patient care at Rochester General Hospital.

Brother **Tony Palucci** has been named to the Board of Directors of the Fundraising Project for Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Lewiston New York.

Sister **Maria Tirone** was one of those marching in this year's Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Sister **Linda Agnello** will be hosting her 8<sup>th</sup> Annual *After the Holidays Trip* on Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup> and Monday January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to the Seneca Niagara and Seneca Allegany Casinos. For more information on this trip, please contact Linda at (585) 288-4234.



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