



TURKEY RAFFLE DINNER

Sister Jen Gugino, Chairperson

TURKEY RAFFLE DINNER: You and your guests are invited to join us Wednesday November 12th at the St. Cecelia Church Community Center.

Social hour will start at 5pm for followed by a roast beef/chicken dinner served at 6pm.

There will be a Turkey Raffle, and 50/50 also will be a part of the evening fun. Pat Gambacurta will perform an accordion/singing and fun show for us at 7pm.

Tickets are \$17 per person. Please send your RSVPs to Jen Gugino using the reservation form found on the enclosed

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Joe & Ann Vazzana, Chairpersons

This year's Christmas party will be held on Saturday December 13th (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 using the reservation form on the enclosed flyer. Checks should be made payable to Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270, Inc.

Distinguished Women Award

Congratulations to 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.

This plaque is a project of the New York State Grand Lodge in honor of our first female president, Nancy DiFiore Quinn.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

There is no General Assembly Meeting for November 2008 since we will be at the Turkey Raffle Dinner the night before the usual date for this meeting. The next meeting date will be December 11th.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

November is a month of Thanksgiving so I'll place my emphasis in this direction. October was a very busy month for many of us participating in the General Assembly Meeting where we inducted nine new members into the lodge. We are thankful for their support and hopeful that they will be active in lodge activities. The following Saturday was the Columbus Day Parade (see photos). Many thanks to Brother Tony Palucci and Sister Jen Rubé as well as all those members and their family and friends who helped us show our pride in our Italian American heritage to the community by decorating and riding in the vehicles. Thanks also to Brother Louis DeCarolis and the committee that organized the parade.

The following week was our annual Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance which was a huge success. Thank you to Sister Eunice and her helpers Brothers Joe Dipasquale, Joe Vazzana, Joe Berta, Louis Giambra and Pat Sculli and Sisters Ann Vazzana, Susan Berta, Mary Ricci and Shirley Sculli for making the event such a success. As you know, we were honored to have New York State Grand Lodge President, Nancy DiFiore Quinn and her husband, First Gent John Quinn with us and we thank them for making the trip and rekindling some fond memories both at the dinner dance and the following day at brunch. Thank you to all our honored guests for being in attendance and for sharing the evening with us. I want to give special thanks to Judge Frank Affronti who did a super job in being our Master of Ceremonies as he puts a lot of effort into being sure everything runs smoothly. Please enjoy the photos in this newsletter and visit our website to see more of them.

November is here and our main event this month will be the Turkey Raffle Dinner on November 12th. Thanks to Sister Jen Gugino for organizing this. I hope to see you all there and that you will bring family and friends along to enjoy another special event.

We will be having our regular board meeting on Thursday November 6th at CASA ITALIANA. All of our board meetings will be there from now on unless you are notified otherwise. Also, in keeping with our original plans for the Turkey Raffle Dinner we will NOT be having a General Assembly meeting in November. Our next GA Meeting will be on December 11th at Casa Italiana where we will once again be inducting several new members.

In closing, Nancy and I wish all of you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving as we of Italian descent have so very much to be thankful for on this day and always.

Fraternally Yours,

Joe Rubé

COMMUNITY NEWS

NYC Columbus Day Parade 2008



New York State Grand Lodge News

For anyone planning on being in the NYC area at the end of January:

The annual OSIA Winter Charity Ball will be held at Chateau Briand, Carle Place on January 30th, 2009. For more information contact Annette Lankewish at 516-933-7393.

OUT OF TOWN GUESTS Tony DiCostanzo & John Quinn



COMMUNITY EVENTS

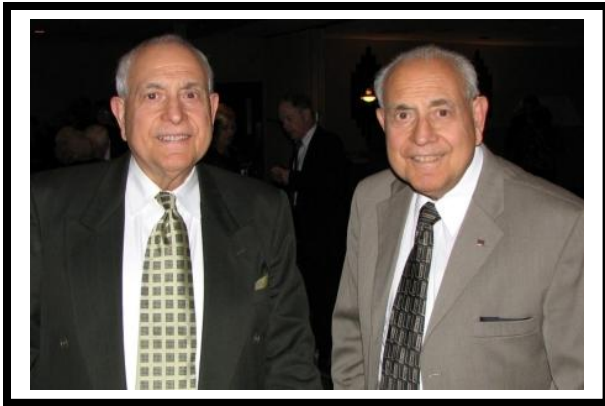
- **November 1, 2008**
3rd Annual St Padre Pio Gala - Italian American Sports Club (info 544-9432)
- **November 1, 2008**
Casa Italiana Gala Celebration – Convention Center (info 389-5424)
- **November 2, 2008**
Art Exhibit “Bella Italia” – Casa Italiana (info 389-5424)
- **November 6, 2008**
OSIA Board Meeting - 7:00PM – Casa Italiana (info 461-1181)
- **November 9, 2008**
Film “O’Re” – Casa Italiana (info 389-5424)
- **November 12, 2008**
Turkey Raffle Dinner – 5:00PM – St Cecelia Community Center (info 482-4067)
- **November 19, 2008**
Informational meeting on a trip to Calabria and Sicily – Casa Italiana (info 389-5424)
- **December 4, 2008**
OSIA Board Meeting - 7:00PM – Casa Italiana (info 461-1181)
- **December 6, 2008**
Valguarnara Society Christmas Party (info 225-4726)
- **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. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.
- **December 13, 2008**
Gates Amita Club Christmas Party (info 247-6601)

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE NEWS



Check out our website at
www.sonsofitalyrochester.com
for more pictures
of our Christopher Columbus
Dinner Dance

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS DINNER DANCE 2008



Thank you to Brother Louis DeCarolis for the wonderful pictures and to Brother Ross Cottone for video taping the event.

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NEW MEMBER INDUCTION CEREMONY October 2008



New Member Induction Ceremony October 2008:

Left to Right: Sal Cutaia, Louis DeCarolis, Ross Cottone, Bonnie Cottone, MaryAnn Sidoti Koons, Joseph Capogreco, Zina Sciortino

Congratulations to Rosalie Mark who won our Super Colossal 50/50 Raffle for \$320.

Congratulations to Tony and Pam DiCostanzo who won the gift basket full of sweets from State Farm Insurance and to those at the tables who won the pasta and sauce from Barilla.

HOLIDAY BUS TRIP

We are planning a bus trip to Lewiston New York on Wednesday December 3rd to visit the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine and light show and a dinner at a local restaurant. We need 29 people to fill the bus which will depart at 5:30pm. Cost per person will be XXXX paid in advance and we will have more information available soon. To reserve your seat please contact Sister Mary Ricci at 288-0820 by November 26th.

LODGE BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Frank D'Aurizio - 11/1
Joseph Valentino - 11/1
Dr. Joseph Polizzi - 11/8
Elma Bellini. - 11/11
Pat Sculli - 11/15
Raymond Saurini - 11/26
Catherine Nuci - 11/29

SUNSHINE CORNER

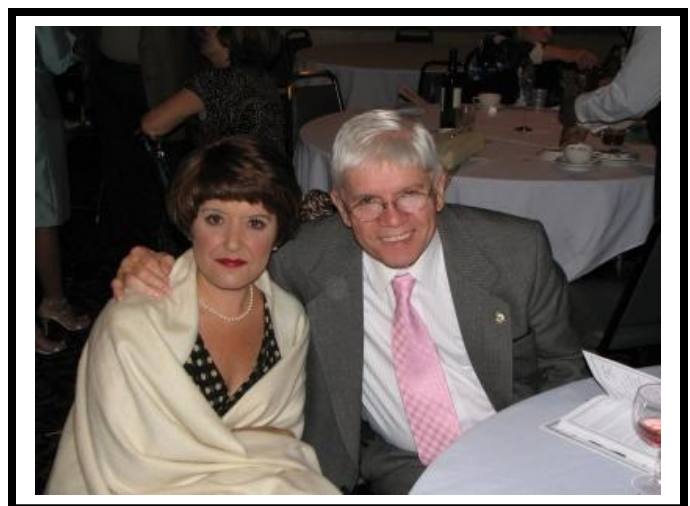
Cards were sent to:

1. Bruce Lankewish, State Financial Secretary – surgery
2. Micky Palucci – broken arm

DO YOU KNOW?

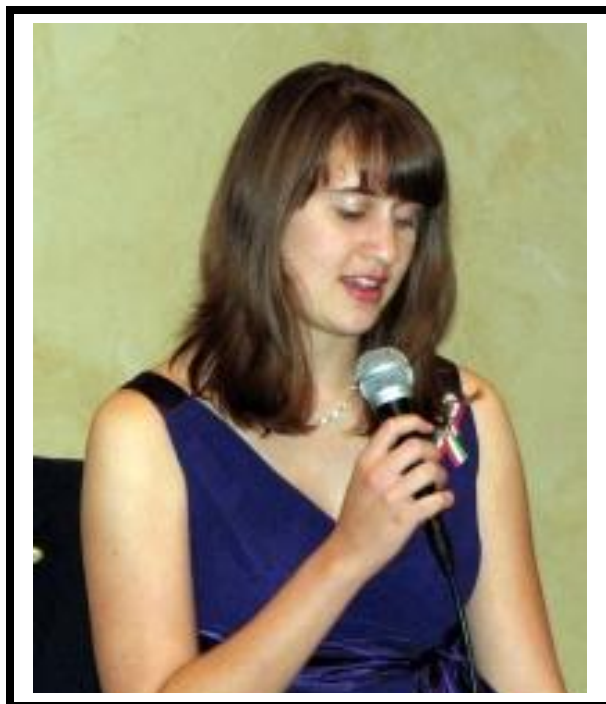
Questions Found on the Current US Citizenship Test...

- 1) **What country did we fight during the Revolutionary War?** England
- 2) **Who elects the President of the USA?** The electoral college
- 3) **What are the three branches of our government?** Legislative, Executive, and Judiciary
- 4) **What is the Congress?** The Senate and the House of Representatives
- 5) **How many representatives are there in Congress?** 435
- 6) **Who becomes President of the United States if the President and the vice-president should die?** Speaker of the House of Representatives
- 7) **According to the Constitution, a person must meet certain requirements in order to be eligible to become President. Name one of these requirements. Must be a natural born citizen of the United States; must be at least 35 years old by the time he/she will serve; must have lived in the United States for at least 14 years.**
- 8) **Who has the power to declare war?** The Congress
- 9) **Which President was the first Commander in Chief of the U.S. military?** George Washington
- 10) **Name the rights guaranteed by the first amendment. Freedom of: speech, press, religion, peaceable assembly, and requesting change of the government**



CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS DINNER DANCE 2008

Over 200 members, friends and family celebrated the 2008 Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance. Everyone enjoyed good food, great conversations and music by Souvenir. As always, it was a pleasure to see friends, both old and new and to honor this year's award winners.



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