

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

October is a special month for all of us of Italian heritage. It is during this month that we come together in several venues to honor Christopher Columbus, discoverer of our great country. Members of the Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270, should be honored to be members of the ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA, founded in New York in 1905 by Dr. Vincenzo Selaro.

With that in mind, I hope to instill in all of you a renewed sense of pride in being of Italian heritage. Think about your family members who have gone before you and made it possible for you to maintain and share your heritage with future generations. Think of what you can do to pass this all on to your children and grandchildren. There are several ways we can accomplish this. We know many of the younger generations do not seem to share our pride in our Italian heritage but it is within your power to pass this information along by looking up your own family history and documenting it along with writing down your own memories of your childhood and stories you were told by your elders.

Think back to how things were done differently when you were a child and family traditions that got lost somewhere along the way. Computers have made this much easier but for those of us that are not "computer geeks" there are other resources available which we will discuss at future meetings of our lodge.

In October we also have several events that we can participate in such as our General Assembly Meeting on October 9th where we will be installing several new members into our lodge. We should be proud of our lodge and seek new members but also do what we can to keep our older members with us.

On October 11th the Columbus Day Parade will once again take place downtown and our lodge will participate under Tony Palucci's guidance. We will have several decorated vehicles and hopefully you will come join us for a day where we celebrate our pride in our Italian heritage. Those of us that participated last year had a tremendous sense of pride as we passed onlookers along the parade route waving Italian and American flags. For those that can't participate in the parade, we encourage you to gather your children, grandchildren and friends and bring them downtown to show your pride in being of Italian American heritage.

Our Ad Book, which is our major fundraiser of the year, allows the Italian American Community to see who supports our Lodge through the ads that people have placed for their businesses. We can also foster new membership for our lodge through the ad book and dinner dance.

On Saturday October 18th we will have our Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance being held at the Diplomat Banquet Center. Our honored guests that evening will be our State President Nancy DiFiore Quinn and her husband First Gent John as well as our annual award winners and scholarship winners.

Proud to be an Italian American and proud and honored to be your Lodge president,

Fraternally,

Joseph A. Rubé, Jr. MD

ITALIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

COLUMBUS DAY PARADE

*Brother Tony Palucci &
Sister Jennifer Rubé, Chairpersons*

This year's parade will be on October 11th at 11:30am. Any lodge members who wish to ride in the parade with our group should contact Tony Palucci at 586-8637 so that he can keep track of how many we can expect that day.

Anyone wishing to ride downtown with the group should meet at Tony's house in East Rochester by 9:30am. If you are running late and wish to catch up with us, please call Sister Jennifer at 760-4598.

If you are planning to meet us downtown please be there by 10am. We will be assembling on Pleasant Street between Franklin Street and Liberty Pole Way. We will be in division #3 and our group will be the fifth group in the division.

We will have all the final details and a map available at the next General Assembly meeting on October 9th.

COLUMBUS DINNER DANCE

*Sister Eunice McCarthy &
Sister Susan Berta, Chairpersons*

Put on your best "bling" and get out your dancing shoes. Our biggest event of the year will be happening this month!

Come join us on Saturday October 18th at 6PM for our annual Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance. Enjoy great food and even better music by Silvano and Joanne of the musical group Souvenir.

This is the evening where we honor our annual awards winners as well as our scholarship winners. Tickets are \$35 per person. Please RSVP to Sister Susan at 585-334-6641.

Italian Civic League COLUMBUS DAY LUNCHEON

The Italian Civic League will once again host their annual Columbus Day Luncheon at the Diplomat Banquet Center. The event will be held on Monday October 13, 2008

Our lodge will have reserved tables for our members. Anyone who wishes to attend should contact Sister Eunice McCarthy at 248-5452. Ticket price is \$20 per person.

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VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE NEWS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We would like to welcome the following new members who are due to be inducted into the lodge at the October 9th General Assembly Meeting at Casa Italiana on the Nazareth College Campus.

Joe Capogreco
Louis DeCarolis
Maryann Sidoti Koons
Vincenzina Sciortino

We invite all lodge members to join us for this special evening. Family and friends are welcome.

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 for appetizers and dinner buffet. Cash bar will be available and there will be live entertainment.

Watch for a flyer in next month's newsletter.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

It amuses me not to think that your organization spends so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time. Do you remember me? I am the one who was asked to join. I paid my dues and then I was asked to be a loyal and faithful member.

I am the one who came to every meeting, but nobody paid any attention to me. I tried several times to be friendly, but everyone seemed to have his or her friends to talk to and sit with. I sat down among some unfamiliar faces several times, but they didn't pay much attention to me.

Finally, because of illness, I missed a meeting. The next month no one asked me where I had been. I guess it didn't matter much whether I was there or not. On the next meeting date, I decided to stay home and watch a good television program. When I attended the next meeting, no one asked me where I was the month before.

You might say that I am a good person, a good worker and I love my community. You know who else I am? *I am the member who never came back!*

TURKEY

TURKEY RAFFEL DINNER: We proudly announce that we are bringing back the "Papa Tony" Turkey raffle. This fundraiser was not held last year, but by "popular demand" we are ready to party.

We ask that you and your guests join us Wednesday November 12th at the St. Cecelia Church Community Center. Starting at 5pm for social hour, roast beef/chicken dinner served at 6pm. Tickets are \$17 per person. 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.

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE NEWS

EMAIL NOTICES

President Joe would like to start an email list for the lodge. This would enable us to pass out notices for special events and other important information and not have to wait for the monthly newsletter to come out.

If you have an email address and would like to be added to this list, please send it to info@sonsofitalyrochester.com.

LODGE FUNDRAISER

Our lodge has now joined a program that collects empty ink cartridges and old cell phones/PDA's that people are no longer using and recycles them to keep them out of landfills.

Please bring your empty ink cartridges and old cell phones to us. This program pays us for as many as we can collect and the money raised will go into the lodge funds for social events etc. Pass the word around at work, school, to family and friends and help raise money for the lodge.

For More Information please call
Sister Jennifer at 244-8437.

SUNSHINE CORNER

Sister Jennifer Rubé, Chairperson

State President Nancy DiFiore Quinn was sent a sympathy card for the death of her brother.

LODGE BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Ann Vazzana - 10/1
Raymond DiVasto - 10/6
Anthony Strati - 10/14
Philip Dattilo - 10/21
Joseph DiPasquale - 10/22
Ann Tedesco - 10/27
Mary Delman - 10/30

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **October 9, 2008**
General Assembly Meeting
7:00PM - Casa Italiana
- **October 11, 2008**
Columbus Day Parade
11:30AM – Pleasant Street,
Downtown
- **October 18, 2008**
Columbus Day Dinner Dance
6:00PM – Diplomat Banquet Center
- **November 6, 2008**
Board Meeting
7:00PM – Bill Gray's
- **November 12, 2008**
Turkey Raffle Dinner
5PM – St Cecelia Community Ctr
- **December 13, 2008**
Lodge Christmas Party
Eagles Club, Buffalo Road
Watch for the flyer next month

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

The next general assembly meeting will be held on Thursday October 9th, 2008 at the Casa Italiana located on the Nazareth College Campus at 4245 East Avenue. The college is located about half a mile from the Village of Pittsford on Route 96/East Avenue. Enter the campus at the entrance with the traffic light (South Campus Drive). Turn immediately into Parking Lot A on the right as you enter the campus. On the right you will note the Casa Hispana building and then the Casa Italiana building. Take the lower walk to the right of the building which leads directly to the meeting room. The meeting will begin at 7:00PM sharp and everyone is welcome. Please Note: the meeting room is handicapped accessible.

DID YOU KNOW?

Things you might not know about Italians in the United States...

Facts taken from the 2000 US Census and compiled by OSIA

Over 15.7 million people in the United States identify as being Italian Americans. They constitute nearly six percent (6%) of the U.S. population.

New York State has the highest number of residents claiming Italian descent. In the year 2000 this number increased to 2.7 million or 14% of the population.

Despite attempts to stereotype Italian American families as being larger than other American families, Italian American families average 3.08 members and other American families average 3.14 members.

There are almost four million Italian-American families in the United States of America.

Total median income for national Italian-American households in 1999 was over \$61,000 while total median income for US households in general was just over \$50,000.

Italian Americans are the only European group whose population has increased since the 1990 census. The number of Americans claiming German, Irish, English and Polish descent decreased nearly 19 percent collectively—dropping from 128 million in 1990 to 108 million

In the year 2000, the Rochester New York metro area ranked #16 nationally in the number of Italian Americans with 183,000. Buffalo NY ranked #15 with 190,000.

In the year 2000, the City of Rochester New York was ranked #23 nationally in percentage of Italian Americans versus total population.

The Order Sons of Italy in America has 600,000 members throughout the United States of America with over 700 lodges and chapters.

At the time of the 2000 census, eighty eight percent of Italian Americans live in urban areas and twelve percent in rural areas.

National average says that seventy nine percent of Americans live in urban areas and twenty one percent in rural areas.

LEARN ITALIAN

October Italian Lesson

CASA = HOUSE

FAMIGLIA = FAMILY

DINNER PARTY = CENA CON INVITATI

FLAG = BANDIERA

I LOVE YOU = TI AMO