



From The President,

Dr. Joseph A. Rubé

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am so proud and honored to be chosen to be your President, at least on an interim basis. This position was created when our now Immediate Past President was elected as our State Trustee for District VIII, a position that we know he will do a great job at. I'd like to take this opportunity to use this means of communication to let those of you who were unable to be at our August 14th General Assembly know what was said. At that meeting I talked about some of my visions and goals for our great lodge.

When I accepted this position, I did so with the assured feeling that I would have the support of Joe Berta and the rest of the Board but most importantly the general membership. I feel very strongly that our Lodge belongs to you, not the President and your support comes in different ways. Times have changed, people have many things to do with work, with their families, and friends. Yes we want all who can to attend as many of our meetings and functions as possible - but on the realistic side we need to assure you that our meetings are interesting and worthwhile as are our social and fundraising functions. I have a great deal of respect for time, and while encouraging all to participate in organizing events, I also feel strongly that by paying your annual dues you are giving us the financial support for our activities, just as those who are more actively participating. Come when you can, bring along family and friends. It all adds up to keeping our Upstate Lodge a strong and exemplary one, and of course financially sound.

This all brings me to MEMBERSHIP. I hope that I've set an example for all on how important membership is to an organization you really care about. Mary Ricci reminds me (often) about how she recruited me several years ago (and I'm sure several others of you). Quite honestly I had not heard about our SOI until that day even though I came to Rochester in 1971. Once I joined and went to several meetings I realized I wanted to be an active part of it. I've seen many members come and go - not always aware of the reasoning. With family being such an important part of our heritage, I asked Nancy, Jennifer and Marisa to join, knowing all along each would participate to whatever extent their lives would allow I think they've proven their value to our Lodge. I don't expect everyone to bring in their whole family, but I do hope you all will understand that the future of the Lodge will be dependent on their generation and how they perceive their own heritage. Even if your family members are not all lodge members, I encourage you to invite them to our social events.

One thing that came out of our participation in the State Conventions was that the emphasis is on our membership recruitment. I'm not one to push people to bring in new members by having a function for that purpose only. I believe that if we have a strong positive feeling about our own Lodge, we will promote it any chance we get. To that end Mary has brought us a few new members -we welcome you - and we will have about 8-10 eligible inductees for the October meeting and yes I'm proud to be their sponsor.

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NEW CONTACT INFORMATION – Please update your records!

The new address for lodge mail is: OSIA Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270
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I hope to re-establish our relationship with the other Italian American organizations in the Community. I know there's much history there, but when I see how many of our current members are also members of other clubs, and how we all have similar problems as well as positives, we need to put some of this history behind and find ways to re-unify our Italian American Community and hopefully get our younger folks more interested in their heritage and participation. For those of our brothers and sisters who are members of other Italian American clubs, we will welcome you if you wish to share reports with our own members.

In regards to our HERITAGE and CULTURE, I know we have several members in our Lodge who have talents that we haven't yet fully encouraged them to use. As many of you know Sister Nancy is deeply involved in genealogy, especially Italian research, and is willing to share her knowledge and show you how to develop your family tree. She volunteers at the Family History Center on Westfall Road in Brighton and is willing to help you on an individual basis. Brothers Ed and Frank have done quite a bit of writing on Italian history and other literary books and I know that they are willing to talk to any group that is willing to listen. One of our new members has an interest in genealogy and has some interesting things he can share with us. As an aside, we can have others come in to share their knowledge and expertise on various subjects of interest.

I believe that our main goal for fund raising (other than to keep us solvent) is our SCHOLARSHIP program. Brother Joe Berta has agreed to continue to Chair this very important Committee. The money that has been donated by our 2 benefactors is "drying up" and we're not anticipating renewal of their support. I believe this is our most important function and our efforts at fund raising should be directed at assuring we have a minimum of 3 scholarships to give out each year. Some of our fundraising also goes to our annual donations that are directed to those CHARITIES chosen by the State and National OSIA. This is done at State Convention and our Board decides how much and to whom to give it.

I hope that we can separate our FUND RAISING EVENTS from our SOCIAL EVENTS. For the latter we do not expect to make money nor lose too much. If we budget well, we'll be able to enjoy ourselves and hopefully attract new members. Our FUNDRAISING efforts are currently the AD BOOK and our sales at the ITALIAN FESTA. We have made good money with these but can and will do better and I'm sure we'll find some other projects. Our SOCIAL events include the Columbus Dinner Dance under Sister Eunice and Sister Susan's efforts, the Turkey Raffle Dinner under Sister Jen Gugino, the annual summer picnic under Sister Susan, the Christmas Dinner under Brother Joe Vazanna and the day trips planned by Sister Mary Ricci.

We will continue to support our BEREAVEMENT FUND. Our Financial reports have indicated how successful that is and we will continue to be sure it is managed as well as it has been under Sister Susan's watchful and caring eye.

There are many other things I haven't mentioned that none the less as important as each one I have. As President I do not plan to Chair any committee but will be an active member of all that can use my help. I hope that a board member will co-chair each committee and find a general member he or she can work with as co chair. Family member or not, each committee will eventually have its own budget to work with.

Again - my many thanks to all our members for honoring me with this position. I will serve you to the best of my ability. Although my theme song is "MY WAY" - it will be my way of being sure the interests and well being of our members and this Lodge are always a priority.

Fraternally,
Brother Joe Rubé

COLUMBUS DAY COMMITTEES

COLUMBUS DINNER DANCE

Sister Eunice McCarthy, Chairperson

Get out those fancy clothes and brush off those dancing shoes it is time once again for the Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance to be held on October 18, 2008 at the Diplomat Banquet Center

Join us for an elegant evening of celebration and fun. Enjoy a delicious sit-down dinner, dance to live music by the Souvenirs and welcome OSIA NY State President Nancy DiFiore Quinn and First Gent John as our honored guests.

We are looking for lodge members to help as hosts and hostesses for this event as well as volunteers to help make sure our members that don't drive have a ride to the event. Tickets are \$35 per person. For more info, call Sister Susan at 334-6641.

COLUMBUS DAY PARADE

Brother Tony Palucci

& Sister Jennifer Rubé, Co - Chairpersons

Join us for this year's Second Annual Columbus Day Parade on Saturday October 11th at 11:30am. This year's parade route will go from the Liberty Pole downtown to Plymouth Avenue. The parade committee is looking for members who would like to ride in the parade in one of the convertibles.

We are also looking for volunteers who can arrange transportation for those of our members who either don't drive or who don't want to drive downtown. We will meet at Tony Palucci's house in East Rochester and drive as a group downtown to the parade staging area. For more information, please call Tony Palucci at 586-8637.

SUPER COLOSSAL 50/50

Sister Susan Berta, Chairperson

Each year at this time we run the Super Colossal 50/50 raffle selling tickets at \$10 each. We will draw the winner at the Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance. The winner need not be present to win. Since we began this special raffle several years ago we have given out prize money of \$440, \$330 and \$340. Not bad for a \$10 chance!!

Watch for more raffle tickets to be mailed to you with the invitation to the Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance. Remember you can't win it if you're not in it!!

SOUVENIR AD BOOK

Board of Directors, Chairpersons

We need all of our members to help us with this major fund raising project. Ask the butcher, the hairdresser, the manicurist, the tailor, the accountant....any of the merchants you frequent! Maybe a son, a daughter, a grandchild, a niece or nephew have a business they would like to promote to those who attend our event. Support the ad book by placing your name on our members-only page. Just send your name as you wish it to appear in the book along with \$10 to Susan Berta, 10 Debran Drive, Henrietta New York 14467 or contact Sister Susan at 334-6641 if you need an ad form or have any questions.

LODGE NEWS

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Please keep the lodge in mind when you do your Christmas shopping this year. All the Italian Christmas ornaments and other items that we had for sale at the Italian Festivals this summer are now available year-round in our lodge website's online gift shop.

We also have golf shirts, sweatshirts and baseball caps available with the lodge name embroidered on them. All are available in black or white and the golf shirts are also available in purple, which is the official color of OSIA.

Please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery and order early for Christmas!

www.SonsOfItalyRochester.com

Sister Jennifer Rubé, Chairperson

The lodge website is getting hits from all over the world! In the past month we have had people looking at it from Italy, Russia, Brazil and over a dozen US states. If you have not looked at it recently, please check it out and leave us a note in the guestbook so we know you've stopped by.

If you have pictures taken at any lodge events and can email them to us to use online, please send them to information@sonsofitalyrochester.com or send photos to President Joe and we will scan them for the site.

2008 AWARD WINNERS

Woman of the Year
Honorable Gail Donofrio

Entertainers of the Year
Silvano Deritis & Joanne Iacchetta
of the music group Souvenir

Family of the Year
The DiNolfo Family
Cheryl, Vincent & children

Life Time Achievement
TBA

FESTA ITALIANA 2008

Sister Jennifer Rubé, Chairperson

This year's festival was a great success for the lodge. With lots of help from our membership we had two exciting weekends. Between the festival in Geneva and the festival here in Rochester, we raised almost \$600 for the lodge scholarship fund.

We've already decided that we'd like to do next year's festival at the IACC in Rochester and will be looking for volunteers again. Please plan to join us and help to raise money for a very worthy cause.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Italian Carousel with Joe Capogreco, the 40 year-old radio program heard every Sunday on WROC 950 AM is taking a hiatus this Fall to make way for **NFL Buffalo Bills 2008** pre-game programming.

On the weeks during the NFL season when the Buffalo Bills are not playing on Sunday (9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 11/16, 12/7, & 12/21), they will be on the air LIVE at their new time 8:00 am until 10:00 am. Archives of previous programs will still be available online at www.italiancarousel.net.

Some of our members have noted that even in Italy they are not hearing traditional Italian music and Italian visitors to Rochester are very impressed with **Carosello Italiano** so tune in Sunday mornings for a taste of Italy in Rochester.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **September 11, 2008**
General Assembly Meeting
7:00PM - Casa Italiana
- **October 2, 2008**
Board Meeting
7:00PM – Bill Gray's
- **October 9, 2008**
General Assembly Meeting
7:00PM - Casa Italiana
- **October 11, 2008**
Columbus Day Parade
11:30AM – Tony Palucci, Chairperson
- **October 18, 2008**
Columbus Day Dinner Dance
6:00PM
- **November 6, 2008**
Board Meeting
7:00PM – Bill Gray's
- **November 12, 2008**
Turkey Raffle Dinner
5PM – St Cecelia Community Ctr
- **December 14, 2008**
Lodge Christmas Party
TBA – Vazanna's, Chairpersons

TURKEY RAFFLE 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. There will be a Turkey Raffle, and 50/50 also will be a part of the evening fun. We need to raise monies for the club, and hopefully we can put together at least 50 people to enjoy this evening. Pat Gambacurto. will perform an accordion/sinaina and fun show for us at 7pm. I know you will enjoy her

MEMBER NEWS

Welcome Back

The lodge members wish to welcome Brother Henry DiNardo back to Rochester as he permanently moves back from Florida. Brother Henry will make his residence at the Legacy at Willow Pond. Give him a call to say hello at 678-4698. Brother Henry we look forward to seeing you at our meetings and upcoming events!!

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.