



"The Roar of the Lion"

Jennifer Rubé, editor
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Saturday October 10th

Join fellow lodge members and the rest of the Italian-American community as we paint downtown Rochester in the colors of our Italian Heritage.

The Vincent Lombardi Lodge will once again decorate our vehicles with colors, magnets and signs. This is our first chance during Italian Heritage and Culture month where we can show our pride in being Americans with our family roots in Italy. If you would like to join the fun, please call Brother Tony Palucci at 586-8637 so we know how many to expect.

Monday October 12th

ITALIAN CIVIC LEAGUE

Presents

69th Annual Luncheon

to honor

CHRISTOFORO COLUMBO

Flag Raising Ceremony 11:15am

Luncheon 11:30am

Diplomat Banquet Center

1956 Lyell Avenue

Rochester NY

Call the Diplomat for reservations at 585-647-1566

Friday October 16th

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS DINNER DANCE

Come join us for our biggest event of the year!

Diplomat Banquet Center
Friday October 16th, 2009
6:00PM

Live Entertainment by Tom Monte

Awards & Scholarships

50/50 Super Colossal Raffle

Reservation Cards & Raffle Tickets
Available for individuals or by table
Call Susan at 334-6641

Sunday November 1st

Wineries of Seneca Lake

Sons of Italy Fall Bus Trip

The next best thing to the wine regions of Italy

Join fellow lodge members as we take a wine tasting tour of four wineries on Seneca Lake!

\$69 per person

includes

- Round trip motor coach transportation
- Wine tastings at four wineries
- Catered lunch at the Geneva Sons Of Italy Lodge

Reservations & Information:

Linda Agnello @ 288-4234

**WE NEED RESERVATIONS RIGHT
AWAY!**

October 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For those of Italian descent, the month of October brings with it a sense of pride in our heritage. I write this letter to you from the Jersey Shore where I finally have had a chance to do some non-medical reading. This past month we were all invited to attend a book signing by Domenic J. Pulera, author of "*Green, White and Red – the Italian American Success Story*". I saw this advertised by the publisher several months ago and obtained a copy at that time and this was my chosen reading for vacation time "at the Shore".

I hope many of you took the opportunity to listen to the talk, meet the author at the IACC book signing and get your copy of this wonderful book. I have read it and found it an excellent source of information about what our ancestors had to endure in coming to America. It also talks about the great achievements made by them and their families which enabled many of us to achieve goals in this wonderful country that our forbearers dreamed of but were never sure could be accomplished. This book is a compilation of stories about many people in different parts of the country.

Fellow lodge member, Joe Capogreco is mentioned on several pages and I learned some things about Brother Joe and his wife and family and about Rochester itself that I didn't know, but that certainly didn't surprise me. Brother Ed Maruggi is also quoted in the book.

I'm sure we all have stories that we have been told about our ancestors and if not, if someone in the family is still alive to tell them, we should seek them out and write them down for our children's sake. They may not show their interest now, but someday in the future they may come to us and ask us questions about those that came before us.

Let this month be an incentive to all our lodge members to document their family stories so that they may be preserved for future generations. Nancy and I have done quite a bit of family research but with the passing this year of my father's younger brother at age ninety three and his cousin in Buffalo at age eighty two, we have now lost them as valuable resources for information about their parents, who were the first of our family to come to this country. Pride in our heritage is a great motivator and in October we celebrate in many ways.

These celebrations will include our Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance where we honor members of our community who are of Italian descent and their accomplishments and our scholarships that are given to high school seniors of Italian descent. As a lodge we will join together with multiple other Italian American organizations in the Columbus Day Parade and show our pride in our heritage.

Nancy and I wish all our members as well as their families health and happiness. Our prayers and sympathy go out to all who have had illness or death in the family.

Sincerely,

Brother Joe Rubé

Wednesday November 11th

**9th Annual
Turkey Raffle Dinner**

**St. Cecelia's Church
Newcomb Friendship Center
2732 Culver Road**

Tickets are \$17 per person

**Turkey Raffle – Live Entertainment –
Door Prizes
Catered Roast Beef Dinner**

**Everyone is welcome!
Please contact Jen Gugino for more
information at 482-4067**

Special flyers and Raffle Tickets will be mailed to all lodge members this month with information about prizes and entertainment.

Thursday December 10th

**CHRISTMAS
ITALIAN STYLE**

Join us at the December General Assembly Meeting where we will be selling Italian-themed Christmas ornaments and other Italian gifts just in time for Christmas!

~!~ Lodge Fundraiser~!~

- **Italian Gifts**
- **Ornaments**
- **Aprons & Baby Bibs**
- **Jewelry**
- **Keychains**
- **Baseball Caps**

Much More !

For more information,
please call Jennifer at 381-5540

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **October 8, 2009** – 7PM – Sons of Italy General Assembly Meeting and New Member Induction (info: Jennifer 381-5540)
- **October 10, 2009**
Columbus Day Parade – 11:00AM -
Downtown Rochester
- **October 12, 2009** – 12noon – Diplomat Banquet Center - Columbus Day Luncheon
- **October 16, 2009** – 6PM
Sons of Italy – Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance (info: Susan 334-6641)
- **November 1, 2009** – 9AM – Sons of Italy Bus Tour to the Wineries of Seneca Lake – includes lunch. (info: Linda 288-4234)
- **November 11th, 2009** – 5:30PM - Sons of Italy Annual “Papa Tony’s Turkey Raffle Dinner” at St Cecelia’s Community Center. (Info: Jennie 482-4067)
- **December 13, 2009** – 11AM - Casa Italiana – Christmas season Mass in Italian at Linehan Chapel (info: 389-2468)
- **December 19, 2009** – 6:30PM – Sons of Italy Christmas Party at the Eagles’ Club on Buffalo Road

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday wishes go out to....

October

10/01 Ann Vazzana
10/06 Raymond DiVasto
10/14 Anthony Strati
10/21 Philip Dattilo
10/22 Joseph DiPasquale
10/30 Mary Delman

NEW SCHOLARSHIP

We would like to thank all of the past recipients of lodge honors for supporting a new project this year. Sister Jen Gugino has proposed a new scholarship funded by donations from past award honorees and we are pleased to announce that this project has been overwhelmingly supported by those people.

We will be giving this scholarship starting next year in 2010 and because of the response from everyone, we hope to continue this in the future with your help. Thank you to everyone that sent in donations!

ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

The next general assembly meeting will be held on Thursday October 8th, 2009 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.