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Dear Brothers, Sisters,

August 2010

As I sit here in my office writing this letter to you, I am listening to some old Italian songs on my computer, sent to me by email from my wife. It brings back memories of our four and a half years living in Bologna Italy while I was attending medical school there. That was back in the 1960's when the only thing you could get on TV was soccer and musical shows like the San Remo Festival. There was one station – RAI – and that was all. Now we listen to RAI Internazionale on TV in our homes here and to our very own Joe Capogreco on the radio where we hear all those old songs plus the new music of today. Like food and family, music is so very important in our lives and like our Italian connection through our families and genealogy, it reminds us of how the music is so timeless.

I have to say that the Festa Italiana held at the IACC improves with every year. Our own fundraising tent was very successful – my thanks to Sister Jennifer for making it possible – I know how many hours she put into finding some unique items and getting the merchandise ready to sell. We all thank those members who came out to help setting up and closing down, selling, schmoozing and promoting our lodge. Thank you also to Brother Ed Maruggi for again supplying us with his books, for being available to autograph them for our customers, and for donating the profits from his book sales to our lodge. For those of you who missed it, the variety of foods and the music were excellent. The music tent closest to our booth was for the younger set with more popular music and the main tent had more traditional Italian music. On Sunday the kids came for traditional music and dancing. For me, I always come back to the music. We provided some Italian and Sicilian music at our own tent – thanks to Brother Sal Cutaia for bringing his lively Sicilian CDs for us to enjoy – and our workers and customers would dance while looking around, buying and selling our merchandise.

I expect that you have all received your issue of the Golden Lion newspaper with an excellent summary of the state convention. Keep this in mind when considering running for lodge delegate this coming year. The conventions are a lot of fun and very educational.

Our next social event is our annual Summer Picnic being held on Sunday August 29th at the Bramen Post American Legion building on Penfield Road. I'm hoping that we have a very good turnout for this and that you will bring your children and grandchildren or friends, along with your dish to pass around. Brothers Pat Sculli and Tony Palucci are looking for help getting set up but they are mostly asking for early responses so that they can organize the menu and make sure all supplies are taken care of. If you're not up to cooking for the picnic, please consider signing up to bring paper products, condiments and other necessary items that will keep our costs down.

After about a year (or more) of investigating the ins and outs of applying for a Not For Profit 501 (c) 3 status for our lodge, we will be starting the dialogue about the value of this for our lodge at this month's board meeting. If all goes well we will bring a recommendation the General Assembly meeting next week. We value everyone's input as there are a variety of pros and cons to be

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considered. We need to be sure that our decisions are based on what is best for the lodge and our members as a whole. My thanks to Sisters Jen Rubé and Susan Berta and to Brother Lou DeCarolis for taking the time from their busy schedules to learn from our consultants Jennifer Arbore and our own Franklin D'Aurizio. There is no rush to get this done, but we now understand that the process takes much longer than it used to – possibly up to a year.

We are thankful that Brother Joe Vazzana is doing very well after his surgery and we are hopeful that any other members or their families that have weathered surgery or illness are recuperating well.

Please don't forget to go out and get those ads for our ad book. I also encourage anyone who wants to write or submit something for the newsletter to please contact Sister Jen Rubé. She is always looking for more information to add, as long as there is room and it is appropriate for our members.

For those members who may have an interest in helping on any of our committees please contact the committee chairperson.

Buon estate e buon salute a tutti.

Fraternally,

Joe Rubé
President

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

Sunday August 29th
1PM - ?

\$10 Per person
with a dish to pass
Children Under 12 FREE

American Legion – Bramen Post – 1707 Penfield Road

Info: Pat Sculli @ 340-6639

RSVP & Payment to Susan Berta @ 10 Debran Rd, Henrietta NY 14467 by August 20th
Please make checks out to Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270

NAME: _____ Number Attending: _____ Adults _____ Children Under 12

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

I will be bringing: _____ Rolls _____ Salad _____ Side Dish _____ Soft Drinks _____ Dessert

_____ Condiments _____ Paper Goods Other: _____



"The Roar of the Lion"

Jennifer Rubé, editor
August 2010

FESTA ITALIANA

As chairperson for our annual Festa Italiana fundraiser, I'd like to thank all of the people who came and helped out this year. We had a lot of volunteers and I don't want to risk forgetting to thank anyone. I would especially like to thank those that came to help set up and those that stayed until midnight to help President Joe make sure the tent was securely closed up for the night. For anyone looking for a good stock tip – think DUCT TAPE – because we certainly used a lot of it.

The weather was beautiful – hot but not too hot, with a gentle (sometimes) breeze blowing. All the storms predicted for that weekend somehow managed to skirt right around the festival.

Not only did we make a lot of money for the lodge, but we had fun doing it. With a little musical help from President Joe and Brother Sal, our salespeople were dancing in the booth and a couple even joined in singing. I'm not sure there was any other booth there where the workers seemed to be having as much fun as we did.

To me, having fun at these events is just as important as the money we raise. A lot of our newer members came out and I saw some deep discussions going on between members, both old and new. OSIA is all about family and when our members get together for things such as the Festa, our picnic, dinner dances or anything else our lodge does, we truly are a family.

For those that inquired about some of the OSIA merchandise we had for sale, I will enclose more information on that in the September newsletter. Remember, we can get shirts and sweatshirts with our lodge name on them and this year I think we will be able to get jackets. Stay tuned for more information on all of this and think CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!

Thank you, Jennifer Rubé

COLUMBUS DINNER DANCE

The Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance (CCDD) is fast approaching and invitations will be mailed in August so watch your mail for all of the exciting details. We have a beautiful new venue for the dinner dance with a delicious new menu for the evening including Chicken French. We are delighted to bring Len Hawley back for your listening and dancing pleasure and we promise more dance time this year!! Please note that the Super Colossal 50/50 raffle will take place again this year and information and raffle tickets will be included in the CCDD mailing. We hope you plan to join us for this wonderful affair where we will honor the following special Italian Americans who make Rochester great:

Life Time Achievement	Joseph Capogreco
Humanitarian of the Year	Peter Carpino
Advancement of the Arts	Marc Iacona
Woman of the Year	Roseann Magliossi-Lackey

In addition we will award two scholarships to deserving Italian American high school graduating seniors. It is a wonderful evening of celebration and festivity so come join us and show the strength and solidarity of our great lodge.

SOUVENIR AD BOOK

This is one of our biggest fund raiser activities for the lodge and we need everyone to help us make this year's ad book bigger and better than ever. If you, one of your children or grandchildren, a relative, neighbor or friend has a business, reach out to ask if they would like to support our ad book by taking an ad. If you frequent a certain merchant i.e. hair dresser, barber, tailor etc ask them if they would like to support our efforts. It is a win/win situation as we benefit from the ad donation to assist us with our scholarship fund and other charities and the ad taker has a beautiful, reasonably priced advertisement shared with the several hundred people who attend our annual dinner dance. Please contact me for an order form and cover letter or for further information - Susan Berta 585-334-6641

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **August 5th, 2010** - 12noon – IASC Thursday Luncheon (info: 464-9160)
- **August 8th, 2010** – 1:00PM - IACC Ferragosto Picnic (info: 594-8882)
- **August 11th, 2010** – 12noon – IACC Wednesday Luncheon (info: 594-8882)
- **August 5th, 2010** - 12noon – IASC Thursday Luncheon (info: 464-9160)
- **August 25th, 2010** - 12noon – IACC Wednesday Luncheon (info: 594-8882)
- **August 26th, 2010** – 12noon – IASC Fundraising Luncheon for the Columbus Day Parade (info: 464-9160)
- **August 27th, 2010** – 6:00PM – IACC Sagra Della Miseria e Nobilita (info: 594-8882)
- **August 29th, 2010** – Sons of Italy Summer Picnic (info: Pat Sculli - 340-6639)
- **September 12th, 2010** – 12noon – Diplomat Banquet Center (info:)
- **October 9th, 2010** – 11am – 4th Annual Columbus Day Parade (info:)
- **October 15th, 2010** – 6:00PM – IACC – Sons of Italy Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance (info: 334-6641)
- **November 2010 (date to be announced)** – Sons of Italy Turkey Raffle Dinner
- **December 2010 (date to be announced)** – Sons of Italy Christmas Party

SUNSHINE CORNER

If you know of any lodge members who are ill or could use cheering up, please let Corresponding Secretary, Sister Ann Vazzana know at 224-8907.

NEW MEMBERS

If you know of someone of Italian American descent, or someone that is married to an Italian American, that would be interested in joining our lodge, please contact President Joe at 461-1181 or Joseph.Rube@RochesterGeneral.org for membership applications.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

08/11 Joseph Vazzana
08/11 Thomas Vazzana
08/12 Linda Agnello
08/12 Jerry Griffo
08/13 Louis Giambra
08/14 Francis (Frank) Affronti
08/22 Ross Battaglia
08/28 Lillian Siracuse
08/31 Joseph Rubé

ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

The next general assembly meeting will be held on Thursday August 12th, 2010 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.

Find us on the web at www.sonsofitalyrochester.com or join our group on Facebook by searching “sons of Italy”

ITALIAN-AMERICAN NEWS

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

As the District 8 Representative to the CSJ, I do my best to keep our members up to date on those issues affecting all of us in the Italian American Community.

Jennifer Rubé

NYS REGENTS LANGUAGE EXAM

To all –

There is a strong possibility that the NYS Regents exams in all languages including Italian will be eliminated with the exception of French and Spanish. We are in the process of trying to save the Advanced Placement test in Italian. If students who are seeking a Regents diploma cannot take an Italian Regents, they might opt to take the language that will give them regents credits.

Letters have gone out to all Lodge Presidents and State officers to encourage members to email the attached letter or a facsimile to the Board of Regents members and our state legislators to retain the Italian Regents.

Please do whatever you can to email this letter and encourage members, family and friends to also do so. Thank you.

Stella Grillo, President
NYS CSJ (OSIA)
stelgri@aol.com

NOTE TO LODGE MEMBERS – I will post the letter on the lodge website so that you can copy it from there. If you do not have internet service let me know and I will put a copy in the mail for you. If you know our local Italian politicians, use your voice and tell them that this is a bad idea for our children! The continuation of our heritage and traditions depends on the younger generations learning more about their ancestors and what they brought to this country.

Jennifer

AUTISM NEWS

WASHINGTON, DC, July 28, 2010 - The Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA), through its philanthropic arm the Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF), will join the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism, Inc. in its mission to promote awareness and improve the quality of life for individuals with autism and their families.

"We are extremely enthusiastic about this partnership," said OSIA National Executive Director Dr. Philip Piccigallo. "The Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation was selected as a recipient of the Sons of Italy's philanthropic efforts for its mission of supporting families affected by autism spectrum disorders and its national reputability."

The Sons of Italy has also committed its support to the *Fondazione Il Cireneo Onlus per L'Autismo*, a school for children with autism in L'Aquila, Italy, which was devastated by the April 2009 earthquake. In September, approximately \$235,000 will be presented to *Fondazione Il Cireneo Onlus* for rebuilding efforts.

Autism is a complex neurodevelopment disorder that affects approximately 1.5 million people in the United States. "The prevalence of autism is on the rise in the United States, and we know we can be an effective partner in supporting efforts to improve the lives of people with autism and their loved ones," explained Carol DiTrapani, chair of the OSIA committee that will focus on fundraising efforts to support autism services and programs.

The Doug Flutie Jr., Foundation joins the Sons of Italy's list of esteemed philanthropic partners, which includes the Alzheimer's Association, the American Cancer Society / Coaches vs. Cancer, and the Cooley's Anemia Foundation. Established in 1959, the SIF has contributed more than \$110 million to medical research and support, scholarships, cultural preservation, disaster relief, and other projects. To learn more or donate to the SIF's fund for the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation, visit www.osia.org/sif.



Our Excellent Sales Team Friday Evening
Eunice, Joe D, Tom and Mary

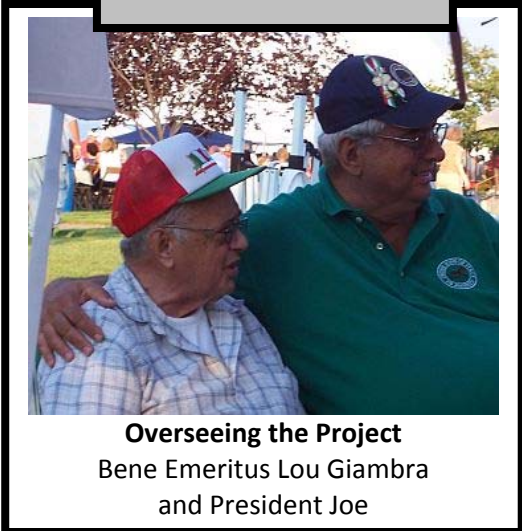


More of Our Excellent Friday Evening Sales Team
Sal, Nancy, Russ and Jennie

**FESTA ITALIANA
2010**



**Enjoying
the Beautiful Weather**
Shirley



Overseeing the Project
Bene Emeritus Lou Giambra
and President Joe



The Author is in the House!
Ed Maruggi



**Don't Forget the
Columbus Day Parade**
Vince G.



**Please Don't Ask for a Translation
of My Apron**
Joe D.



Our Festival Fundraising Tent

FESTA ITALIANA 2010



A Fantastic Saturday Evening Sales Team

Joe B (District 8 Trustee)

Ross & Bonnie and
Susan (Tresurer)



Enjoying a Beautiful Evening Outdoors

Lou and Joe D



Saturday Morning



Gelato!

Ross and Bonnie



Friday Evening Fun Under the Lights

Sal, Joe D and President Joe



Friday Evening Under the Stars

Nancy, Jennifer and Sal

ITALIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

IACC WEDNESDAY LUNCH

Wednesday August 11th

Come join your fellow lodge members
For lunch at the Italian American Community Center

\$13 per person

Anti pasto, pasta w/sauce, oven fried chicken, roasted potatoes,
vegetables, salad, sweets & coffee

Please RSVP so that we can let them know to reserve tables for our lodge members
Jennifer @ 381 – 5540 or jennajlr@aol.com

If you would like to attend but need transportation, please let us know so we can try to find you a ride

If enough people are interested, we will alternate months between the IACC and the IASC

COLUMBUS DAY PARADE

FUNDRAISER LUNCH

Thursday August 26th

Come join your fellow lodge members
For lunch at the Italian American Sport Club

\$13 per person

Anti pasto, pasta w/sauce, main entree
vegetables, salad, sweets & wine

Please RSVP so that we can let them know to reserve tables for our lodge members
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