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March 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

February is certainly coming to an end with a bang and I hope all the snow lovers are enjoying this. I'm reminded about the infamous "Ice Storm" and then of the recent disaster in Haiti. We are indeed very fortunate.

In last year's March newsletter I wrote about how fortunate I was to have such very positive support from all of you as I took office as President of the Lodge and the new Board was installed. We have had a VERY successful year - every event was very successful, culminating in the Valentine's fundraiser at Midvale with our charity -Gift of Sight - to receive \$500. We also have collected money for Cooley's Anemia and soon plan to do some fundraising for Alzheimer's. Our members and friends have been very generous in helping us support these very worthy causes. Another benefit from the success of our events this past year has been the establishment of a second Lodge sponsored scholarship. We have initiated several new members; most recently Rosita Caridi-Miller and at our next General Assembly meeting we will be initiating another four new members. This past year's success is ALL thanks to our Lodge membership and I do thank you all.

At our last General Assembly meeting we elected Susan Berta, Jennifer Rubé and Anne Vazzana as our Lodge's Delegates to the State Convention at the Villa Roma in June - all very worthy of representing you. To those who were not elected and any member interested, we hope that you will still join us at the Villa Roma to experience what will be a very enjoyable event.

We thank Brother Lou DeCarolis for taking on the Trustee position on the Board. His experience and participation will be valuable as we move forward. I did also mention at the last meeting that we would be revisiting the issue of our Tax Exempt Status in the next few months - and Lou's experience with the process as well as Frank D'Aurizio's will be very helpful. Anyone else interested in participating should let me know.

Soon we will need to select those who will be our honorees at the Columbus Day Dinner Dance. Anyone having a potential nominee should let the committee know through Sister Eunice or myself as soon as possible. We ask that you put your nomination in writing with a short bio on the potential nominee and your reason(s) for the nomination. There are a few suggested pre requisites including being of Italian descent, and having done something special - look at the list of previous honorees and you will easily understand. Think about your fellow Lodge members. Every nominee will be presented to the committee before being announced to them or the membership.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to those who have been ill. Please remember our deceased also - especially Dr. and Mrs. Ninfo who both passed away within a short time of each other earlier this year. I also hope that all of you will participate in the Feast of St Joseph, celebrated March 19th with the St. Joseph's Table - a very important Italian Feast - AND Father's Day in Italy.

Fraternally, Brother Joe Rubé'

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“The Roar of the Lion”

Jennifer Rubé, editor
March 2010

FREE MOVIE SHOWING!

Come Join Us For

“UNCLE NINO”

Saturday March 6th
2:00PM
Casa Italiana

FREE ADMISSION
(donations accepted)

We are looking for help setting up the room for the movie – if you can be there by 1:30PM to help set up, please let us know.

Because of limited seating capacity, please call Jennifer at 381-5540 and let her know you're coming. Family and friends are welcome to join us!

Joe Montegna, Ann Archer
Pierrino Mascarino

An elderly Italian peasant, Uncle Nino comes to America for the first time to spend some time with his nephew and his family. With his violin, a suitcase full of homemade wine, and a photo of his hero, Abraham Lincoln, Nino expects to be embraced by the country of his dreams. What he discovers instead is a place of take-out food, manicured lawns, processed vegetables, and a barely communicative family caught up in lives of multi-tasking. Uncle Nino teaches this dysfunctional Americanized family the values of his culture and helps bring them back together.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Rosita Caridi-Miller who was inducted into our lodge at the February General Assembly Meeting. Rosita is a caterer and owner of Cibi deliziosi of Mendon. Rosita was sponsored by Sister Elizabeth Osta.

At the March General Assembly Meeting we will be inducting four new members. Frank and Stacy Romeo are sponsored by Brother Peter Maddelena. Tom and Stacey Avangelista are sponsored by Brother Ross Battaglia.

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

CASINO FUN!

We are looking into organizing a day out with lunch and a visit to one of the local casinos. Join fellow lodge members as we beat the Winter blues!

If you are interested in more information on this event, please contact Jennifer at 381-5540.



VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

2010 NYS CONVENTION

Elections were held at the last General Assembly Meeting and this year's delegates will be Susan Berta, Jennifer Rubé and Ann Vazzana in addition to President Joe Rubé and Immediate Past President Joe Vazzana.

June 3rd - 6th, 2010

We have already had quite a lot of interest from lodge members who want to attend the Convention as guests and we're waiting for more information from the Grand Lodge. If you are considering joining us at Villa Roma that weekend, please make sure to let President Joe know so that we can be sure you are kept up to date on details. We hope to have more details concerning cost and a schedule of events in March and we'll be sure to forward this information to anyone who lets us know they are interested in going. We have also had some interest in carpooling so please let us know if you are interested in attending.

Lodge members attending the Convention as guests will be able to sit in on all convention meetings. They will also be able to sit with lodge delegates for meals and will be included in all activities including concerts, dances, entertainment, etc. Villa Roma is a resort with gaming facilities, a sports complex and plenty of activities planned etc – literally something for everyone!

Please make sure that your records are updated with the correct address for lodge correspondence.

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ST JOSEPH'S DAY

From mangiabene pasta.com

St. Joseph, who is the patron saint of the family, is celebrated at the Spring solstice and his day is a feast of bread.

At one time, the Feast of San Giuseppe, as he is called in Italy, was an Italian national holiday.

St. Joseph's feast day is still celebrated with families gathering together to create enormous buffets for neighbors and friends. The table is said to overflow with an abundance of food that the Father of the Holy Family provides.

The centerpiece of St. Joseph's Day festivities is an alter laid with fine linens and decorated with flowers and decorative breads in the shape of things of nature.

In America, the festival is like a giant potluck dinner, but the dishes served are similar to those eaten in Italy - from fried croquettes of fish, sardines, shrimp, and calamari to stuffed artichokes, spring vegetable frittatas and fava bean soup.

But in America, as in Italy, a highlight of the meal is the special sweets that are prepared.

Although the names and shapes of these hot delicate fritters differ from region to region, they are as much associated with St. Joseph's Day as turkey is to Thanksgiving. They are usually called zeppole or frittelle when unfilled. When the pastries are filled with a sweetened ricotta or custard they may change their name to cassateddi, sfinci, or bigne. In some areas the zeppole are made of rice while in others they are based on flour.

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **March 4, 2010** – 12Noon – IASC Club Luncheon (info: 464-9160)
- **March 4, 2010** – 7:00PM – Casa Italiana – OSIA Board Meeting
- **March 6, 2010** – 2:00PM – Casa Italiana – OSIA Movie Day – “Uncle Nino” (info: Jennifer 381-5540)
- **March 7, 2010** – 12Noon – Padre Pio – Pasta Dinner at Mama Rosa’s Restaurant (info: 594-5220)
- **March 10, 2010** – 12Noon – IACC Luncheon (info: 594-8882)
- **March 11, 2010** – 7:00PM – Casa Italiana – OSIA General Assembly Meeting
- **March 15, 2010** – 3:00PM – IACC – 12th Annual St. Joseph’s Table & Mass (Info: 594-8882)
- **March 18, 2010** – 12Noon – IASC Club Luncheon (info: 464-9160)
- **March 20, 2010** – 6:30PM – IASC - Fish Dinner (info: Rino 544-9432)
- **March 24, 2010** – 12Noon – IACC Luncheon (info: 594-8882)
- **March 28, 2010** – 10:00AM – IACC – Easter Egg Hunt (info: 594-8882)
- **April 1, 2010** – 12Noon – IASC Club Luncheon (info: 464-9160)
- **April 1, 2010** – 7:00PM – Casa Italiana – OSIA Board Meeting
- **April 7, 2010** – 12Noon – IACC Luncheon (info: 594-8882)
- **April 8, 2010** – 7:00PM – Casa Italiana – OSIA General Assembly Meeting
- **April 15, 2010** – 12Noon – IASC Club Luncheon (info: 464-9160)
- **April 17, 2010** – 2:00PM – Casa Italiana – OSIA Movie Day – “The Golden Door” (info: Jennifer 585.381.5540)
- **April 21, 2010** – 12Noon – IACC Luncheon (info: 594-8882)
- **April 29, 2010** – 12Noon – IASC Club Luncheon (info: 464-9160)

March BIRTHDAYS

March

03/04	Mary Stewart
03/07	Marie DiGiacomo
03/11	John Manion
03/22	Stacy DeCarlo Avangelista
03/26	Marcella Cavalier
03/28	Flora Fustaino
03/28	Raymond Piarulli
03/30	Shirley Sculli
03/31	Donald Mark

Your February 2010 newsletter printed at no charge because we had so many cartridges turned in for credit. Thank you to all the members who have donated their printer cartridges to help us keep printing costs down. When we turn them in, we get \$3 for each cartridge back in credit towards printing our newsletters!

ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

The next general assembly meeting will be held on Thursday March 11th, 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.

VALENTINE'S DINNER FUNDRAISER

As chairperson of the Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser, I would like to thank everyone that helped to make this event such a success. When I first proposed this idea there was some question as to whether or not we could pull it off with such short notice but we did. Forty-three lodge members, family and friends enjoyed a beautiful evening of great food, great music and most importantly, great company at Midvale Country Club. Many of our own members, as well as others in the Rochester community, donated items for our raffle that evening and this was also a big success.

This event was a fundraiser for the Gift of Sight which is a Sons of Italy program that helps people with visual impairments. The program donates to research, sponsors a guide dog every year and helps people with funding and equipment. From the beginning, my dream for this event was to raise \$500 for this event and I'm pleased to announce that not only did we meet my dream goal but we exceeded it by raising over \$700 overall.

At the NYS OSIA Convention at Villa Roma in June, we will be announcing a donation of \$500 to the Gift of Sight program. The remaining money has been donated to our own lodge to be used for future activities for our members or donations to other charities. For those that aren't aware of it, our lodge makes many donations throughout the year to various charitable organizations both in the local and national communities and also through the State Grand Lodge.

Congratulations to everyone that won prizes during the event. I was going to try and name everyone but I know I will forget someone so I sincerely want to thank you all for your support. Gift of Sight has helped several of our lodge members in recent years and this is our chance to "give back".

