



## ROCHESTER VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270, INC.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May 2010

The month of May brings with it thoughts of being able to spend more time outdoors with our families and friends. Each of our clubs/organizations is making plans for an array of different events. Already I am hearing about the conflicts with dates for their summer picnics and other events.

Recently, I was at a function where we - members of different Italian American organizations - discussed the issues of Unity within our Italian American Community. There are some events being planned that certainly lend themselves to bringing ourselves as well as our families together, members and non members, to experience the sense of pride we all share for those who preceded us and took advantage of the opportunities that were offered to our ancestors not only in this country but also back in Italy. Events like the celebration of the FESTA DELLA REPUBBLICA being held at the IACC and sponsored by the Sicilian Sports Club, FESTA ITALIANA 2010 to be held June 16 – 18 on the grounds of, and organized by, the Italian American Community Center. Then comes the COLUMBUS DAY PARADE which is sponsored by the Italian Civic League and organized by the Columbus Day Parade Committee involving multiple organizations. Between each individual organization and those mentioned here, there is an abundance of opportunities to share our heritage with family and friends.

Let us not forget also LA FESTA DELLA MAMMA celebrated May 9th, a day that transcends nationality but another occasion where we, as a family, come together to celebrate and honor our mothers and the mothers of our children.

Through the efforts of our Columbus Day Dinner Dance Chairwoman as well as members of our lodge, we will be honoring four very deserving members of our community, all of whom are outstanding not only as to what they have done to deserve the honor but for how very much they do and give back to our community. This year we will be giving Man of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, Woman of the Year and Advancement of the Arts awards. We are still waiting for confirmation from one of them so names will be announced at the General Assembly Meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup> and published in the June newsletter.

We have received requests from several of our newer members to get more involved in the planning and organization of some of our upcoming events and perhaps some new ones. This is very encouraging and I imagine that all of our current Chairpersons will be very happy to bring them on board and share their knowledge and expertise with someone who will take on the chair position when the appropriate time comes. ANCORA IMPARO - we are still learning.

May you all have a wonderful summer filled with happiness and good health.

Fraternally yours, Joe Rubé



## "The Roar of the Lion"

Jennifer Rubé, editor  
May 2010

### Dominic J. Pulera, Author

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, several lodge members joined a discussion group with famed international author, Dominic J. Pulera. The discussion was about what is good and what is bad about living in the United States of America. Members left with much to think about and the author's comment was that this group was one of his most vocal and participative groups that he had encountered on his speaking tour.

What do you feel is the best thing about living here in the USA?



Left to Right: Lodge President Joe Rubé, Jennifer Rubé, Patricia Galante, Joe Galante, Ed Maruggi, Joe Capogreco and author Dominic J. Pulera.

### 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](mailto:Joseph.Rube@RochesterGeneral.org) for membership applications.

**Please add the following information to your 2010 Lodge Contact List:**

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Rochester, New York 14617  
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Rochester, New York 14617  
585-785-8096

### 2010 NYS CONVENTION

June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Applications have been turned in for the NYS Convention. So far, in addition to our delegates, the Agnellos, Galantes and Nancy Rubé will be attending as guests.

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.

Look for all the latest Lodge News on our website at [www.sonsofitalyrochester.com](http://www.sonsofitalyrochester.com)  
Or search for us on Facebook by typing in Sons of Italy Rochester.

# ITALIAN-AMERICAN NEWS

From i-Italy.org...

## **Saving "Our Lady Of Loreto." Italian Americans and African Americans Join Forces in Protest**

On March 26th, the front page of The *New York Times* online edition presented the case of the "Our Lady Of Loreto" church in Brooklyn. Residents have long been fighting the decision of the Diocese to demolish this historical monument, built by Italian immigrants in the early 1900s, in order to build in its place low income housing. We had published a story in January 2009, suggesting that the NYT look into it more closely.

Our article, written by Joey Skee, reviewed the issue giving plenty of historical and cultural detail; it also hinted that the weakness of the local residents' protest could be explained not only in ethnic-political terms (that is, as a sign of weakness of the Italian American community) but also as the consequence of low rates of church attendance by the local Catholics – the majority of whom now are Latinos, Haitian Americans, and others. Over the years, this led to the site's increasing disuse, which "transformed it into a dead place, a spent memorial to an Italian-American past."

Now that the Italian-American and African-American communities are joining forces in their protest to convert the church into a much needed neighborhood cultural center, we believe that is incumbent on all of us to gather our resources. In so doing, we have decided to re-publish our previous article together with a Facebook message from Senator Diane Savino urging everybody to join the battle.

For more information, follow the link: <http://www.i-italy.org/13727/saving-our-lady-loreto-italian-americans-and-african-americans-join-forces-protest>

## OSIA NATIONAL COOKBOOK

National OSIA is planning to publish a cookbook with recipes from our OSIA members throughout the country. The target date for publication is September 2010. Get out those family cookbooks and submit an Italian recipe that is special to your family. Forms are available at [www.nysosia.org](http://www.nysosia.org) or from President Joe. Don't forget – it needs to be an Italian recipe.

## OSIA VETERAN'S JOURNAL

The Grand Lodge of NY is producing a souvenir journal for the Convention, which will be held in June. It will honor our veterans and those who are currently serving in the military. It will include those veterans who may be deceased and the person being honored does not have to be an OSIA member. It seems like a great way to honor our family members who have made this sacrifice by serving our country.

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We are looking for WINE BOTTLES for an upcoming lodge project. Do you have empty (clean) wine bottles in bright colors or unusual shapes? The labels don't have to be intact.

If you have wine bottles that you would like to donate to the lodge, please bring them to the next meeting or drop them off at President Joe's house. All donations appreciated!



# VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010** – 7:00PM - Casa Italiana – OSIA Board Meeting
- **May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010** – 12Noon – IASC Club Luncheon (info: 464-9160)
- **May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010** – 7:00PM - Casa Italiana – OSIA General Assembly Meeting
- **May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010** - 12Noon – IACC Luncheon (info: 594-8882)
- **May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010** – 12Noon – IASC Club Luncheon (info: 464-9160)
- **June 2, 2010** – 12Noon – IACC Luncheon (info: 594-8882)
- **June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010** – IACC - Festa della Repubblica
- **June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010** – OSIA NYS Convention at Villa Roma
- **June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010** – 7:00PM - Casa Italiana – OSIA General Assembly Meeting
- **June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010** - 12Noon – IACC Luncheon (info: 594-8882)
- **July 16-18<sup>th</sup>, 2010** – Festa Italiana (info: 594-8882)
- **August 2010 (date to be announced)** – Sons of Italy Summer Picnic
- **October 15<sup>th</sup>, 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

## BIRTHDAYS

### May

05/01 Richard Santo  
05/05 Joseph Berta  
05/06 Vincenzo Buonomo  
05/07 Dr Russell Gugino  
05/08 Philip Bellini  
05/12 Mario Daniele  
05/20 Robert Dierna  
05/29 Elvah Trieste  
05/31 Adeline Cimino

## FUNDRAISING

Thank you to Brother Pat & Sister Shirley Sculli and Brother Louis DiCarolis for their recent donations of printer cartridges and rewards points.

Do you get Staples Rewards Coupons or other discounts that you don't use? If so and you would like to donate them to the lodge, please send them to Sister Jennifer Rubé (address on the membership list) or bring to the next lodge meeting. We appreciate all donations!

Your April and May 2010 newsletters 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.

## ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

The next general assembly meeting will be held on Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.