



# The Roar of the Lion

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*Laughter is the best medicine.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Knock knock. Who's there? Witches. Witches who? Witches the way to the store.

Our activities, travels, events, vacations, visits, going out have all been curtailed since March. It sometimes feels as if we cannot find a whole lot that is funny or to even laugh about, but laughter needs to be an integral part of our lives. It's fun to share something funny with family and friends and watch them laugh.

Laughter is strong medicine, and it can actually improve our health. And it can make us feel good, and that positive feeling will remain long after laughter subsides. It can go a long way to making us feel better. Humor helps us keep a positive, optimistic outlook when situations become difficult, with disappointments we hoped not to experience, and loss in whatever form it takes. And laughter is contagious. Hearing someone else laugh even when we don't know the reason will prime our brain and readies us to smile. We want to join in on the fun.

Laughter is innate and inborn. We claim it is "gas" when we hear an infant laugh, but in reality, they begin to smile and laugh with the first few weeks of life. Smiling is the beginning of laughter and is also contagious. Smiling at people we pass in the street or the person serving that great cup of morning coffee, or those we share an office with can have an effect of them.

The great thing about laughter is we can laugh even when we can't find something funny or to even laugh about, known as simulated laughter which can be just as beneficial as the real thing. Sometimes it will even trigger genuine laughter.

Life can bring challenges, even more so than a stay-at-home requirement during a pandemic, which can get the best of us, make us feel deflated, bring on depression, take on a negative attitude, or it can provide us the means to find new solutions and transform it into a positive. Laughter can take us to a higher place where we can view the world and its problems from a different advantage point and perspective, and perhaps come to terms with it and know things will get better.

Joke: Why do golfers have two pairs of pants?

Take care and God Bless,

Marjorie

Answer to joke: In case they get a hole in one.

It's okay to laugh!!!!

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REMINDER: Pie distribution  
Saturday, November 21st  
from 11am to 1pm



## Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 2020 Calendar

November 5th @ 6:30pm: Council Meeting  
November 12th @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

December 3rd @ 6:30pm: Council Meeting  
December 10th @ 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

### NATIONAL OSDIA 2021 GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

National OSDIA has posted its 2021 grants and scholarships to their website, <https://www.osia.org/programs/scholarships/>. There are four scholarships being offered, each with their own criteria as well as general requirements.

Each application must be submitted online and the deadline, unless otherwise stated, is Feb. 28, 2021.

Through the Sons of Italy Foundation® (SIF), and hundreds of thousands of family members located in all fifty states and the District of Columbia, the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America® (OSDIA) has awarded over \$61 million in scholarships to date. In past years, the SIF has offered 10 to 12 merit-based scholarships (National Leadership Grants), ranging from \$4,000 to \$25,000 in a nationwide competition. These figures and the number of scholarships may vary according to funding each year.

General Eligibility: U.S. citizens of Italian descent (at least one Italian or Italian American grandparent) enrolled in a four

year undergraduate program or a graduate program at an accredited academic institution for the Fall 2021 term. Previous SIF scholarship winners are not eligible. Additional eligibility requirements may apply to specific scholarships.

Please see each scholarship description for its specific requirements:

**Henry Salvatori Scholarship**  
**Italian Language Scholarship**  
**National Italian America Bar Association Scholarship (NIABA)**  
**Study Abroad Scholarships**

The following general requirements apply to all scholarships:

**Online application:** All requirements must be uploaded to the online application for each scholarship.

**Transcripts:** For each scholarship, transcripts provided must be through the December 2020 term. All transcripts must be stamped by the institution.

**Processing Fee:** A \$35 nonrefundable processing fee is required with each scholarship application. The fee includes a one-year At-Large Membership to OSDIA, with all At-Large Membership benefits.

The deadline for all scholarships (unless otherwise noted) is February 28, 2021. All requirements for a given scholarship must be met or the application will not be considered. All scholarship materials and completed applications must be submitted online by February 28, 2021.

No exceptions will be made. The SIF takes no responsibility for incomplete or late applications.

Process: Applications are screened by education professionals. Final selection is made by OSDIA's National Scholarship, Education, and Culture Committee. Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 1, 2020. Monetary awards are presented directly to the student's academic institutions in accordance with eligibility requirements.

For more information visit <https://www.osia.org/programs/scholarships/>



11/1: Joseph Valentino  
11/1: Frank D'Aurizio

11/17: Patty Johns  
11/25: Gino Romano



Sending healing thoughts to Sister Mickey Palucci and Brother Hugh Warner, who have had recent hospitalizations, and to all of our members that have been ill or injured.



Congratulations to Sister Kitty and Brother Dave DiNicola on the birth of their grandchild, Mila Harper, born October 13th!



With sincere appreciation for the work done to put together the Vincent Lombardi Lodge page for the NYS Grand Lodge 115th Anniversary Commemorative Journal: Brother Tom Meleca, Sister Marisa Przepiora, Brother Louis DeCarolis



Vincent Lombardi Lodge has mailed to each member the "Heritage Dinner Raffle Ticket". Cost is \$10 for one ticket, \$25 for three, but you can buy more!!! Deadline for entering is December 29th and the drawing will take place at the January 7th Council meeting.

### November 12th Virtual General Assembly Meeting Instructions



Topic: Vincent Lombardi Lodge General Assembly Meeting  
Time: November 12th, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting with the following link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83843817323>

Or Call in using this number:  
+1 646 558 8656

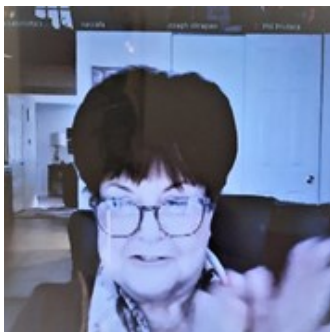
If prompted, use the following meeting ID #  
Meeting ID: 838 4381 7323

You will be placed into the virtual waiting room. Please be patient as the host will grant your access to join.

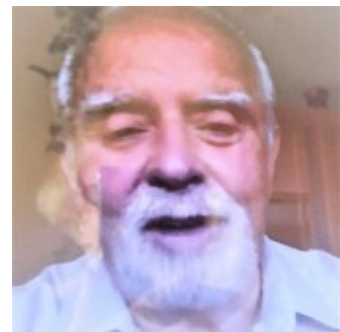
## District VIII Trustee Installed at Fall Plenary Session via Zoom October 31, 2020



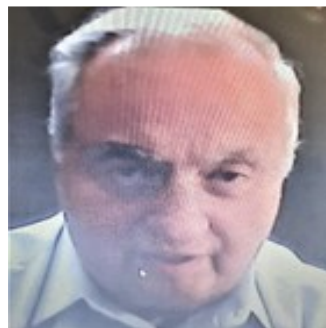
Vincent Giannantonio  
Installed as District VIII Trustee



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Nancy DiFiore Quinn



NYS Grand Lodge President  
Anthony Naccarato



Outgoing District VIII Trustee  
Dr. Joe Rubé



# Happy Thanksgiving

“We give thanks for the beauty of earth and sky and sea, for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers, for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We are grateful for these good gifts and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity.”

## A SIP OF WINE

Argiolas “Costera”  
Cannonau di Sardegna  
2015



Argiolas is the foremost wine estate on the island of Sardinia. Antonio Argiolas, who died in 2009, at the age of 102, inherited seven acres of vines from his father in 1938. He was the first to convert to modern viticulture and to pursue quality over quantity on the island. His sons, Franco and Giuseppe, replanted the vineyards in the 1980’s concentrating on reducing the yields and focusing on the production of Sardinian grapes. The cannonau grape is also known as the garnache in Spain and grenache in France. It produces the island’s deeply colored, full-bodied wines. The Argiolas “Costera” has been aged in small French oak barrels for 8-10 months. It has flavors of very ripe strawberries, black cherries, herbs, and spices and pairs well with lasagna, roasted pork, osso bucco.

## Grandmother Said It Best: A Treasury of Italian Proverbs

By  
Joseph Antinoro-Polizzi, PhD  
Angeline Guzzetta-Jones, MA



Il piatto non si restituisce vuoto.  
It’s an old custom never to return an empty dish.

Ci vuol pazienza.  
You must have patience.



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OSDIA Podcast at Italamia Podcast  
YouTube Videos, NYS Grand Lodge  
Facebook



One of Our Own:  
Adriano Roberti

Adriano Alberti was born in Brescia, Italy and came to the United States with just 35 cents in his pockets in 1954. He had his own custom tailor shop in Milan where he produced high-quality and highly sought-after men's clothing. When he moved to Rochester, he worked for Hickey-Freeman Corp. for ten years. He, like so many others, came here to pursue the American dream. He and his partner, Giuglio Volonteri created Adrian Jules Custom Clothiers in 1964. Their vision is to provide the finest hand-sewn garments in America, a vision that continues to this day putting the customer first.

Mr. Roberti credited Hickey-Freeman with the lessons used as a craftsman and manager to build and run his own shop. Today, only he and Hickey-Freeman, are the major titans left in Rochester, once a leading clothing hub.

Adriano Alberti was part of immigration influx of Italians who dominated the Rochester's garment industry. They built their reputation as being some of the best tailors in the country. Thankful for the opportunities provided him in this country, Roberti was able to handpick tailors from well known clothing hotspots in Italy. Some well-known celebrities, politicians, sports figures, and business leaders, such as Shaquille O'Neal, Robert DiNiro, Jim Boeheim, and Tony Dungy patronize the business. It is said of Adrian Jules: "The one custom clothier for all the special days of your life. A custom suit should be an extension of the man wearing it. A suit from Adrian Jules is more than a just a well fitted garment, it's a representation of your lifestyle."

## A Door to Italy *By Marjorie Focarazzo*

The front door of any home tells a story. It can be inviting, inspiring, and sometimes perplexing. There is a definite curiosity about Italy's doors. Each one is different, from modern to vintage, from 21st century new to 12th century Renaissance. Some have ornate, intricate designs while others are plain and spartan. Some are surrounded by flowers, others by stone.



Many of Italy's doors have seen generations of love, life, and tradition. Doors have not been replaced or fixed because the people are not about change or adventure of finding new ways to do things. They are about staying out and celebrating tradition. Some of the doors are big, bold, and strong.



The famous Florence Baptistry doors are a major masterpiece of early Renaissance. There are three sets of doors made of bronze, and each panel tells a story. The oldest doors on the south side were created by Andrea Pisano and depict the scenes from St. John life. The other two doors were designed and created by Lorenzo Ghiberti. The northern doors depict the Life and Passion of Christ. The eastern doors are known as the Gates of Paradise.

Every door tells a story—an array of secrets, emotions, and mystery.

## Statue of Mother Cabrini



Mother Cabrini Statue  
Battery Park City in Manhattan  
Sculptors Giancarlo Biagi and Jill Biagi



Frances Cabrini was born in a small village near Milan on July 15, 1850. As a young child she was enamored by stories of missionaries and decided she wanted to join a religious order. She obtained a teaching certificate, and in 1880 she, along with seven young women, founded the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She and her sisters wanted to go to China as missionaries, but she was told “not to go East but go West” to New York by Pope Leo VIII to help the thousands of Italian immigrants already in the United States and those who would immigrate there.

New York was chaotic with much poverty prior to the 20th Century, but Mother Cabrini managed to organize catechism and education classes for the Italian immigrants, as well as provide for the needs of many orphans. Because of what she was able to accomplish, she received requests from all over the world to open schools. She made 23 trans-Atlantic crossings and established 67 institutions in the way of schools, hospitals, and orphanages.

She died on December 22, 1917 in Chicago, and in 1946 in recognition of her holiness and service to mankind, she was canonized a saint by Pope Pius XII and named Patroness of Immigrants in 1950.

On Monday, October 12, 2020, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo unveiled a monument to Francesca Xavier Cabrini in Battery Park City during the state’s Columbus Day celebrations on Monday. “The monument stands against a backdrop of Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, depicting Mother Cabrini on a paper boat. The artists said the two children aboard are sailing to the New World from Europe. The girl holds onto the boat, symbolizing her steadfastness while the boy grips his luggage, ready to face the future. A mosaic beneath the sculpture was created, with help from the Cabrini Museum in Italy, with riverbed stones from Mother Cabrini’s birthplace.” (NY Times, Oct. 13, 2020, story by Zachary Small; pictures credited to Jeenah Moon). Jill Biagi says of the statue, “By putting her in the boat, it symbolizes her ability to withstand all the adversities of life in search of realizing her dream,” she said. “Her dream was to help the needy.”

## Italian Word Search

*(Answers on next page)*

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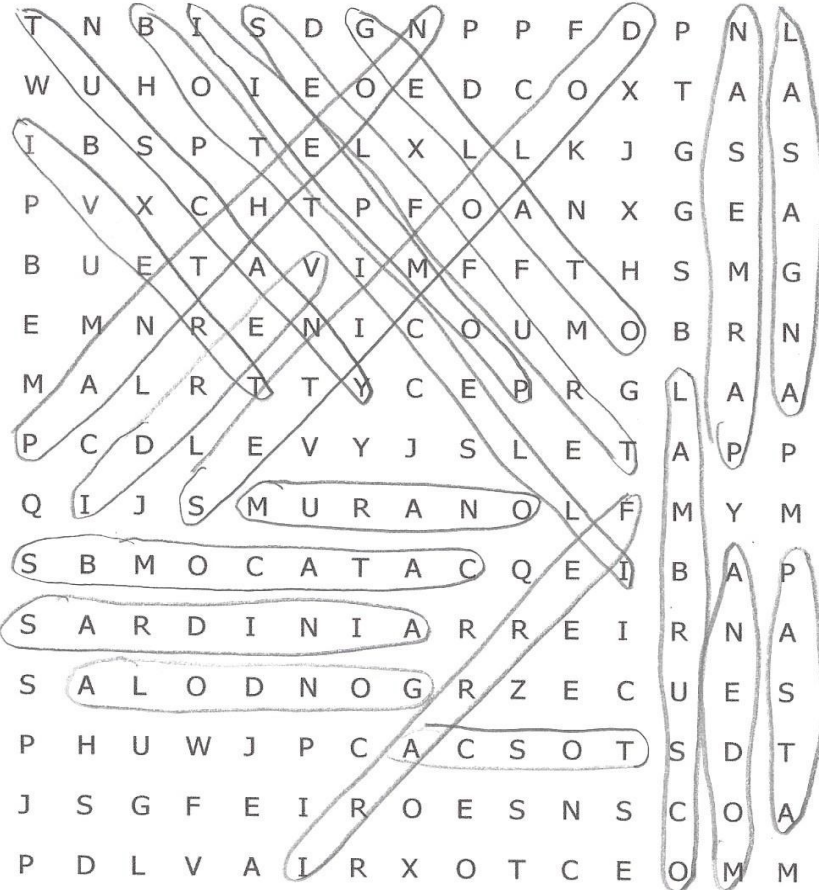
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PANTHEON  
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## Italian Word Search—Answer Key

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