



# The Roar of the Lion

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June 2021 Edition

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are almost there! Slowly, but still moving in a positive direction. Hallelujah! A year ago, we could not fathom us being here. We have a lot to look forward to both with the Lodge and in our own everyday lives.

We will begin meeting in person this month, but for anyone who still is not comfortable with that or can't make it, we are going to provide zoom means to attend. Now that most of us are okay and probably good at it, there is no reason not to. For the first few months, our meetings will look pretty much the same with the usual reports. I am hoping by the fall, we can liven things up with speakers, so if something interests you, let me know.

I am hoping we can celebrate the 4th of July with fireworks. A celebration from the pandemic, having to quarantine, and restrictions to freedom of being together with family and friends.

In August we will honor our graduating high school seniors.

We have started talking about our members' picnic in August, an event we all look forward to attending, enjoying each other's company, relaxing, and having lots of good food.

Many of us will plan vacations and getaways, and I hope you will share with us your time visiting someplace else.

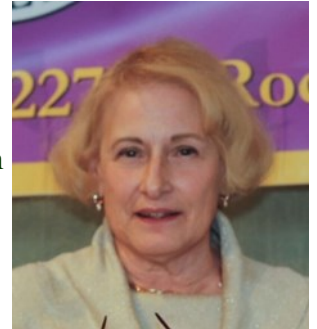
Perhaps we can think about an early fall event, so if you have something you would like us to consider, please let us know.

We have a lot we can plan and look forward to. As more and more places open up and we return to normalcy or even a new normal, it is all up to us.

Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Take care and God Bless,  
Marjorie



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## JUNE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

**Thursday, June 10th, 2021 @ 7pm**

Please join us for the June General Assembly Meeting of the Vincent Lombardi Lodge

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** For the health and wellbeing of our members and our Lodge, and in accordance with CDC guidelines, meeting attendees are asked to continue to wear a mask to our meetings unless fully vaccinated (two weeks past final shot) or with a negative COVID test within 24 hours prior to our meeting. Any member showing symptoms of illness is asked to stay home and participate in our meeting via zoom if able. Chairs in our meeting room will be appropriately spaced to adhere to CDC recommended social distancing guidelines, refreshments will be individually packaged, and we will have hand sanitizer available for our members use.

We are asking if you plan to attend the meeting in person to let us know so we can have the right number of chairs already spaced. For the time being we are not asking for members to bring refreshments, but we will have them, individually packaged, so we need to know an approximate count to have enough. Once we feel comfortable about this, we will ask members to help with refreshments. That is not to say, if at the last minute you want to attend, please come. We know that plans can change, and we want your presence.

### **If you prefer to attend by zoom**

Join Zoom Meeting with this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83561267854>

Or call in using this phone number:

**1-646-558-8656**

If prompted, enter the following Meeting ID:

**835 6126 7854**

## Vincent Lombardi Lodge 2021 Calendar

June 3rd, 6:30pm: Council Meeting  
June 10th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

July 1st, 6:30pm: Council Meeting  
July 8th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

August 5th, 6:30pm: Council Meeting  
August 12th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

### **August 22nd, 1pm: Annual Members Picnic Quinzi Lodge, Eyer Park in East Rochester**

\*\*\*Scholarship Awards - TBD\*\*\*

September 2nd, 6:30pm: Council Meeting  
September 9th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

October 7th, 6:30pm: Council Meeting  
October 14th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

November 4th, 6:30pm: Council Meeting  
November 11th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

December 2nd, 6:30pm: Council Meeting  
December 9th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

### **June 2nd - Festa Della Repubblica *Festival of the Republic***

On June 2nd, 1946, Italians voted to abolish the monarchy and established a republic. This was the end of fascism, as Italy moved towards a modern government, a unitary parliamentary republic. This is a national holiday in Italy, much like our Independence Day in America. Offices, schools, and banks close; grand parades march, and a ceremonial wreath is laid on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, enshrined with an eternal flame in the Altare della Patria (Altar of the Father Land) in Rome.

### **June 24th - La Festa di San Giovanni *The Feast of St. John***

An annual public holiday in the Italian cities of Florence, Turin, and Genoa. It honors St John, also known as John the Baptist.

### **June 29th - La Festa di San Pietro e Paolo *The Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul***

An annual public holiday in Rome, Italy. It honors the Catholic saints Peter and Paul.



6/6: Lucia Flocco, Mary Ricci  
6/16: Quintino DiCesare  
6/17: Hugh Warner  
6/22: Carol DiNicola

6/25: Ed Groszewski  
6/27: Louis DeCarolis  
6/30: Dominic Calisto, Ed Maruggi



Extending deep and heartfelt sympathy to the family of Brother Ernie Capone. Brother Ernie passed away on May 17th.

Obituary: <https://www.bartolomeo.com/obituary/585561/ernie-capone/>



Sending our wishes for a strong recovery for all of our members who have been ill, injured, undergone surgery or hospitalizations, including Sisters Mickey Palucci, Lila Bonanni, Linda Agnello, and Sandy Meleca, and Brothers Sam Mammano, David DiNicola, Tony Palucci, Jim Caternolo, and Hugh Warner.



The Rubé Family would like to send a special thank you to Brother Tom Meleca, Sister Sandy Meleca, Sister Angie Cataldi, and Brother Vince Giannantonio for their generous donations to the Jennifer Rubé Memorial Scholarship. It's hard to express what it means to our family to know that Jennifer is remembered and loved by our lodge family, and that you wish to help us keep her memory alive and give back to our community in her name. Every student that has been awarded this scholarship has been incredibly deserving and exemplified the kindness and love that we remember Jennifer for. Thank you!

### **Congratulations to our 2021 Vincent Lombardi Lodge Scholarship Winners!**

These deserving students worked hard throughout their school careers and especially over their senior year, marred by a pandemic, to achieve their goals. Look for more information about all of them in our August newsletter - special scholarship edition, and stay tuned to hear how we will celebrate these students this year.

Dominic Lippa - Gates Chili High School  
Vincent Lombardi Lodge Scholarship - \$1500

Vanessa Ianturno - Gates Chili High School  
Eunice McCarthy Vincent Lombardi Lodge Scholarship - \$1500

Benjamin Tantalo - Chesterton Academy of Rochester  
Past Honoree Scholarship - \$1500

Michael Macera - Webster Schroeder High School  
Past Honoree Scholarship - \$1000

Molly Fisher - Webster Thomas High School  
Jennifer Rubé Memorial Scholarship - \$1550

Skylar Mogab - Spencerport High School  
Joseph Darryl DiStaffen Memorial Scholarship - \$2000



### 2021 EAST ROCHESTER MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



## ITALY ON THE SCREEN

### Road to the Lemon Grove



On July 7th, the multi-award-winning movie *Road to the Lemon Grove* releases on major platforms and DVD. A heartwarming journey from the backbone of America to the soul of Italy.

An old-school Sicilian father tries to negotiate his way into heaven...but the only way in is to get his reluctant son to travel back to Sicily, reunite his feuding family, and help all find love in places they never imagined. A heartwarming journey from the backbone of America to the soul of Italy.

Starring Burt Young (Rocky), Rossella Brescia (Italian Star & Prima Ballerina), Nick Mancuso (Ticket to Heaven), Charly Chiarelli (Sicilian “Spalding Gray”) and Loreena McKennitt (Multi-Platinum Recording Artist).

For more information and to find out what streaming platforms the movie will be released on, check out the website at:

[www.roadtothelemongrove.com](http://www.roadtothelemongrove.com)

### Dream of Italy: Travel, Transform, and Thrive.

If you enjoyed Stanley Tucci’s show *Searching for Italy* earlier this year and don’t want to wait until Season 2 airs 2022 for to get more Italy on your screen, check out the PBS series, *Dream of Italy: Travel, Transform, and Thrive*.

Premiering on PBS stations across the US, the pledge special/event explores how Italy can change your life, whether adapting to the Italian lifestyle at home, traveling to Italy in a more meaningful way, or deciding to move there.

Hosted by Kathy McCabe, the special showcases the transformative power and magnificent beauty of Italy with guests, singer Sting and his wife Trudie Styler; Francis Ford Coppola; author of *Under the Tuscan Sun*, Frances Mayes; financial author David Bach; retiree Sally Carrocino and interior designer Arlene Antoinette Gibbs. Joe Montagna joins McCabe as co-host during the pledge breaks.

In the show, McCabe explores the 11 essential elements of Italian lifestyle including the land, food, family, art & culture, beauty, pace of life, passion, movement, community, celebrations, and sense of home through stories of how Italy has changed the lives of each of the guests, all who are full or part-time expats living in Italy.

**The series is showing Wednesdays in June on WXXI at 10am, 5pm, and 11pm.**

For more details and interviews with the shows guests, check out this great article from Forbes Magazine:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/everettpotter/2021/05/30/sting-francis-ford-coppola-and-frances-mayes-featured-in-pbs-dream-of-italy/?sh=68c1df7f2603>

**DREAM OF  
ITALY**

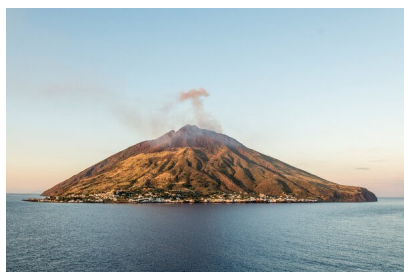
## TIDBITS FROM ITALY



What's the difference between Italy's Parmigiano Reggiano and parmesan cheese? Isn't it the same thing? The answer is "no".

Parmigiano Reggiano is made in an area that includes three whole cities – Parma, Reggio Emilia, and Modena –and comes from the two cities primarily involved in making it and can only be made in this area to be called Parmigiano Reggiano. There are 3.7 million wheels from the 350 dairy farms in the area and follow the regulations can make the authentic cheese.

What is parmesan cheese? Outside of the area the making of this cheese is not protected by law and are, therefore, imitations with a different complexity and consistency. It is said if you try authentic Parmigiana Reggiano you will never want to go back to parmesan!



Stromboli is one of the most active volcanoes on earth and has been erupting almost continuously since 1932, which is visible for long distances throughout the night. It is one of the most visited volcanoes, located off the northern coast of Sicily where a few hundred full-time residents in two villages live in its shadow. Tourists will engage in a three-hour hike to view its beauty from the edge of the crater.

The residents of Stromboli want to make the island sustainable for future generations. Malvasia grape vines have been planted on the terraced slopes. A non-profit organization, Attiva Stromboli, are bringing back the olive trees abandoned by earlier islanders. A rare, natural wonder worth visiting.



Vespa scooter celebrates 75 years. It is said the name means "wasp", which according to Enrico Piaggio, founder, compares the engine to the sound of the insect's buzz. He says, "entire generations have dreamed of and gained their freedom astride a Vespa."



The Vinitaly Wine Fair in Verona has been cancelled for the second year in a row because of the coronavirus. Wine is the lifeblood of Verona and the cancellation of the Vinitaly fair, for the second year in succession, has been a massive blow to the local wine community.

The cancellation of the four-day event, which has been held every year since 1967, will be sorely felt by the many local businesses for whom it has become such an integral part of the city's cultural and economic landscape. A two-day special edition has been scheduled for October, but this presents certain logistical issues for wine producers, who are generally busy at the time of year with the harvest.

The dates for next year's event (10-13 April 2022) have already been announced and we hope that by then some degree of normality will have returned.

But will mass wine-tasting events like Vinitaly ever be the same again? Or has the wine industry, like many other industries in the last twelve months, moved on? Some producers now fear that the "wine fairs model is over", and that big international exhibitions like Vinitaly are a thing of the past.

Although alternative ways of doing business have emerged during the lockdown, these alternatives lack something: "[W]e all need to return to meeting people, sharing tastings and traveling. Wine lovers have to come back to Verona!"

## ITALIAN HISTORICAL LANDSCAPE AND ARCHITECTURE

### Medici Gardens

The Medici Family ruled Florence for 200 years until the 18th Century when there was no heir to continue the family lineage. Their villas served several functions and could be found scattered over the territory they ruled. By the end of the 16th Century there were no less than 16 major estates and at least 11 secondary ones that concentrated on agriculture plus numerous farms and hunting lodges.

In 2013 two of the Medici gardens were placed under the protection of UNESCO: the Boboli Gardens in Florence and the Pratolino Gardens at Vaglia near Florence. Although the villa no longer is standing, the 35-foot statue of Il Colosso dell'Appennino remains. Twelve villas and two gardens are protected by UNESCO. These protectorates are significant for their unity between architecture, landscaping, and being in harmony with nature.



### Historic Italian Cathedrals



**Piazza del Duomo** is the second largest Catholic cathedral in the world. Located in Milan, its gothic architecture is spectacular. The Piazza is the center of the city and was created in the

14<sup>th</sup> Century. Officially known as the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore, it was the main force behind the Italian Renaissance. The red dome was designed by Brunelleschi and was completed in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century, but the façade wasn't done until 1887.



**Siena Cathedral** or Duomo di Siena is a medieval church now dedicated to the Assumption of Mary. Its Gothic design has black and white exterior, which reflects the city's symbolic colors. The interior contains intricate mosaic flooring, that represents the path to

salvation. The façade is quite fascinating with 35 statues of prophets and patriarchs grouped around the Virgin. The cathedral has the form of a Latin Church. The belltower has six bells, the oldest one was cast in 1149. Above the central doorway is a rose window that represents the Last Supper.



**Basilica of Saint John Lateran** is the oldest and highest ranking of the four papal major basilicas. It is the oldest public church in the city of Rome, and the oldest basilica of the Western world. It houses the cathedral of the Roman bishop. It was

almost entirely destroyed by an earthquake in 897 and was ravaged by fires in 1307 and 1361. The vacant niches were filled with larger-than-life sculptures of the twelve apostles starting in 1702. During World War II it was used by the pope as a safe haven for Jews.



**Saint Mark's Basilica** dominates the square of the same name in Venice and is the home of the Archbishop of Venice since 1807. The church was consecrated in 1094 and includes Gothic and Romanesque styles. The

church has dazzling domes, majestic bronze horses, elaborate stonework, semi-precious stone floors, and gilded mosaics.

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