

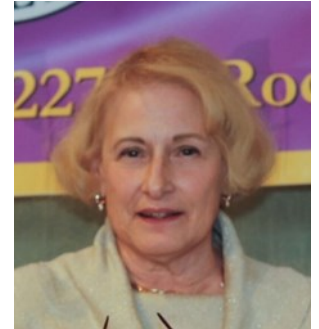


VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270

# The Roar of the Lion

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have had quite a year, and I am grateful that we have been able to resume most of our events. I hope that as we either put COVID behind us or figure a way to live with it, more of you will feel comfortable to attend our get togethers. We have made some changes I think you will like. I realize that hardly anyone enjoys attending meetings that only discuss Lodge/OSDIA related matters and making decisions regarding vital matters to the organization. Much of that can be communicated in an email, but our membership meetings are necessary to get certain business done for the Order. We will continue to use some of our events in place of regular general assembly meetings. We will include the pledge, principles, and prayer as part of our events and will give any announcements you will need to know. When we do have regular general assembly meetings, we will keep our meetings as short as possible and try to stay on topic. If anyone has any ideas for a topic or guest speaker, please let me know. This would be an opportune time to have a presentation on something important to us.



Our big concern is that we try to do our best in getting information to our members by the newsletter and emails. We know that not everyone, it is actually half of our members, bother to read the newsletter. Our newsletter is full of valuable information: birthdays, get well wishes and/or condolences, scholarship and awards, pictures from events, event notices, etc. Emails provide vital information, especially about meetings. Please spend a few minutes to look over the newsletter and emails to find information that may be important.

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In 2022 our Lodge celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. What a tremendous feat for any organization! You may say I am crazy or overly optimistic, but I believe the next fifty years will bring about more changes that will make our Lodge and OSDIA better equipped to meet the needs of our members, in engage new members, and to provide much needed funding to help students in the way of scholarship.

Christopher Columbus and Columbus Day remains a major topic and event throughout the year, not just October. You will be kept posted on what CSJ, both National and State, plans and does. A new committee from the Supreme Lodge, Women Action Committee (WAC), plans to establish an Ambassador Program that, hopefully, each Lodge will consider doing. Knowing that each Lodge can be different from one region to an another the proposal will be broad in language when presented at the next Supreme Lodge plenary. As I sit on WAC, it is a great idea so we can nurture anyone who has an interest in joining the Vincent Lombardi Lodge. The program also encourages and promotes each lodge allow for guests to attend meetings to get a feel for the people, the organization, and what their main objectives are. I look forward to the Vincent Lombardi Lodge taking on this new initiative.

Please plan to come to the December 15<sup>th</sup> Holiday Celebration. Santa and Mrs. Claus plan to visit. We have adopted Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes to share our good fortune with. Please see the flyer for more information.

Take care and God Bless,  
Marjorie

**DECEMBER 15TH HOLIDAY GATHERING  
7PM - EYER BUILDING, EAST ROCHESTER  
PLEASE JOIN US FOR HOLIDAY FUN, FOOD AND A VISIT FROM MR. & MRS. CLAUSE!**

**SWEATER CONTEST**

Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater (or if you prefer, your favorite Christmas sweater)

Everyone gets to participate. No need to purchase any tickets. Winning name will be drawn, and a “secret prize” will be awarded.



**CHARITY ADOPTION**

Donations will be accepted to support the clients of Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes. The following donations are requested:

- Children’s Books
- Diapers, especially smaller sizes
- Wipes
- Arts and Crafts Projects
- Toys for Toddlers
- Gift Items for Teenagers and Adults
- Full Sized Toiletry Items

**Safe Harbors**  
of the Finger Lakes  
*Advocate. Educate. Support.*



**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Purchase chances to win these raffle items. Tickets will be \$2 each or 3/\$5



**ACOUSTIC LIGHT ART RAFFLE**



It’s a repurposed guitar and it’s a lamp. It’s one of a kind, a piece of artwork, made by Stephen Cataldi, a member of the Vincent Lombardi Lodge. The unique lodge logo was designed especially for our lodge by our past lodge president Jennifer Rubé.

The LED lights can change colors (red, green, blue) and change brightness & speed with the beat of music, by using its own mike to hear music that you provide.

Hang it on a wall or a guitar stand, use it as a night light, or a decoration for your den, office or bar. Tickets will be available starting on November 17th at the Turkey Raffle and will continue until our Members Picnic in August 2023 when we will draw the winning ticket. Tickets cost: \$10 for a single ticket or \$25 for three tickets.

**For more information or to purchase tickets contact us at [vincentlombardilodge@gmail.com](mailto:vincentlombardilodge@gmail.com)**



12/1: Charles Schiano Jr  
12/4: Quintino DiCesare  
12/5: Mark Chester  
12/9: Ken Nudo, Marisa Przepiora  
12/11: Charlene Dodgson

12/15: Ezio Bonanni, Jim Vazzana  
12/19: Becky DiFilippo  
12/20: Jennie Gugino  
12/23: Maurice Palucci  
12/30: Lorraine Palucci



Sending good wishes for a speedy recovery to Sister Pat Bartholomew as she undergoes knee replacement surgery.

Sending continued prayers to Sister Patty Rask, Brother Joe Rubé, and to all of our members who are ill and recovering from illness.

### 2023 DUES ARE DUE!



Check your email (or perhaps junk or spam) for 2023 renewal notices. (USPS mailing for those without email) Deadline is December 31, 2022. Memberships must be reconciled with the NYS Grand Lodge. This does two things: (1) determines the number of delegates we send to convention to represent our Lodge and (2) decides what our per capita (the amount we send to NYS Grand Lodge) will be for next year based on the number of members we report. If the renewal of dues is not paid by the time the reconciliation is reported and those names remain on the list, the Lodge is obligated to pay the per capita fee. This becomes an expense that has not been budgeted for.

### TO ALL WHO HAVE MADE DONATIONS THROUGHOUT 2022



Thank You!

Without your support our events would not have been as successful.  
The number of scholarships we awarded would not have been possible,  
And  
The charities we support are able to do a little more for those in need.

### GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK 2023 CALENDAR



Purchase a 2023 Lottery Calendar for \$30. Makes a great stocking stuffer. Winning numbers are determined from the numbered information card mailed to the Grand Lodge. To get the full benefit purchase should be made by the December 15th Lodge Holiday meeting. Checks payable to the NYS Grand Lodge. Numbers left for purchase are: 152, 276, 376, 434, 711, 826. For purchase contact Marjorie.

### FROM THE EDITOR



I just wanted to take a moment to thank each of you that chose to donate pies from our annual lodge pie fundraiser to Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes. Because of you and others, **54 pies were distributed to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking and their children for the Thanksgiving holiday.** These are folks that otherwise would have gone without. Your donation did double the good - supporting both The Vincent Lombardi Lodge and Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes! On behalf of all of those you helped this Thanksgiving holiday, Thank you!!



A milestone is defined as a significant event in your life. There is a relationship between volunteering and improved physical health and cognitive function. Research also shows that volunteers report elevated mood and less depression, and that volunteers report increased social interactions and social support, better relationship quality, and decreased loneliness. (Stanford Center on longevity)

These members, both active and inactive, have given a great many years to the Vincent Lombardi Lodge, Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America. Their time, energy, and effort have kept us going in both good times and adverse situations:

**Shirley Sculli**, although inactive, joined in 1979. She is the longest serving member at 43 years.

**Hon. Joseph Valentino** and **Paul DeCarolis** joined in 1981 memberships for 41 years.

**Jerry Griffo** joined in 1982, 40 years.

**Hon. Franklin Affronti**, also inactive, joined in 1983, 39 years.

**Hon. James Vazzana** joined in 1992, making it 30 years

**Ann Vazzana**, an inactive member, joined in 1996, now 26 years and **Mary Ricci** is also 26 years.

**Jennie Gugino** became a member in 1998, a member of 24 years.

**Dr. Joseph Rubé**, **Michaela Palucci**, and **Dr. Ed Maruggi** joined 2003 for 19 years.

**Joe and Pat Galante**, **Marisa Przepiora**, and **Nancy Rubé** became members in 2005, for 17 years.

**Dr. Maurice Palucci** has been a member for 16 years.

The **Hon. Franklin D'Aurizio** was initiated 15 years.

**Bill & Linda Agnello**, **Joseph Capogreco**, **Ross & Bonnie Cottone**, **Sal Cutaia**, **Louis DeCarolis**, **Elizabeth Osta**, and **Vincenzo Buonomo** joined in 2008, 14 years ago.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of our members for sticking with us but especially to these members whose tenure has helped to keep us going.



Tanti auguri di Buon Natale  
&  
felice Anno Nuovo!

*To all my Brothers and Sisters in the Vincent Lombardi Lodge.*

*~Marjorie*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

*We wish you and your families a wonderful and joyous Christmas season. Health and happiness throughout 2023.*

*~Vincent Lombardi Lodge Council*



## Meaning of the 12 Days of Christmas

The 12 days of Christmas, also known as Twelvetide in Christianity, follows the birth of Christ on December 25th and ends with the Three Wise Men finding the baby Jesus on January 6th, which is also known as the Epiphany or Three Kings Day. In the early days of Christianity, Christians were punished for their beliefs and worshiping. “The Twelve Days of Christmas” song was used to secretly pass on the ideology of Christianity, and each gift is a symbol of different aspects of the Christian faith. Or we can just believe that it is an old English carol that is repetitive in nature. You decide!!



The 12 Drummers Drumming are the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle’s Creed.  
*Dodici Suonatori di tamburo*

*The 11 Pipers Piping are the eleven faithful apostles.  
Undici suonatori di cornamusa*

The 10 Lords A-leaping are the ten commandments.  
*Dieci signori saltellanti*

The 9 Ladies Dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.  
*Nove donne danzanti*

The 8 Maids A-milking are the eight beatitudes.  
*Otto fanciulle che mungono*

The 7 Swans A-swimming are the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments.  
*Sette cigni che nuotano*

The 6 Geese A-laying are the six days of creation.  
*Sei oche che depongono le uova*

The 5 Golden Rings are the first five books of the Old Testament.  
*Cinque anelli d’oro*

The 4 Colling Birds are the four gospels and/or the four evangelists.  
*Quattro uccelli che cantano*

The 3 French hens are Faith, Hope and Charity, the theological virtues.  
*Tre galline francesi*

The 2 Turtle Doves are The Old and New Testaments.  
*Due tortore*

The Partridge in the Pear Tree is Jesus Christ.  
*Una pernice su un albero di pero*

### ITALIAN HOLIDAY FOOD TRADITIONS

In Italy, the holiday season runs from the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th, through the Epiphany on January 6th, but Christmas is celebrated over the three days from December 24th to December 26th. Each of the 20 regions has a different culinary tradition this day. The pictures below represent some of the traditional dishes.



**Sicily - *Ncasciata Pasta***  
Baked pasta filled with meatballs, sausages, ragu, boiled eggs, and cheese



**Puglia - *Tiella di Baccala***  
Salt cod with tomatoes, potatoes and subtle spices baked in a round metal pan



**Campania - *Frittura di Pesce***  
Assorted fried seafood



**Marche - *Bordetto***  
Seafood stewed in tomato sauce



**Lazio - *Roman Pasta al forno***  
Baked pasta al forno with bechamel sauce.



**Veneto - *Gnocchi with Duck***  
Handmade gnocchi with duck ragu



**Liguria - *Natalini***  
Flat pasta cooked in broth with tiny meatballs



**Piedmont - *Brasato***  
Braised chuck roast in Barolo red wine.



**Calabria - *Scillatelle con ragu***  
Long shaped pasta topped with pork based ragu tomato sauce



**Tuscany - *Pappardelle with Ragu***  
Traditional egg pasta with meat sauce.



**Lombardy - *Casoncelli***  
Handmade ravioli type pasta in turkey broth with butter, pancetta and sage



**Abruzzo - *Fedelini***  
Handmade spaghetti in tomato sauce with canned tuna and chickpeas

## 2022 Papa Antolini Turkey Raffle



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