

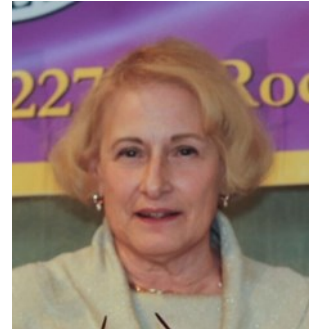


# The Roar of the Lion

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February 2022 Edition

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today is Ground Hog’s Day and Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, which means six more weeks of winter. But no matter how you slice it, spring officially arrives in six weeks when the March equinox happens on Sunday, March 20. That is something to look forward to, an anticipation of nice weather, green grass, flowers blooming, and the warmth of the sun on our faces. Looking forward increases our optimism and usually is something that makes us happy.



Post-holiday season and the months of January and February are pretty bleak and can be emotionally difficult, but as we glide through another year of this pandemic, it has been especially hard. What we once knew as normal seems so distant and far away. Everyone is struggling with what once was and what now is. We find it difficult to be positive and optimistic but being positive does not mean we are ignoring what is happening. We can accept what is taking place, the reality for what it is, and still decide to blossom, flourish, and be successful. We need to devise our own way to get there and decide what that looks like for each of us.

Having a positive perspective helps us to live healthier lives and make better long-term decisions. When we look at the glass half full instead of half empty, we can increase our lifespan, improve our immunity system, create a healthier mental state, lower the risk of depression and distress, and gain better coping skills. We smile more often, have a spring in our step, reduce anxiety, become more productive, and feel happier.

It's only six weeks until longer days, sunshine and warmth, and spring.

Take care and God Bless,

Marjorie

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## Buon San Valentino





Streaming February 20th & 21st

Purchase tickets here: <https://watch.eventive.org/ameritalroc/play/61f819b5493c16008158f280>

It's a light, zany comedy....full of laughs about "the gang of five" who were close in high school and haven't seen each other in years. One of them scheduled a mini reunion. And then come the bragging, the silent envy, the lies, the secrets, etc.....where reality is not quite as good as the stories. What happens when your "what if.." heart-throb from high school gained 150lbs? What do you do when you can disclose what your real job is? Why does everyone else appear to be so successful and happy? At the time we discover that the meekest and most humble of them has a secret life is when the movie loses its sense of reality and lets loose with full energy and the fun starts. What if you had the opportunity to do what you think should be done rather than what you think you are expected to do? Ma Cosa Dice Il Cervello addresses that situation.

There are many references to the Hollywood action movies, with lower budget special effects. There is even a car chase, but with only one car. The emphasis is on the human characters and a reflection of what they do and experience every day; the ones that help the country in secret and silence, the ones who suffer in silence, the ones who wish they really were the alter-ego they brag about...the teachers, doctors, coaches that fill up our lives. It's a story with nothing new, and it allows us to let our imagination run free and do whatever our brain tells us to do (the literal translation of the Italian title), while posing a self-critical eye at Italy and be able to laugh about it in a light tone. It is what Italians do well in films. And this is one of them.

It is dedicated to everyone who ever wanted, or had a reunion with their best high school or college buds.

## Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 2022 Calendar

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

**February 13th, 1pm: Winter Picnic and Clambake  
Quinzi Lodge, Eyer Park, East Rochester**

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

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

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

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

**June 24th, 6pm: 50th Anniversary Celebration  
Webster Country Club (440 Salt Rd, Webster)**

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

August 4th, 6:30pm: Council Meeting

**August 11th, Time/Location TBD: Scholarship  
Awards Night**

**August 20th, Time TBD: Annual Members Picnic,  
Quinzi Lodge—Eyer Park (100 Eyer Park, East  
Rochester)**

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

October 6th, 6:30pm: Council Meeting  
October 13th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

**October 21st, Time/Location TBD: Italian American  
Heritage Dinner**

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

**November 17th, Time/Location TBD: Papa Antolini's  
Turkey Raffle**

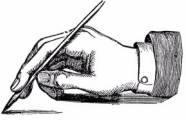
December 1st, 6:30pm: Council Meeting  
December 8th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting



2/3: Pat Galante  
2/9: James Caternolo  
2/12: Joe Galante  
2/18: Stephen Cataldi

2/20: Andrea Cole, Vivian Sciortino  
2/21: Frank Giancaterin  
2/27: Sandy Meleca  
2/28: Joe Capogreco

### Life of Rochester Lodge Member Celebrated in National Magazine



Matteo Teresi was a prominent member of the Italian community of Rochester in the first half of the twentieth century and a lodge member for most of those years. His role in discovering a church scandal in the Sicilian village of Alia in 1907 left him fleeing for his life. He arrived in our city in 1907 and lived here until his death in 1971. His heroic life and tireless efforts on the part of Italian immigrants are outlined in an article written by our lodge member, Brother Ed Groszewski, and published nationally in Primo Magazine. The article can be found at [www.onlineprimo.com](http://www.onlineprimo.com). Congratulations Brother Ed, on your national publication!

### Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 is 50!

June 23, 1972 ~ June 23, 2022

Join the 50/50 Club to help support our celebration

Mail your \$50 for entry, made out to the Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 to:  
Annette DeCarolis  
115 Raton Ave., Rochester 14626



*Winter Picnic and Clambake  
Valentine's Day Celebration  
The Sons and Daughters of Italy  
Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270*



*Sunday, February 13, 2022 1:00 PM  
Quinzi Lodge, Eyer Park, East Rochester*

**Buffet \$25/person**

**Clams \$8.00/Dozen**

Contact President Marjorie Focarazzo and send payment by February 7th to reserve your tickets and clams!

Brother Antonio Palucci was a longtime member of the Vincent Lombardi Lodge, a proud part of the East Rochester community, and most importantly, a human being who exemplified what it means to be Italian in America. He will always be remembered for his kind, generous soul and his passion for life and the people he loved.

May You Rest in Peace and Love, Brother Tony  
July 4th, 1935 - January 4th, 2022



## Italian Culture: University of Bologna

The date usually assigned to the founding of the University of Bologna is 1088, making it the oldest university in Europe. The seven liberal arts, arranged in two groups, the trivium (grammar, rhetoric, and logic) and the quadrivium (arithmetic, geometry, astronomy and music) formed the backbone of the curriculum. This followed the standard organization of knowledge throughout the Middle Ages. It was first acclaimed for its expertise in law and, soon after, in medicine. It retains its eminence in these fields to the present day.

The differences between the university's early years and our modern idea of the nature of a university are quite striking. Its students, many of whom were already civil or canon lawyers, banded together to protect themselves from the abuses of the "townies." The power that they had as a group made it possible for them to regulate professor's schedules and demands. Thus, the University of Bologna began as a union of students and the guilds of the professors. Tuition was paid directly to professors and, as there was no central campus, classes were held wherever space could be found.

The wealth of the city and the high standards of the university soon led to two nicknames for Bologna: "La Città Dotta" (The Learned City) and "La Città Grassa" (The Fat City). City officials did not underestimate the importance of the university and quickly took to protect and support the university through laws and decrees. These local developments and events on the larger European scene led to greater stability of the university. This included a more rigid and uniform set of courses and examinations which ultimately reduced the power of the students. In the fifteenth through the eighteenth centuries the university was buffeted by outside developments and shifting power struggles. A rebirth of the university occurred in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries with the Napoleonic conquests and the unification of Italy. Today the University of Bologna has regained much of the prominence of its earliest centuries.

Noted students and teachers at Bologna over the centuries testify to the profound cultural impact of this university. Some of these well-known individuals include Gratian in the twelfth century, Petrarch in the early 1300s, Copernicus in the late 1400s, Pope Gregory XIII who taught law from 1531 to 1539, and the professor and novelist Umberto Eco in the twentieth century. It is unfortunate that some of the other personalities are less famous, in spite of their brilliance and contributions. In the 1700s, Laura Bassi succeeded in becoming a professor of physics in spite of the clear prejudice against women, especially women in the world of science. Among her most fervent admirers was Luigi Galvani, a professor of medicine at Bologna. He pioneered the study of the electrical impulses in the human heart and provided the major stimulus for studies that led to the electric battery.

No listing of the university's distinguished alumni would be complete without including our lodge's own Dr. Joseph Rubé.

~A Friend of Matteo Teresi



**Nicola Cantalamessa Papotti, Italian Sculptor**  
*Connection to Rochester, NY*

Visitors to Mt. Hope Cemetery cannot help but notice two large monuments that adorn the burials sites of two prominent Rochesterians:

**The Erickson monument,  
known as The Weary Pilgrim**



<https://fomh.org/cemetery/iconic-statues-monuments>

Nicola Cantalamessa Papotti was born in Ascoli Piceno, Italy. He received commissions from Ferdinand II and Pope Pius IX for monuments. He entered competitions, accepted private and public commissions, and designed cemetery monuments in Europe and the United States. Much of what he did was of religious and secular nature. He died at the age of 79 in 1910.

**The monument of St. John on the Isle of Patmos, where George Ellwanger is buried**



<https://fomh.org/cemetery/iconic-statues-monuments/#ellwanger>

**Love's Mirror**



<https://magart.rochester.edu>

Two other sculptures in the Rochester area are that of Patrick Barry, partner of Ellwanger, and buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

The other, "Love's Mirror", is located in the Memorial Art Gallery. Love's Mirror shows the god of love, Cupid, smiling at a lovely young lady whom he has presented a gift of a mirror. As she gazes upon her reflection, the nymph realizes that this is the first time she has gazed upon her own likeness and realizes her own beauty

**Patrick Barry Monument**



<https://www.plantsmap.com/plants/56875>

## A SIP OF WINE

Marjorie Focarazzo

Is Italian Wine a love or an obsession? I love the magazine, Wine Spectator, but there are others just as good, Wine Enthusiast, Decanter, or Wine Advocate. Each year in January they publish the “Top 10 Values” of the previous year.



Castello Banfi Chianti Classico 2019 ranked number Two with 91 points at \$17. The wine aged for seven to eight month in stainless steel tanks before racking in oaks casks to a total of twelve months. It is classified as a DOCG and this vintage is excellent with a very long and balanced growing season resulting in some intense wines.



Alois Lageder Pinot Grigio Vigneti delle Dolomiti 2019 is number six with 90 points and costs \$16. It comes from the northern region of Alto Adige. It was fermented in stainless steel tanks and age for four months.



Fabulo Prosecco sells for \$50.97 and is a sparkly stunner that comes from the heart of Treviso in northern Italy. Every fluted glass has a delicate stream of bubbles and layers of crisp orchard-fruit flavor. So, go and celebrate. Cheers!!



Tenuta delle Terre Nere Etna Rosso 2019 is \$22.00 and is 91 points. Volcano wine from the northern slope of Mt. Etna. It pairs well with beef, pasta, and lamb. Bon appétit!

## Italian Valentine's Day Traditions

Valentine's Day in Italy takes place on February 14th, just like in the US, but otherwise there is a world of difference.

In Italy, Valentines day dates back to the Roman Empire, and celebrates the Queen of Roman Gods and Goddesses: Juno, the Goddess of Women and Marriage. The Day is known as La Festa Degli Innamorati and historically, has been a celebration of the advent of spring, where couples will spend time outdoors, strolling in parks, sitting under trees or in beautiful gardens, and listening to music or talking.

Today, Italian couples may present each other with small, chocolate covered hazelnut candies filled with a sweet cherry liquid center made by Perugina, where the inside wrapper includes romantic poetry. Italian couples also follow the tradition of padlocking their love to a bridge or railing and throwing away the key.



In Verona, known as the city of Romeo and Juliet, there is a four-day Valentine's celebration with heart lanterns lining the city and free concerts in the Piazza dei Signori. There is also a love letter writing contest and romantic dinner specials at restaurants around town.

For young, single girls in Italy, it was believed that the first man they saw on Valentine's Day would be the man they married, or at least a man who looked like him. Young girls would be known to wake up early and look out their windows at men who walked by.

Here are some Italian phrases to prepare you for Valentine's Day:

**Buon San Valentino, amore mio** - *Happy Valentine's Day, my love*  
**Con te ogni giorno é San Valentino** - *Every day with you is St. Valentine's Day*

**Tesoro mio** - *my darling*

**Baciami!** - *Kiss me!*

**Siamo fatti l'uno all'altra** - *We're made for each other*

**San Valentino é solo nuovo pretesto per dirti quanto sempre ti amo** - *Valentine's Day is only a new excuse to tell you how much I love you*

**Amo te oggi e sempre** - *I love you today and forever*

**Il giorno migliore per festeggiare il mio immenso amore per te! Buon San Valentino!** - *The best day to celebrate my immense love for you! Happy Valentine's Day!*

**Grazie Amore per rendere speciali I giorni della mia vita** - *Thank you my love for making the days of my life special*

## 2021 Papa Antolini Turkey Raffle





## 2021 Italian American Heritage Dinner



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