



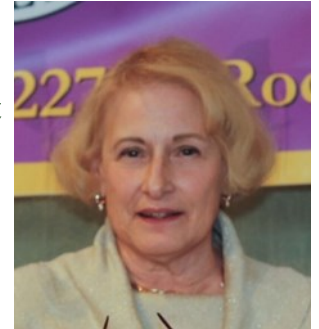
VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270

The Roar of the Lion

Marisa Rubé Przepiora, editor
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

October has been designated as Italian Heritage Month. It is a great time to think about who we are and how we got here. It is a time to honor the achievements and contributions of Italian immigrants and their descendants. There are more than 26 million Italian Americans residing in the US, and we make up the seventh largest ethnic group.



Most of our ancestors once they got here dealt with bias and bigotry, discrimination, and intolerance, but many Italians had an enormous influence on this country: Christopher Columbus believe he could find a better route to China, India, Japan and the Spice Islands. His navigational accomplishments are still used by sailors who sail the seas. America was named for Amerigo Vespucci who explored the coast of South America. Giovanni da Verrazzano was the first European to map the Atlantic Coast. Little known, Filippo Mazzei, who was a physician in the late 1700s was a promoter of liberty. He published a pamphlet which contained the phrase “All men are by nature equally free and independent.” This became an integral part of the Declaration of Independence. Pope Leo XIII assisted immigrants coming to the United States by sending priests and nuns to help with resettling. Sr. Francesca Cabrini was among those who came. She was instrumental in establishing schools, hospitals, and orphanages. It is a time to remember the sacrifices that were faced to move to someplace they knew little about, bond with each other over what we have in common, support each other in our differences and build bridges with other communities. Columbus Day, which falls within Italian Heritage Month, provides the means so find out more about the people who sacrificed so much to come to a country that did not care about them. They suffered through poverty and hardships living in conditions many of us have never seen and working in menial jobs to put food on the table for their families.

Italian American Heritage Month should be celebratory and also educational by showing the impact our culture and language has and continues to have on our lives through the arts, humanities, and sciences. This is the time to bring people of goodwill together fir a greater appreciation of the roles Italians and Italian Americans have played in shaping our civilization. By celebrating our own cultural identity we can serve to reaffirm the importance of celebrating the cultural identities of all other people.

Take care and God Bless,
Marjorie

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Papa Antolini Turkey Raffle

Please Join Us for a Fun Filled Evening
Great Food, Raffles & Entertainment

Menu:

Chef's salad with dressing, Baked macaroni, baked chicken,
Italian sausage with peppers and onions, roast beef, greens and beans,
oven roasted potatoes, dinner rolls with butter

We ask our members to share in their culinary talents by bringing either an appetizer or a dessert:
A thru J Appetizer
K thru Z Dessert

Performance by the Roc City Singers directed Judith Ranaletta
Thursday, November 17, 2022
(Donations will be accepted on behalf of the ROC City Singers)

St. Nicholas Society 186 Madison St., East Rochester
6:00 pm with buffet served at 6:30 pm

Members Early Bird Cost thru Oct. 31st \$30/person
From Nov. 1st until Nov. 12th the cost is \$35/person
Non member's cost is \$35/person
Children under 12 years cost \$15/person
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED
NO REFUNDS

Name: _____ Telephone No.: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____ Amount of check \$ _____
Payment can also be made with PayPal.

Make Check Payable to: Vincent Lombardi Lodge # 2270
and mail to Marisa Przepiora at 4552 Wildflower Dr., Canandaigua, NY 14424
Proceeds will benefit the Vincent Lombardi Lodge Scholarship Fund

2022 Vincent Lombardi Lodge Calendar

**OCTOBER 13th General Assembly Meeting
Cancelled**

**October 14th, 6pm: Italian American Heritage
Dinner, Webster Country Club (440 Salt Rd,
Webster)**

November 3rd, 6:30pm: Council Meeting

**November 17th, 6pm: Papa Antolini's Turkey
Raffle, St. Nicholas Society (186 Madison St,
East Rochester)**

December 1st, 6:30pm: Council Meeting

**December 15th, 7pm: General Assembly
Holiday Gathering, Eyer Building (East
Rochester)**

An Evening of FUN..... with a PURPOSE!

Saturday, October 29th
7:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church of Chili
3600 Chili Ave.

Phyl Contestable,

aka Reverend Mother, performs...

"Aging Ain't A Laughing Matter....



or is it?"

Tickets - \$5.00 at the door with a free will
offering being taken for...

**Habitat for Humanity
&**

TOPS Market families in Buffalo NY
Refreshments to follow



VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
HOLIDAY GATHERING
DEC. 15, 2022 AT 7:00 PM
SENIOR CENTER, EYER BUILDING



Charity adoption
Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes
Please donate something from this approved list:
❖ Books for children
❖ Diapers-smaller sizes especially
❖ Wipes
❖ Art & Craft Projects for children
❖ Toys for toddlers

Induction of new members

A visit from Santa Claus (and maybe Mrs. Claus!)

The Lodge will provide pizza, but please feel free to bring a favorite
holiday goodie.

**Please join us for holiday fun
good food, and raffle.**



Buon Halloween!!



What we think of Halloween in the US is becoming more popular in Italy, but traditionally at this time of year it is marked by the still spooky La Festa di Ognissanti (All Saints' Day) and Il Giorno dei Morti (The Day of the Dead), a commemoration of all the faithful departed, a day of prayer and remembrance, observed by Roman Catholics and other Christian denominations.

Heritage Month Library Display

Stop by the East Rochester Library and check out our Italian American Heritage Month display! Located on the second floor of the Eyer Building, the library will have the display up throughout this month. It includes books, magazines, wine, baskets of goodies, and other Italian themed items. Thank you to President Marjorie for putting this display together and to the library staff for their support of this project!



Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270

In time for Thanksgiving!!! Or great for any holiday gathering!



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please check how many of each type of pie you are ordering and include payment with your order form. Pies are 10" and cost \$16 each - Pies are from Leo's Bakery, fruit pies are frozen and ready to bake & cream pies are frozen, just thaw and serve. Pies can be kept frozen to be ready for eating at any time.

Payments can be made by cash, check, or PayPal.

Order Deadline is Monday, October 31st

Apple: _____	Cannoli: _____
Peanut Butter: _____	Pumpkin: _____

Total number of checked Pies ___ x \$16.00 = \$ _____

Make checks payable to Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270

Mail this order form with payment to Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270

Marjorie Focarazzo 84 Mulcahy Blvd., Rochester, NY 14624

Pick - up Monday, Nov. 21st 11:30 am until 1:00 pm

Eyer Building, East Rochester



10/1: Ann Vazzana
10/2: Lillian Bonanni, Franca DiFilippo
10/11: Vince Giannantonio

10/14: Martin D'Ambrose
10/17: Thomas Ferraro Jr.
10/21: Stacey Romeo
10/22: Joe DiPasquale



We continue to send our prayers for healing to members Lila and Ezio Bonanni, Nancy and Joe Rubé, Bill Agnello, Becky DiFilippo, Nick Baross, Patty Rask, and Sandy Meleca.



Brother Ed Groszewski has authored an article that was included in the current issue of The Golden Lion, titled, A Forgotten Brother. Check out your copy of the Golden Lion to read it. Congratulations, Ed, and thank you for your ongoing contributions to our lodge newsletters and to our state communications!



Next year is an election for our Lodge. A Nominating Committee needs to be formed. If you are interested in serving on this ad hoc committee and do not plan to run for an elected office, please contact Brother Vince Giannantonio. Once the election occurs and results are in, this committee's job is done. The time frame is to present the slate at the January meeting with nominations taken from the floor. If there are any nominations from the floor, an election will take place in February and installation in March.



Would you like to become more involved with our lodge? Joining the council is a great way to do it! All council positions are open for election, although current council members are also eligible to serve another term. We do have some council positions that will be vacant at the end of this term, and we are seeking members to join in this important role. If you would like to hear more about what this entails, contact Brother Vince Giannantonio to discuss the different positions. If you would like to serve, send a letter of intent to Brother Vince by December 1st. We can't wait for you to join us!



Grand Lodge raffle tickets are still available, get yours now for a chance to win big money! Tickets are \$100 each. You can purchase one on your own, for yourself or as a gift, or join with others to purchase together and split the pot if you win. Contact President Marjorie if you would like to purchase. 1st Prize is \$20,000! And there are a number of other prizes too!



In order to continue to have successful lodge events, support from our members is needed. We have several upcoming events for which we could use volunteer help: The Turkey Raffle in November, The Winter Picnic in February, and the Installation Brunch in March. Please contact President Marjorie to sign up to assist with an event, and help us keep these events going for all!

I am an Italian-American

By Angelo Bianco

I am an Italian-American. My roots are deep in an ancient soil, drenched by the Mediterranean sun, and watered by pure streams from snow capped mountains.

I am enriched by thousands of years of culture. My hands are those of the mason, the artist, the man of the soil.

My thoughts have been recounted in the annals of Rome, the poetry of Virgil, the creations of Dante, and the philosophy of Benedetto Croce.

I am an Italian-American, and from my ancient world, I first spanned the seas to the New World. I am Cristoforo Colombo.

I am Giovanne Caboto known in American History as John Cabot, discoverer of the mainland of North America.
I am Amerigo Vespucci, who gave my name to the New World, America.

First to sail on the Great Lakes in 1679, founder of the territory that became the State of Illinois, colonizer of Louisiana and Arkansas, I am Enrico Tonti.

I am Filippo Mazzei friend of Thomas Jefferson, and my thesis on the equality of man was written into the Bill of Rights.
I am William Paca, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

I am an Italian-American; I financed the Northwest Expedition of George Rogers Clark and accompanied him through the lands that would become Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan. I am Colonel Francesco Vigo.

I mapped the Pacific from Mexico to Alaska and to the Philippines. I am Alessandro Malaspina.

I am Giacomo Belinimi, discoverer of the source of the Mississippi River in 1823.

I created the Dome of the United States Capitol. They call me the Michelangelo of America. I am Constantino Brumidi.

In 1904, I founded in San Francisco, the Bank of Italy now known as the Bank of America, the largest financial institution in the world. I am A.P. Giannini.

I am Enrico Fermi, father of nuclear science in America.

I am Steve Geppi, founder of Diamond Comics, the largest distributorship of comics on the planet.

I am the first enlisted man to earn the Medal of Honor in World War II; I am John Basilone of New Jersey. I am an Italian-American.

I am the million strong who served in America's armies and the tens of thousands whose names are enshrined in military cemeteries from Guadalcanal to the Rhine.

I am the steel maker in Pittsburgh, the grower in the Imperial Valley of California, the textile designer in Manhattan, the movie maker in Hollywood, the homemaker and the breadwinner in over 10,000 communities.

I am an American without stint or reservation, loving this land as only one who understands history, its agonies and its triumphs can love and serve it.

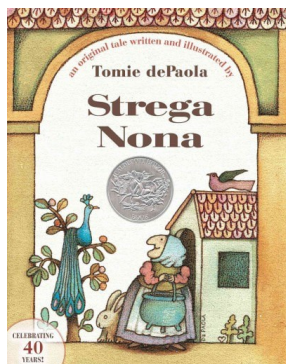
I will not be told that my contribution is any less nor my role not as worthy as that of any other American.
I will stand in support of this nation's freedom and protect against all foes.

My heritage has dedicated me to this nation. I am proud of my heritage, and I shall remain worthy of it.

I am an Italian-American.

Italian American Heritage Month

We celebrate Italian-American Heritage and Culture month every year to honor the successes and valuable contributions of Italians Americans. We must continue to teach our children, grandchildren and future generations of Italian Americans the importance of their heritage, giving them a history to connect to. Here are five picture books recommended to help celebrate Italian American culture and famous Italian American figures from history.



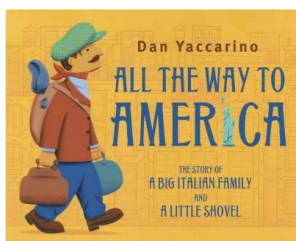
Strega Nona by Tomie dePaola - Strega Nona—"Grandma Witch"—is the source for potions, cures, magic, and comfort in her Calabrian town. Her magical everfull pasta pot is especially intriguing to hungry Big Anthony. He is supposed to look after her house and tend her garden but one day, when she goes over the mountain to visit Strega Amelia, Big Anthony recites the magic verse over the pasta pot, with disastrous results.



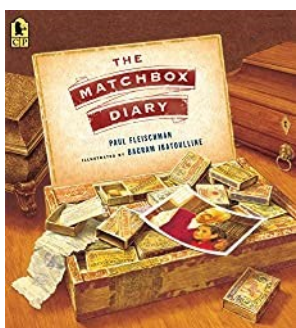
Maria Montessori by Ma Isabel Sanchez Vegara, illustrated by Raquel Martin - Maria grew up in Italy at a time when girls didn't receive an equal education to boys. But Maria's mother was supportive of her dreams, and Maria went on to study medicine. She later became an early childhood expert—founding schools with her revolutionary educational theories and changing the lives of many children. This moving book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the educator's life.



A Picnic in October by Eve Bunting, illustrated by Nancy Carpenter - Tony thinks it's dumb to go all the way to Liberty Island for a birthday picnic. But that's before he understands what the Statue of Liberty means to Grandma.



All the Way to America: The Story of a Big Italian Family and a Little Shovel by Dan Yaccarino - Dan Yaccarino's great-grandfather arrived at Ellis Island with a small shovel and his parents' good advice: "Work hard, but remember to enjoy life, and never forget your family." With simple text and warm, colorful illustrations, Yaccarino recounts how the little shovel was passed down through four generations of this Italian-American family—along with the good advice.



The Matchbox Diary by Paul Fleischman - When a little girl visits her great-grandfather, she asks about the collection of matchboxes harboring objects she can hold in her hand, each one evoking a memory. Together they tell of his journey from Italy to a new country before he could read and write: the olive pit his mother gave him to suck on when there wasn't enough food; a bottle cap he saw on his way to the boat; a ticket still retaining the thrill of his first baseball game. Newbery Medalist Paul Fleischman and acclaimed illustrator Bagram Ibatoulline tell a breathtaking immigration tale with appeal across generations.

Headlines from Italy that will make you smile



(Photo Credit: wantedinmilan.com)

Milano to Lazio in 2 hours: Italy police use Lamborghini to transport kidney. In June, two Italian police officers utilized a Lamborghini travelling 300 KPH (Approximately 180 MPH) to transport a kidney from Milan to a patient in need in Lazio. The trip is being called “The Journey of Hope” and the police explained that use of the Lamborghini is fundamental, as it leaves helicopters free to respond to sudden emergencies.



(photo credit: eatitalianrecipes.com)

The Worlds Longest Cannoli, 21 Meters and 700 KG of Ricotta Cheese: Caltanissetta has entered the Guinness Book of World Records with the longest cannoli in the world, measuring almost 69 feet long and weighing in with 156 pounds of ricotta cheese! The cannoli was prepared in Corso Umberto and distributed free to all citizens present. The initiative is by Ristoworld Italia and executed by master pastry chef Lillo Defraia.

Did You Know?



Cesare Lombroso was an Italian criminologist, phrenologist (a pseudoscience which involves the measurement of bumps on the skull to predict mental traits), physician, and founder of the Italian School on Positivist Criminology. He became known as the father of modern criminology and was one of the first to study crime and criminals scientifically. He rejected the classical school of thought that crime was a characteristic trait of human nature. In 1876 he stated his biological theory that criminology is an inherited trait, and a criminal can be identified by the way they looked. The criminal has certain physical and mental characteristics of primitive humans, and crimes are committed based on these biological abnormalities. A “born criminal” had anatomical characteristics of a sloping forehead, unusual size ears, asymmetry of the face, excessively long arms, or irregularity of the cranium. He also researched mental illness, scientific ways to study corpses, and brain pathology. Although Lombroso’s identifying characteristic of a criminal are no longer used, the idea that there may be predisposed traits in certain individuals to commit crimes is the foundation in criminology.

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