

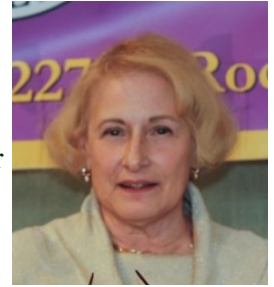


# The Roar of the Lion

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September 2022 Edition

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our Members Picnic was a huge success. We had 75 people attending, sharing good food and drink, and enjoying each other's company. Our picnic actually begins with making sausage. This year Tom Meleca, Luigi DiFilippo, Frank Giancaterin, Vince Giannantonio, Matthew Grosodonia gathered at Richard Meleca's house. Pork for the sausage weighed in at 123 pounds, which makes for a lot of sausage links.



Thank you to everyone who invited guests, shared a snack, appetizer, or dessert; to John Gammariello and Matthew Grosodonia for grilling; Vince Giannantonio, Luigi DiFilippo, and Louis DeCarolis for setting up the lodge; and Vince, Luigi, Louis, Tom Meleca, Ron Santoli, Frank & Angela Giancaterin, and Quintino & Nellie DeCesare who stayed to clean up. As you see, it takes quite a few of us to make an event successful.



The council, this year, decided to create an Honorary Membership to be given to someone who on a regular basis gives to our Lodge, but has never been a member. John Gammariello, our first recipient, fits the criteria of giving his time and energy to do the grilling for our picnic. He has been a good friend to us for many years. Congratulations John!

The next few months will bring more events: Christopher Columbus Heritage Dinner, Papa Antolini Turkey Raffle, Pie Sales, Christmas Holiday Meeting. If anyone would like to help plan any of these events, just let me know.

We also will be holding our Lodge elections early 2023. While all the current council members can be elected to another term, there are a few who do not plan to run again. A nominating committee needs to be formed. Any member, including social members, can serve on this committee. Anyone interested in holding an elected office can submit their letter of intent to the Nominating Committee. The slate will be announced at our January General Assembly meeting. At that time, anyone can run from the floor. From my perspective, having served on the council for almost ten years and overseeing the State Scholarship Committee for District VIII and as the liaison for CSJ has been very rewarding. I will not sugarcoat any position, whether elected or not. It takes time and energy, can be frustrating at times, but I have enjoyed it all and look forward to continuing serving you.

Take Care and God Bless  
Marjorie

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## 2022 Vincent Lombardi Lodge Calendar

September 8th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting  
(Legacy at Maiden Park, 749 Maiden Lane,  
Rochester)

October 6th, 6:30pm: Council Meeting

**October 14th: 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) \*\*Note Date Change from the 8th  
to the 15th\*\***

**Join the Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270  
&  
Legacy at Maiden Park  
in a joint collaboration  
for an evening with  
Virginia McIntyre, Mezzosoprano**



Virginia will speak on her time living in Italy, opera and master composers, and will sing from some of her favorite operas. You will not be disappointed.

Virginia Eleanor McIntyre, Mezzosoprano, winner of many international competitions (Fasano, Civenna, Trapani) has performed a wide range of roles. She began her singing career in musical productions in Rochester and began studying classical voice as a soloist with the Rochester Bach Children's Chorus. She furthered her education at SUNY Purchase Conservatory of Music. In 2002 she moved to Italy and recorded several CDs for the Conservatory of Mantova and from there studied dramatic repertory that allowed her to use richer, darker qualities in the lower range of her voice and finally won roles that showcased the full range of her voice. She recently moved back to Rochester to be closer to family.

PLACE: Legacy at Maiden Park  
ADDRESS: 749 Maiden Lane, Rochester, 14615  
DATE AND TIME: Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

We will have a short business meeting prior to the presentation.  
Refreshments will follow the program.

**NOTE: The Legacy at Maiden Lane is an assisted living facility with a memory care unit. They require all visitors to wear masks while in the building.**

If you would like to provide a refreshment, the Legacy would be most appreciative, but it must be commercially prepared, or store bought.

Direct any questions to concerns to Marjorie Focarazzo, 585-749-5346



9/5 Michael Sciortino  
9/6 Pat Bernunzio  
9/8 Michela Palucci  
9/9 Ross Cottone

9/10 Angela Giancaterin  
9/14 Joanne Napoli  
9/22 Luigi DiFilippo  
9/28 Sal Cutaia



Sending our love and prayers to Sister Kitty DiNicola and the entire DiNicola family as they grieve the loss of Brother David DiNicola.

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/obituaries/rdc175894>

And to Brother Joe Capogreco and the Capogreco family for the loss of Joe's grandson, Michael Capogreco.

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/obituaries/rdc175918>



Sending strength for continued recovery and recuperation to Brother Joe and Sister Nancy Rubé, Brother Ezio and Sister Lillian Bonanni, Sister Becky DiFilippo, Brother Nick Baross, Brother Bill Agnello, and Sister Sandy Meleca



**Christopher Columbus Italian Heritage Dinner  
October 14, 2022  
Webster Golf Club  
Celebration Page for Members**

Please take this opportunity to support our Lodge and members for all the work they do by having your name on this special page in the program. Cost is \$10.00 per line. Please fill out the form below and return it with payment to

Marjorie Focarazzo  
84 Mulcahy Blvd.  
Rochester, NY 14624

Checks should be made out to the Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270. Deadline for submission is September 15, 2022.

Please print clearly.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

# **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

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

**Eyer Building, East Rochester**



**WANTED:  
Members to serve on the Nomination Committee**

The Vincent Lombardi Lodge will be electing new officers and trustees in February 2023. A nomination committee of five (5) members will be formed in October. No member of the nominating committee is allowed to run for an elected office. The nominating committee is responsible for finding the best candidate for each position: president, vice president, orator, recording secretary, financial secretary, treasurer, trustees (5), master/mistress of ceremony, sentinel, arbitration commissioners and arbitration alternates.

We understand the role of the majority of these positions, but there is often confusion as to what the orator and the arbitrations' responsibilities are.

According to the Constitution/General Law/Judicial Code manual, the Orator gives opinions concerning the application and interpretation of the laws of the Order, ensuring the laws are observed and carried out accordingly. The Arbitration Commission is the judicial tribunal of the local lodge. The rules, regulations, and mode of procedure can be found in the Judicial Code. It is composed of five (5) regular members, also for the alternates. The term of office is for two (2) years and shall serve until a successor is elected.

**TIMELINE:**

Formation of the Nomination Committee in October. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are willing to serve on this important committee.

Report of the Slate to be elected shall be reported to the General Assembly in January. Elections will be held at the General Assembly Meeting in February. Nominations will be taken from the floor at this time. In the event there are no nominations from the floor, the recording secretary will cast a single vote, thereby electing the slate as reported. In the event there is a nomination from the floor, a ballot election will take place. Each person will be running for office will be allowed to speak for no more than two (2) minutes to the General Assembly.

The newly elected officers and trustees will be installed in March at a separate event from the General Assembly Meeting.

**PROCEDURE TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

All positions on the council are open, although the current council members are eligible to serve for another term. I do know there are some of the council members who have decided not to run again. Current council members may seek another position and should follow the same process. No one serving on the nominating committee may run for a council position. Anyone wishing to be considered for a position should send a letter of intent to the nominating committee chair expressing the position to be considered along with their qualifications for that position. In the event, there is more than one candidate for an office, the nominating committee will make the decision on who will run on the slate presented to the General Assembly. The nominating committee will have completed their charge by December 15th and notify each potential candidate by Dec. 31st confirming the candidate is willing to run for office and be ready and able to perform the duties associated with that office.



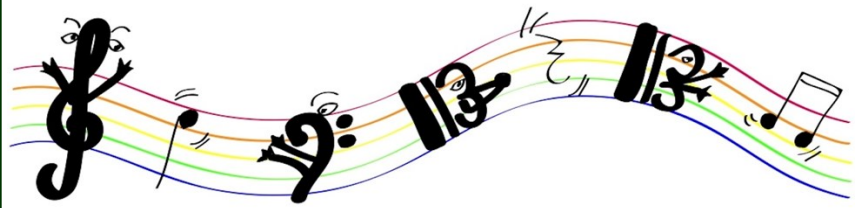
**NYSODIA  
CSJ Report**

Chicago’s mayor, Lori Lightfoot, wants the Columbus statue to be returned to Grant Park. She says, “I do not believe in erasing history, I think

you’ve got to put it in a proper context. I think you’ve got to honor the entirety of that history. There are too many people willing to take bits and pieces of history and twist it to suit their needs, opinions, and feelings. Columbus, using today’s perspective, is not the first to be used. As pseudo historians (attempt to distort or misrepresent the historical record, often by employing methods resembling those used in scholarly historical research), we want to assume that if something could have then it did happen. Columbus has become incredibly controversial. We (nothing personal) want to believe that all the wrongs that happened to the Indigenous people was because of Columbus. All the blame is laid at the feet of this one man, and because our vision is clouded, we refuse to see any good that was accomplished by Columbus. He is still important to many, especially those of the Italian American community. Much of what Columbus used in his voyages, which laid the foundation for oceanographic travels for decades, is still the primary means for navigating the oceans.

In 2020 Mayor Lightfoot had two Columbus statues temporarily removed in the middle of the night (a scene from a James Bond movie!) after receiving information something was to happen. Was this decision to protect the statues, protect true history or to appease a group of citizens based on their beliefs? This mayor believes symbols should not be destroyed nor should statues be taken down but used to confront this nation’s history. This is, of course, her opinion.

For us, Italian Americans, Columbus is our symbol, and he is given credit for discovering America. Ron Onesti, president of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans in Chicago says, “Any action that keeps monuments down and buildings closed is succumbing to the thugs, succumbing to the criminals and the radicals.” He further states, “At a time in our society when things have been so radical and taken for face value, people have to see just how deep these traditions are and how much they mean to our culture. What can happen to our heritage and our culture can happen to anybody.



The Metropolitan Opera brings to you for the 2022-2023 season Live in HD series at Tinseltown, Webster 12 on Empire Boulevard, and Eastview Mall 13 on Saturdays with an encore presentation the following Wednesday. This is a great opportunity to experience live opera transmissions, special interviews, and behind the scenes features. Tickets are \$27, \$25 for senior citizens.

OPERA	LIVE DATE AND TIME	ENCORE DATE AND TIME	ENCORE DATE AND TIME
Medea	Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup> 12:55 pm	Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm	Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm
La Traviata	Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup> 12:55 pm	Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm	Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm
The Magic Flute		Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup> 12:55 pm	
The Hours	Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup> 12:55 pm	Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm	Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm
Fedora	Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup> 12:55 pm	Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm	Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm
Lohengrin	Mar. 18 <sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm	Mar. 22 <sup>nd</sup> 12:00 pm	Mar. 22 <sup>nd</sup> 6:30 pm
Falstaff	Apr. 1 <sup>st</sup> 12:30 pm	Apr. 5 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm	Apr. 5 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm
Der Rosenkavalier	Apr. 15 <sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm	Apr. 19 <sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm	Apr. 19 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm
Champion	Apr. 19 <sup>th</sup> 12:55 pm	May 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1:00 pm	May 3 <sup>rd</sup> 6:30 pm
Don Giovanni	May 20 <sup>th</sup> 12:55 pm	May 24 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm	May 24 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm
Die Zauberflote	June 3 <sup>rd</sup> 12:55 pm	June 7 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm	June 7 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm

## Dante Alighieri Poet for the Ages

Comparable only to Homer and Shakespeare, Dante's (1265 - 1321) reputation as a towering literary figure reigns secure 700 years after composing his great masterpiece, The Divine Comedy. Although he was a soldier, a pharmacist, and a politician, the details of his life seem inconsequential when placed next to his literary achievement. The Divina Commedia was begun about 1308 and completed in 1320, during the years of Dante's exile from his beloved Florence. This epic poem, composed in terza rima ( a rarely used rhyming schema), takes the reader through hell (Inferno), purgatory (Purgatorio) and heaven (Paradiso). The introduction to the work is deservedly well known and worth quoting at length.

*Midway upon the journey of our life  
I found myself within a forest dark,  
For the straightforward pathway had been lost.*

...  
*I cannot well repeat how there I entered,  
So full was I of slumber at the moment  
In which I had abandoned the true way.*

Dante's companion for hell and purgatory is the ancient poet Virgil. At the gates of hell, he reads the chilling inscription.

*I am the way into the city of woe.  
I am the way to a forsaken people.  
I am the way into eternal sorrow.*

...  
*Abandon hope all ye who enter here.*

Each of these divisions of the afterlife depict not only the punishments or rewards to be found there, but name the individuals to be found there. Thus Dante damns and praises those who have played in his life story.

The scenes of his imagined afterlife remain vivid to this day and they have influenced painters, novelists, sculptors and other artists to such an extent that it is hardly possible for a modern person of European heritage, even if he or she has ever heard of Dante, to imagine the afterlife without invoking at least some of his imagery.

Although Dante's inferno has plenty of fiery pits, the final depths of hell is bound in ice, and its inhabitants are the worst of all sinners. It is there that Satan reveals himself with his giant wings beating a wind so cold the everything freezes in its path. What sin is it that sentences those who commit it to this unspeakable eternity? Treachery. Judas. Brutus. Cassius.



*“That would that suffers most,” explained my Guide,  
“Is Judas Iscariot, he who kicks his legs  
On the fiery chin and has his head inside.*

*Of the other two, who have their heads thrust forward,  
The one who dangles down from the black face  
Is Brutus: note how he writhes without a word.*

*And, there, with the huge and sinewy arms, is the soul  
Of Cassius. - But the night is coming on  
And we must go, for we have seen the whole.”*

## Rochester Italian Americans in the Public Eye



**Charles F Crimi** had an enormous impact on the legal community. He worked tirelessly for the poor and needy. Originally from Buffalo, he graduated from Georgetown Law School after serving in the Army during World War II.

According to his law partner, Norman Palmiere, he felt he needed to be ready at a moment's notice to defend someone. Former Mayor, Tom Ryan, said of Crimi, "There is a basic sense of fairness about Charlie. He treated everyone the same."

Crimi defended a nationally publicized case in 1977 of a Brighton nun accused of strangling her newborn son. She was found innocent, but this became the basis of the movie *Agnes of God*. This case had a profound effect on him.

The New York State Bar Association and the Monroe County Bar Association give annual awards in his name.



**The Fedele Brothers:** Of the eleven Fedele Brothers, eight served in nearly every branch of the armed services during World War II, two were exempt from active duty because they worked in defense plants, and one served in the Korean Conflict. Serving from Africa to Europe to Asia, all returned home to Rochester safely.

Anthony, positioned at 1:00, was the first to enlist in 1939 and was at Pearl Harbor when it was bombed in 1941. He was also stationed at Midway, Tulagi and Guadalcanal.

It was reported it may have been the most brothers from one family to serve for the United States during the war. The Fedele family were recipients of the 2012 New York State Veterans Hall of Fame.



### A SIP OF WINE

Veneto is one of three regions that make up Tre Venezie (Veneto, Trentino-Alto Adige, Friuli). Veneto has a diverse landscape from the steep slopes of the Dolomites in the north to the Lagoon of Venice in the south. Leading white

wines of the area: Prosecco, Soave, Bianco di Custoza, Lugana. Leading red wines: Amarone, Valpolicella, Bardolino, Recioto della Valpolicella.

The wines of Valpolicella are made mainly with these three indigenous grapes: rondinella, corvina, and molinara. Valpolicella means "Valley of Many Cellars." These grapes produce medium bodied, fresh, ruby color with vivid flavors of strawberry, raspberry, sour cherry, and a touch of spice wines. There are five classifications and the area was awarded DOC status in 1968. Zenato Valpolicella Superiore 2018 is made with 85% corvina, 10% rondinella, and 5% oseleta grapes.

Superiore designation requires the grapes to be harvested at a slightly higher sugar level than standard Valpolicella. This makes a wine with a higher alcohol content. It has been aged for 12 months in oak barrels producing a dry, robust with velvety texture on the palate with an alcohol level of 13.5%. Sergio Zenato founded the winery in San Benedetto di Lugana near Lake Garda in 1960. He is given credit for putting the Lugana appellation on the wine map. This wine pairs well with antipasti, arrabbiato sauces, seared sashimi tuna, and orange-glazed duck.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Leonardo Del Vecchio was a poverty-stricken youth in war-torn Milan. At the age of seven his widowed mother sent him to an orphanage, and when he turned 14, he apprenticed with a tool-and-die manufacturer that made parts for eyeglass frames.

In 1961, he took advantage of an opportunity in Agordo for free land to anyone who opened a business. The area is historically known for its expertise and skilled labor, Leonardo was 26, and he had a dream. He worked during the day and attended classes at night in design and engraving at the prestigious Brera Academy, He knew he would have to go it alone when he moved from Milan to Agordo. He had the ability to look ahead, had the courage and determination which would guide him. He started the Luxottica with a dozen workers who made eyeglass frames designed by others. Eventually they began producing their own designs and the company expanded in Europe and the United States. In 1999 they purchased Ray Ban for \$640 million as well as Oakley and Persol.

He moved into the retail business buying up chains as Pearle Vision, Lens Crafters, and Sunglass Hut. In 2017 he became one of the world's wealthiest men with a worth of \$27 billion with the merger with Essilor, a French company that made prescription lenses.

Del Vecchio passed away on June 27, 2022. The name Luxottica is the combination of two Italian words: "luce" meaning light and "ottica" meaning optics. A perfect marriage.

## 2022 Sausage Making for the Members Picnic



### 2022 Members Picnic - Eyer Park



# East Rochester Fireman's Carnival



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