

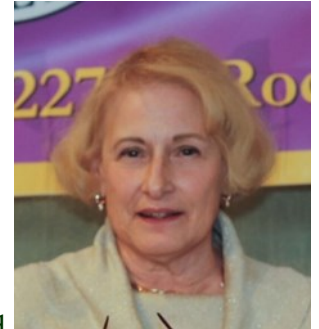


The Roar of the Lion

Marisa Rubé Przepiora, editor
June 2023 Edition

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to take this time to thank Chef Rosita Ciardi Miller for a wonderful regional dinner. A lot of work went into the preparation, but it was delicious. Thank you to Sr. Carol, Br. Vince, and Br. Luigi for helping to set up the room and get it ready, and to Sr. Kitty for lending a hand in the kitchen. Jim Lepore of Chili Discount Liquor helped to pick out the wines that accompanied each course. The Pasians, Tom and Tony, entertained us with well-known Italian songs. Sr. Rosita is excited to do this again next year, so as soon as a date and region are decided, that information will be passed along.



We had a beautiful day to march or ride in East Rochester's Memorial Day parade. The streets were lined with children, families, and vets who cheered us on. Our Lodge was represented by Br. Joe and Sr. Nancy, Sr. Marisa, Br. Vince, Br. Luigi, Br. Louis, Br. Tom, Br. Jeremy, and Sr. Becky with their daughter who tossed candy to the onlookers. We placed a wreath at the Soldiers Memorial. That's Br. Marty D'Ambrose, who is the East Rochester Village Administrator assisting us.

Festa della Repubblica was celebrated at the IASC on June 2nd with the raising of the flags and a lunch followed. Br. Luigi, Sr. Jackie Perrotta, and Br. Joe Galante carried regional flags to the center court.

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We look forward to summer. Sr. Marisa has a wonderful event planned for our Scholarship and Awards Night. We have the opportunity to meet our local and state scholarship winners and to hear about their next venture as they head off to college.

I am sure many of us have plans for traveling and spending time with family. Be sure to have our Members' Picnic noted on your calendars for Saturday, Aug.5th, and of course, bring the family to enjoy all the goodies our members share.

Before all that happens, Br. Joe and Sr. Nancy, Sr. Kitty, Br. Ron, Br. Vince, and Br. Luigi will be attending the NYS Grand Lodge Convention. This year a new president and executive council will be elected. We will receive reports and updates on the charities, watch a video presentation of scholarship winners, and hear what other lodges around the state are doing. Br. Joe Rube` will be honored as the recipient of the Dr. Vincenzo Sellaro award. Dr. Sellaro founded "Figli d'Italia in America" to help Italian Americans work with one another to better their social, civic, and personal standing in society. This year marks the 118th Anniversary. As we look forward to making new memories this summer season, please take a moment to remember NYS Grand Lodge President Michele Cangiano Ment, who passed away on May 28th.

Take care and God Bless,
Marjorie





**MICHELE CANGIANO MENT
NYS GRAND LODGE PRESIDENT
2021-2023**



2023 Vincent Lombardi Lodge Calendar

June 8th - 11th: NYS Grand Lodge Convention (Albany, NY)

June 1st, 6:30pm: Council Meeting

June General Assembly Meeting Cancelled

July 6th, 6:30pm: Council Meeting

July 13th, 7pm: Scholarship Awards Night (Eyer Building, East Rochester)

August 3rd, 6:30pm: Council Meeting

August 10th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

August 5th: Members Picnic (Quinzi Lodge - Eyer Park, East Rochester)

September 7th, 6:30pm: Council Meeting

September 13th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

October 5th, 6:30pm: Council Meeting

October 12th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

October 27th: Italian American Heritage Dinner (Webster Country Club)

November 2nd, 6:30pm: Council Meeting

November 9th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

Papa Antolini Turkey Raffle: TBA

December 7th, 6:30pm: Council Meeting

December 14th, 7pm: Holiday Gathering



Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 Scholarships and Awards Night

**Thursday July 13th, 7pm
Eyer Building, East Rochester**

Please join us as we present our scholarships and awards on Thursday, July 13th at 7 :00 pm in the Eyer Building.

Recognizing the Vincent Lombardi Lodge Scholarship Winners, New York State Grand Lodge Scholarship Recipients, and the La Bella Lingua Award Winner.

Refreshments will be served. Please attend and help us honor these deserving students!

Please Save the Date!

*Join us to celebrate the 118th Anniversary
of OSDIA's Beginning*

Saturday, June 24, 2023

*11:00 A.M. Celebration of Mass at
Most Precious Blood Church
113 Baxter Street, NYC*

*Luncheon to follow at
IL Cortile Restaurant
125 Mulberry Street, NYC*

*State President's Lifetime Achievement Award
Presented To*

Robert M. Ferrito

John A. Fratta

and

New York OSDIA Hall of Fame Award

Presented To

Nancy DiFiore Quinn

*For further information contact Co-Chairperson Eleanor Jobbagy
516.551.3125*

Additional information to follow ...



Picnic

**Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270
Members' Appreciation Picnic
Saturday, August 5th 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm
Quinzi Lodge in Eyer Park, East Rochester**

Please remit the following by July 24th, so we know how much food to prepare and/or purchase. The council will provide in the way of dishes: Baked ziti, eggplant parm, greens-n-beans, large tossed green salad, Sicilian Caponata, East Utica Greens, pasta salad, and mac-n-cheese.

Also supplied will be: homemade sausage, beverages, hotdogs, buns, condiments, paper products.

Members and their spouses/significant others are free. Guests are \$10/person.

We will be raffling off baskets: \$2 for a single ticket, \$5 for three tickets.

NAME(S): _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

DISH TO PASS: _____

Numbers to attend: _____ Amount paid: _____

**Payments can be made by check to the Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270
Mail to: Marisa Przepiora 4552 Wildflower Drive, Canandaigua, NY 14424 by
July 24th. Or pay with paypal/credit card using the QR code to the right.
Please include a note with your payment indicating your dish to pass, and
include a \$3 service fee for credit card/paypal payments.**





With great sadness we report that NYS Grand Lodge President Michele Cangiano Ment has passed away peacefully on May 28th, surrounded by her family. President Michele will be remembered as a strong leader who was incredibly dedicated to our organization and to the Italian American Community as a whole. Our condolences go out to her family and friends during this difficult time. May she rest in eternal peace.



6/16: Nellie DiCesare
6/22: Carol DiNicola
6/25: Ed Groszewski
6/27: Louis DeCarolis
6/30: Dominic Calisto, Ed Maruggi



Sending strength and healthy thoughts to all of our members who have been ill or recuperating this month.

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 are available now and sales 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 and to purchase tickets, contact us at vincentlombardilodge@gmail.com.



Congratulations!

OSDIA's 118th Anniversary

New York State Grand Lodge will present the
2023 State President's Lifetime Achievement
Award

National CSJ President Robert M. Ferrito
NYS CSJ Chair John A. Fratto

And

New York OSDIA Hall of Fame Award
Nancy DiFiore Quinn



Join our General Assembly Meetings by Zoom

You now have the option to join our General Assembly meetings by zoom if you are unable to attend in person.

This link will remain the same for all GA meetings this year.

Please join us July 13th at 7pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82651398467?pwd=SmlnbDhxbWIHS0gvVHJjblB0UjJBUT09>

Meeting ID: 826 5139 8467
Passcode: 865390

Did you know you can pay for dues and events and even make donations to the Vincent Lombardi Lodge by credit card or PayPal?

When utilizing PayPal, include a note indicating what the payment is for. Please include a \$3 service charge when you make your payment

There are four ways to do this:

1. See Financial Secretary Marisa Przepiora at a meeting or event to utilize our credit card reader.
1. Log into your PayPal account, click the link to send money and send to: vincentlombardilodge@gmail.com
1. Ask a Council member to have an invoice with a link for payment sent to your email address.

1. Scan the QR code here:



Casa Italiana at Nazareth College

If you have not checked out the Casa Italiana lately, you should. It provides a lot of opportunities for everyone of all ages.

Summer ideas for children: Italian Language and Culture Camp

During week-long sessions, children learn about the cultural heritage of Italy and study the Italian language through various activities, such as: indoor and outdoor language games, cooking, history and geography, traditions, theater, folk dancing, art, Italian classical and modern music, guest demonstrations, videos and more!

Summer 2023 Dates:

Week 1 (ages 5-7): July 10-14, 2023

Week 2 (ages 8-10): July 17-21, 2023

Camp is held from 9:30am - 3:30pm, Monday through Friday, for both weeks.

Cost:

\$250: Casa Italiana members (membership must be active at the time of registration) and Nazareth Faculty and Staff

\$300: Non-members

Registration is now through June 30th or until camp roster is full.

Forms can be found on

<https://www2.naz.edu/casa-italiana/childrens-programs>

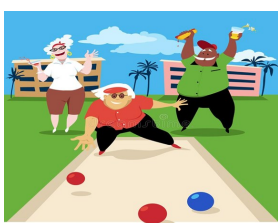
Check the Casa's website in the fall for more exciting programs: language classes, cooking classes, and the cinema.

Honorary Vice Consulate of Italy in Rochester, NY

Honorary Vice Consulate Vincenzo Scollo can be contacted at his office at:
919 Winton Road South, Suite 204
Phone 585-491-4244
or by email at Rochester.onorario@esteri.it

Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Vincenzo can assist you with visas and obtaining an Italian passport or renewing an expired one. He can tell you what documents are required and how long the process will take. Call to schedule an appointment.



Italian Civic League 5th Annual Bocce Tournament

Saturday, July 1st at 9:00 am
Italian American community
Center

Deadline to signup is June 24th

See Flyer attached to this newsletter for more information and the sign up form.



*to all fathers in the Vincent
Lombardi Lodge!*

Sunday, June 18th

Father's Day is a holiday honoring one's father, or relevant father figure, but it is a relatively modern holiday.

In Italy, according to the Roman Catholic tradition, Father's Day is celebrated on Saint Joseph's Day, commonly called the Feast of Saint Joseph (Festa di San Giuseppe), on March 19th.

In the United States, it became a national holiday in 1972, when Pres. Richard Nixon signed legislation designating the third Sunday of June as Father's Day.



Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes Shelter to Open



The door is one of humankind's greatest inventions. It is so commonplace that we hardly give it any thought or consider its significance. Imagine what life would be like if we didn't have doors that allow us in or keep us out. Doors can be a transition, a way to cross from one place to another. They provide privacy, reservedness, and security. They can imply the beginning to something or the end, and sometimes they indicate a choice to be made.

The doors to Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes will soon be opening their shelter. Although we cannot have a housewarming celebration at their location, we can still have a housewarming celebration!

We can help! Sr. Marisa has a list of items that are needed to open the doors, to provide some comforts of home, and to let those who enter these doors know they are safe and protected.

- Towels – Large Bath Towels, Hand Towels
- Laundry Baskets
- Large Toaster Oven
- Large Air Fryer
- Roaster Pan (like to roast a turkey)
- Large Crockpot
- Tin Foil
- Saran Wrap
- Parchment Paper
- Ziplock Bags – Gallon, Quart, Sandwich
- Tupperware
- Pots and Pans (larger sized)
- Laundry soap
- Dryer Sheets
- Diapers – All Sizes
- Wipes
- Feminine Hygiene Products

****Items can be used but must be clean and in good working condition****

Items can be brought to a council meeting, general assembly meeting, member's picnic.

*Each one of us can make a difference.
Together we make change.*

~Barbara Mikulski



A SIP OF WINE

What is natural wine? In simple terms, it is wine with nothing added and nothing taken away. For centuries this was the traditional way of winemaking, but fast forward to modern times there are 72 legal additives allowed in making wine which help to control flavor, aroma, and texture. It helps “Mother Nature” produce the tastiest wines offered to consumers, plus keep consistency between vintages. But lately there has been a resurgence in the wine industry as a “counter culture” to produce wines with far less fussing and to just allow nature do the work, which means there may be differences even between individual bottles.



Natural White Wine from Sicily: *Purato Catarratto-Pinot Grigio 2021*

60% catarratto grapes and 40% pinot grigio grapes. Certified organic wines from the Vittoria region in southern Sicily. No artificial fertilizers or pesticides are used in the vineyard. Only natural fertilizers are used to keep chemicals out of the soil. Purato also uses eco-friendly packaging: recycled paper for their labels, vegetable ink on the labels, and 85% recycled glass for the bottle. It is aged for four months in stainless steel with a bouquet of citrus, tropical fruits floral notes, and a hint of dried herbs on the nose. It can be enjoyed with appetizers, hummus, bruschetta, smoked fish, or as an aperitif. The alcohol is 12.5 %.



Natural Red Wine from Tuscany: *La Palazzetta Flavino 2021*

Made from 100% sangiovese grosso grapes on the south-eastern edge of Montalcino. The owner, Flavio Fanti, cultivates his vineyards organically. In 2016 he was awarded the Ecofriendly Cellar Diploma for production of healthy wines. The 2021 wine was aged in oak and steel for eight months and the bottle unrefined and unfiltered. It is fruity with notes of cherry and blackberry with a structured tannic finish. It pairs great with autumn risottos, grilled portobellas, and anything with Italian sauce. It is 14.5% alcohol.

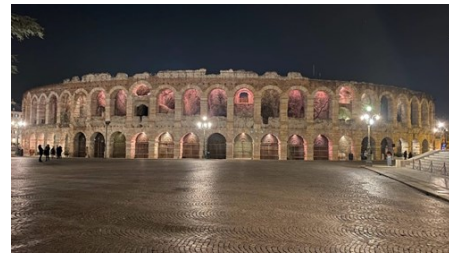
June happenings in Italy



Infiolata Flower Carpet Festivals

From north to south Italy celebrates with spectacular flower festivals. Towns erupt in color as streets are carpeted with elaborate flower designs stretching hundreds of meters long. The oldest infiorata belongs to the Roman town of Genzano, which will celebrate its 245th event.

Caracalla Festival continues through August 10th in Rome featuring opera, dance, cinema, theatre, magnificent symphonic music, jazz and pop, and the Teatro dell’Opera’s summer program. It is set among the atmospheric ruins of the ancient Roman Caracalla baths.



Arena di Verona Opera Festival June 16th-Sept 9th

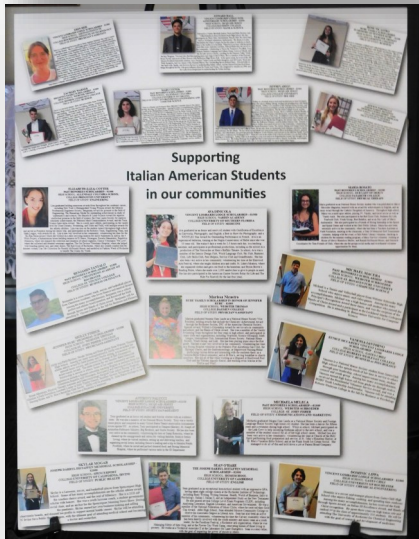
Verona is famous for Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet but it is also know for its celebrated Arena di Verona Opera, which will celebrate its centennial this year. Operas including Aida, Carmen, the Barber of Seville, La Traviata and Tosca, among others will be performed this season.



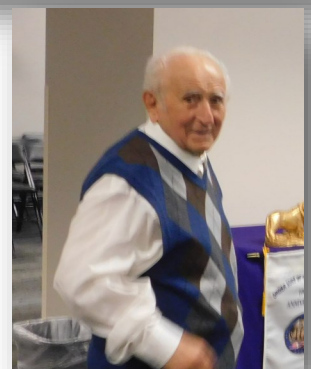
Luminara of San Ranieri June 16th

Rainerius is the patron saint of Pisa and patron saint of travelers. His feast day is June 17, and Pisa lights up the city’s buildings with more than 100,000 wax candles perched on wooden supports known as biancherie.

East Rochester Open House - May 11th, 2023



Italian Regional Dinner - May 20th, 2023



East Rochester Memorial Day Parade - May 27th, 2023



Festa Della Republica 2023



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