

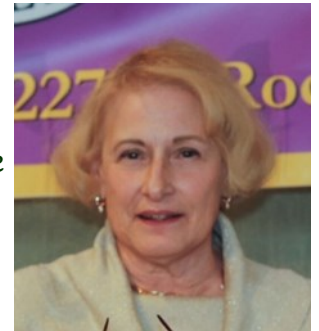


# The Roar of the Lion

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May 2023 Edition

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The word **MAY** expresses the possibility that something may be true. It is also asking permission to do something, usually as a polite request. May is the fifth month in the Gregorian calendar and the last month of spring in the astronomical calendar in the Northern Hemisphere. "May" is likely named after the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants. That being said, May is a time when farmers start planting the crops because is most likely a killing frost in unlikely to happen. It is the time when we consider our own gardens: flowers, fruits, and vegetables. The Flower Festival of Bucchianico, located in Abruzzo, takes place on the third Sunday in May, and women balance colorful baskets of flowers on their heads as they parade through the city. A perfect place for all the flower lovers!



There are so many other happenings: Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and college graduations. On May 25<sup>th</sup> a very special birthday is celebrated in Italy: that of Pinocchio. Collodi, located east of Lucca, is a medieval village that lives and breathes the magic of beloved fairy tales and is the birthplace of Pinocchio's by Carlo Collodi, which is a pseudonym. The real name of the author is Carlo Lorenzini, from Florence. On this special day, the town of Collodi hosts a festival in celebration. The name Pinocchio when broken down into its literal component: pino means pine and -occhio means eye, but the moral to the story is that no matter how many mistakes we make, it is never too late to do the right thing.

Italy's own Tour de France, known as Giro D'Italia is a big deal around Italy. It goes on for the entire month of May with rides and tours throughout the scenic countryside. A great time for bike riding.

We need more months of May in the United States and in Italy for celebrations and stopping to smell the roses.

Take care and God Bless,  
Marjorie

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## 2023 Vincent Lombardi Lodge Calendar

**May 11th, 5pm-7pm: Open House**  
May 11th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

**May 20th, 5pm: Italian Regional Dinner**  
(Eyer Building, East Rochester)

**May 27th, 10:30am: East Rochester Memorial Day Parade**

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

June 1st, 6:30pm: Council Meeting

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**



### LA FESTA DELLA MAMMA

In Italy, mamma is the cornerstone of the home and celebrated by her family all year round. Mother's Day was first celebrated in Italy in May 1957, about 50 years after it began in the United States. It was started by a parish priest in Assisi, and soon other surrounding cities began to show appreciation to the women who gave unconditional love and worked hard for her family. One year later, the holiday was adopted in 20 regions of Italy.

*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 ...*



VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270

**VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270,  
ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
EAST ROCHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
OPEN HOUSE  
THURSDAY, MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:00 PM  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
EAST ROCHESTER EYER BUILDING  
317 MAIN STREET**

**Please attend to support the Lodge and our activities.**

**Help with refreshments is greatly appreciated.**



VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE REGIONAL DINNER  
SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023 AT 5:00 PM  
EYER BUILDING, EAST ROCHESTER  
FEATURING THE LAZIO REGION  
CHEF ROSITA CARIDI MILLER

**Antipasti**

**Carciofi alla Romana**

Roman style marinated artichokes  
salumi (cured meats and cold cuts),  
southern Italian cheese, olives and crusty bread

**IL Primo**

**Bucatini all'Amatriciana**

Bucatini, long thin tube pasta, with Amatriciana sauce,  
simply made with Guanciale (cured pork checks),  
tomatoes and Pecorino cheese.

**Il Secondo**

**Stufatino Alla Romana**

Beef braised in red wine  
Served with gnocchi

**Vigarola**

vegetarian stew featuring Lazio's abundant  
vegetables: artichokes, peas, and fava beans

**Insalata**

**Insalata di Puntarella**

Chicory salad with garlic & anchovy dressing

**Frutti e Dolce**

**Ciambelle al Vino**

Lazio's famous wine cookies  
Served with seasonal fruit and Vin Santo

**Coffee and Tea**

Each course paired with a wine

Music provided by The Paisans

**Tickets: \$60/person**

***This is a served meal. Reservations are required. No walk-ins. No refunds.***

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**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please include a \$3 service charge with paypal payment to cover the cost of fees associated with this transaction.**





5/6: Vincenzo Buonomo  
5/18: Salvatore DiPerna  
5/20: Dawn DiGennaro  
5/26: Angela Cataldi  
5/31: Scott DiMarco, Suzanne DiMaria



Sending prayers for a fully and speedy recovery to Brother Bill Agnello, Brother Ron Santoli, Sister Nancy Rubé, Sister Mickey Palucci, and Brother Ezio and Sister Lila Bonanni.

Please keep our NYS President Michelle Ment in your prayers as she battles illness.



Please give a warm welcome to our newest lodge member, James Bruno.

### 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 and to purchase tickets, contact us at [vincentlombardilodge@gmail.com](mailto:vincentlombardilodge@gmail.com).

### Join us to march or drive in the Memorial Day parade

East Rochester  
Saturday, may 27th



Meeting place will be provided when determined, but we will meet at 9:30 to get into formation. The Vincent Lombardi Lodge will place a wreath at the soldiers' memorial in Edmund Lyon Park. Please join us in honoring those who have protected us and our liberties.



### 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 May 11th at 7pm:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82651398467?pwd=SmlnbDhxbWlHS0gvVHJjblB0UjJBUT09>

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

There are four ways to do this:

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



### New York State Grand Lodge Foundation Raffle

New York State Grand Lodge Foundation, Inc.  
Order Sons of Italy in America  
2023 Charitable and State Programs



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|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>1st Prize</b><br>\$20,000                 | <b>2nd Prize</b><br>\$5,000                | <b>3rd Prize</b><br>2 @ \$2,000 |
| <b>4th Prize</b><br>3 Prizes of \$1,000 Each | <b>5th Prize</b><br>5 Prizes of \$500 Each |                                 |

Drawing will take place at the Grand Lodge of New York  
Bellmore, New York on Saturday, June 10, 2023  
Donation \$100.00 per ticket • Winners need not be present  
Town of Hempstead Lic. #951

\*\*Note: Full first prize paid to winner upon sale of 80% or more of the raffle tickets;  
If less than 80% of the tickets are sold, first prize is \$15,000.

Tickets will be sold through May 22, 2023  
Buy one for yourself, as a gift, or go in with others to share the \$100 cost.

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### The Honorary Consul of Italy, Vincenzo Scollo, in conjunction with the IASC invite you to attend!

**“Festa della Repubblica”**  
June 2, 2023 11:30am  
Italian American Sports Club

- Raising of the flags
- Singing the US and Italian national anthems
- Address by dignitaries
- Followed by a free lunch

Festa Della Repubblica is a national holiday in Italy, with the main celebrations taking place in Roma. This commemorates the birth of the Italian Republic following World War II in 1946. A laurel wreath is laid at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Altare della Patria by the President of the Italian Republic. A national symbol of Italy, it honors the institutional referendum voted on by the citizens of Italy. This marked the fall of fascism.





(photo by Pixabay)

## Mozart's Don Giovanni

A co-production of the Metropolitan Opera and Opéra National de Paris

Live in HD on May 20th at 12:55 pm

A new take on Mozart's tragicomedy on deceit and damnation in an abstract architectural landscape, Tony award winning director, Ivo van Hove makes a major debut at the Metropolitan Opera. Also making her Met debut is maestro Nathalie Stutzman.

This live transmission is part of the Met's Live in HD series that is brought to theatres around the globe. Theatres in the Rochester area showing the performance with an encore on May 24th at 6:30 at Tinseltown in Gates, Webster 12 on Empire Blvd., and Eastview Mall 13.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was a musical prodigy throughout Europe. The beauty, vocal challenge, and dramatic insight of his operas are, to this day, second to none. Librettist Lorenzo Da Ponte collaborated with Mozart on *Le Nozze di Figaro* and *Così fan tutte*, who later emigrated to the United States and was the first professor of Italian at New York's Columbia College.

## Fiorello!

*fiorello!*

A musical about New York City mayor Fiorello La Guardia, which originally debuted on Broadway in 1959 and tells the story of how LaGuardia took on the Tammany Hall political machine.

It won three major theatre awards: the Tony award shared with *The Sound of Music*, the New York Drama Critics Award and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, which is one of ten to have received this prestigious award.

The play received rave reviews from *The New York Times* described as exciting, enjoyable, descent, with a bouncy score, and the "entire show comes alive with gusto".

The Tammany Hall was a political machine that played a major role in who was elected to office in New York City from the 1790's until 1960's, including the election of Fiorello LaGuardia in 1934. The society was founded in the 1780's when a Native American Indian Chief, played a prominent role in keeping peace between Native Americans and the settlers in the establishment of Philadelphia. Forward to the 1830's and 1840's when they expanded their political control and gained the loyalty of New York City's expanding immigration community by finding them jobs, a place to live, and even obtaining citizenship.



Fiorello LaGuardia was born to an Italian mother and Jewish father. His ethnicity were two groups of people who were historically looked down upon and discriminated against. He went to law school and practiced law until 1915 and became NY Deputy Attorney General, the beginning of his political career. In 1916 he ran for the House of Representatives and was elected. Because his parents were immigrants, he was very supportive of immigrant families.

Even before being elected as Mayor, LaGuardia had plans to rid his beloved city of the corrupted political machine, the mobs, and gangs. He viewed the Italian mobs as a disgrace to the good and honest Italian people and wanted to rid them of the stained image given to Italian Americans. His work as a lawyer was the basis for advocacy in New York reform and for his political platform. He realized to be successful he would need more powerful help and in a deal with President Franklin Delano Roosevelt they would help each other carry out their political agenda since both men despised the corruption plaguing the country. LaGuardia was able to strip Tammany Hall of its federal patronage which ultimately brought down the political machine. Fiorello appealed to the citizens of New York as an honest politician looking to do what was best for his citizens. He put New York City on a brighter national spotlight than had ever been seen, and his success in combatting political corruption was hailed across the country.



## A Sip of Wine The Magic of Piemonte

Piemonte is the second largest region in Italy located in the northwest and borders on Switzerland and France. Piemonte means foot of the mountain and is surrounded on three sides by the Alps. The climate is influenced by the Alps and the Mediterranean Sea.

Barbera is the most widely planted grape in the area, but nebbiolo and dolcetto are also widely grown for red wine. The white grape, moscato, is most prominent, but cortese and arneis are well known.

Piemonte produces more DOCG wines by volume than any other Italian wine region. They do not have an Indicazione Geografica Tipica (IGT) classification.

Banfi Principessa Gavia Gavi 2021 is made of 100% cortese grape and is considered Piemonte's "white jewel in the crown". The vineyards are found mainly on the hills of the thirteen communes in the province of Alessandria. The cortese grape has a heritage going back to the 1600s. It's bone dry and crisp, and flinty and fresh acidity comes from the mineral-rich soils. The aroma of boxwood combines with the floral notes of jasmine and the fruit flavors of melon and peach and the alcohol content is 12.5%.



The story that surrounds this wine goes back to the 6th century. Principessa Gavia fell in love with a soldier, but her father, Clodimir, King of the Franks, forbade them to marry, and so the young lovers eloped to a remote village in Northwestern Italy. After a night of gaiety and enamored by the delicious white wine, the couple revealed their identity. News got back to the king and when he saw how happy they were, he forgave them and blessed their union. To honor his daughter, the king named both the village and its wine after his daughter. It is said their romance lives on in each glass of Principessa Gavia Gavi.



The Consul General of Italy at the Mother Cabrini Statue, Battery Park, December 13, 2022

## Mother Francesca Cabrini The nun who is the symbol of immigration in New York

Director Alejandro Monteverde and executive producer Eustace Wolfington worked collaboratively on the movie about the first American saint in 2022. Mother Francesca Cabrini immigrated to the United States at 39 years of age by order of the pope. From 1889 until her death in 1917, she fought for the rights and did missionary work for immigrants all around the world. She was instrumental in building 67 hospitals, orphanages, and schools. Her dedication and compassion for the citizens of New York after she moved here took notice in 2019 and the city decided to dedicate a statue to the saint in Battery Park.

Executive Producer Wolfington decided to make this project into a not-for-profit organization which allows all the profits to be given to charity, denoting the values of Mother Cabrini, who donated as much as she could to the needy throughout her entire life.

The film tells the story of one of the greatest entrepreneurs of the 19th century. She began with nothing and created the largest multinational charitable empires. Mother Cabrini faced sexism and anti-Italian bigotry, but she was able to overcome every obstacle through relentless perseverance and business skill. Through her compassion, diligence, and forthright, she was able to transform the lives of immigrants worldwide.

For more information on the film, visit [www.cabrinifilm.com](http://www.cabrinifilm.com)

## Italy Makes History During the American Civil War

Marjorie Focarazzo



(picture: March past of the 'Garibaldi Guard' before President Lincoln and General Scott, 4 July 1861, Wikipedia)

I sat in my Civil War class today (5/2/2023) and the instructor was talking about the Battle of Bull Run in Manassas, Virginia.

He mentioned the 39<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry who fought from 5/22/1861 to 7/1/1865 on the Union side and were known as Garibaldi Guards. The course is quite interesting but suddenly my focus became more intent. Who were these infantry men from New York State and

what was their role in the American Civil War?

They were recruited and organized in New York City at the Union Defense Committee of New York City. They were equipped with a distinguishing feature: black felt hats with a round top and black plume.



These volunteer men were involved in several engagements: First Battle of Bull Run of Gettysburg, Battle of Bristoe Station, Battle of the Wilderness, Siege of Petersburg, and the First Battle of Deep Bottom. Forty Man bugle corps and several vivandiers accompanied the regiment into service.



If this wasn't enough, my instructor mentioned a connection between Abraham Lincoln and Giuseppe Garibaldi. I had never heard and wondered how many Lodge members knew, so I did some research. Lincoln did indeed offer the command of the norther forces to Garibaldi. Proof of this has been found in a frayed postcard Garibaldi sent to King Victor Emmanuel II in Turin archives. Garibaldi made a name for himself in the 1960's and was a huge influence on world affairs. His invasion of Sicily with only 1000 men, lightly arm and dressed in red shirts defeated 12,000 Neapolitan troops, took the island, and were determined to unify the Italian Peninsula. They next invaded Naples and gained tremendous support.

Garibaldi would have taken Lincoln's offer, but there was one condition—the war's objective would have to be the abolition of slavery. In 1862, Lincoln was unwilling to make that statement fearing the agricultural crisis would become worse. Later, he did offer Garibaldi the command of one unit, but Garibaldi was already involved in other things.

It is stated by Arrigo Petacco, an Italian historian, "In Italy we always knew, but there was always a lot of skepticism in America. Now we know for sure."

After class, I approached the instructor and thanked him for providing me with material to write this article thinking of how ironic it is that many of our families suffered discrimination and bigotry when coming to this country, and yet, here we are to have an Italian good enough to be asked to take on a major role in transforming our country's history.

## Italian Expressions

**Far cadere le braccia** literally means 'make your arms drop'. It refers to a time when someone is so fed up with a situation they feel defeated and demoralized.

**Porca miseria** means pork poverty but would probably be used in place of "for god's sake" or as the British put it, "bloody hell"! It doesn't have to be used only in anger but can have a tone of incredulity, surprise, or even wonderment.

**Sopportare** is not to be confused with supporte. It refers to supporting something, but in one specific sense: it means bearing a weight, like columns support the roof of a building.

**Scioglilingua** is a tongue twister. Lingua means tongue and the verb sciogliere refers to loosen, untie or release, so the word literally means tongue lossener.

**A posto** is a phrase that translates as "in place", like everything is exactly where it is meant to be. "A place for everything and everything in its place."

**Da morire** will instantly add more drama to everything you say and can literally be translated as "to death".

**Secondo me** means according to me, similar to when we say "I think" or "in my opinion".

**Non c'è di che** roughly means there is no need to. It is used when you want someone to know there is no reason to thank you. It is the same as when we say "don't mention it" or "not at all".

**Braccio di ferro** is an unexpected phrase that translates literally in English to arm of iron. It is the Italian name for arm wrestling or could mean tug of war. It is the name Italians have given to Popeye, the famous strong-armed cartoon character. It can be used to describe any test of strength.

**Meno male** can translate it as anything from 'just as well' to 'fortunately' to 'thank goodness'.

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