



VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270

The Roar of the Lion

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October 2023 Edition

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

You don't need to be reminded that October Is Italian-American Heritage Month. It can be found all around us, from our local Lodge up to the NYS Grand Lodge and the Supreme Lodge as well as our companion lodges throughout the area. And we should celebrate. We should be proud of who we are. We should be proud of the struggles and challenges our grandparents, great-grandparents, or perhaps our great-great grandparents went through, so we can stand tall and claim to be Italian Americans. Think about what they went through: discrimination, bigotry, torture, hatred, and yet they persevered and continued on.



Yet, here we are in 2023, still having to fight the stereotypical rhetoric with how we are portrayed in film, television, and literature. We need to remind others of what Italians have given to the world: Michelangelo's David, DaVinci's anatomical man, Puccini's Tosca, Verdi's Aida, Galileo, de Medici's banking and political dynasty, and the list goes on and on.

And let's not forget Christopher Columbus. I know there are many who have taken it upon themselves to denigrate the man who is given credit for being the first European to set foot in the new world, which he believed was a new route to Asia. You can believe what you want to believe, whether it is based on truth or what we think we know, but remember what Columbus gave us that has been beneficial to society and trade. Still used in ocean voyages and shipping commerce by boat, "to effectively make the return voyage, Columbus would need to follow the curving trade winds northeastward to the middle latitudes of the North Atlantic, where he would be able to catch the "westerlies" that blow eastward to the coast of Western Europe." (credit to Wikipedia.org) His navigational genius was evident from the beginning as he headed southward to the Canary Islands rather than due west, where other ships had stalled. He used celestial navigation, which is basically using the moon, sun, and stars to determine your position. Other tools that were used by Columbus for navigational purposes were the compass, hourglass, astrolabe, and quadrant. Columbus's skills as a navigator are undisputed, and his voyages remain remarkable feats of maritime exploration.

As we move through October, let's recall all those who have gone before us, the famous and the not so famous, and raise a glass to toast our unique, interesting and ever giving ancestry.

God Bless and take care,
Marjorie



**ITALIAN-AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH**

OCTOBER



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2023 Vincent Lombardi Lodge Calendar

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

October 15th: Traditional Sunday Dinner (Legacy at Maiden Lane) - See included flyer

October 27th: Italian American Heritage Dinner (Webster Country Club) - See included flyer

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

Papa Antolini Turkey Raffle: November 11th (St. Nicholas Society) - See included flyer

December 7th, 6:30pm: Council Meeting
December 14th, 7pm: Holiday Gathering

Local Italian Organizations October Calendar

Italian American Community Center Luncheon

150 Frank DiMino Way

October 11th and 25th at 12pm.

\$20 members/\$23 non-members

Casa Italiana of Nazareth Italian Film Series

La Porta Dell'Inferno

4245 East Ave - Peace Theatre

October 1st @ 4pm

\$15 movie and \$20 dinner - purchase tickets at the door, or pre-purchase here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/italian-film-series-at-frank-dimino-casa-italiana-101-tickets-720985134947?aff=oddtcreator>

St. Padre Pio Blessing of the Animals

141 Frank DiMino Way

October 1st @ 2pm

No cost to attend

Italian Civic League Columbus Day Luncheon

IACC - 150 Frank DiMino Way

October 9th @ 11am

\$30 advance, \$35 day of event - RSVP by October 1st to 585-247-6601 or 585-594-8882

St Nicholas Society of East Rochester Men of the Year

206 Madison St, East Rochester

October 28th @ 6pm

\$40 - Tickets available at Debbie Supply or by contacting Jeannette Pullano at 585-381-4528

Italian American Sports Club Luncheon

1250 Buffalo Rd

October 6th and 20th at 12pm

\$20 - pay at the door

Italian American Sports Club 75th Anniversary Gala

1250 Buffalo Rd

October 14th @ 6pm

\$100 - 585-464-9160

Italian American Community Center Boos and Booze

150 Frank DiMino Way

October 28th @ 7pm

\$15 entry fee - Call to reserve: 585-594-8882 ext 101

OSDIA Geneva Lodge Halloween Party

31 Prospect Ave, Geneva

October 28th @ 7pm

OSDIA Geneva Lodge Wing Night

31 Prospect Ave, Geneva

October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th @ 6:30pm

\$14/dz eat in, \$15/dz takeout

www.osdia2397.org

OSDIA Geneva Lodge Bingo

31 Prospect Ave, Geneva

October 11th, 18th, 25th @ 6:30pm

www.osdia2397.org



10/1: Ann Vazzana
 10/2: Lillian Bonanni
 10/11: Vincent Giannantonio
 10/14: Martin D'Ambrose
 10/17: Thomas Ferraro Jr.
 10/21: Stacey Romeo
 10/26: Annette DeCarolis



Keeping in our thoughts and prayers...

Bill Agnello
 Pat & Gordie Rath
 Ann Marie Taddeo
 Luigi DiFilippo
 James Vacanti
 Ronald Santoli
 Lillian Bonanni
 Vince Giannantonio
 Rosita Caridi-Miller



The Casa Italiana at Nazareth University is now known as

Frank DiMino Casa Italiana!



John Dabbene Essay Contest
Deadline Extended to October 31, 2023

This opportunity is open to all members of our Lodge who are in good standing (that means, have been initiated) and have a child, grandchild, niece or nephew who is in grades 7 through 12 to enter our "John Dabbene Italian Heritage Essay Contest."

A winner will be chosen from each district throughout the State from each grade category. Each winner will receive a \$200 award for his or her essay.

I am required to validate member's standing within the lodge by signing the Application form.

The entire packet will need to be mailed by the October 31st Deadline to:

Geraldine Iannello Graham
 Essay Contest Chairperson
 53 Brookside Dr.
 Smithtown, NY 11787

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Marjorie



VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270

Annual Christopher Columbus Italian Heritage Dinner
Friday, October 27, 2023
Webster Golf Club
440 Salt Road, Webster
Cocktails at 6pm followed by a buffet dinner at 7 pm

Cash Bar
Buffet Dinner \$65/\$25 for children under 12 years
Reservations are required

Checks payable to **Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270** and mailed to **4552 Wildflower Dr, Canandaigua NY 14424**

To purchase tickets online contact vincentlombardilodge@gmail.com or Marisa Przepiora at 585-750-8336

To be honored

Woman of the Year
Man of the Year
Family of the Year
Lifetime Achievement
President Bene Emeritus

Sr. Diana Dolce
Peter Pullano
Rubino Family
Michael Cerretto
Sandra Meleca, Jennifer Rubé



Our Annual Pie Sale is back!

Just in time for Thanksgiving, or great for any holiday gathering or dessert!

This year you have the opportunity to support four great causes with your pie purchase! The Vincent Lombardi Lodge, Special Touch Bakery, School of the Holy Childhood, and Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes.

1. **The Vincent Lombardi Lodge** earns dollars from every pie purchased. These dollars are used to support the cost of running our organization.
2. **Special Touch Bakery** will be our distributor. They are a non-profit organization whose primary mission is to provide training and employment to those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, which inspires lifelong success. They do everything from mixing to packing their pies.
3. **School of the Holy Childhood** will benefit from the proceeds of the pies purchased through Special Touch Bakery. School of the Holy Childhood is a nonsectarian, non-profit agency serving children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities for maximum independence and integration into the community.
4. **Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes** is accepting pies to be distributed to domestic violence victims and their children, including those residing at their newly opened domestic violence shelter. You can purchase pies to be donated directly to this cause, and help make the holidays special for those who truly need it. You do nothing except purchase the pie. Pickup and delivery will be handled by Marisa Przepiora.

Order Deadline is Tuesday, October 31st.

Please see the enclosed pie order form to purchase your pies today!



SAVE THE DATE!

Papa Antolini Turkey Raffle

Please Join Us for a Fun Filled Evening

Great Food, Raffles & Entertainment



On Saturday, November 11th for buffet dinner at 6:30

St. Nicholas Society
206 Madison Street, East Rochester

Performance by the Roc City Singers directed Judith Ranaletta
Saturday, November 11, 2023

Early Bird Cost thru Oct. 20th \$30/person
From Oct. 21st until Nov. 3rd the cost is \$35/person
Nonmember's cost is \$35/person
Children under 12 years cost \$15/person

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED
NO REFUNDS**

See enclosed flyer for more information and to make your reservation today!



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.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82651398467?pwd=SmlnbDhxbWIHS0gvVHJjb1B0UjJBUT09>

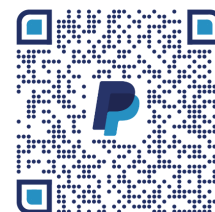
Meeting ID: 826 5139 8467
Passcode: 865390

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.





OCTOBER IS
**ITALIAN
AMERICAN
HERITAGE
MONTH**

Forza Italia



Photo Credit: The Charger Bulletin

**Happy Columbus Day
October 9, 2023**



**Let us remember the sailor, navigator,
a daring and path-breaking explorer who
transformed the New World.**



October 31st, Halloween, is traditionally an American Holiday. However, the link to the dead did actually begin in Europe with All Saints Day, the Day after Halloween. In Italy this day is known as *Ognissanti*, the equivalent of the Day of the Dead in Mexico.

Nowadays, many people have also taken up the American Halloween traditions in Italy also. Italy celebrates Halloween these days much like America, only on a smaller scale. In larger cities you will see decorations, shops selling costumes, and people dressed up in the evening. Some families do trick or treat. The main partying, however, is done in the nightclubs around large cities, with fancy costume themed parties that are advertised on billboards and online.



Commission for social justice Update to the Columbus statue in Syracuse - What now?

The case was heard before the Appellate Court in June, but their decision was announced last month. They ruled that the lawsuit to save the Columbus Statue was premature, meaning that Mayor Ben Walsh must complete the required steps to carry out his plans to destroy the Columbus Statue located in Columbus Circle before it can be challenged. The Columbus Monument Corporation does not agree with the court's decision and will be asking them to change their decision based on the facts. If that fails they will take it to the Court of Appeals.

In the event that also fails, they will begin again with a lawsuit against the City of Syracuse and Mayor Ben Walsh. They are ready to continue the fight. The Columbus Monument Committee stands strong to prevent one of Syracuse's most important historical landmarks from being destroyed. "The people of Syracuse understand that there are disparities in the recognition, interpretation, and conservation of cultural manifestations. But it is up to us to protect our community's physical artifacts that have been passed down through the generations and that remain important to us. We can contextualize them, but we can't destroy them."

JOIN THE FIGHT TO PRESERVE HISTORY AND PUBLIC ART AND SAVE THE STATUE

SAVE THE STATUE RALLY AND PRESS CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 7TH @ 10AM

COLUMBUS CIRCLE, SYRACUSE

Another Slight to Italian Americans

Rochester is gearing up to celebrate its second annual Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Last June the Rochester City Council voted unanimously to establish the second Monday in October as the official day, which honors Native American history and culture, which is interesting since every year, by statute and/or presidential proclamation, the month of November is recognized as National Native American Heritage Month. In 2009, Congress passed, and the President signed legislation establishing the Friday following Thanksgiving Day of each year as "Native American Heritage Day." Rochester is one of about 200 cities across the nation that have renamed or replaced Columbus Day.

Members of a local Italian heritage committee called Cugini di Roc support the change and – as they say – have been working to build up a day where Italians can celebrate their culture without centering any one person. Rochester proclaimed the first Sunday in October to be that day. A token gesture!!

To my knowledge no other major Italian organization was consulted. Cugini di Roc has no webpage, but does have a Facebook page, which I checked out and see no support from any Italian group. If our national government has given Native Americans the month of November and more specifically, the day after Thanksgiving, then why can't Rochester follow the same?





**Local Culture:
Saints Peter and Paul Church
340 West Main Street, Rochester
Coptic Monastery of Sainy
Shenouda**

This church is the largest and oldest building in the complex, built in 1911.

The other two being an old school built in 1912 and a rectory in 1926. Although the parish began as a German community about 1842, what is interesting about the church is that it is early twentieth-century Italian Renaissance style that followed the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries design inspired by the Basilica of St. Paul Outside-the-Walls of Rome. The bell tower was copied from the Cathedral Lucca in San Martino, Italy. The interior was decorated by Professor Gonippo Raggi, a sacred artist of the time period. Original paintings of Raggi found in the church are located on the east side of the large confessional of St. Paul before Herod Agrippa.

Gonippo Raggi (May 6, 1875 – October 22, 1959) was an Italian artist who provided murals for many churches and church institutions in the United States. Several of the buildings containing Raggi's murals have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. All of Raggi's paintings done before 1915 were cataloged by the Smithsonian Institution. Other work by Raggi is cataloged by the Boston Public Library, Department of Fine Arts. Additional works in the US can be found:

- Basilica of St. Josaphat, Milwaukee, WI
- St. Patrick Pro Cathedral, Newark, NJ
- St. Catharine Church, Spring Lake, NJ
- Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, NJ
- St. Lucy's Church, Newark, New Jersey
- Immaculate Conception Seminary Chapel, Darlington, NJ
- Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Newark, NJ
- St. Mary of Mount Virgin Church, New Brunswick, NJ
- Villa Walsh Convent Chapel, Morristown, NJ
- Notre Dame Church, Southbridge, MA
- Liberal Arts Building Marywood College, Scranton, PA
- St. John The Baptist Catholic Church, Beloit, KA
- Chapel, St. John Seminary, Brighton, Boston, MA
- Our Lady of Victory Basilica, Lackawanna, NY
- Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church, Newton, MA
- Shrine of the Little Flower Church, Baltimore, MA
- St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston, PA



**Film Review:
A Haunting in Venice**

October is the perfect time to watch a movie about a haunting. Venice is the perfect place. Anyone who has ever read an Agatha Christie mystery will not be disappointed. A true “who’s done it”. It will keep you guessing. The mystery takes place in an old damp and dark castle with lovely

scenes of gondolas and canals at sunset, a magnificent palazzo owned by a famed opera singer, who is hosting a lavish Halloween party. Hercule *Poirot*, a famous Belgian detective, who has an impeccable knack for getting embroiled in a mystery along with his American friend, Ariadne Oliver, a popular mystery novelist. (Poirot is a recurring character in Christie’s novels.) Other guests are a troubled doctor and his son, and a medium, Mrs. Reynolds, who claims she can speak to the dead.

Mrs. Reynolds holds a séance to contact the opera singer’s daughter who died mysteriously at the palazzo. Soon another death takes place. A murder? Poirot, who is officially retired, decides to solve the case and asks Miss Oliver to help him.

The palazzo is rumored to be haunted, but by whom and why? Sound effects and visions add to the drama. You will question what really happened here, but you will have to see the movie yourself.

Famous Quotes

Shared by Br. Joseph Polizzi, PhD

“Without Italy I am a beggared. Though God saw fit to make me an Englishman, it was in Italy I caught my first glimpse of heaven. Yet He knows under her sun and sky, I envy no archangel in paradise.”

~Edward Hutton, *Country Walks About Florence*, 1908

“A man who has not been to Italy is always conscious of an inferiority from his not having seen what is expected that a man should see. . . All our religions, almost all our laws, almost all our arts, almost all that sets us above savages, has come to us from the shores of the Mediterranean.”

~Samuel Johnson, 1776



Landing of Columbus

June 1836, American painter, John Vanderlyn was commissioned by Congress to paint the Landing of Columbus for the Capital Rotunda. He worked on this painting in his studio in Paris. When completed in the summer of 1846, he had hoped he could display the painting in various principal cities. He arrived with it in New York City that fall, and it was installed in the Rotunda by January 1847.

Vanderlyn spent a great deal of time working on this piece, and even traveled to the West Indies to make sure every detail of his painting was accurate. He made a number figure and costume studies to be accurate in his depiction. He used Washington Irving's biography on Columbus for placing the rest of the crew in the painting.

The Creed of the Order Sons and Daughters Of Italy in America



We believe in the Government of the United States of America as the Government of the people, by the people, and for the people and promise to obey and uphold its Constitution and laws.

We believe in the Government by orderly process and reject any doctrine that tends to subvert constituted government and authority.

We believe in filial affection and respect for the Land of our Forefathers whose heritage is our highest contribution to American progress.

We believe in the brotherhood of man and promise to assist our fellow members, to care for the orphans, to extend our helping hand to the widows and to comfort those in distress.

We believe in equal rights and duties for all; in equality of opportunity in the enjoyment of the benefits of human association extended to all without discrimination.

We believe in freedom of thought, conscience, and education and stand for individual liberty in the performance of duties and in the exercise of rights under the Constitution and laws of our country and state.

We believe in the future progress and expansion of the Order of Sons in Italy in America as the beneficial agent of all Americans of Italian birth or descent for their recognition and welfare, and promise to contribute to the moral, intellectual, and material progress of our fellow members, and to support the program of the Order and all its activities for the welfare of our country, our Order, and the community in which we lived.

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