



VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270

The Roar of the Lion

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September 2023 Edition

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Summer went by much too quickly and now fall is just around the corner. We have seen our children and grandchildren off to school, and quiet fills the air. Our gardens have just about peaked and we get to enjoy all the colors and splendor of the flowers we planted in spring and have tended to all summer.



We had beautiful weather for our Members' Picnic. Food was plentiful and it was nice to see so many members we haven't seen in quite some time. The sausage was delicious as always and grilled to perfection by John Gammariello, who is always willing to help us out. Thanks to everyone who brought a dish to pass, provided non food staples, and donated baskets we raffled off. For the past year, Br. Tom Meleca has been selling raffle tickets for the acoustic light guitar his nephew Br. Stephen Cataldi created and donated. And a huge thanks to Br. Tom for donating the parts needed. The guitar was raffled off with the winner being Marjorie DeLettera, daughter of members Angela and Frank Giancaterin. The Lodge made \$1230 from this raffle.

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Columbus Day continues to be controversial throughout our country, but that should not deter us from honoring the contributions he made to the world or prevent us from celebrating our culture and heritage. There are many reasons to be proud to be an Italian. Consider all we have given to the world. Italian Renaissance is considered the most crucial period in art history, because it set the direction of new art on a global scale. The Italian language is soothing and appealing like being wrapped in a warm blanket and is a combination of music, beauty, and creativity. Plus, it is the second most liked language. The food and wine is classy yet comforting. Italy is the largest wine producing country in the world with 900,000 registered vineyards within its borders. The number of grape varieties have been documented at over 1000. Different grapes grow better in the varied micro-climates, which are rarely found growing outside the country with the exception of Cal-Ital wines of California. Music and opera: Verdi, Puccini, Vivaldi, and Rossini. Singers: Bocelli, Caruso, and Pavarotti. Actors and actresses: Sophia Loren, Isabella Rossellini, Anna Magnani, Rossano Brazzi, and Pier Angeli. Inventions that changed the world: glasses, telephone, barometer, radio, bank, battery, newspaper, and jacuzzi. These are just a few of the many. We have a lot to be proud of. Let's stand tall and make sure everyone knows it.

Take care and God bless,
Marjorie

2023 Vincent Lombardi Lodge Calendar

September 13th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting with guest speaker, Attorney Michael Mastrodonato

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

October 15th: Traditional Sunday Dinner (Legacy at Maiden Lane)

October 27th, 6pm: Italian American Heritage Dinner

(Webster Country Club)

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

Papa Antolini Turkey Raffle: November 11th , 6pm (St. Nicholas Society, East Rochester)

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

Local Italian Organizations September Calendar

Italian American Community Center Luncheon

150 Frank DiMino Way
September 13th and 27th at 12pm.
\$20 members/\$23 non-members

St. Padre Pio Mass and Celebration Dinner

141 Frank DiMino Way
September 10th at 2pm with dinner to follow at IACC
\$20

St Nicholas Society of East Rochester Happy Hour

206 Madison St, East Rochester
September 29th, 5pm - 8pm
Open to the public

Italian American Sports Club Luncheon

1250 Buffalo Rd
September 7th and 21st at 12pm
\$25

OSDIA Geneva Lodge Wing Night

31 Prospect Ave, Geneva
September 11th, 6:30 - 9pm
\$14/dz eat in, \$15/dz takeout



Vincent Lombardi Lodge
Members' Picnic

Saturday, August 10, 2024

Quinzi Lodge
Eyer Park
East Rochester

Metropolitan Opera Live in HD

*Experience the Met Opera at the following theatres:
Tinseltown 17, Webster 12, and Eastview Mall 13*

Dead Man Walking - October 21st, 12:55pm
X: The Life and Times of Malcolm X - November 18th, 12:55pm
Florenzia en el Amazonas - December 9th, 12:55pm
Nabucco - January 6th, 12:55pm
Carmen - January 27th, 12:55pm
La Forza del Destino - March 9th, 12:55pm
Roméo et Juliette - March 23rd, 12:55pm
La Rondine - April 20th, 12:55pm
Madame Butterfly - May 11th, 12:55pm

Casa Italiana 2023 Calendar

Italian Conversation Table - September 14th, 21st, 28th, and October 5th, 5pm-6pm

Frank DiMino Casa Italiana Endowment Celebration - September 22nd, 5-7pm

Casa Italiana's Italian Film Series - October 1st, 4-7pm

Saving Sicilian - November 1st, 5-8pm

World Languages and Cultures International Holiday Party - December 7th, 4-4:45pm

For more information visit www2.naz.edu/frank-dimino-casa-italiana/upcoming-events



Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America

Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270

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

Special Touch Bakery is 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. This is a business who cares about people and believes the world is truly a better place when we celebrate everyone's abilities and accomplishments. Those coming to Special Touch Bakery learn new skills, try new things, and find a greater purpose in life. Their belief **Purpose for All** provides them with the opportunity to make a difference in our world and to us by just giving them a chance. Proceeds benefit School of the Holy Childhood, a nonsectarian, non-profit agency serving ages 5 to 21 years.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____



Please include the total number of each pie you are ordering with payment with your order form

Payments can be made by cash, check, or using the QR Code.

Order Deadline is Tuesday, October 31st

\$23 each: _____ Cannoli _____ Chocolate Peanut Butter

\$18 each: _____ Pecan _____ Apple Crumb _____ Bumbleberry

_____ Fudge Brownie _____ Cherry _____ Chocolate Cream

_____ Pumpkin _____ Rumbleberry _____ Strawberry Rhubarb

Make out checks to the Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 and mail a copy of the order form and this order sheet to: Marisa Przepiora 4552 Wildflower Drive Canandaigua, NY 14424

Direct any questions or concerns to Marjorie Focarazzo MAFocarazzo@gmail.com 585-749-5346

Pickup will be Friday, November 17, 2023 on the first floor near the Community Center. Time to be determined.

Please help us make this lodge fundraiser a success by selling pies to friends and family! We will have a Facebook post that you can share on your social media with information for ordering directly from the lodge, or you can take orders and collect money yourself. This is one of the fundraisers that helps keep our lodge operating, let's make it a great one!



VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE #2270

You are cordially invited to the
Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270
Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America
Christopher Columbus Italian Heritage Awards Dinner

October 27, 2023

Honoring

Woman of the Year	Sr. Diana Dolce
Man of the Year	Peter Pullano
Family of the Year	Rubino Family
Lifetime Achievement	Michael Cerruto

President Bene Emeritus Award
Immediate Past President Sandra Meleca
Past President Jennifer Rubé Posthumously

Webster Golf Club
440 Salt Road Webster, NY 14580
Cocktail Hour 6 pm to be followed by Buffet Dinner at 7 pm

RSVP no later than October 13, 2023
Reservations are required \$65 for adults/\$25 for children under 12 years
Checks should be made out to the Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270

Mail to: Marisa Przepiora 4552 Wildflower Dr., Canandaigua, NY 14424
(official invitation will be sent to you, but if you would like to help us save some money, please
send your RSVP in today. Thank you.)



What are digital assets?

Do I have digital assets? What are they?

Do I understand these terms:

- *Digital store of value assets.*
- *Decentralized internet or “Web3” assets.*
- *Digitized payment assets.*

What are the risks to having digital assets?

What happens to my digital assets when I die? Can I gift them or will them to my children or a family member?

What can I do now to safe guard my digital assets? How do I protect my name or likeness?

These are some important questions to ask yourself. If you know the answers or know what to do, then you are way ahead of the game. Does it scare you to think your digital assets may be treated differently than your physical assets (home, car, furniture)? When I first encountered these questions and then heard the answers, it did scare me. In today’s technological society, which seems to be moving faster than the speed of light, it is just as important to protect your digital assets for you, for your children, for your grandchildren, and anyone you care about.

Our General Assembly meeting on August 14, we have a guest speaker, Attorney Michael Mastrodonato, from the law firm of Weinstein and Randisi and is involved in elder law.

A 1981 graduate of St. John Fisher College in Rochester, New York, Michael received his Juris Doctor Degree from the Santa Clara University School of Law in Santa Clara, California in 1988. He attended Georgetown University International Affairs Program prior to going into the United States Naval Reserve where he reached the rank of Lieutenant, Naval intelligence. Michael served in the Naval Reserve from 1988 through 1995.



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 September 14th 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.
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.





9/5: Michael Sciortino
 9/6: Patrick 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



Keeping in our thoughts and prayers...

Luigi DiFilippo
 Char Dodgson
 Ann Marie Taddeo
 Lillian Bonnani
 Pat & Gordie Rask
 Sandy Meleca
 Phyllis Lowry (Geneva Lodge Past President)
 Peter Gillotti (Geneva Lodge VP and Deputy to our Lodge)



Marjorie DeLettera, daughter of members Angela and Frank Giancaterin, was the winner of this beautiful and unique guitar donated by Stephen Cataldi and Tom Meleca.

Tickets had been sold over the past year. The drawing was held at the Member's Picnic on Saturday, Aug. 5th.



James Bruno (pictured left) lives in West Irondequoit with his wife Melissa and son Alex. Jim received his MBA from RIT. He is the vice president and general manager for GM Wellbeing Hygiene at Rochester Midland Corporation. Son, Alex is a 2023 NYS Grand Lodge Scholarship recipient and will attend RIT this fall.

Paul Guglielmo (pictured right) is like a one-man band. He is the founder, CEO, delivery man, president, and accountant for Guglielmo's Home Grown Marinara Sauce. He has been an on-air radio host, starting with nights in the country music format then switching to afternoons to the Top 40 as the host. When he started in radio in 2005, he spent six months selling advertising. Over the years, he has had many different roles in the music industry as music director, assistant program director and executive producer for The Brother Wease Show and was also one of two co-hosts. He now uses his broadcasting skills once a week on this podcast and talks to entrepreneurs and other influencers.



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To Stephen Cataldi



Br. Stephen Cataldi made the guitar and donated his time and expertise. Parts and material for the guitar were donated by Br. Tom Meleca. This unique musical instrument was created for our Lodge and given to us, which we raffled off at the Members' Picnic on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Raffle proceeds: \$1205!

Br. Steven's Facebook page: Acoustic Light Art
www.facebook.com/people/Acoustic-Light-Art/100043509861482/



To our picnic sausage makers:

**Richard Meleca
Tom Meleca
Donny Meleca
Frank Giancaterin
Luigi DiFilippo
Vince Giannantonio**



To
Jim Vacanti
&



For your hot dog donation and continued support of the Vincent Lombardi Lodge Annual Members' picnic

To our Raffle Basket Donors:

**Nancy and Joe Rubé
Kitty DiNicola
Pat Bartholomew**



GOD'S TOPIARIUS BY JOSEPH ANTINORO-POLIZZI

Oh would that I God's topiarian be,
A laborer enthralled in his heavenly lea,
Bathed in the Sunlight of that Holy Face,
Ne'er would I wish to flee such a hallowed place.

Holy persons of every time and place,
Would before me process serenely with resplendent grace,
Yea, friends of genius and virtue true
Would oft assemble in my fortunate view.

Oh would that I God's topiarian be,
A laborer enthralled in his heavenly lea,

Bathed in the Sunlight of that Holy Face,
Ne'er would I wish to flee such a hallowed place.

For dreamy muses, violet tressed and golden deities
with chrisms signed upon their breast,
Verdant paths I would keep, leading to the
garden's emerald deep.

Oh would that I God's topiarian be,
A laborer enthralled in his heavenly lea,

Bathed in the Sunlight of that Holy Face,
Ne'er would I wish to flee such a hallowed place.

Far, far aloft in the celestial blue, a tower stands
in softest opaline hue,
Wherein in regal yet gentle pose, presides The Lady,
Heaven's fairest, the Mystical Rose.
Her sweet glance would touch my heart, speed my skills,
and exalt my art.

Oh would that I God's topiarian be,
A laborer enthralled in his heavenly lea,

Bathed in the Sunlight of that Holy Face,
Ne'er would I wish to flee such a hallowed place.

Would then each new tendered blossom hasten to intone,
the happy return of a pilgrim soul to its ancestral
home.

Preclara cosa.

The fragrances of angels and essences of martyrs,
revealed resplendent on chromatic bowers,
Trellises and espaliers of mortals' tears and sorrows,
newly wrought in joyful roses and gladsome
yellows.

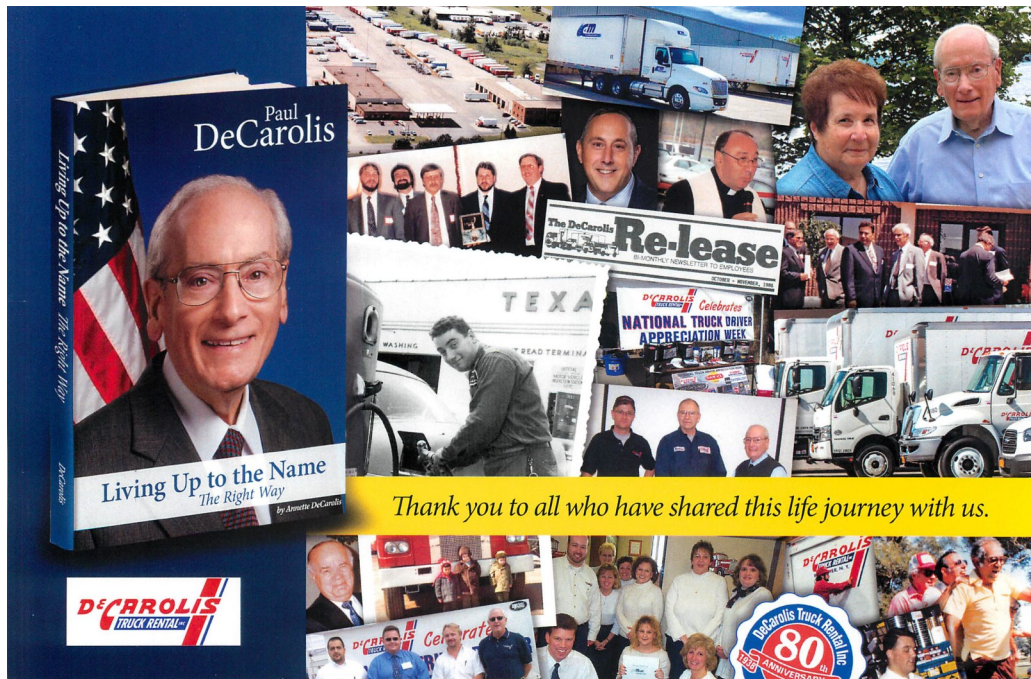
Oh would that I God's topiarian be,
A laborer enthralled in his heavenly lea,

Bathed in the sunlight of that Holy Face,
Ne'er would I wish to flee such a hallowed place.



Member Spotlight

Paul DeCarolis: Living Up to the Name *The Right Way*



Thank you to all who have shared this life journey with us.

This book tells the story of an entrepreneur who lived the American Dream.

Overcoming adversity, Paul grew DeCarolis Truck Rental from a neighborhood truck terminal to one of the largest and most respected independent transportation resource firms in the country with over 800 employees in all company locations and divisions.

Respect for the family name was instilled in Paul at an early age. Doing things the right way with integrity and consistency was his hallmark.

Written by Annette DeCarolis, Paul's wife of nearly 60 years, it is her perspective of the life of a humble and trustworthy man, a Rochester Rotarian who believed in service above self.

The hard copy edition of this book is available from the Rochester Rotary website: rochesterrotary.org/pd-book for a minimum contribution of \$25 and all donations will be directed to the Rochester Rotary Sunshine Camp – a cause very dear to Paul.

A SIP OF WINE

Puglia or Apulia as it is referred to in English, is located in the heel of the boot stretching along the Adriatic Sea. The climate is hot and sunny and produces nearly two-thirds of all the olive oil in Italy. Both white and red grapes are grown. Leading white grapes are bombino bianco, verdeca, chardonnay, trebbiano, and malvasia. Leading red grapes are negroamaro, uva di troia, primitivo, malvasia nero, and monteopulciano.



Bari is the south's seaport city and the center of commerce, as well as the capital of Puglia. It is also the home of St. Nicholas. The old center is located on a peninsula that stretches into the Adriatic center between a piazza on one side and a castle on the other. The streets will wind you through cafes and restaurants located among the city's impressive monuments.



Leone de Castris "Il Medaglione" Primitivo 2020, Founded in 1665 by the Spanish Duke Oronzo

Made from 100% Primitivo grape and alcohol is 13.5%. The vineyard of Leone de Castris has been exporting wine since the early 19th century. This wine is a new generation of wines, a modern interpretation of the winery's philosophy. This wine was aged for three months in French oak barrels, and then aged for two months in the bottle. It is deep red wine with an intense note of blackberry and plus with a warm velvety finish. Pairs well with aged Italian cheeses, charcuterie, and roasted meats.



Cosimo Taurino Notarpanaro 2012

Made from 100% negroamaro grape with 14.5% alcohol. The vineyard is sustainable, harvest by hand, and fermentation and aging occur in concrete and followed by six months in French barrique. The bottle of wine is aging gracefully and has flavors of cherry, leather, graphite, coffee liqueur, and dried mint that finishes in a spicy, smoking note. Pairs well with grilled steak.



Lucrezia Tournabuoni, 1475 CE, attributed to Domenico Ghirlandaio, Florentine 1449-1494 CE, Samuel H. Kress Collection 1952.5.62, Courtesy of National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

WOMEN OF ITALY

Lucrezia Tournabuoni

Born in Florence in 1427 to two of the most powerful families, the Tournabuoni and the Guicciardini, in 15th century Italy, she was known as the Queen Mother of Florence. A sister, a wife, a mother, and a grandmother, she was a deeply influential figure. She married into another prominent family, the de Medici. Her husband, Piero di Cosimo di' Medici, the son of Cosimo, ruler of Florence, she would be known as the mother of Lorenzo "the Magnificent" plus five other children. She was the grandmother to two future popes, Leo X and Clement VII and great grandmother to Catherine de Medici, Queen of France.

Lucrezia was well educated and well read. She was her husband's chief advisor. She also helped her brother, Giovanni, who was a banker. She had numerous assets in her own right and brought considerable property to the marriage which were located beyond the jurisdiction of Florence. When her husband fell ill and died, she was able to maintain control of the property and a woman of independent means.

She was a patron who exercised indirect political authority and pursued the advancement of women, humble people, the religious, as well as patronizing the arts, and writing poetry. Lucrezia proved women were as capable as men in partaking fully in all aspects of social, financial, political, and cultural medieval life. Lucrezia Tournabuoni "was a remarkable woman, charming and spirited.

2023 Annual Members Picnic



2023 Sausage Making



OSDIA Vincent Lombardi Lodge
84 Mulcahy Blvd
Rochester, NY 14624

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