



The Roar of the Lion

June 2025

A Word from the President

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

June is here and summer is on its way. A very important Italian holiday takes place on the 2nd of June. ***Festa della Repubblica*** is a national holiday that celebrates the day in 1946 when the Italian people voted to establish a republic and abolish the monarchy. It's a day of celebration, parades and patriotism, much like Independence Day in the US. *Buona Festa della Repubblica!* There is a local celebration at the Italian-American Sports Club on Buffalo Rd. Beginning at 11:30 with Flag Raising and speeches..

Please join us at our June General Assembly meeting on June 12th at 7:00pm. The topic for this month's "Did you know?... with Ed" is **forgotten Italians in Rochester**. If you've never had the fortune to attend one of Brother Ed Groszewski's presentations, I guarantee you will not be disappointed. They're always very informative and he really keeps his audience engaged.

We will also be initiating two new members. If you know of anyone that would like to join, applications are available on our website and hard copies will be available at meetings and events.



Coffee, espresso and snacks will be available after the meeting, so stick around and get to know your fellow members.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for the lodge, feel free to contact me at jjd1976.osdia@gmail.com.

Tanti auguri per l'estate!

Jeremy DiFilippo



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EDITOR

Annette DeCarolis

*“Dads are like chocolate chip cookies;
they may have chips or be totally nutty,
but they are sweet and make the world a better place,
especially for their children.”*



2025 Vincent Lombardi Lodge Calendar

June 5 th	6:30 Council Meeting
June 12 th	7:00 General Assembly Meeting
July 3 rd	6:30 Council Meeting
July 10 th	7:00 Scholarship Awards Night
August 7 th	6:30 Council Meeting
August 14 th	7:00 General Assembly Meeting
September 4 th	6:30 Council Meeting
September 11 th	7:00 General Assembly Meeting
October 2 nd	6:30 Council Meeting
October 9 th	7:00 General Assembly Meeting
November 6 th	6:30 Council Meeting
November 13 th	7:00 General Assembly Meeting
December 4 th	6:30 Council Meeting
December 11 th	7:00 Meeting/Holiday Gathering

2025 Lodge Events

July 10th	Scholarships and Awards Night
August 23rd	Summer Picnic Quinzi Lodge, Eye Park
September	Annual Pie Sale
October 18th	Italian-American Heritage Dinner Webster Country Club
November	Turkey Raffle TBD St. Nicholas Hall
December 11th	Holiday Gathering Eyer Building



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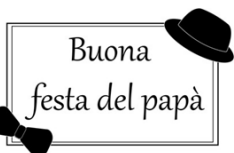
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*Be engaged, be involved,
attend meetings and events.*



**ITALIAN CIVIC LEAGUE 7TH ANNUAL
BOCCCE TOURNAMENT
SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST AT 9 AM**

**ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER
150 FRANK DIMINO WAY**

**\$25/PERSON OR \$100/4 PERSON TEAM
DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JUNE 14TH
IF INTERESTED CONTACT
QUNTINI DICESARE 585-247-6601
OR
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585-208-1578**

*“You don’t have to deserve your mother’s love.
You have to deserve your father’s. He’s more particular.”*

**Do something today to make a difference:
send a note, make a phone call, be present to someone.**



**Our Thoughts
and Prayers
are With you**

*And all of our members who have suffered recently
with illness or loss of a loved one.*

Sandy Meleca
Dawn DiGennaro's wife, Nancy
Vince Giannantonio and Family
Patty and Gordie Rask
Ron Santoli

June Birthdays

Nellie DiCesare	6/16
Carol DiNicola	6/22
Ed Groszewski	6/25
Louis DeCarolis	6/27
Dominick Calisto	6/30

**July 10th Scholarship Awards Night
Our 2025 Scholarship Winners**

Vincent Lombardi Lodge Edward Maruggi Memorial Scholarship - \$2500
Gia Rosato – Aquinas Institute

Vincent Lombardi Lodge Scholarship - \$2000
Ella Hall – Brighton High School

Past Honorees Scholarship - \$2000
Morgan Stanley – Spencerport High School

Past Honorees Scholarship - \$1500
Kristina Fisher – Webster Thomas High School

Joseph Darryl Distaffen Memorial Scholarship - \$1500
Aiden Johnson – Rush Henrietta High School

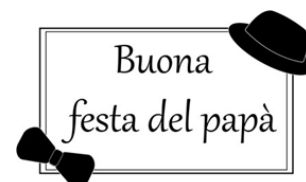
Rubé Family Scholarship in Honor of Jennifer Rubé - \$1500
Gabrielle Zocco – Mercy High School



Congratulations!

*Come to celebrate our students
and wish them well on their new ventures.*

“The quality of a father can be seen in the goals, dreams and aspirations he sets not only for himself, but for his family.”



*Regional Dinner May 4, 2025
Culinary Art of Rosita Caridi-Miller*

Members and guests enjoyed the foods, wines, and flavors of the Veneto Region in Northern Italy and music by Nick Novellin.



Everything was prepared fresh in our kitchen.

Il Secondo (second course) featured pork with sauerkraut and polenta, accompanied by *contorni* (sides) *Asparagi di Badoere*, asparagus, garnished with hard-cooked egg.



The grand finale... the exquisite Venetian *Dolce* (dessert), *Tiramisu*, classically made with Savoiardi (ladyfingers), a smooth and creamy filling of mascarpone and Zabaglione (custard flavored with Marsala wine) and dusted with cacao powder.

Buona
festa del papà

“A father’s words are like a thermostat that sets the temperature in the house.”

Around Rochester

June festivals, food and drink events, live music and family-friendly happenings promise memorable experiences close to home.



Sunday June 1 **“Festa della Repubblica”**
 Italian American Sports Club on Buffalo Rd.
 11:30am Flag Raising and speeches followed by free lunch



Concerts by the Shore: June 4, 11, 18, 25 - Ontario Beach Park



June 6-8 **Canal Days Festival in Fairport**

Food Truck Fridays at Washington Square: June 13, 20, 27



June 13 **Movies with a Downtown View**, Parcel 5

June 15 **Father’s Day Train Rides** Rochester- Genesee Valley Railroad Museum
 Exit 11 off I-390, on Route 251 at 282 Rush Scottsville Road, Rush, NY 14543.



June 20-22 **Harborfest** - Ontario Beach Park

BOAT PARADE OF LIGHTS (SATURDAY, JUNE 21)
SAND SCULPTURE CONTEST (SATURDAY, JUNE 21)
REV-ON CAR SHOW (SATURDAY, JUNE 21)



June 20-28 **Rochester International Jazz Festival:**
 - East End & Parcel 5



June 25 **Food Truck Rodeo** - Public Market

“Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, storytellers and singers of song.”





RECURRING EVENTS

- First Tuesday ITALEO – Member Monthly Meeting
- Second Tuesday IWCC - Member Monthly Meeting
- Last Tuesday Sicilian Sports Club Dinner, call 585-478-6591
or e-mail siciliansportsclubrochester@gmail.com

Wednesdays Italian American Community Center luncheons
every other Wednesday. Call (585) 594-8882 for details.

Thursdays Italian American Sports Club luncheons
every other Thursday. iascrochester.com
Italian Conversation Table at the Casa at 5 pm
For information contact Daniel Speciale: dspeciale0@naz.edu.
Casa Larga Patio Parties June 6, 13, ,20,27

First Friday Italian American Sports Club monthly Member's Dinner

Last Friday St. Nicholas Society Happy Hour 5-9 PM
206 Madison St., East Rochester
Italian Dance Lessons with Nino Spano
Call him at (585) 388-8381 for details



First Saturday Casa Italian Book Club 11:30 am
Informal discussion about Italy and Italian culture in books

Third Saturday Gates Amita Member Meeting at 5:30 pm.



Every Sunday Bingo at the Geneva Lodge at 2 pm
31 Prospect St. Geneva

The Casa Italiana aims to preserve the oral history and traditions of the Italian-American Community of Rochester



History can often be learned from books. Through in-person interviews Nazareth University students are preserving history for generations to come. If you would like to participate in the Oral History project or have any questions, give us a call at **585-389-2468** or email Casa@naz.edu.

Buona
festa del papà

*“A child looks up at the stars and wonders.
A great father puts a child on his shoulders to grab a star.”*

Learning Italian

Padre, Babbo, Papà, Nonno

Father, Daddy, Grandpa

A father (*padre*) is a *Babbo* (Daddy) in Tuscany, Sardinia and several southern regions, but a *Papà* (pronounced pa-PAH) in other parts of Italy. The most famous Daddy of all is *Babbo Natale* (Father Christmas). Grandfather is *Nonno*. *Il Papa* (PAH-pa) is the pope or *Santo Padre* (the Holy Father), while God remains the eternal father (*Padre Eterno* or *Padreterno*).

Fatherhood also implies authority. The master of the house, the owner of a business or the big boss is the *padrone*. One pet phrase memorized by some husbands to unfurl at the appropriate moment with Italian friends is, “*Il padrone sono io, ma chi comanda è mia moglie.*” (“I am in charge, but the person who gives the orders is my wife.”)

According to the Roman Catholic tradition, the Italian *Father's Day* (*La Festa del Papà*) is celebrated, not on the third Sunday in June like many other countries in the world, but on March 19th, otherwise known as *Saint Joseph's Day* (*La Festa di San Giuseppe*). It is recognized as an important time to commemorate fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the significant influence of fathers in our society, no matter what you call them or which date you celebrate.

In recognition of this special holiday, following are some Italian quotes about fathers. Some are famous Italian sayings and proverbs, whereas others are quotes of both the serious and funny variety translated from different languages. Enjoy!

Tale padre, tale figlio (Like father, like son.)

Beato davvero è l'uomo che sente molte voci gentili chiamarlo papà.
Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father.

Il padre di famiglia è l'anima della casa.
The father of the family is the soul of the house.

Un padre vale più di cento maestri.
A father is worth more than one hundred teachers.

Un buon padre ha occhi anche alle spalle.
A good father also has eyes in the back of his head.

Al posto del padre nessun deve sedere.
No one must sit in the place of the father.

Non è difficile diventare padre. Essere un padre: questo è difficile.
Becoming a father is easy enough, but being one can be tough.



In casa sua ciascuno e re.
In one's house
each one is king.

*“Sometimes I think my papa is an accordion.
When he looks at me and smiles and breathes, I hear the notes.”*

Buona
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Festa Italiana



June in Italy is a magical time when the warmth of the Mediterranean sun bathes the country in a golden glow, and the air is filled with the scent of blooming flowers and freshly baked bread. It's a month of vibrant celebrations, cultural events, and culinary delights that showcase the rich tapestry of Italian heritage and tradition.



Whether you're savoring a slice of pizza in Naples, witnessing history come alive in Rome, or soaking up the sun along the Amalfi Coast, Italy offers endless opportunities for adventure and enchantment in the heart of summer.

June is dotted with several significant public holidays in Italy, offering ample opportunities for locals and visitors alike to partake in festivities and cultural experiences.

- ***Fessta della Repubblica*** (June 2nd): In Rome, a grand military parade takes place along Via dei Fori Imperiali, culminating in a spectacular display of fireworks over the Tiber River.
- The Feast of St. John (June 24): ***“La Festa di San Giovanni”*** honors the life and legacy of St. John the Baptist, the patron saint of Genoa. Festivities typically include religious processions, traditional music and dance performances, and indulgent feasts featuring local delicacies.
- The Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul (June 29): In Rome, ***“La Festa di San Pietro e Paolo”*** is celebrated with great pomp and splendor for the patron saints of the city.. Highlights of the celebrations include a special Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, followed by a colorful procession through the streets of Rome.
- Naples, the birthplace of pizza, hosts a mouthwatering Pizza Festival – a culinary extravaganza, featuring live cooking demonstrations, pizza-making competitions, and of course, plenty of opportunities to sample slices from the city's top pizzerias.
- ***ProsciuttoTiamo*** Ham Festival in Saint Marcel: This festival celebrates the art of prosciutto-making with tastings, workshops, and demonstrations led by skilled artisans. You can indulge in the finest Italian hams paired with local wines and cheeses, immersing yourself in the flavors of the region.



June in Italy is a time where ancient traditions blend seamlessly with modern-day delights to create an unforgettable experience for everyone to enjoy.

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Yogi Berra



Lawrence Peter Berra was born in 1925 in St. Louis, MO. He was an American professional baseball catcher who later took on the roles of manager and coach. He is recorded to have participated in 21 World Series as a player, coach and manager from 1946-85. He was an 18-time All-Star and won 10 World Series championships as a player—more than any other player in MLB history. Berra had a career batting average of .285, while hitting 358 home runs and 1,430 runs batted in. He is one of only six players to win the American League Most Valuable Player Award three

times. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest catchers in baseball history and was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1972.

But did you also know that he served in the US Navy during World War II, piloting a landing craft onto the beaches of Normandy. He was later wounded launching rockets at the German defenses on Omaha Beach and awarded a Purple Heart.

How did he get his nickname “Yogi?” During his teenage years, he played American Legion Baseball. One afternoon, after attending a movie that had a short piece on India, a friend, Jack Maguire, noticed his resemblance to a “yogi” whenever he sat around with arms and legs crossed waiting to bat or while looking sad after a losing game. The name stuck!

Yogi Berra's most famous quote is: "It ain't over 'til it's over."

Other “Yogi-isms”

“It’s deja vu all over again.”

“When you come to a fork in the road, take it.”

“Pair up in threes.”

“Why buy good luggage? You only use it when you travel.”

“The future ain’t what it used to be.”

“We made too many wrong mistakes.”

“You can observe a lot by watching.”

“I really didn’t say everything I said.”

“Being a great father is like shaving. no matter how good you shaved today, you have to do it again tomorrow.”



The Bookshelf

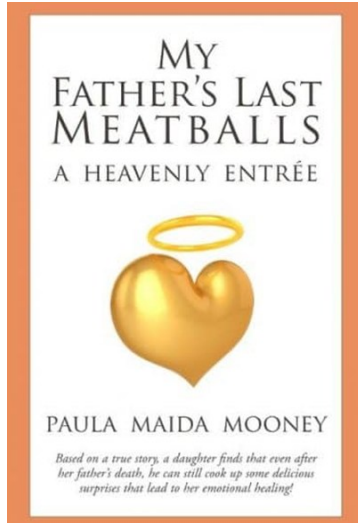


Reading books adds endless benefits to our daily lives, including stress-relief and entertainment. Reading books or even hearing them on tape can take you anywhere, anytime—even deep within yourself.

This Month's Selection: A Father's Last Meatballs

A Book That Celebrates Fathers, Daughters, Miracles and Italy

Based on a true story, a daughter finds that even after her father's death, he can still cook up some delicious surprises that lead to her emotional healing! The author lost both parents three months apart to the same disease on the same day of the month. Being a tightly knit Italian/American family, their lives were intertwined, but Paula never fully realized how emotionally attached she was to her "Johnny," her father. His one dream of going to Italy where his beloved parents came from was never realized. Eventually, the author took a heritage trip, and while in Italy compelling events happened. Was he there with her? You can call these chance coincidences, happy accidents, connections of hearts-whatever your belief system. But Paula believes in spiritual timing and that real love is unending. It may become remembered love, but it never vanishes. As attributed to Albert Einstein, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." Paula has chosen to believe in the latter. Do you? *My Father's Last Meatballs - A Heavenly Entree*, is an enduring love story; a deeply moving memoir told with moxie, humor and as tasty as hot meatballs straight from the frying pan. Mangia!



Paula Maida Mooney

Born in New York City, raised in Brooklyn, New York, Paula enjoyed growing up with a batch of Italian relatives that nurtured her creative and culinary side. Professionally she has had a career in Interior Design and was an Antique Appraiser. Her special interests are family, friends, dogs, wine, dancing, reading and spiritual discovery. Paula has been involved in community non-profit organizations and her personal philosophy is: "Growing whole, not old - on my own terms."



*"My father didn't tell me how to live.
He lived and let me watch him do it."*

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The Grand Lodge of New York

Convention News

June 26-29, 2025 at the Desmond Hotel, Albany



Agenda items include:

- Elections for President, Executive Board and National delegates
- Update on Charities
- Slide Presentation of Scholarship Winners
- Awards: Bene Emeritus, Dr. Vincenzo Sellero Award, Literary Award, Newsletter Awards

The representatives of the Vincent Lombardi Lodge are the President - Jeremy DiFilippo, Immediate Past President—Marjorie Focarazzo, and two delegates—Becky DiFilippo and Catherine "Kitty" DiNicola. Also attending from our lodge are Dr. Joe Rubé as a newsletter competition judge and Vince Giannantonio as State Trustee for District VIII.

The Garibaldi-Meucci Museum



The Museum is owned by the Sons of Italy Foundation® and administered by the Grand Lodge of New York Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America. Its mission is to promote an understanding of Italian American heritage and a positive image of Italian Americans, and conduct educational, cultural, and artistic programming designed to eliminate ethnic and racial prejudice for a diverse and growing audience.

The Garibaldi-Meucci Museum is a historic Gothic revival cottage circa 1840 located in the Rosebank community of Staten Island, New York. It is home to Antonio Meucci, the true inventor of the telephone, and Giuseppe Garibaldi, the unifier of Italy and hero of two worlds. The museum depends on the support of its members to continue fulfilling its mission. Over this past year, our members' support has funded the growth of our programs, helping to provide educational programming to students in grades K-12, and establishing the *Giorno di Cultura Heritage Series* including book signings, lectures, and exhibits.

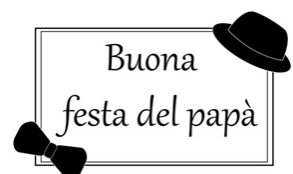
Please visit our website at garibaldimeuccimuseum.com.



GRAND LODGE RAFFLE TICKETS

Each ticket cost \$100. Drawing at the Convention in June.
Contact Sr. Marjorie if interested: mafocarazzo@gmail.com

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