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Lodge 321

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

April is here: I hope spring will be coming soon I am sick of winter. This winter seemed to be longer and colder or maybe I am just getting older.



Thinking of warmer weather Men's and Woman Bocce signup sheets are posted on the bulletin board at the Lodge. Please stop in and sign up. Bocce starts in May. Women play on Thursday and the men play on Tuesday and Wednesday. The women will have a Bocce meeting on Thursday April 16th at 6:30pm at the Lodge.

On March 8th we had Festa Della Donna it was a huge success there we over 115 women that attended. I would like to thank Franca Della Porta, Lisa Serafini & Tina Battaglia for all their hard work making it a great day for all the ladies. Also, a big thank you to the cooks, servers, bartenders, dish washers, DJ, singers and everyone that decorated.

On Good Friday April 3rd we will be having our drive thru Fish Dinner. The cost will be \$15.00 sign up sheet will be at the bar or call into the Lodge for reservations. Pickup time will be from 4 to 6pm. This year you will be able to get the fish baked or fried so please specify when you order.

On Sunday April 19th we will be having a Traditional Sunday Dinner at 2pm. The cost will be \$25.00. More details to follow.

As always, please help support the Lodges Fundraising Events, they help to keep the Lodge going strong. I encourage all our members to stay active in the Lodge by either attending events or volunteering or just stopping in to have a coffee or a drink. Every contribution is appreciated. Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Buona Pasqua a tutti !!!!!

Joseph A. Battaglia
President



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Upcoming Meetings

- Officers' Meeting** April 6 7:00PM
- General Meeting** April 20 7:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY – APRIL 3RD

Don't forget the Lodge's annual Good Friday Take-out Fish Fry. The Fish Fry will take place on Friday, April 3rd from 4-6 pm and the cost will be \$15 per person. The menu will include a fish fry, pasta salad and dessert. The event provides Lodge members an opportunity to enjoy a nice meal on a quiet day without a great deal of effort. Reservations should be made as soon as possible by calling the Lodge at 518 355-7500. Do it now!

MENS' BOCCE MEETING – APRIL 15TH

Anyone interested in playing or being a substitute, please plan on attending: Wednesday, April 15th Dinner at 6 PM. Meeting is at 7 PM \$60 fee to play, please plan on paying at the meeting.

SUNDAY DINNER – APRIL 19TH

The Lodge's Sunday Dinner will take place on April 19th at 2 PM. It will be a family style dinner like the traditional Italian style family dinners that took place in Italian family homes for so many years. The menu will feature minestrone soup, salad, rigatoni with meatballs and sausage, chicken and vegetables, dessert and coffee, just like the old days, and the cost will be \$25 per person. Background music will be provided during the meal and dancing will be available following the meal. Reservations can be made by calling the Lodge at 518 355-7500 and leaving a message. Reservations can't be accepted after Wednesday, April 15th.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Submissions may be made by bringing the article to the Lodge Office to the attention of President Joe Battaglia; email the article to Porthuron59@msn.com

GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS TO WIN BIG!

Tickets for the New York State Grand Lodge raffle are now available. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased by individuals or by groups getting together and splitting the cost. There are several prizes with a Grand Prize of \$20,000. The winning tickets will be drawn at the State Convention in June. The Lodge has been fortunate to have had 4 winners in the last 5 years. Tickets will be available at all General Meetings between now and the State Convention in June or by calling Fran Pugliese at 518 605-1426. As the saying goes, "you have to be in it to win it".

AIHA SPECIAL EXHIBIT

The American Italian Heritage Museum in Albany has announced that its Special Exhibit Room in April and May will feature the work of Guilderland resident and artist Rocky Piaggione, Esq. Mr. Piaggione's work is entitled Natures Abstract. The exhibit explores how nature creates and inspires art. The exhibit is reflected by observations of the abstracts created by nature both in the natural world and upon man-made objects. This is Mr. Piaggione's first exhibit at the museum.

Language classes will begin at the museum. Intermediate Italian Classes (10 weeks) will begin on Tuesday, March 31st and Beginning Italian Classes (10 weeks) will begin on Wednesday, April 1st. Please call the museum at 518 435-1979 for times and further information on the above.

A celebration to honor Professor Philip DiNovo for his many years of dedication, his intense passion for everything Italian and his service to the American Italian Heritage Museum and Association will take place on Sunday, June 14th at 3pm, at Franklin Plaza in Troy. **SAVE THE DATE!!**

WINE TASTING CONTEST AND DINNER – May 16th

May is coming soon and with it comes the Lodge's annual Wine Tasting Contest and Dinner. This is an advance notice to all the Lodge winemakers to get their good wines ready for the competition. As usual there will be a red winner and a white winner and, best of all, the contest will be followed by great dinner. The dinner also will include all the wine left over from the contest making everyone a winner.

ANNUAL FESTA PLANNING UNDERWAY

Planning for the Lodge's Annual Festa on July 18-19 is already underway. The entertainment portion of the Festa has been booked. On Saturday July 18th music will be provided by the Diamond Cut Horns and the Pat Dicesare Group. Sunday's entertainment will feature the music of the Grand Central Station Trio and the return engagement of Donnie Elvis. It is an impressive lineup with something for everyone. Planning for other parts of the Festa continues.


SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

There is still time to apply for a Lodge scholarship. Each year the Lodge awards scholarships to students graduating from high school and entering college. This year there is an additional scholarship available. The Lodge will award a scholarship to a student who is pursuing training for a vocational trade or who is from a military family. Anyone interested can contact the Lodge at 518 355-7500 for further information and should apply as soon as possible.

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AUGURI A TUTTI!

The following Sons and Daughters of Lodge 321 will celebrate a birthday this month. Be sure to wish them a **Buon Compleanno** on their special day.

BIRTHDAYS

1. Concetta Dimeo, Angelina Posilovic
Doug Williams
2. George Amedore, James Butler
Nicola Dagostino
3. Giovanna DeFilippo
4. Nick Cafarelli, Eric Harrington
8. Amerigo Reali
9. Peter Emmi
13. Albert Bergami, Peter Rizzo
14. Peter Frisoni, Patrick Hickey
15. James Bergami, Darlene Williams
22. Ronald Zadrozny
24. Donny Tessitore
26. Pasquale Corniello
28. Theresa Swanson
30. Richard Bove, William Civale,
Vincenza Farina

NO SUNDAY BREAKFAST IN APRIL

The monthly Sunday breakfast, which has proven to be so popular, has been cancelled for the month of April because of the number of other events planned. Breakfasts will be resumed in May. The Lodge apologizes for any inconvenience.

HALL RENTALS

The Lodge hall available for rent. The large hall can accommodate 125 people. In the past the hall has been used for bridal showers, graduation parties, small weddings, sweet sixteen parties, baptismal parties, birthday parties, meetings, funeral receptions and a variety of other functions. Please contact Richard Pidgeon at 518 356-0288 for information regarding pricing, availability and other information.



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

The Volunteer of the Month for April is Lynn Rivers. Lynn is a newcomer having joined the Lodge in June 2024. When she joined she immediately asked, "How can I help?" When the Lodge has a buffet Lynn usually can be found in the serving line dishing out food with a smile and a cheerful word to those passing through. She helps to make a good meal an enjoyable one. She also helps to make the Lodge a better place. Thanks Lynn.

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WHO IS MARCO POLO?

Marco Polo, the medieval traveler, was born in Venice around 1254. A commercial enterprise took Marco's father and uncle to Bokara in 1260 where they met the visiting envoys of Kublai Khan who persuaded them to visit China. When they visited they were cordially received by Khan who had never met Europeans. Khan became interested in Christianity and the Polos returned to Europe carrying Khan's request to the Pope for 100 men to undertake the education and Christianization of China. In 1271 the Polos started back to China with 2 Dominican monks who soon gave up the voyage and returned to Europe and Nicola's 15 year old son, Marco. Upon their arrival they were again cordially received and Marco quickly gained favor and rose high in government service and in the Khan's favor. In 1292 the Polos left China by sea, richly endowed with gifts and wealth conferred upon them by Khan, and reached Venice, after many adventures, in 1295. In a battle between the Venetians and the Genoans Marco was taken prisoner and was confined for a year in Genoa. During that year he dictated the story of his experiences in China. The Polos were the first European travelers to visit China, the first to traverse the continent of Asia, and the first to tell the story of the amazing civilization of China, Tibet, Siberia, Japan, Burma, Madagascar, Siam, Java, Ceylon and Zanzibar. Marco Polo was responsible for introducing gun powder, coal and the cultivation of plant life from China to Europe. He also brought spaghetti and noodles from China to Europe. He died in Venice around 1324.



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Officers' Meeting

April 6 at 7 PM

General Membership

April 20 at 7 PM

Riunione Degli Ufficiali

6 Aprile 7 PM

Assemblea Generale

20 Aprile 7 PM

UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS

Fish Fry Take Out	April 3	4-6 PM
Traditional Sunday Dinner	April 19	2 PM
Wine Tasting Contest/Dinner	May 16	2 PM
Annual Festa	July 18/19	

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