

August 2025

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Lodge 321

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone is having a great summer so far. August is here and the summer is almost half over. This is a great time of year, with all the fresh vegetables and beautiful flowers. The Lodge grounds look great as always, great thanks to Giuseppe Riccio. If you see him, please tell him he is doing a great job.



Our Men's and Women's Bocce Leagues are half over. I think everyone is having a great time. If you have time stop over and watch a match or two. Maybe sign up to play or be a sub next year. August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption. It celebrates the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. In Italy it is a national holiday. It also coincides with the heat of summer. It's time to get away to the beaches or the mountains. It has become a tradition for a scappata. Another one is Ferragosto on August 15th. Festivals for the Emperor Augustus. It began when Emperor Augustus instituted a day of rest to mark a famous military victory.

The Lodge will be having many activities in the coming months August, September and October. On August 16th we will be having a Half Chicken BBQ take out only. On September 20th we will be having an Eggplant Dinner at the Lodge eat in. On October 10th we will be having our annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance at Settles Hill. Our Honorees this year will be NYS Trustee Lisa Serafini and Treasurer Fred Mastroianni. Please plan on attending it is always a great event.

It has been a month since we have mailed out the raffle tickets they have been slowly coming back. Please sell your book of tickets and return them back as soon as you can. If you need additional books of tickets please contact the lodge and I will send them to you.

I encourage all our members to stay active in the Lodge, either attending events or volunteering or just stopping by to have a coffee or a drink. Every contribution is appreciated.

As always, PLEASE support the Lodges Fundraising efforts, they help to keep the Lodge going strong.

Joseph A. Battaglia  
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## Upcoming Meetings

<b>Officers' Meeting</b>	<b>Aug 4</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Aug 18</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>



**GIANT RAFFLE - WE NEED YOUR HELP**

Again our Lodge is asking for your support. Raffle tickets were mailed to all of our members requesting that members purchase or sell the tickets. The response has been somewhat less than overwhelming! We cannot stress enough how critical the sale of the tickets is for our Lodge. Insurance costs have gone up, utilities have gone up, maintenance supplies have gone up and the Lodge's income has not kept pace. The sale of the Raffle tickets, along with the income from the Festa, Columbus Dinner and various dinners and events, will help the Lodge meet its obligations. If you have mislaid your tickets and would like more, contact the Lodge. If you have purchased or sold your tickets and would like more, contact the Lodge. The number is 518 355-7500. Please help, your support is needed!

**CHICKEN BBQ RESCHEDULED - AUGUST 16**

The Chicken BBQ Drive Thru that was scheduled for last month has been rescheduled to Saturday, August 16th from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. The menu will consist of ½ chicken, corn on the cob, pasta salad and dessert, all for \$20. Great meal, great price! It's the best chicken BBQ in the area! The Lodge is looking for a large turnout; call 518 355-7500 for reservations.

**EGGPLANT PARM IS BACK - SEPTEMBER 20**

The Lodge's famous Eggplant Parm dinner is back on the schedule by popular demand. The dinner is scheduled for Saturday, September 20th. The complete menu and other details will be in next month's newsletter. Save the date because nobody makes eggplant parm like us, nobody!

**COLUMBUS DINNER PLANS ARE UNDERWAY**

The Festa has come and gone and now the Lodge turns its attention to the annual Columbus Dinner which will be held on Friday, October 10. This year's honorees will be Lodge Treasurer Fred Mastroianni and NYS Trustee Lisa Serafini. This year's event will be at a new venue, Settles Hill Banquet House in Princetown. Last year's turnout was one of the largest the Lodge has had in several years and since the Lodge has grown considerably in the past year, an even bigger turnout is hoped for this year. More details will be forthcoming in next month's newsletter but in the meantime Save the Date!

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**AIHA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**


The American Italian Heritage Museum and Association has a membership drive underway. The museum, which is a center of Italian culture, is the largest museum of its kind east of the Mississippi. Its exhibits are an unparalleled display of Italian artifacts; several rooms contain pictures of Italians and Italian Americans who have contributed so much to Italian culture and history; the museum contains a library of several thousand books on Italian history, culture and famous Italians and there is a great deal of information and statistics having to do with the Italian immigration to America. The museum contains a special exhibit room which is revised bi-monthly, has a gift shop, publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, shows Italian movies, conducts Italian language classes and conducts information and social events throughout the year. Membership dues are \$25 a year. AIHA is running a membership special until September 1st. For \$37.50 a person can enroll for the remainder of 2025 and 2026. Please contact the museum at 518 435-1979 for further information.

**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**

The Volunteer of the Month for August is Carol LaTorre. Carol joined the OSDIA in December, 2012, just in time for Christmas. She has served as a volunteer in a number of activities for several years. She has helped set up the hall for dinners and served at those dinners for many years. She has designed, reproduced and delivered announcements for dinners also. Carol recently recruited a group of members to bake good for the Festa and other occasions as they come up; maybe they will be called "The Bakers of America". Carol, thanks for making life a little easier. Greatly Appreciated!



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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. Rocco Urbano
2. Anthony Salerno
3. Gene Loparco
4. Anthony Guzzardi
6. Robert Loscalzo, Celeste Rossetti
7. Frank Marino, Matthew Tiscione
10. Ken Dagostino, Jr, Mario Franco
12. Joseph DeMarco
13. Louisa Petraccione
15. Assunto Barbato
16. Joseph Sacco, Joseph Sorrentino
17. Donna Toussaint
19. Lester Ersland, Lena Pasquariello
21. Giovanna DeFilippo
22. Anthony Coppola, Kenneth Litz
23. Anna Marie Tubelli
24. Paolo Califano, Scott Trudell
27. Anthony Maiello
28. Chris Hollister, Matilda Mastroianni
29. Dan DeMarco, Steve Tommasone
31. Edward Nardini

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6:30pm - 10:00pm Mon - Fri

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE**

The Lodge has a few medical equipment items available for use by our members. Items include wheel chairs, walkers and crutches. Anyone interested in borrowing an item can do so by calling the Lodge at 518 355-7500.

**HAVE YOU MOVED? CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER?**

If you have moved or changed your phone number, please contact the Lodge Office at (518) 355-7500 with the updated information.

**ENRICO FERMI-FATHER OF THE ATOMIC BOMB**

Enrico Fermi was born in Rome in September, 1901. He graduated from the University of Pisa in 1922, and after two years of study in Germany and the Netherlands he became a lecturer at the University of Florence. In 1926 he was appointed lecturer in physics at the University of Rome. Dr. Fermi gained world fame in 1934 for a series of experiments at the University of Rome that led to the discovery of uranium fission which in turn ultimately led to the development of the atomic bomb and atomic power plants. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1938. Displeased with the Mussolini regime, he left Italy, came to the United States and joined the physics faculty at Columbia University. He soon became the leader of a group of scientists who envisioned the possibilities of an atomic bomb. The first atomic "pile" was built at the University of Chicago in 1942 under Dr. Fermi's guidance. This demonstrated the feasibility of a self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction which opened the door to the new age of industrial atomic power. After three years on the atomic bomb project, Dr. Fermi joined the Institute of Nuclear Studies at the University of Chicago where he continued his work on nuclear physics. In November, 1954 he was the winner of the first special award of \$25,000 given by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission for outstanding achievement in the field of atomic energy. Another great name in our great heritage.



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 August 4 at 7 PM  
**General Membership**  
 August 18 at 7 PM

**Riunione Degli Ufficiali**  
 4 Augusto 7 PM  
**Assemblea Generale**  
 18 Augusto 7 PM

### UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS

Chicken BBQ	August 16	4-6:30 PM
Eggplant Parm Dinner	September 20	6:30 PM
Columbus Dinner	October 10	6:00 PM
7 Fish Dinner	December 13	6:30 PM

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