

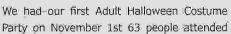


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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

December is here: Another year is coming to an end. The Holidays are always a busy time, but it is a wonderful time of year. Most of us will spend the Holidays with friends and family. Keeping all our Italian traditions alive, and teaching it to the next generation of young people.



everyone that attended said they had a great time. I would like to thank Dom Cafarelli for organizing the event and all the volunteers that helped. Hopefully next year it will be even bigger.

Our Veterans Breakfast was on November 9th it was very successful. We served over 70 people and about 30 veterans were in attendance. This event is a great way for the Lodge to show our appreciation for all the veterans. Our annual Feast of Seven Fish Dinner sold out in two days 120 tickets were sold. The date of our next Sunday breakfast will be December 21st from 9 am till 11 am. The price will be \$10.

On November 17th we had our Memorial Mass. A sincere thank you to our Lodge Chaplain Father Dominic Isopo for officiating, Father Isopo is always there whenever we need him. I would also like to thank Carolann Renna for Chairing the event and to all the members who baked delicious desserts for after the mass. The mass is a great way to honor our members who passed away in the last year, may they rest in peace. Also, I would like to thank Carol LaTorre for organizing bakers for our monthly meetings and events. It's greatly appreciated.

Lastly, the 2026-year membership dues notices were mailed out at the end of October. If you have not received your membership renewal letter, please contact the Lodge 518-355-7500. I hope the collection of the dues will go smoothly. You will have until December 31st to pay them but please don't wait until the last minute. I hope everyone will renew their membership.

As always, please support the Lodges Fundraising efforts, they help to keep the Lodge going strong. I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped throughout the year with all our events. Without all their help nothing would have been accomplished.

Buon Natale e felice anno nuovo I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Joseph A. Battaglia President





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#### **Upcoming Meetings**

Officers' Meeting Dec 1 General Meeting

7:00PM Dec 15

7:00PM

### Events • Eventi

#### A CHRISTMAS SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

The Lodge is having a special Christmas Sunday Morning Breakfast on Sunday, December 21, from 9-11 AM. The meal will consist of traditional items such as eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, french toast and potatoes and will include some Christmas treats. The cost is \$10 per person, no reservation needed and all are welcome.

#### 7 FISH DINNER - SOLD OUT!! - DECEMBER 13

The annual 7 Fish Dinner will take place this year on Saturday, December 13 at 6:00 pm. The popular dinner as always will be delicious, a feast to be remembered. The price will be \$50 per person and tickets will go on sale during the second week of November. The event is one of the Lodge's most popular events!

#### **MEET GIOVANNI CABOTO**

Giovanni Caboto, or John Cabot as he is known in American schools, was born in Genoa, Italy in 1450. He moved to Venice and later to England. From his experience in trading in the Mediterranean, together with reports of navigators from England to Iceland, he was convinced the earth was round, and of a western route to Asia. Caboto succeeded in interesting King Henry VII, and in May 1497, just 5 years after Columbus, set sail on the ship Matthew. On June 24 he discovered Cape Breton and other islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and actually landed on the shores of North America. Returning to England in August, where he was favorably received, money was advanced for another expedition. This expedition left England early in 1498, explored the coasts of Greenland and Newfoundland, returning to England in the same year. He died in 1498. Another great name in our great heritage!

#### 2026 CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

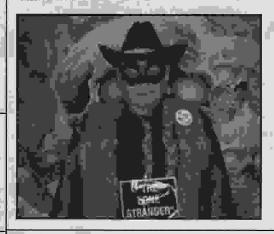
If you're looking for a great Christmas stocking stuffer or just like a raffle with 365 chances to win, then the Grand Lodge Calendar raffle is perfect for you. For just \$30 you get a 2026 calendar booklet with a 3 digit number. If the states daily 3 digit number drawn matches your number you'll receive a check in the mail for \$30 to \$100.

To purchase your calendar raffle booklet contact lodge recording secretary Fran Pugliese by calling or texting him at 518-605-1426 or 518-372-8798 or emailing him at puganthony@aol.com. Don't be left out!

#### **BUSINESS CARD ADS**

Any member, interested in having their Business Card, in 321's Newsletter; Please, contact Fran Pugliese 518 372-8798 OR email Fran, at: puganthony@aol.com

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#### **DUES ARE DUE!!**

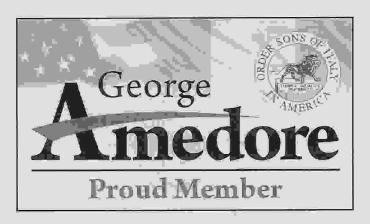
Membership dues for 2026 are due no later than December 31st. Dues are \$70 per person. If you have not paid your dues yet, you are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Prompt payment of dues will cut down on the work involved in contacting those who have not paid. Dues are \$70 per person. If you have not received a letter requesting payment, please contact the Lodge at 518 355-7500 as soon as possible. If you are 65 years of age and have been a member of the Sons and Daughters of Italy for 25 years your dues will be lower and you will be contacted by the Lodge with further information.



#### **VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**

The Volunteer of the Month for December is Marco Farina. Marco joined the Lodge in 2015 and immediately volunteered his services. When Marco visits the Lodge he can always be found offering his services behind the bar, helping out in the kitchen or helping out wherever needed. Also when Marco comes in he sometimes brings in some delicious food for Lodge members to share. Recently Marco donated a beautiful TV set and now members enjoy cooking shows and other shows from Italy. Marco is a great member for our Lodge to have!







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The Lodge has two halls available for rent. The large hall can accommodate 125 people and the small hall is suitable for up to 25 people. In the past the halls have 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.

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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 da

**Buon Compleanno** on their special day. **BIRTHDAYS** 

- 1. Lisa Serafini
- 2. Carmine Battaglino
- 3. Carla Parillo, Nick Piccirillo
- 4. Joe Cannavo, Mark Ciafardo
- 5. John Fulco
- 6. William DeBarthe
- 7. Joe Restifo
- 9. Marie Bottone, Stefano Palleschi
- 10. Paolo Coppola
- 11. Phil Rossi
- 12. Toni Ann LaMalfa
- 14. Angelo Santabarbara
- 15. Rick Relation
- 16. David Loparco, Lisa Dufek-Mayo
- 17. Sandra Demarco-Solomon
- 18. Lewis Elia
- 20. Theresa Johnson
- 21. Beth Fazzone
- 23. Joe Battaglia
- 27. Joan Durnford
- 28. Tom Fonda
- 30. Peter Zarillo
- 31. Daniel Briskie, Mike Mascitelli

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#### AIHA PREPARES FOR THE SEASON

The American Italian Heritage Museum is preparing for the Christmas season. As it does each year the Museum will have its Annual Italian Christmas Market on December 5-7 offering a variety of Italian themed novelties, Italian Christmas cards and a wide variety of Italian Christmas gifts. There also will be food, beverages and fellowship available in the Market Café.

Again this year the Museum will feature in its Exhibit Room a Traditional Presepe designed and erected by Joseph Anastasio. Each year Joseph Anastasio designs and erects a spectacular Presepe more beautiful than the year before. The same is true this year.

Planning a wedding in 2026? The Museum thrift shop is offering a selection of beautiful wedding gowns at drastically reduced prices. Gowns that normally sell for \$2000 and up start at \$400. The gowns are new and feature current styling. And there is something new. For the next few weeks the Museum is conducting a raffle wherein the winner will get the opportunity to select a gown of her choice AT NO COST, ABSOLUTELY FREE. Tickets are \$5 each. Please call the Museum at 518 435-1979 for tickets and further information.

#### FIRST PLACE - SONS OF ITALY LODGE 321

Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara and Fred Mastroianni from the Rotterdam Sons of Italy Lodge 321 took first place at this weekend's Port Jackson Bocce Club Tournament, which raised \$5,000 for the Greater Amsterdam School District Unified Bocce Program! A great day of fun, community, and support for our student athletes!

Pictured are Justin Bottisti and Mattie Bottisti (3rd Place), Fred Mastrolanni and Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara (1st Place), and Jimmy Myers\* and Jerry Poldolec (2nd Place) \*Jimmy Myers subbing for George Pacifico in the Championship Match



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Officers' Meeting
December 1 at 7 PM
General Membership
December 15 at 7 PM

Riunione Degli Ufficiali 1 Dicembre 7 PM Assemblea Generale 15 Dicembre 7 PM

#### **UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS**

7 Fish Dinner December 13 6:00 PM Christmas Breakfast December 21 9-11:00 AM

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