

June 2025

il Giornale di Gabriele

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

June is here: I can't believe half the year is over. The older we get the faster time goes by, that is so true. I hope we get some nice weather enough with all the rain. June is a busy month at the Lodge.

June 15th, Is Father's Day. I would like to say Happy Father's Day to all the Fathers and Grandfathers of the Lodge. It is a day to remember all that our fathers have taught us through the years. Here are some important dates in Italy in the month of June.



June 2nd (Festa della Rupubblica) Republic Day. In 1946 Italians were called to the polls to decide the form of Government, following the fall of Fascism. June 13, Feast of Saint Anthony. He is the Patron Saint of lost things. I don't know if it's true, but my grandmother and my mother believed it to be true. The NYS Grand Lodge will be having their Annual Convention on June 26-29 at the Desmond Hotel in Albany. The Lodge will be sending 10 delegates to the convention. Many things will be discussed including election of State Officers, bylaw changes, and fundraising activities. The Grand Lodge will be raising thousands of dollars for many charitable activities.

We had our Homemade Wine Tasting Dinner and Judging on May17th. We had 95 people attend. It was a great time for everyone that attended. We tasted 15 red wines and 7 white wines. The white wine winner was Lou Fazzone. The red wine winners were Cesare Maniccia, Tony Santabarbara & Dean Attanasio. It was a tie for the overall winner of the red wines between Dean and Tony. I would like to thank John DeGeorgio and Ray Haines for chairing the event, Brent Denofio for running the kitchen & Ray for overseeing the workers. I would like to thank all the volunteers that worked that night to make it a successful event. Also, the members who donated their wines. We also honored Cesare Maniccia for his Chairing the Wine Tasting event for over 30 years.

Lastly, we will be having a Chicken BBQ on June 21st from 4-6pm. It will be a Drive Thru only. Dinner will be Half Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Pasta Salad and dessert for only \$20.00. Please call the Lodge at 518-355-7500 to make your reservations.

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 President



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Upcoming Meetings

Officers' Meeting June 2 7:00PM General Meeting June 16 7:00PM

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Our newsletter is expensive. The cost of the newsletter, including composition, printing and mailing, is slightly in excess of \$8000 per year. Current advertisements bring in approximately \$4000 per year so each year there is a deficit of \$4000. The Lodge is continually looking for ways to erase the deficit and is considering a number of alternatives to do so. One way to cut down the deficit is to increase the number of ads being run. At the present time the Lodge prints and distributes 400 copies to its members. In addition the Lodge turns to its advertisers for goods and services whenever possible and encourages its members to do the same. If you would like to join our list of advertisers, please contact the Lodge at 518 355-7500, leave a message and someone will get back to you or contact Fran Pugliese at 518 605-1426. Fran can also be contact at puganthony@aol.com.

FESTA - JULY 19-20

The Lodge's annual Festa is almost here. It is only a month away. Things are rapidly falling into place. Commitments have been secured for the entertainment, arrangements have been made for the stage, sound system and other needed equipment and food preparation is underway. This year the Festa is a two day affair, bigger and better than ever. A number of members have come forward to volunteer their services but more are needed. Volunteers can pick which day they prefer to work and will be assigned to work in 2 or 3 hour shifts. The schedule should not be burdensome to anyone. A list of volunteers has been started in the Lodge so step up and add your name to the list by calling the Lodge at 518 355-7500.

MARIO ANDRETTI. THE GREATEST OF THEM ALL?

There have been many outstanding racecar drivers: Stirling Moss, Michael Schumaker, AJ Foyt, Richard Petty to name a few. But who is the greatest of them all? Some have been Formula One champions. Some have won the Indianapolis 500. Some have won the Daytona 500. Some have won the 12 Hours of Sebring and some have won the Pike Peak race. But only one has won them all, Mario Andretti! Mario Andretti came from Italy, settled in Nazareth Pa. and got into auto racing at a young age over the objections of his father. He has won at every level, go karts, dirt tracks, NASCAR, IndyCars and Formula One. No other driver has done that and because of his accomplishments many consider Mario Andretti the greatest of them all. Now retired from driving he serves as consultant to 2 racing teams, one of which is headed by his son and he owns a winery in California. He no longer drives but still remains a major figure in auto racing. Andretti is another great name in our great heritage!

CHICKEN BBQ - JUNE 21ST

The Lodge's popular Drive Thru Chicken BBQ is back. The Drive Thru Chicken BBQ dinner is one of the Lodge's most popular events. The dinner is scheduled for Saturday, June 21st from 4 to 6:30 PM. The dinner consists of ½ chicken, corn on the cob, pasta salad and dessert, all for only \$20. It's the Deal of the Decade! Orders can be placed by calling the Lodge at 518 355-7500 leaving your name, phone number and the number of dinners requested. As mentioned this is a very popular event and people are encouraged to place their orders as soon as possible.

AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE MUSEUM BBQ

The museum has scheduled a Chicken and Rib BBQ catered by Allie B's Cozy Kitchen for Saturday, June 14th, 2:30 – 5:30 PM, pre-order only. Pre-orders can be made by calling 518 265-7468 as soon as possible. The BBQ is a fundraiser for a great cause. The museum is the largest of its kind east of the Mississippi and the second largest of its kind in the United States. It is a repository of almost limitless information on the trials faced by early Italian immigrants coming to the United States. It is well worth the support of all. The menu includes chicken or ribs, collard greens or green beans, mac & cheese or macaroni salad and cornbread. The cost is \$26 per person and payment can be made by cash, check payable to AIHA&M or paypal at aiha.museum@gmail.com.

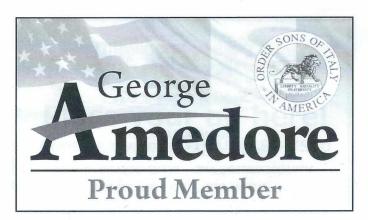


VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

The Volunteer of the Month for June is Mario Demarco. Mario the Bartender! Just about every evening of the week Mario unlocks the front door opening the Lodge for the evening and takes his place behind the bar. Lodge dinners, Mario is behind the bar. Hall rental events, Mario is behind the bar. It seems like whenever anything is taking place at the Lodge and whenever he is called upon Mario is available and willing to help. He makes running the Lodge much easier. And he plays a little golf too! Thanks Mario.

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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 day. **BIRTHDAYS**

- 2. Dave Denofio
- 4. Romeo Niro
- 7. Giovanni De Filippo, Antonio Puorto
- 8. Tina Battaglia, John DeGeorgio
- 10. John Galluzzo, Antonio Santabarbara
- 12. Anthony Guidarelli
- 13. Frank Aiello
- 14. Larry Dicocco, John Masi, Beth Kayser
- 15. John Bergami, Michael Christi, Lynn Rivers
- 16. Tim Diamond
- 17. Joseph DeVito
- 19. Frank Cannaro, Anna Marie Perez Gary Signor
- 24. Brent Denofio
- 25. Patrick DiCerbo, Victoria Gold
- 26. Pasqua le Marchese
- 27. Nancy Battaglia, Richard Pidgeon
- 28. Frank Lamalfa, Andrea Rohloff
- 29. Guilio Facci

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARIE PIDGEON!

Marie's birthday is May 5th and for the past two years we have failed to mention it in the newsletter. So for May 5th 2024 Happy Birthday, Marie and for May 5th 2025, another Happy Birthday, Marie! We apologize for the oversight and will try to get it right next year!

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

June in Italy

June is the start of summer in Italy, bringing warm and sunny weather across the country. The average temperatures range from 20°C to 28°C (68°F to 82°F), making it perfect for outdoor activities and sightseeing. However, it's essential to pack light clothing, sunscreen, and sunglasses to stay comfortable in the summer heat.

In the north, cities like Milan and Venice enjoy average temperatures ranging from 23-28°C (73-82°F), while southern destinations such as Rome and Naples experience slightly warmer temperatures between 25-30°C (77-86°F). Coastal regions like the Amalfi Coast, Sardinia, and Sicily offer ideal beach weather, perfect for sunbathing, swimming, and water sports.

Crowds

June marks the beginning of the peak tourist season in Italy, with popular destinations bustling with visitors. While this means more crowds at iconic Italian landmarks and attractions, it also brings a lively and vibrant atmosphere to the cities and towns, making it a great time to experience Italy's cultural and social life

Price Fluctuations

With the onset of the peak season, June can be a bit more expensive in terms of accommodation rates and airfares. However, with careful planning and booking in advance, travelers can still find good deals and enjoy the best of Italy without breaking the bank. At Tourist Italy, our industry connections enable us to access extremely competitive rates for Italy hotels, even during the high season. Moreover, with our multi-day Italy tour packages, you can secure all your tours, hotels, and transportation in just one affordable booking! Make sure to check out our top deals for Italy 2025.

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