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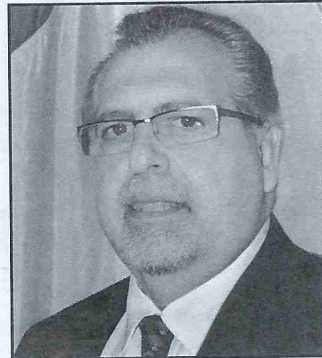


Lodge 321

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

June is here; It is a busy month at the Lodge. I can't believe half the year is over. I hope we will be getting some nice warm weather for all our outside activities.

We had our Homemade Wine Tasting Dinner and Judging on May 16th. We had 110 people attend. It was a great time for everyone that attended. There were 18 red wines and 7 white wines to be judged. The overall winners this year were Dean Attanasio for the red wine, Tony Santabarbara for the white wine. I would like to thank John DeGeorgio and Ray Haines for chairing the event, Brent Denofio for running the kitchen and all the volunteers that worked to make the event successful. And thank you to all the members who entered their wines to be judged.



On June 12th at 6:30pm we will be having our Scholarship Presentation for all the Scholarship winners. This year there will be 2 Romolo Pede Scholarship winners, 1 Franco Family Winner, 5 Lodge Scholarship winners and 3 State District 6 winners. Thank you to the Scholarship Committee, they did a great job selecting all the winners.

The NYS Grand Lodge will have their annual convention on June 25-28 at the Desmond Hotel. This year we will be sending 10 delegates to the convention. There will be officers and delegates from all the lodges in New York State. Many things will be discussed including election of state officers, fundraising activities also raising thousands of dollars for many charitable organizations.

I would like to thank JoAnne and Mike Masucci for donating the new carpet for the hall. It looks great. It makes a great addition to the Lodge Hall and helps with the acoustics.

June 2nd in Italy is Festa della Repubblica (Republic Day). In 1946 Italians were called to vote to decide on the form of Government, following the fall of Fascism.

June 13th, Feast of Saint Anthony. He is the Patron Saint of lost items and travelers. Pray to him and you will find the item that you lost. I don't know if it was true, but it seems to work.

June 21st 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 special day to remember all that our fathers have taught us through the years.

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.

Joseph A. Battaglia  
President



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### Upcoming Meetings

- Officers' Meeting** June 1 7:00PM
- General Meeting** June 15 7:00PM

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Lodge is an active one with a wide variety of activities and with that wide variety of activities comes a need for a large group of volunteers. A large number of new members have been initiated over the past several months. Now those members are needed to participate in Lodge activities such as attending dinners and other events and to offer their services to assist the Lodge is carrying out its programs and activities. Dinner servers, bakers, kitchen help, Annual Festa workers and evening bartenders are a few of the areas where help is needed. Expertise is not needed. Don't wait to be asked, step up and offer your services. Call the Lodge at 518 355-7500 and leave a message stating where you would like to help.

**LAST CHANCE FOR RAFFLE TICKETS**

Time to purchase a ticket for the New York State Grand Lodge Raffle is running out. 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 at the end of this month. The Lodge has been fortunate to have had 4 winners in the past 5 years. Tickets will be available at the General Meeting on June 18th or can be had by calling Fran

**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

**DRIVE THRU CHICKEN BBQ – JUNE 13**

The Lodge has scheduled a Drive Thru Chicken BBQ for Saturday, June 13 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. The menu will consist of the Lodge's famous Chicken BBQ, pasta salad, rolls, dessert and coffee, all for a donation of \$20 per person. It's the best Chicken BBQ in the area! A volunteer is needed to chair the event. If anyone is interested in chairing the event, please call the Lodge at 518 355-7500 and leave your name and phone number. If this is the first time chairing an event, guidance and assistance will be provided. If there is no chair, the event may be canceled. Those planning to attend, please call the Lodge at the number above and leave your name and the number of dinners requested.

**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.

**AIHA NEWS**

The American Italian Heritage Museum will feature a special exhibit during the months of June and July celebrating America's 250th birthday focusing on the many, many contributions of Italian Americans to the United States, an exhibit well worth seeing.

The museum also offers an opportunity for individuals to learn or brush up on their Italian with Practice Your Italian sessions every other Tuesday beginning on June 2nd at 1 PM. The sessions are casual, free of charge and headed by Lodge member Joe Anastasio. Comments from those who have attended the sessions have been extremely favorable. Please call the Museum at 518435-1979 for information about the Practice Your Italian Sessions, museum hours of operation or the many other activities that will be taking place at the museum.

**2026 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

The Lodge wishes to thank all the applicants for their outstanding submissions. What an impressive group of students! The Lodge also extends its heartfull gratitude to the parents and families whose encouragement, guidance and unwavering support play such an important role in each student's success. 26 applications were received and 6 schools were proudly represented by the students listed below.

**STATE AWARDS**

- Anthony Villano –Schalmont HS
- Grace Bancheri – South Colonie HS
- Addison Rizzi – Niskayuna HS

**WILLIAM & AGNESE FRANCO VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- Christopher Pallutti - Duanesburg HS

**PEDE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**



- Christian Grouix – Schalmont HS
- Vanessa Palleschi – Mohonasen HS

**LODGE #321 SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Angelina Riccio – Schalmont HS
- Cecelia Vattimo – Guilderland HS
- Lucy Vattimo - Guilderland HS
- Alexandra DiCocco – Schalmont HS
- Gianna Angelozzi - Schalmont HS

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!**

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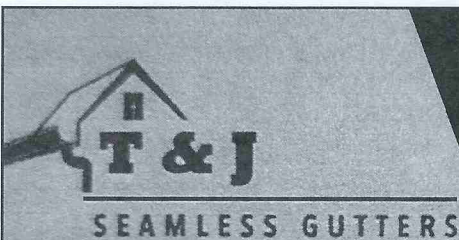
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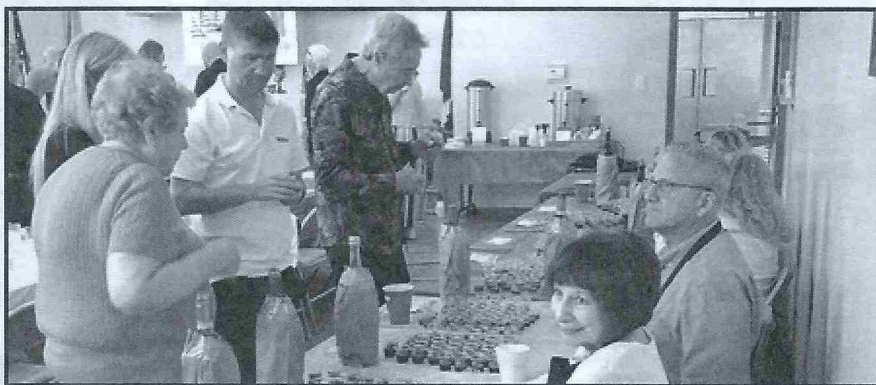
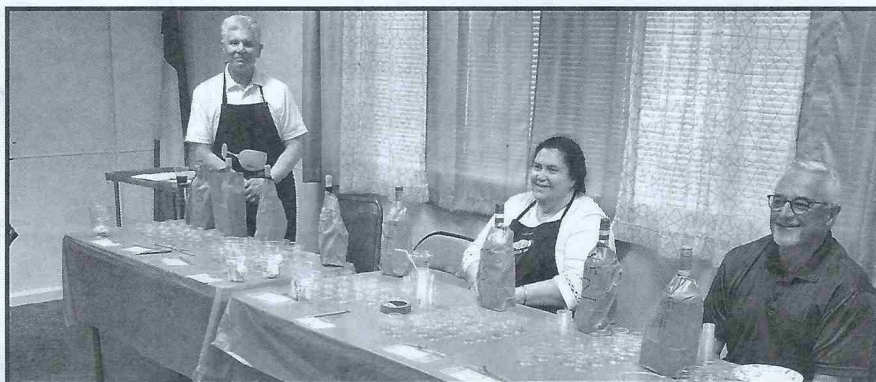
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**AUGURI A TUTTI!**

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. Antonio Puerto
2. Dave Denofio
4. Romeo Niro
7. Giovanni De Filippo
8. Tina Battaglia, John DeGeorgio
10. John Galluzzo, Antonio Santabarbara
12. Anthony Guidarelli
13. Frank Aiello, Mark Prian
14. Larry Dicocco, John Masi, Beth Grasso
15. John Bergami, Michael Christi, Lynn Rivers
16. Mario Franco
17. Joseph DeVito
18. Bruce Carrieri
19. Frank Cannaro, Anna Marie Perez
24. Brent Denofio
25. Patrick DiCerbo, Victoria Gold
27. Richard Pidgeon, Joe Riccio
28. Frank Lamalfa
29. Guilio Facci



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### MEET GIUSEPPE GARIBALDI

Giuseppe Garibaldi, an Italian patriot and military hero, was born in Nice, France on July 4, 1807. Under the influence of Giuseppe Mazzini, he participated in an insurrection of Genoa in 1834, fled to France and later to South America where he fought brilliantly for the new republic of Uruguay. When the news of the Italian uprising of 1848 reached him, he returned to fight for the liberation of Italy. After the defeat of the Italians in Lombardy by the Austrians in the summer of 1848, Garibaldi joined Mazzini in Rome and they set up the Roman Republic in 1849. They were driven out by French troops and Garibaldi narrowly escaped being caught by the Austrians. He hid throughout Romagna and eventually eluded his enemies and got away to exile.

Upon the outbreak of the war against Austria in 1859 Garibaldi again joined Sardinia in the national cause. After the peace he continued to agitate for independent action on the part of the Italians themselves, and, after organizing a small force of about a thousand volunteers at Genoa, he attacked Naples. The expedition first sailed to Sicily in three ships and, with the aid of patriots there, conquered the island and then sailed to Naples. He conquered Naples and the Neapolitans acclaimed him as a deliverer. In November 1860 Sicily and Naples voted by plebiscite to join north Italy to form the Kingdom of Italy. Following that he retired to his island home of Caprera. Always restless, however, and resentful that Rome was not a part of the new Kingdom, he organized two unsuccessful attempts to seize the city and add it to the Kingdom. Eventually Rome was added to Italy in 1870. In that year Garibaldi volunteered to fight for the French Republic against the Germans. He died in 1882 at Caprera.



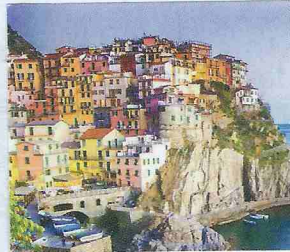
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## Calendario Di Gabriele

### Officers' Meeting

June 1 at 7 PM

### General Membership

June 15 at 7 PM

### Riunione Degli Ufficiali

1 Giugno 7 PM

### Assemblea Generale

15 Giugno 7 PM

### UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS

Drive Thru Chicken BBQ June 13 4:30-6:30 PM  
 Annual Summer Festa July 18/19

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