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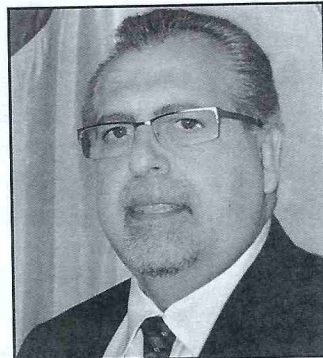
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Lodge 321

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I can't believe May is already here: Hopefully we will be getting some nice spring weather so we can go outside and enjoy the sunshine. Our woman and men's Bocce leagues will be starting in early May. Stop over and watch a game or two or be a sub if they need one.



This year we received over 20 scholarship applications from local students. The scholarship committee will be reviewing all of them. Winners will be announced later. Good Luck to all the students who sent in an application. May 1st is a National Holiday in Italy, Labor Day (Festa del Lavoro) it holds significance in Italy serving as a day of remembrance, solidarity and cultural festivities.

What a special day, Mother's Day, on May 10th, don't forget your mother. If it was not for her none of us would be here. Do something special for her. If your mother is not with you anymore think of her and remember all the special times you had together. Keep her memory alive in your heart. GOD BLESS all mothers. Amor di madre amore senza limiti. (A mother's love has no limits)

May 25th is Memorial Day it is a day set aside to remember with pride and gratitude all that served and died for our country and our freedom. We will always be in their debt. God Bless everyone that served and God Bless America.

ATTENTION ALL HOMEMADE WINE MAKERS:

Our annual homemade wine tasting event will be held on May 16th. It's a fun event, with great food and great wine, most of them. The winners get to brag that they made the best wine for this year. Get your tickets early, the event sells out every year. Signup sheet will be at the bar. Tickets must be prepaid no money will be collected at the door. If you plan to enter your wine, please drop off a 50oz bottle of wine with your name on it by Thursday May 14th at the Lodge. Good luck to everyone that enters.

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.

Joseph A. Battaglia
President



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Upcoming Meetings

- Officers' Meeting** May 4 7:00PM
- General Meeting** May 18 7:00PM

HOME-MADE WINE TASTING DINNER

The annual Home-made Wine Tasting Dinner will be held on Saturday, May 16 at 5 pm. The meal, which will follow the wine tasting contest, will consist of appetizers, salad, pasta and meatballs, sausage, coffee and dessert. Donation is \$25 per person and reservations should be made as soon as possible but no later than Wednesday May 13th. This event will sell out quickly! Please call the Lodge at 518 355-7500 for reservations.

ATTENTION WINE MAKERS!

Enter your wine, red, white or both, by bringing to the club no later than Thursday, May 14th a 1.5 liter bottle of your best wine.

THANKS, MIKE MASUCCI

A special thanks to Trustee Mike Masucci, proprietor of Ted's Floor Covering, for his very generous donation of the carpeting in the Main Hall. For the past several months the Lodge has been considering ways to improve the floor and the acoustics in the Main Hall. Mike stepped up to recommend carpeting for the floor and to help improve the acoustics and generously offered to donate the carpeting. Thanks to Mike for improving the condition of the floor and providing a good first step to improving the acoustics.

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".

THE LODGE RECEIVES A STATE GRANT

Thanks to the efforts of Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara the Lodge has received a grant of \$35000 from New York State. The grant will greatly enhance the Lodge's fiscal position. Lodge staff is now in the process of putting together a description of the activities to which the funds will be applied. Further information will be forthcoming as the process evolves but for now the Lodge is grateful for the grant and for the efforts of Assemblyman Santabarbara.

AIHA UPDATE

The celebration to honor Professor Philip DiNovo for his dedication and service to the American Italian Heritage Museum and Association which was mentioned in last month's newsletter has been postponed because of Professor DiNovo's illness. The event was scheduled for Sunday, June 14th, and will be re-scheduled as soon as Professor DiNovo's health permits.

Renovations to the Second Chance Thrift Shop were begun on April 6th and should be completed soon. Upgrading the space and facilities was badly needed and the completed renovations will greatly improve the appearance of the Thrift Shop.

The Special Exhibit, Nature's Abstract, by Guilderland resident and artist Rocky Piaggione, Esq. will continue through the month of May. The exhibit is reflected by observations of the abstracts created by nature both in the natural world and upon man-made objects. Please call the museum at 518 435-1979 for times and further information.

THE FESTA IS COMING


The annual summer Festa, scheduled for July 18 & 19, is fast approaching. Planning is underway and commitments have been made for the entertainment portion of the event and for equipment and needed facilities. There is still a great deal which remains to be done. This is a major undertaking with many parts and many hands are needed. It is a fun time and those that volunteer enjoy participating in the event. Members can volunteer by calling the Lodge at 518 355-7500 and leaving a message.

IT'S BOCCO TIME!

Spring is here and that means it is Bocce time. Both the men and women's leagues have players signed up and are ready to begin. The women's league begins first starting on Thursday May 7th and the men follow beginning on the following Tuesday, May 12th. Coming out to watch the bocce matches is a fun way to spend an evening, spectators are always welcome.

SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED IN MAY

Lodge scholarships will be awarded at the May 18th General Meeting. This year the Lodge received 21 scholarship applications, the highest number received in several years. The applications were outstanding; the grades were high, the essays well written and the recommendations from school officials were all filled with outstanding praise. Selecting the winners was a difficult task. The Lodge has increased the number of scholarships being awarded because of the large number of applications received. The Lodge will award five scholarships this year and an additional two scholarships will be awarded in honor of past Lodge member Romolo Pede. Congratulations to the winners and to all those who entered for their outstanding achievements.



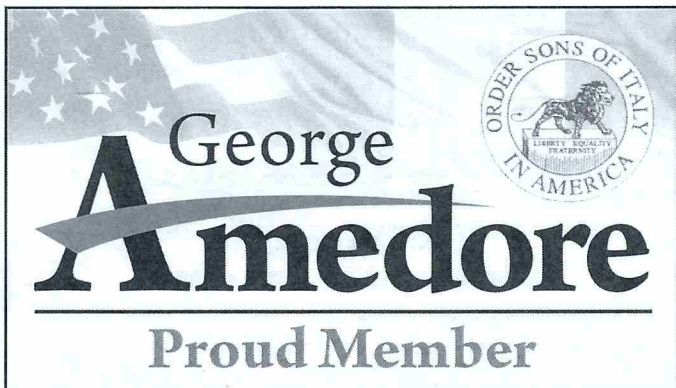
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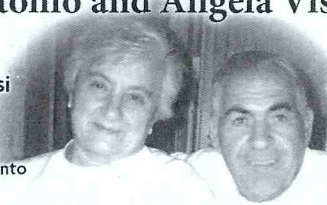
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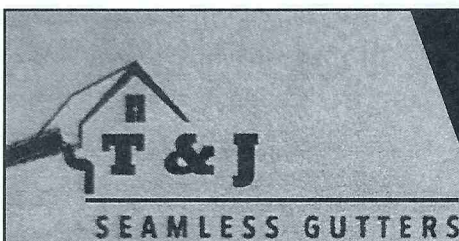
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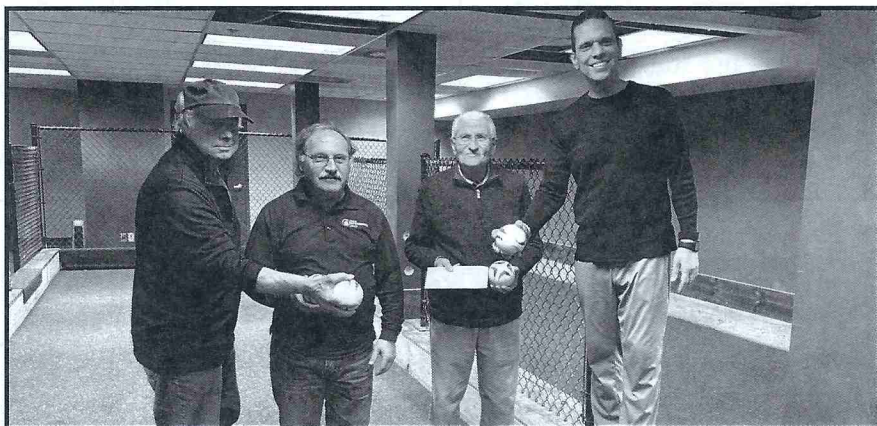
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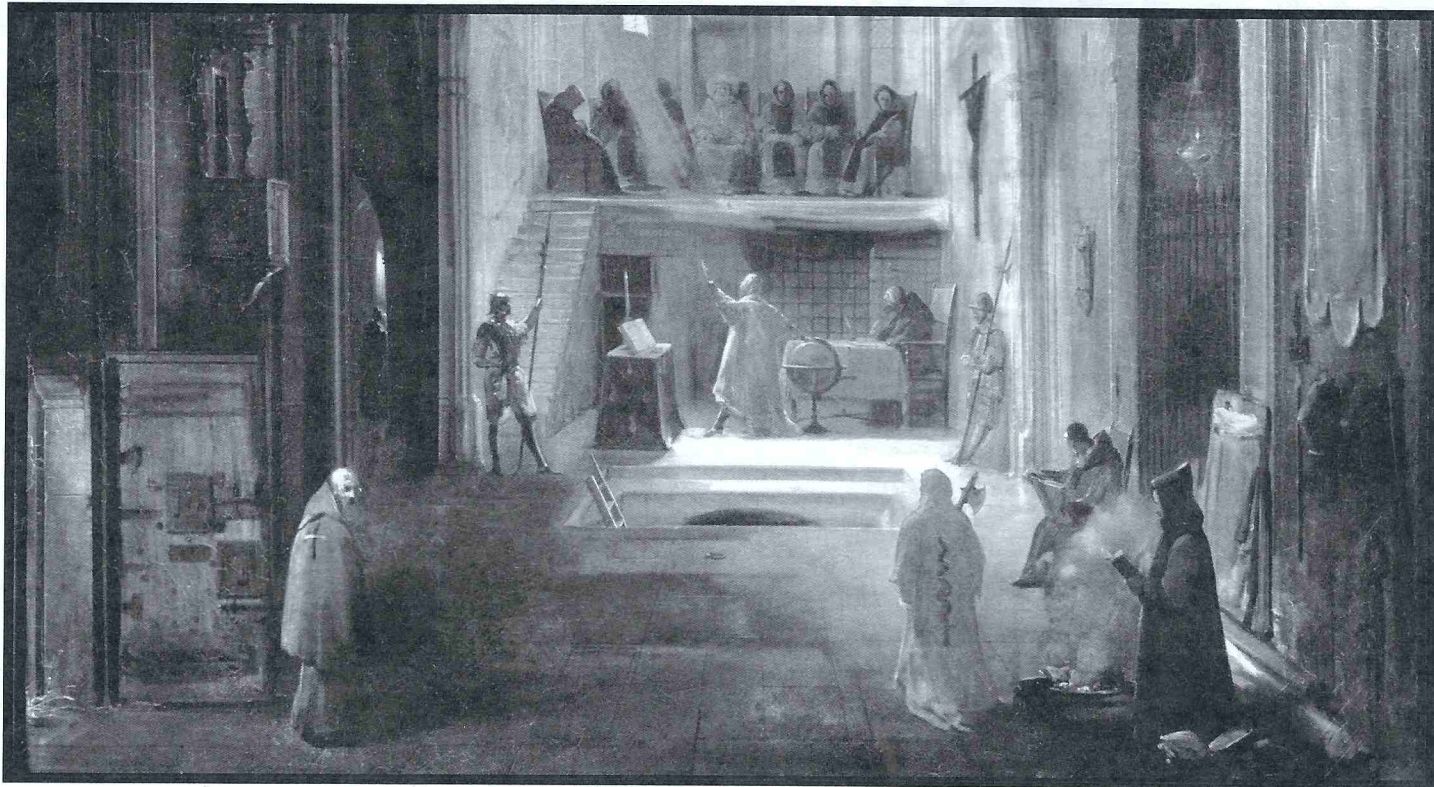
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SUNDAY BREAKFASTS ARE DONE FOR NOW

The monthly Sunday Breakfasts are done for the season. The breakfasts turned out to be a popular event and were enjoyed each month by a number of members and friends. The breakfasts will be resumed in September.



Calendario Di Gabriele



MEET GALILEO GALILEI

Galileo Galilei, the great Italian astronomer and physicist, was born in Pisa on February 18, 1564. As a boy he displayed a marked aptitude for mechanics and later proved himself to be an astute observer possessing keen reasoning powers. In 1581 he was sent to the University of Pisa to study medicine but soon turned to mathematics and physics. From 1589 to 1591 he was on the faculty of the University of Pisa and from 1592 to 1610 a professor at the University of Padua. Often called the father of experimental science he derived the laws of the motion of the pendulum at the after observing the swinging of the bronze lamps in the Pisa cathedral. He invented the first pendulum clock at the age of 18. His experiments in dropping bodies of different sizes and weights from the Leaning Tower of Pisa demonstrated that all objects fall at the same speed. While he later became famous for his discovery his experiments brought on the enmity of his colleagues. He later invented the thermometer and upon hearing of the discovery of the telescope built one for himself. With his telescope he discovered the satellites of Jupiter, the phases of Venus, the sun spots, the mountainous surface of the moon and the faint stars of the Milky Way. Also he openly professed his belief in the Copernican theory of the universe which proclaimed the sun as the center of the universe rather than the earth. In defending the theory of Copernicus and ridiculing the opposing view he offended previously friendly church powers and was summoned before the inquisition which made him publicly renounce his views. He was sentenced to imprisonment and confinement to his villa in Florence. In 1637 he became blind and was permitted to have visitors. He died in Florence on January 8, 1642



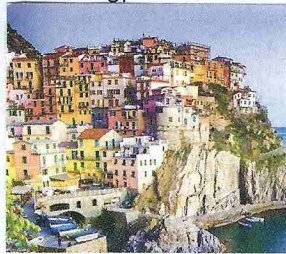
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General Membership

May 18 at 7 PM

Riunione Degli Ufficiali

4 Maggio 7 PM

Assemblea Generale

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5 PM

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July 18/19

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