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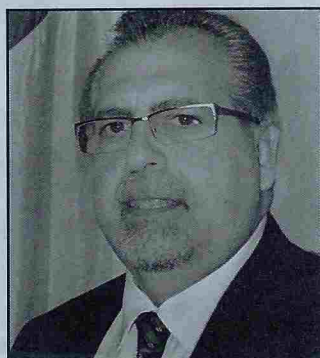
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Lodge 321

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

November is here: The holidays are a very busy time at the Lodge. First, I would like to thank Dom Cafarelli and all the volunteers who made our Columbus Dinner at Settle Hills Banquet a great success, we had 154 people attend. I hope everyone that attended had a wonderful time. I hope next year will be even bigger. Thank you to Assemblyman and Lodge member Angelo Santabarbara for presenting the Lodge a \$35,000 check for a new heating and cooling systems for the Lodge. We drew our raffle at the dinner the winners are Rina Salerno \$1,000, Joe Lazarri \$500, Mary Bonitatibus \$100, Butch Greenwood \$100 and Trisha Izzo \$100 congratulations to the winners.



We had 2 TVs donated to the Lodge, a 70 inch and a 58 inch. I would like to thank Marco Farina & Rick Wood for the donation. Also, I would like to thank Marco for installing them. Please stop in and take a look.

Our annual Wreath laying ceremony was held at the Columbus Monument at Veterans Park in Downtown Schenectady on Tuesday October 14th. It was well attended by Lodge members also attending State Senator Tedesco, Assemblymen Santabarbara and Councilwomen Ditoro & Patrick. Always remember Columbus discovery was a moment in History that reshaped our world. We will be having a Veterans Breakfast on Sunday November 9th from 9am till 11:30am all Veterans will eat free. Non-Veterans are welcome for only a \$10.00 donation. Breakfast will consist of Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Pancakes, French Toast, Home Fries, Juice and Coffee.

This year's Memorial Mass will be on Monday November 17th at 7pm. Our Lodge Chaplain Father Isopo will officiate. We will be remembering our members who passed away this year. There will not be a General Meeting in November. Lastly, the 2026-year membership dues notices were mailed out at the end of October. So, look for them in your mail. I hope the collection of the dues will go smoothly. You will have till December 31st to pay them but please don't wait until the last minute.

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 Nov 7 7:00PM
General Meeting No Meeting

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Lodge now has a Public Relations Committee and the committee has created a new Facebook page for the Lodge. The page can be accessed from the website at osiaLodge321.org. If you wish to send any photos or information that you want posted on the Facebook Page, you can email the information to OSDIA321PR@GMAIL.COM. The FB manager will then review the material and post it on the page. This is a great opportunity for members to be involved with helping the Lodge maintain a presence in the community. If you need assistance with the procedure please send an email to the FB managers and they will help you through it. The Committee also is looking for volunteers. Participating will not require a large investment of time. Duties will include sending information items to the local newspapers, church bulletins and local organizations. Anyone interested can send their name and phone number to either of the addresses listed above.

VETERANS BREAKFAST – NOVEMBER 9

The Lodge again will be holding its annual breakfast from 9 To 11:30 on Sunday, November 9, honoring those men and women who gave of their time and talent to insure that our country would remain safe for the rest of us. The breakfast will be complimentary for all veterans and their guests. A delicious breakfast including eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, juice and coffee will be served. As always there will be a table with pictures, souvenirs, etc. highlighting the service of our veterans. There will be a \$10 charge for non-veterans. All are welcome and encouraged to come and show their support for the efforts of those being honored.

MEMORIAL MASS – NOVEMBER 17

On Monday, November 17 at 7 pm, Lodge Chaplain Father Isopo will celebrate a Memorial Mass remembering those members who have passed away during the past year. A Resolution of Remembrance will be presented to the families of the departed. There will also be a remembrance of those who have passed away over the past several years. Following the inspiring service refreshments will be served. All are welcome. There will be no General Meeting in November.

7 FISH DINNER – 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; seating will be limited and tickets will sell out quickly. The menu and additional details will be included in next month's newsletter.

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 5-8-382-8798 or emailing him at puganthonya@aol.com. *Don't be left out!*

COLUMBUS DINNER – A HUGE SUCCESS!

The annual Columbus Dinner was a huge success! Settles Hill Banquet House was a perfect setting, the food was great, music was great, attendance was great (153 members and guests attended), the honorees were more than deserving of their awards, the event was profitable and the speeches thankfully were short. Everyone attending seemed to be having a great time. And the best news of all, Settles Hill already has been booked for next year. Thanks to Vice President Dom Cafarelli and his committee for an outstanding job.



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

The Volunteer of the Month for November is Franca Della Porta. Like her husband John, last month's Volunteer, Franca is among the first to volunteer when the call for help goes out. One can always find Franca helping out at events like the Festa, Lodge dinners, at General Meetings or other social events. When help is needed, she is there. Franca also is a Lodge officer serving as a Mistress of Ceremony. Thanks Franca, you make life easier for the rest of us!

New York State Assemblyman
Angelo Santabarbara

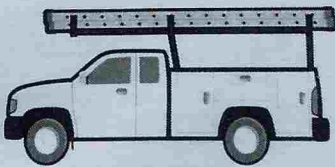
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HALL RENTALS

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

1. Robin Gould
2. Maria Caracciolo. Joe Schmid
4. Vince Montesano
5. Gerri Casso, Maria Civitella
Pasquale Petraccione
6. Paul Matarazzo
8. Franca Della Porta, Bruno Sacchetti
9. Luigi DiCocco, Nicola Piccirillo
10. Rinaldo DiLegge, Ed Pietro
11. Jan Libertucci, Erica Montagino
12. Gennaro Squeglia
14. Maria DeCesare, Carol Piccirillo
15. Frank Tedeschi
17. Rachel Cameron, Maria Terese Franco,
William Navaretta
18. Dino Viscusi
19. Frank Campanella
20. Cassandra Bubb
21. Senator Hugh Farley, Anthony
Pasquarello, John Polimeni
22. Giancarlo Della Porta, Joe Squeglia
Greg Bonitatibus
23. Joe Lazzari
25. Carolyn Meyer
26. James Cantamessa
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28. Linda Loparco
30. Alice Bonk

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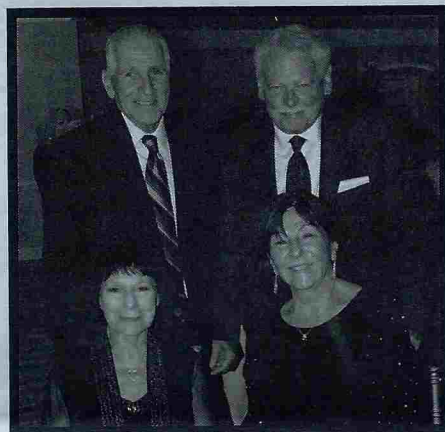
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November 7 at 7 PM
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7 Novembre 7 PM
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UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS

Halloween Party	November 1	6:30 PM
Veterans Breakfast	November 9	9 – 11:30 AM
Memorial Mass	November 17	7 PM
7 Fish Dinner	December 13	6:00 PM

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