November 2026

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Lodge 321

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



November is always a busy month at the Lodge.

First, I would like to thank Chairman Dom Cafarelli, Committee members Jan and Carmen Libertucci, Angie and Ray Haines and Tina Battaglia and all the volunteers that made our Columbus Dinner at Settle Hills a great success. We had over 150 people that attended the dinner. Everyone that came had a great time.

We drew our Raffle at the dinner the winners were, Mark DiBattista $1,000, Phil Pratico $500, Ronald Capullo $100, Phyllis Horvath $100, Jan Libertucci $100. I would like to thank Mark DiBattista for donating $500 back to the Lodge. Congratulations to all the winners.

We will be having a Veterans Breakfast on Sunday November 8th from 9 to 11 am all veterans will eat free. Non-Veterans are welcome only for a $10 donation. Our next Sunday breakfast will be on November 22 from 9 to 11 am. Please plan on attending.

This year's Memorial Mass will be on Monday November 16th at 7pm. Our Lodge Chaplain Father Isopo will officiate, we will be remembering the members who passed away this year. That night we will not be having our General Meeting.

We will be having a Drive Thru Chicken Parm Dinner on November 15th from 2pm till 5pm. It will be Salad, Pasta, Chicken Parm, Bread and Dessert for only $15.

If any member would like to run for Office for next year, please write a letter telling the election committee what office you would like to run for and address it to the election committee and leave it in the office or mail it to the Lodge by December 1st. You will then be contacted by the committee for an interview for that position.

Lastly, we sent out the 2027-year membership dues notices 2 weeks ago. Please look for them. I hope the c ollection of the dues will go smoothly this year. You will have till December 31st to pay your dues but please don't wait will the last minute.

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.

Joseph A. Battaglia

President

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Upcoming Meetings

Officers' Meeting	**Nov 2**	**7:00PM**
General Meeting	**-**	**7:00PM**

November 8th – Veterans Breakfast

On Sunday November 8th The Lodge again will be offering a breakfast honoring area veterans for their service to our country. All veterans are welcome to enjoy a breakfast of eggs, pancakes, French toast, juice, dessert and coffee, a small reward for the sacrifices which they made. The breakfast is complimentary for veterans. Members and friends are encouraged to attend and join in the honoring of our veterans.

November 15th - Drive Thru Chicken Parm Take-out

This is an opportunity for members and friends to enjoy the best Chicken Parm dinner in the area at an unbelievable price. For only $15 you get great Chicken Parm, salad, pasta, bread and cookies. Call the Lodge at 518 355-7500 to reserve a great meal. Dinner pick-up is between 2 and 5 pm.

MEMORIAL MASS ON NOVEMBER 16TH

Lodge Chaplain Father Isopo will offer a Memorial Mass at 7PM on Monday November 16th in rememberance of those members who have passed away during the past year. It is the occasion when we remember and offer our prayers for our departed members. Light refreshments will follow the ceremony and there will be no Monthly General Meeting in November.

November 22nd – Sunday Breakfast

It's breakfast time! The monthly breakfast will take place on Sunday November 22nd from 9 to 11am. As usual breakfast will include eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, French toast, coffee, juice, great conversation and more; all for $10 per person! Great food, great price and no work adds up to a great deal. Stop in and enjoy!

COLUMBUS DINNER WAS A HUGH SUCCESS!

Again this year the annual Columbus Dinner was a huge success. The Settles Hill Banquet House provided a great setting, the food was good, the music was good, Lodge Chaplain Father Isopo offered an invocation, inspiring remarks were offered by Senator Jim Tedisco and Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara, awards were presented to Peter Sparano, Carmen Libertucci and Nick Piccirillo and the 50/50 raffle was won by Mark DiBattista ($1000), Phil Pratico and Jan Libertucci ($100). 1st Vice President Dom Cafarelli served as Master of Ceremony and did a masterful job in keeping the event moving; he also served a Chair of the Dinner Committee which did an outstanding job in planning and carrying out the event. A special thanks to all those who worked so hard to provide a great evening for those attending.

7 FISH DINNER

The annual 7 Fish Dinner is scheduled for 5 PM on Saturday December 12th. As usual the dinner will be an outstanding event and will sell out quickly. Tickets will cost $50 per person and will go on sale on Saturday November 21st. Tickets will be limited to 2 tickets per member. Planning is underway and more details will be provided in the December newsletter. Reserve the date and plan to attend.

DUES ARE DUE!

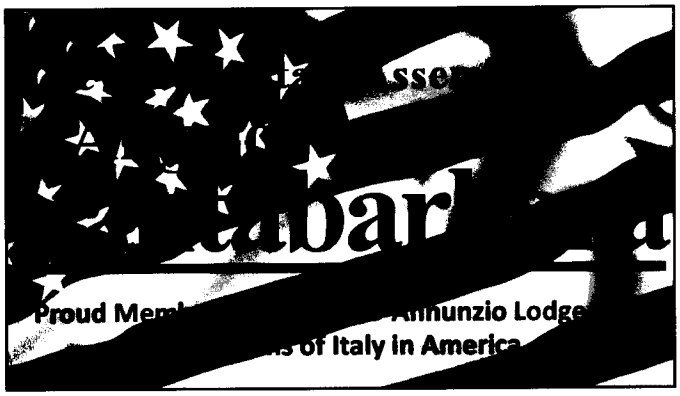
By now members should have received a letter advising them that annual dues are due. A prompt response will make it much easier for those processing the membership renewals. Again this year dues are $70 per year for most members. No dues are due from those new members who were inducted after September 1st. Their contribution at induction includes dues for 2027. A reduced fee of $40 for those over 65 years of age and have been a member for more than 25 years. Gabriel D'Annunzio is a large Lodge and processing membership renewal is a large undertaking. As mentioned above, prompt renewals makes the task much easier so don't delay renew as soon as the letter arrives. Time is running out!

AIHA CELEBRATES ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH

The American Italian Heritage Association and Museum celebrate Columbus Day and Italian Heritage Month on October 12th. The celebration included remarks remembering the contributions of former President Phil DiNovo who passed away recently. Professor DiNovo founded the association and museum and led both with unbridled passion for many years. Remarks also were offered remembering Columbus whose voyages changed the world. A highlight of the celebration was the designation by the CDTA of the bus stop at the museum as the American Italian Heritage Museum stop.

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICER POSITIONS

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the various officer positions in the Lodge. Interested candidates, including incumbents, should send a letter to the office addressed to the Nominating Committee indicating which position they would like to be considered for and whether they would consider other positions if their primary position is not available. A slate of officers will be presented to the Lodge in late December, an election will be scheduled for January and those elected will be sworn in in March for a two year term.

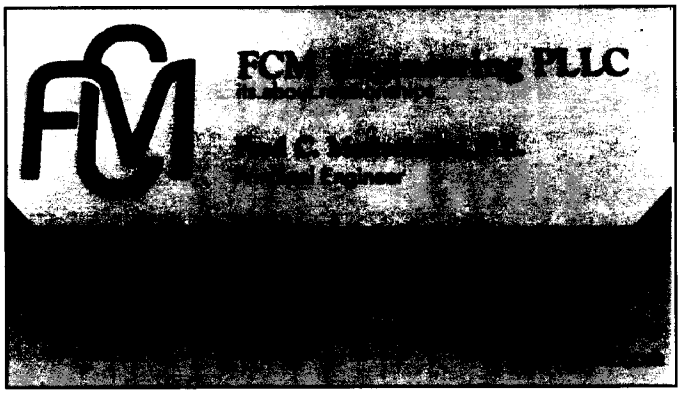


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The following Sons and Daughters of Lodge 321 will celebrate a birthday this month. Be sure to wish them a ***Buon Compleanno*** on their special day.

BIRTHDAYS

1. Robin Gould
2. Maria Caracciolo. Joe Schmid
4. Vincenzo Montesano
5. Gerri Casso, Maria Civitella
   Pasquale Petraccione
6. Franca Della Porta
8. Bruno Sacchetti
9. Luigi DiCocco, Nicola Piccirillo
10. Rinaldo DiLegge
11. Jan Libertucci, Erica Montagino
12. Gennaro Squeglia
15. Shagufe Ishmael
17. Rachel Cameron, William Navaretta
18. Dino Viscusi
19. Frank Campanella
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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
27. Nancy Massaroni
28. Linda Loparco
30. Alice Bonk

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WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

The Lodge held its annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Columbus statue in Veterans Park in Schenectady on Tuesday October 13th. Remarks were offered by Lodge President Joe Battaglia, Senator Jim Tedisco, Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara, City Council Members Doreen Ditoro and Carmel Patrick and Rotterdam Town Supervisor John Polimeni. Light refreshments were served at the Lodge following the event. Although some members were present the event deserved a larger attendance.



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

The Volunteer of the Month for November is Brian Vattimo. Brian, a former Lodge Trustee, is the Lodge's new bartender. He tends bar on Monday mornings. Brian has been active in the Lodge for several years. As Trustee he chaired and promoted several events, came up with ideas for new events and ran the 50-50 raffle at the monthly General Meetings for several years. He also is the father of two daughters who were recent Lodge Scholarship winners. Now he tends bar! Stop in on Monday mornings to say hello and wish him well. Thanks Brian for all you do.

HALL RENTALS

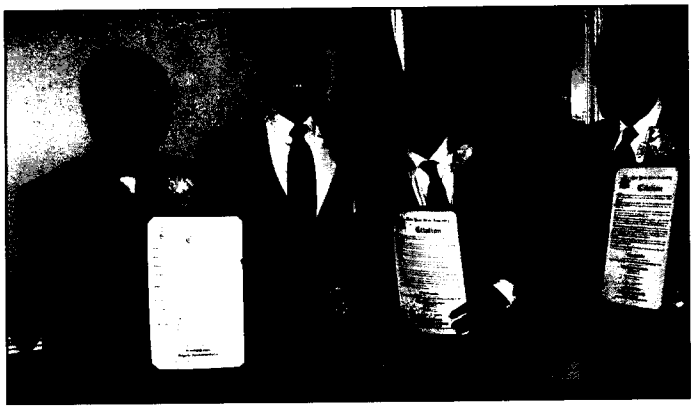
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PLANNING A LODGE EVENT?

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UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS

Veterans Breakfast	November 8	9 – 11 AM
Drive-Thru Chicken Parm	November 15	2 – 5 PM
Memorial Mass	November 16	7:00 PM
Sunday Breakfast	November 22	9 – 11 AM
7 Fish Dinner	December 12	5:00 PM

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