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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

October is here: It is Italian Heritage month. We celebrate it every year to honor the achievements and contributions of Italian immigrants and Italian Americans. October 13th is Columbus Day we celebrate the accomplishments of Christopher Columbus' discovery of this continent. Which opened up a whole new world. It is a very busy month at the Lodge with many activities.



The men's and women's Bocce leagues have come to an end for this year. The winning team for the women were Franca DellaPorta, Sandra Mandel, Tina Battaglia & Angela Posilovic. The winning team for the men were Fred Mastroianni, Angelo Santabarbara, Cesare Maniccia & Pat Corniello. I would like to congratulate both teams on winning. I would like to thank all the members that played this year. Also, I would like to thank Gina Piccirillo & Anna Califano for chairing the women's league and Dominic Cafarelli for chairing the men's league.

We had our annual Eggplant dinner on September 20th it was a big success we had 113 people attend. I would like to thank Jim Battaglia for Chairing the event and Carolann Renna for Co-Charing. I would like to also thank all the kitchen staff, wait staff, bartender and all the volunteers that made it a success.

Our annual Wreath laying ceremony will be held at the Columbus Monument at Veterans Park in Downtown Schenectady at 10am on Tuesday October 14th. Following the ceremony, we will have refreshments at the Lodge, everyone is welcome please plan on attending.

The Lodge will be celebrating our 111th year anniversary in Schenectady. Over these 111 years we have established a great relationship with the community. Our annual Columbus Dinner Celebration this year will be at Settles Hill Banquet on Friday October 10th please get your reservations in as soon as possible. Lastly, the 2026-year membership dues notices will be mailed out in the middle 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 Oct 6 7:00PM General Meeting Oct 20 7:00PM

THANKS TO THE RICCIO FAMILY

Many thanks to the Antonio Riccio Family for the generous donation of a cooler for the bar area. The cooler not only makes the bar area more attractive but the availability of the cooler will make life a lot easier for the bartenders. Also thanks to Dom Cusano, Bruno Sacchetti, Barry Van Steele and Romeo Niro for their installation and painting work. A job well done! A picture of the new cooler is found elsewhere in the newsletter.

COLUMBUS DINNER - OCTOBER 10

Time to make dinner reservations for the 111th Columbus Dinner is rapidly running out. The deadline for reservations is Friday October 3rd. The early deadline will help the committee planning the dinner to make seating arrangements and to work with the Settle Hill Banquet House to ensure that everything is in place to make for an enjoyable evening. The evening will celebrate 111 years since the founding of the Gabriel D'Annunzio Lodge. The Lodge is one of the oldest and one of the largest in the country. The evening also provides the Lodge with the opportunity to honor those members who have contributed so much to the wellbeing of the Lodge. This year's honorees will be Lodge Treasurer Fred Mastroianni and

NYS Trustee Lisa Serafini, two very deserving individuals. And, of course, the dinner allows the Lodge to pay homage to the dinner's namesake, Christopher Columbus, the navigator of the most memorable sea voyage in the history of the world. The evening is the highlight of the year for our Lodge. Thanks to Dinner Chair Dom Cafarelli and his committee it promises to be a great evening. The committee has arranged for a great menu, beautiful music for listening and dancing and short speeches, all the ingredients necessary for an enjoyable evening. A Dinner Reservation Form is included with the newsletter, please complete and return the form as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you at the Dinner.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST- OCTOBER 19th

October's Sunday Breakfast will take place on Sunday, October 19th. Bacon, eggs, sausage, pancakes, juice, coffee and more, all you can eat for \$10 per person. It's a great deal and a great way to start the day. Breakfast will be served from 9 to 11:30 AM. Hope to see you there!

TIME TO BUY 50-50 RAFFLE TICKETS

It's time to buy 50-50 raffle tickets. The drawing for the cash prizes will take place at the Columbus dinner on October 10 so the time to buy tickets is getting short. Money from the ticket sales will help the Lodge to meet the increase in expenses necessary to maintain the Lodge's facilities. The prizes are \$1000, \$500, and three \$100 prizes. Ticket sales have been slower than expected and while that is not good news for the Lodge it increases the chance of winning for those who purchase tickets. Tickets can be had by calling the Lodge at 518 355-7500.

BAKERS WANTED

Bakers are needed to prepare assorted desserts for the festivities following the Memorial Mass at 7 PM on Monday, November 17th. If you can help, please contact Carolann Renna at 518 355-7473 or by email at rennico@aol.com. Help will be greatly appreciated.

HALLOWEEN PARTY - NOVEMBER 1

Join all the ghouls and ghosts for a fun evening of dancing, conversation and costumes. Saturday Nov 1st at 7PM at the lodge #32. \$15 Per Person. Sign up at the lodge or call for reservation. Snacks and treats will be provided all evening with cash bar. We will have a photo booth! Open to members/non members.

TWO DONATED FIG TREES BY FRAN PUGLIESE

Recently our lodge received a donation of two Chicago Hearty Fig Trees. The donation came from a local dentist, Dr. Charles Padulla. Charlie, as he likes to be called, has been raising fig trees for a while. In a visit to his home just off East Lydias Street, I got to see his 50 plus fig trees. Our Lodge Gardener, Giuseppi Riccio, who does a marvelous job of landscaping around our lodge has a few fig trees of his own and was thrilled to let me know he would nurture and take good care of our two new additions. Stop by the lodge to see our two additions just outside the doors. We're all looking forward to , one day, enjoying our first fresh figs.

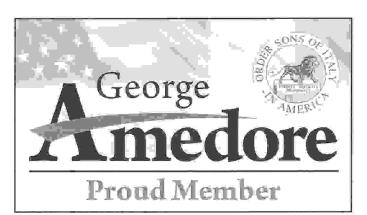


VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

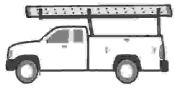
The Volunteer of the Month for October is John Della Porta. John joined OSDIA in June 2008. John is a man of many talents. He knows carpentry, plumbing, electrical work and can fix anything that needs fixing and he is always available and willing to help. The Lodge has called upon John many times to repair an item that needed repair or to get his view on what is the best way to proceed to solve a problem. John is the ultimate handyman! Did we mention that he also tends bar when needed. John also serves as a Lodge Trustee. Life is a lot easier with John around. Thanks, John, for all you do!

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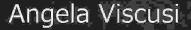
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HALL RENTALS

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. Joe Vivian
- 2. Angela Kedik
- . 4. Fred Mastrojanni, Allessandro Stramenga
- 6. Diane Vivian
- 7. Sebastiano Cannistraci, Zelindo Viscusi
- 8. Gina Piccirillo
- 9. Frank Marchitto
- 10. Anthony Cervera, Ed Ferraro
- 11. Sarah Perez
- 13. Linda Russo
- 14. Claudio Dilanne, Marco Farina
- 15. Diane Martin
- Lou Bonitatibus, Catherine McGuire Christoforo Riccio
- 17. Mike Tommasone
- 21. Michael Dagostino, Jr, Tate Ottati
- 24. Anna Califano
- Mark Ando, Mike Basile
 Cesare Maniccia, Giuseppi Riccio
- 27. Karen Bonitatibus, Roger Fucilli
- 28. Joe Fiorino
- 29. Camel Patrick
- 30. Joe Polsinelli

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WREATH LAYING ON COLUMBUS MONUMENT - TUESDAY OCTOBER 14.

In 14hundred 92 Columbus sailed the ocean blue" Why? Italian Christofer Columbus was in search of a global route to the far east and its riches. Columbus was sure that the earth was round and he set sail to prove it with his three ships, The Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria.

Well, he never made it to China, but he did find what is now known as America. He set foot there on October 12, 1492. The rest is history.

In October of 1992 the Schenectady Columbus Quincentennial Committee with Gabrielle D'Anunzio members Jim Frigeletto and Frances" Suraci" White commemorated Columbus and his discovery with the "Columbus Monument" and placed it in Veteran's Park across from the County Court House in Schenectady. The Monument was dedicated in the memory of Dr. Charles & Florence Drago for all their contributions to the community and the advancement of Italian Heritage. The Monument is engraved with a portrait of Columbus surrounded by his three ships, the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria. Engraved with these words' "Bridging Cultures" Respecting Differences" and "Sharing Values" And a dedication to all the members of the Gabrielle D'Annunzio Lodge # 321 Order of Sons of Italy In America.

Every October our lodge places a Wreath on the monument in honor of Columbus and all deceased lodge members. All are welcome to attend. Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara, State Senator Jim Tedesco, and councilwoman Doreen Dotorro come representing their constituents. Other dignitaries attend. Lodge President Joe Battaglia will place the wreath.

All lodge members are invited to attend and to join us at the lodge afterwards for coffee and pastries. The date is Tuesday, October 14 at 10:00. Parking along state St. and the surrounding area of Veterans Park.

MEET GUGLIEMO MARCONI

Gugliemo Marconi was born in Bologna, Italy on April 25, 1874 to wealthy parents. He was privately educated In Bologna, Florence and Leghorn. As a boy, he loved to tinker with scientific devices taking things apart and reassembling them. During his years of experimentation he preferred to work alone inventing new techniques and devices rather than accepting the academic wisdom of his era.

In 1894 he invented the first system of wireless telegraphy covering a distance of two kilometers with a Morse key at one end and a simple receiver at the other end. In 1896 he was granted the world's first patent, in England, for wireless telegraphy and, in Itlay, he sent wireless telegraphy signals over 12 miles. In 1899 he established wireless communication across the English Channel. In 1904 he obtained his first U.S. patent. In 1908 he sent clear messages across the Atlantic Ocean, a distance of 2100 miles. In 1909 he shared the Nobel Prize for Physics. From 1915 to 1930 Marconi worked on shorter radio waves (22 inches or less) and was able to reduce his transmitter power ten-fold while increasing the signal's power at the receiving end by 100-fold. This led to radio communication as it is known today, where the spoken word is transmitted and received.

During his lifetime Marconi received many doctorates from several universities and many other national awards and international honors. On the day that Marconi died, July 20, 1937, wireless and radio communication closed down all over the world in tribute to his honor. Another great name in our great heritage!

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October 20 at 7 PM

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UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS

Columbus Dinner October 10 6:00 PM
Wreath Laying Ceremony October 14 10 AM
Halloween Party November 1 6:30 PM
Veterans Breakfast November 9 10 AM
7 Fish Dinner December 13 6:30 PM

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