



October 2026

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

October is here: October is Italian Heritage month; we celebrate it every year to honor the achievements and contributions of Italian immigrants and Italian Americans. On October 12th we also celebrate the accomplishments of Christopher Columbus discovery of the Americas. Which opened up a whole new world.



The woman's and men's Bocce Season has come to an end for this year. The winning teams for the woman's were Donata Pallaschi, Sandra Mancel, Gina Piccirillo and Angela Posilovic. The winning team for the men were Fred Mastroianni, Joe Battaglia, Alex Strammga & Joe Sacco. 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 and Barry Van Steele for chairing the men's league. It was a good season in spite of all the rain outs.

Our Lodge will be celebrating our 112th year anniversary. Over the 112 years we have established a great relationship with the community. Our annual Columbus Dinner Celebration this year will be at Selles Hill Banquet on Friday October 9th. We will be honoring Past President Peter Sparano, Financial Secretary Carmen Libertucci & Long-time member Nicola Piccirillo, please get your reservations in as early as possible. Our annual wreath laying ceremony will be held at the Columbus Monument at Veterans Park in downtown Schenectady at 10am on October 13th. Following the ceremony, we will have refreshments at the Lodge. Please plan on attending.

It's been 2 months since we mailed out the raffle tickets they have been slowly coming back. Only 190 members out of 416 have returned them. Please sel. your 4 tickets and return them back as soon as you can. The drawing will be at the Columbus Dinner on October 9th. It truly helps our financial situation, with price increases on everything. If you need additional tickets, please contact the Lodge.

Lastly, we will be sending out the 2027 year membership dues notices in the middle of October. Please look for them. I hope the collection of the dues will go smoothly.

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



Established March 28th, 1915



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Upcoming Meetings

Officers' Meeting Oct 5 7:00PM

General Meeting Oct 19 7:00PM

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COLUMBUS DINNER – OCTOBER 9TH

Time to make dinner reservations for the 112th Columbus Dinner is rapidly running out. The deadline for reservations is Friday October 2nd. Adhering to the 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 112 years since the founding of the Gabriele D'Annunzio Lodge. The Lodge is one of the oldest and largest in the country. The evening also provides the Lodge with an opportunity to honor those members who have contributed so much to the wellbeing of the Lodge. This year's honorees will be Carmen Libertucci, Nicola Poccirillo and Peter Sparano, three 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 quickly as possible. We look forward to seeing you at the dinner.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY – OCTOBER 13th

The annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Columbus Monument in Veterans Park in Schenectady will take place at 10am on Tuesday, October 13th. The ceremony is an important event for the Lodge. It is the time when a wreath is placed at the monument calling attention to one of the greatest accomplishments in the history of the world. Columbus's accomplishment was not only opening the door to the western hemisphere but, more than that, he literally changed how the world would be inhabited. Today there are many who attempt to downplay the legacy of Columbus. This is an opportunity for the Lodge to say, "Not so fast, remember his accomplishment, remember the greatness of the man". Everyone should make an effort to be there. A large crowd makes a loud statement!

SUNDAY BREAKFAST – OCTOBER 18TH

It's time to enjoy a delicious Sunday Breakfast! The October breakfast will be on Sunday, October 18th from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, French toast, coffee and juice. The price is only \$10 per person. Just a great way to start your day; great food and great conversation with friends and neighbors at a great price. No reservations needed, just stop in and enjoy! Hope to see you there!

HALLOWEEN PARTY – OCTOBER 31ST

This year's celebration will be special, the Halloween Party will be held on Halloween! Last year's Party was great. Those attending had a great time, costumes were terrific, games were a lot of fun and the food was good, as usual. This year's Party is expected to be bigger and better; more games, more fun and more festivities. It's a great opportunity to put on your best costume and get out and have some fun and celebrate Halloween. The fun begins at 6:30 on Saturday, October 31st at 6:30 PM.

DUES ARE DUE!

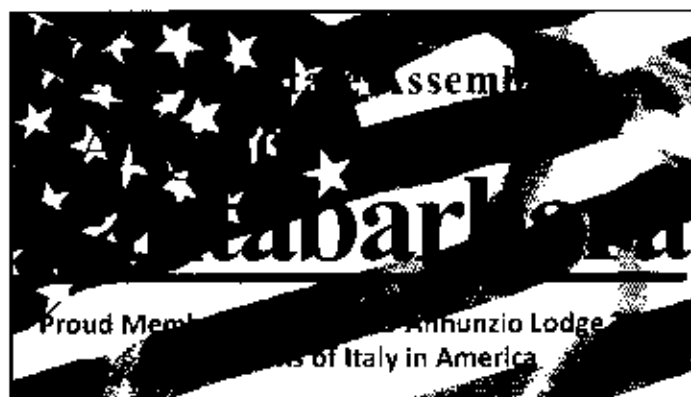
In the near future members will be receiving a letter reminding them that membership dues are due. A prompt response will make it much easier for those processing the membership renewals. Again this year dues are \$70 per year for most members. No dues are due from those new members who were inducted after September 1. Their contribution at induction includes dues for 2027. For those members who are 65 years of age or older and have been a member for 25 years dues for 2027 are \$40. 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.

CRAFT FAIR-BAKE SALE, SEPTEMBER 27.

Something new, something different! The Lodge is scheduling its first Craft Fair-Bake Sale for Sunday, September 27 from 10 to 4 am. Approximately 20 vendors have agreed to participate and will be displaying their wares for sale and Lodge members will be providing a variety of bake items for sale. There should be something for everyone. This promises to be a great opportunity to purchase a unique craft item or a unique piece of jewelry and, of course, some delicious baked goods. The Lodge has a great reputation for producing outstanding baked goods. This is a chance to enjoy some! This event is the first of its kind and a nice crowd is expected. Admission is free, so stop in, browse a little, get something to eat and walk out with something different!

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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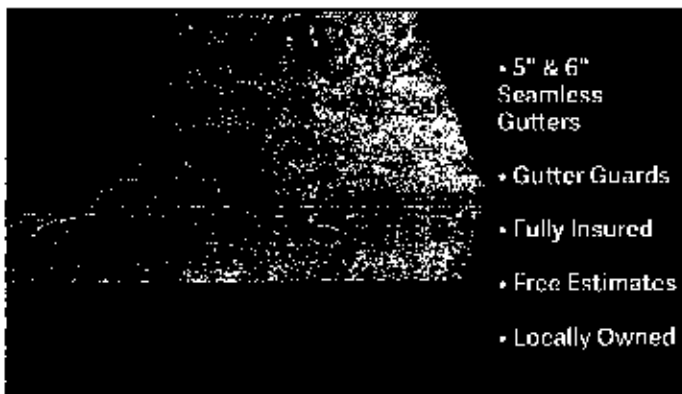
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AUGURI A TUTTI!

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

2. Angela Kedik
3. Lucia Polsinelli
5. Fred Mastroianni, Alessandro Stramenga
7. Sebastiano Cannistraci, Zelindo Viscusi
8. Gina Piccirillo, Antoinette DeGeorgio
10. Edward Ferraro
11. Sarah Perez
13. Linda Russo
14. Claudio Dilanne, Marco Farina
15. Diane Martin, Rocky Piaggione
16. Lou Bonitatibus, Antony Cervera, Jr.
- Christoforo Riccio, Maureen McNamara
17. Mike Tommasone, Dominic Cimmino
21. Michael Dagostino, Jr, Tate Ottati
22. Diane Buehler
24. Anna Califano
25. Mark Ando, Mike Basile
- Cesare Maniccia, Giuseppe Riccio
27. Karen Bonitatibus, Roger Fucilli
28. Joe Fiorino
29. Carmel Patrick
30. Joe Polsinelli

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AIHA COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATION

The annual AIHA Columbus Day Celebration will take place on Monday, October 12, from 1-3pm. It will be a chance to come together to celebrate Columbus Day and to find out what has been going on at the museum the last few months and the exciting events being planned. Members of the Executive Committee will be present to introduce themselves and to answer any questions people may have. Light refreshments and desserts will be served. Please call the museum at (518) 435-1979 to register.

The exhibit of beautiful paintings, 70 Years of Painting by Joe Anastasio, continues in the Special Exhibit Room during the months of October and November. Please call the museum at (518) 435-1979 for hours.

BAKERS NEEDED - NOVEMBER 16TH

Bakers are needed to provide assorted desserts for the festivities following the annual Memorial Mass which will take place on Monday, November 16th at 7pm. The Memorial Mass is the time when we reflect on the passing of members who have left us during the past years and over the past several years. If you can help, please contact Carolann Renna at (518) 355-7473 or by email at rennicc@aol.com. Please bring your baked goods to the Lodge the evening of the Mass. There will be no General Meeting that evening.

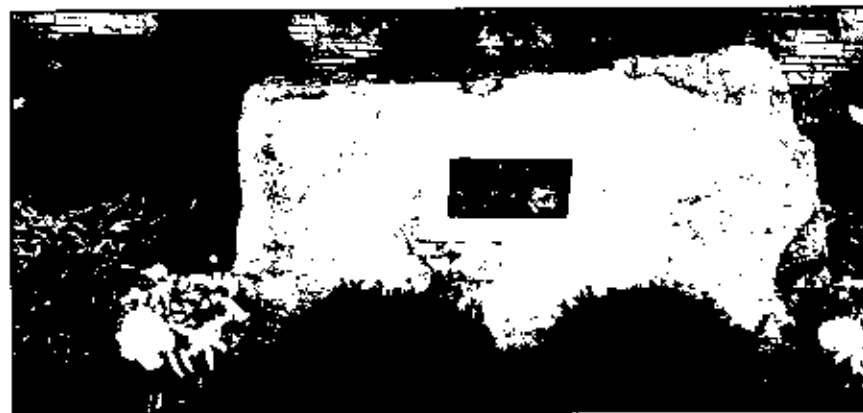
Naples & Amalfi Coast Weather in October

Average high: 73°F (23°C) Average low: 60°F (16°C)
 Southern Italy weather in October remains relatively mild, with average highs near 73°F (23°C). Early October may still allow comfortable coastal exploration, though swimming becomes less consistent. Archaeological sites such as Pompeii are particularly pleasant this month, due to cooler conditions and lower visitor volume.

Best for:

Archaeological exploration
 Scenic coastal drives
 Cultural travel
 Moderate walking conditions

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Calendario Di Gabriele

Officers' Meeting

October 1 at 5:7 PM

General Membership

October 19 at 7 PM

Riunione Degli Ufficiali

5 Ottobre 7 PM

Assemblea Generale

19 Ottobre 7 PM

UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS

Columbus Dinner	October 9	6:00 PM
Wreath Laying Ceremony	October 13	10:00 AM
Sunday Breakfast	October 18	9 - 11:30 AM
Halloween Party	October 31	6:30 PM
7 Fish Dinner	December 12	5:00 PM

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