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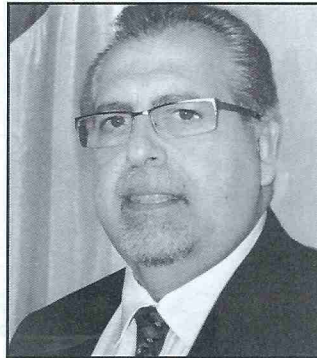
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Lodge 321

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

September is here: Where did the summer go? Fall will be here soon. The growing season is coming to an end. Time for canning the tomatoes for sauce. The men's and women's Bocce league will be ending I think it was a good season for all the players. We will find out who the winning teams will be. Our Festa was a big success, it took a lot of hard work and effort. I would like to thank Tony Cervera and Dom Cafarelli for chair and co-chairing the festa. I would also like to thank all the volunteers, all the people who donated money, baskets, bake goods and the members who came and supported the event. A big thank you!



The Lodge will be having many activities in September and October. On September 20th we will be having an eat in Eggplant Dinner at the Lodge. Dinner will be Salad, Eggplant Parmigiana, Cavatelli, Meatballs & Cannoli for dessert for \$25.00. Our Sunday morning breakfast will begin again on September 28th we will be doing it once a month please plan on attending. On October 10th we will be having our annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance at Settles Hill. Price will be \$75.00. Our Honorees this year will be NYS Trustee Lisa Serafini and Treasurer Fred Mastroianni. Please plan on attending it is always a great event. On November 1st we will be having a Halloween party at the lodge. It will be a costume Party. More details to come.

It has been 2 months since we have mailed out the raffle tickets they have been slowly coming back. Less than half our membership has sent them back. Please sell your book of tickets and return them back as soon as you can. It will truly help our financial situation, with all the price increases. If you need additional books of tickets, please contact the lodge and I will send them to you.

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
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Upcoming Meetings

Officers' Meeting	Sept 8	7:00PM
General Meeting	Sept 15	7:00PM

50-50 RAFFLE TICKETS MOVING SLOWLY

Where are our members? Tickets were mailed to all of our over 400 members but the returns have been slow in coming in. The Raffle will have a number of prizes: \$1000, \$500, and three \$100 prizes, an opportunity for several winners to walk away with some easy cash. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20; that doesn't seem prohibitive. As has been mentioned several times in previous newsletters, the Raffle is being conducted to help the Lodge meet rising costs. If anyone has lost or misplaced the tickets that were mailed, please call the Lodge at 518 355-7500 and more will be provided. Step up and help!

EGGPLANT PARM DINNER –SEPTEMBER 20

Looking for a delicious dinner at a great price? Then make reservations to attend the Eggplant Parm Dinner scheduled for Saturday, September 20 at 6:30 PM. The menu will consist of salad, Eggplant Parm, Cavatelli, meatballs, coffee and dessert and the price is \$25 per person. Please make reservations by calling the Lodge at 518 355-7500 no later than Wednesday, September 17. Early reservations are encouraged. Guaranteed to please, treat your stomach to a delicious Italian dinner!

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY – OCTOBER 4

The annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Columbus statue in Veteran Park in downtown Schenectady is scheduled for 10 AM on Tuesday, October 14. This is an important event for the Lodge. The Lodge not only honors a great man whose accomplishments are being diminished but a large attendance tells the community that our Lodge is a large viable active organization. Columbus needs the support of our Lodge and the Lodge needs the support of its members. A small reception will take place at the Lodge following the Wreath Laying Ceremony. Please plan to attend, your support is needed.

COLUMBUS DINNER – OCTOBER 10

Plans are well underway for the annual Columbus Dinner which will be held on Friday, October 10, at the Settles Hill Banquet House in Princetown. The honorees this year will be Fred Mastroianni and Lisa Serafini, two members who have done much for the Lodge and are well deserving of the honor. A letter from Vice President Dom Cafarelli containing the menu and all of the particulars related to the event has been mailed to all members. Copies of the letter and applications for advertisements and dinner reservations are included in this newsletter. Members can help by attending of course, but also by encouraging places where you do business to advertise in the Dinner Journal. There will be a great menu, it's a great location, two deserving honorees, beautiful music, the promise of a great time; all the ingredients necessary for a large successful event. Save the date and plan to attend!

SUNDAY BREAKFASTS ARE BACK

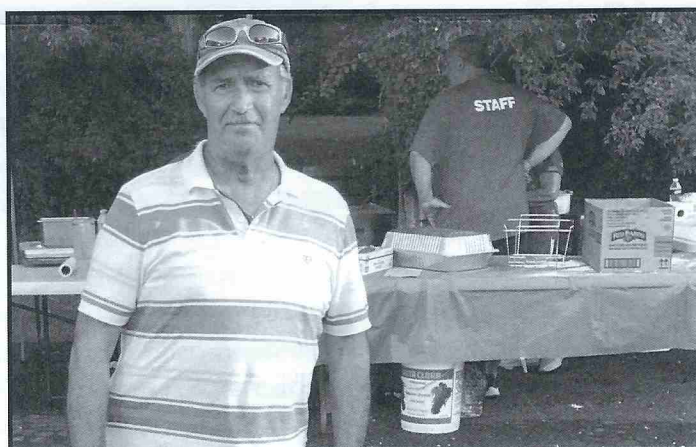
The popular Sunday Morning Breakfasts will resume on Sunday, September 28, from 9 to 11:30 AM. The breakfasts will feature eggs, toast, pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. It's a great way to have an enjoyable breakfast and enjoyable conversation with friends. No reservations needed, just stop in and get a nice start to a nice day. The cost is only \$10 per person.

HALLOWEEN PARTY – NOVEMBER 1

Save the date, the Lodge is planning something new- A Halloween Party ! There will be light refreshments, music, costume contest and fun for everyone. There will be more details in next month's newsletter so save the date and start planning your costume.

VETERANS BREAKFAST – NOVEMBER 9

The annual breakfast honoring area veterans will take place on Sunday, November 9 at 10 AM. The breakfast is an important event; it is an opportunity for the Lodge to express its gratitude to those who served in the military protecting our freedom. The breakfast is complimentary to veterans and available to members for \$10. It is a nice event that not only includes breakfast but also a brief ceremony and a display of military items belonging to Lodge members.



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

The Volunteer of the Month for September is Bruno Sacchetti. Bruno joined OSDIA in August 2007. When "heavy lifting" needs to be done the Lodge turns to Bruno. The Lodge recently received a load of dirt that needed to be spread around the bocce courts. In came Bruno! Bruno came in with the necessary equipment, spent the better part of the day spreading dirt and the end result was a nice border surrounding the bocce courts. When the grass in the backyard needs mowing, Bruno comes in with his mower and takes care of it. When a shed needed to be moved, Bruno took care of it. When it is "heavy lifting time" it's Bruno time. Thanks Bruno for all you do!

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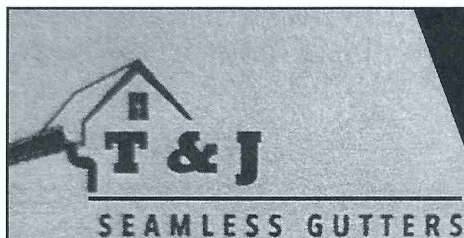
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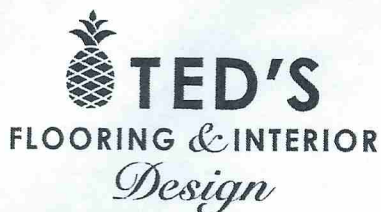
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AUGURI A TUTTI!

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

1. Dennis Renna
2. Ronald Capullo, Albert Tariello
4. Shirley Bertolino Hedman
6. Joe Cilento
7. Dom Cafarelli
8. Mario Farina Jr., Dolores Mannato
9. Anthony Fazzone, A. Gordon Furlani
Joe Mastroianni, Linda Tagiacchi
10. Andrew D'Auge, Dom Dagostino,
Renato DeFilippo
12. Antonio Scarcella
13. Donata Palleschi
14. Lois Ferro, Angelo Santabarbara
John Cicarelli, Catherine McGuire
Fabrizio Facchini, Ron Polsinelli
16. Frank Marro
17. Franco Viscusi
18. Roberto Caprara, Mark D'Alessandro
Richard Nebolini
20. Irving Butch Greenwood
21. Dom Cusano, Judy Johnson,
Susan Piaquadio
23. Albert Krup
24. Maria Marchio, Giovanni Squeglia
26. Sal Cannistracci, Sal Ganino
28. Joseph Pane
29. Felicia DeMarco

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MEET LUIGI DEL BIANCO

Luigi Del Bianco was born on a ship near France as his parents were returning from the United States to Italy. As a boy Luigi became interested in carving so his father took him to Austria to study under a skilled stone carver. Several years later Luigi's cousins in Barre, Vermont wrote that skilled stone carvers were needed so seventeen year old Luigi headed to America. Throughout the 1920s Luigi worked on several projects under the direction of his mentor Gutzon Borglum, an association and friendship that lasted until Borglum's death in 1941. Del Bianco assisted Borglum with the Stone Mountain project in Georgia and also the Wars of America Memorial in Newark, New Jersey. In 1933 Borglum, the Project Director, hired Del Bianco to be the chief stone carver on the Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Del Bianco's job was to carve the refinement of expression or detail in the faces. In 1941 funding for the project ran out and World War II broke out ending any further carving. Del Bianco returned home to Port Chester, New York and carved approximately 500 tombstones out of rough Vermont Marble. On September 17, 2017, the National Park Service dedicated a plaque to Luigi Del Bianco Chief Carver on the Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Another great name in our great heritage.

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 September 15 at 7 PM

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 8 Settembre 7 PM
Assemblea Generale
 15 Settembre 7 PM

UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS

Eggplant Parm Dinner	September 20	6:30 PM
Sunday Breakfast	September 28	9-11:30 AM
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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