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Lodge 321

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I can't believe it is September. Where did the summer go? Fall will be here soon. Gardens are coming to an end. Canning tomatoes for sauce.

Our Men's and Woman's Bocce leagues are coming to an end. We will see who the Champs will be. They will have bragging rights till next season.

We will be starting up our Sunday Breakfast on September 20th. We will be having them once a month for the next several months. Breakfast will be Eggs, Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Juice and Coffee for only \$10.00 what a deal. Please try to attend.

We will be trying something new on September 27th a Craft Fair and Bake Sale from 10am till 4pm. It will be free admission with over 20 Venders and Crafters. Stop by and check it out.

On Friday October 9th we will be having our Annual Columbus Dinner at Settles Hill Banquet House. Our Honorees this year will be Past President Peter Sparano, Carmen Libertucci and Nick Piccirillo. Please plan on attending it is always a great event.

On September 13th is Nonno and Nonna Day they taught us about family and traditions. They taught us important values that stay with us forever. God Bless all Grandparents.

In Naples on September 19th is the Feast of San Gennaro he is the Patron Saint of Naples. Thousands of people gather in the Cathedral and piazza to see if San Gennaro blood liquefies. It is a solemn religious holiday.

It's been 2 months since we mailed out the raffle tickets they have been slowly coming back. Only 170 members out of 416 have returned them. Please sell your 4 tickets and return them back as soon as you can. The drawing will be at the Columbus Dinner in October. It truly helps our financial situation, with price increases on everything. If you need additional tickets, please contact the Lodge.

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.

Lastly thank you to all the Members and Officers that make our Lodge a truly great place to be a part of.

Joseph A. Battaglia
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Upcoming Meetings

Officers' Meeting Sept 14 7:00PM
General Meeting Sept 21 7:00PM

SUNDAY BREAKFASTS ARE BACK!

The popular Sunday Morning Breakfasts are back. The first returning breakfast will be Sunday, September 20 from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Much like before, breakfasts will include eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, French toast, coffee and juice and, much like before, the cost will be only \$10 per person. Sunday breakfasts are a great way to start your Sundays; great food and great conversation with friends and neighbors. No reservations needed, just stop in! The breakfast in October will be on Sunday, October 18th.

HAPPENINGS AT THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE MUSEUM

The American Italian Heritage Museum is presenting a special exhibit. Their Special Exhibit Room will feature 70 Years of Painting by Joe Anastasio. Anastasio, a Lodge member, returns to the museum with a special exhibit for the months of August and September with a remarkable showcase celebrating 70 years of creating. The exhibit highlights Anastasio's lifelong artistic journey and his enduring contributions to Italian American cultural expression. Visitors will have the opportunity to explore decades of work that reflect both personal evolution and the broader story of Italian American creativity. The exhibit can be viewed during museum hours from noon to 2:00 on Tuesday, Thursday-Friday and from 1:00 to 3:30 on Saturday. Phone number is 518 435-1979.

AIHA is expanding its website, americanitalianmuseum.org, to highlight the many organizations and events across New York State and beyond that share a commitment to honor and preserve Italian heritage. Such groups through festivals, educational programs, cultural centers and community initiatives preserve our shared heritage for future generations. The museum welcomes any suggestions of organizations and events that might be included.

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.

PLANNING A LODGE EVENT?

For all Lodge events please fill out the Lodge Event form and send it by email to DaveDenofio@gmail.com. From the information provided a flyer will be created, shared on Facebook and the website, and sent out to the membership. A Lodge Event form can be obtained on the Lodge's website or by emailing DaveDenofio2gmail.com.

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.

COLUMBUS DINNER PLANNING UNDERWAY

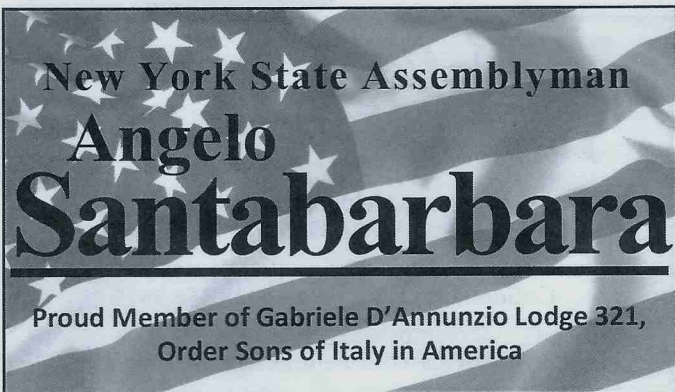
Friday, October 9, is rapidly approaching and planning for the annual Columbus Day Celebration is underway. It is a day when we celebrate the birthday of the Lodge, pay homage to Columbus, one of history's greatest explorers, and honor three individuals, Carm Libertucci, Nick Piccirillo and Peter Sparano for their contributions. It is a day when we proudly celebrate our great heritage. Like last year the dinner will take place at the Settles Hill Banquet House beginning at 630 pm on Friday, October 9. Lodge members are now soliciting advertisements for the Dinner Journal. If you would like to place an advertisement in the Journal or know of a business that might advertise in the journal, please solicit the advertisement or notify the office. The dinner is a great affair. It serves as a fundraiser for the Lodge and a great opportunity for members and friends to enjoy a special evening.

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!



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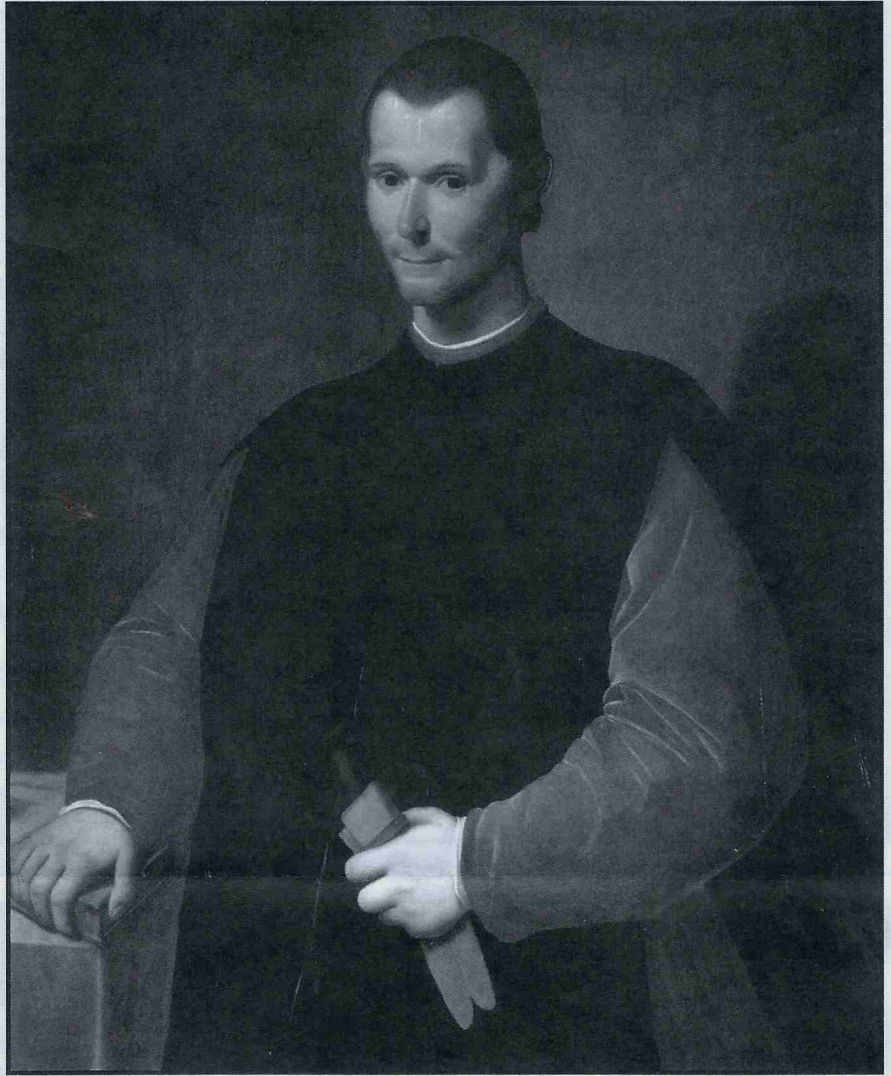
The following Sons and Daughters of Lodge 321 will celebrate a birthday this month. Be sure to wish them a **Buon Compleanno** on their special day.

BIRTHDAYS

1. Dennis Renna
2. Ronald Capullo, Albert Tariello
4. Shirley Bertolino Hedman
6. Joe Cilento, Kevin Litz
7. Dom Cafarelli
8. John Ferrari, Dolores Mannato
9. Joe Mastroianni, Linda Tagliacchi
10. Andrew D'Auge, Dom Dagostino, Renato DeFilippo, Anthony Fazzone
13. Mark D'Alessandro, Donata Palleschi
14. Lois Ferro, Angelo Santabarbara, Joe Ottati, Antonio Scarella
15. John Ciccarelli, Catherine McGuire Jo-ann Masucci, Ron Polsinelli
16. Frank Marc
18. Franco Viscusi
19. Roberto Caprara, Richard Nebolini
20. Irving Butch Greenwood
21. Dom Cusano, Judy Johnson, Susan Piaquadio
22. Christine Smith
23. Albert Krup
24. Maria Marchio
25. Giovanni Squeglia
26. Sal Cannistracci, Sal Ganino, Joe Pano
29. Felicia DeMarco
30. Liz Dagostino

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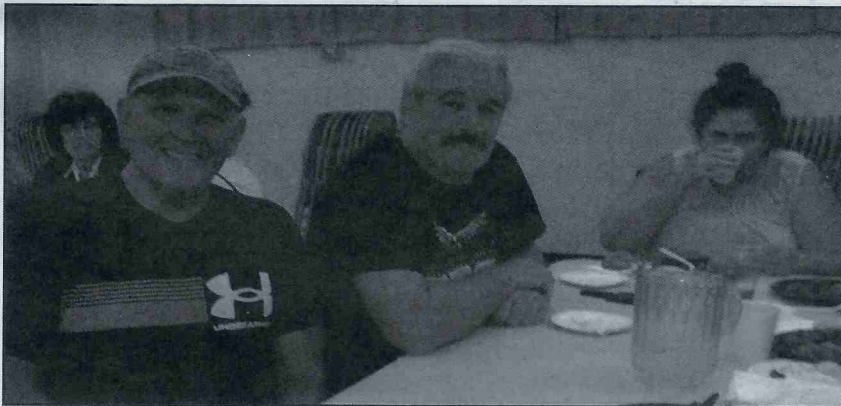
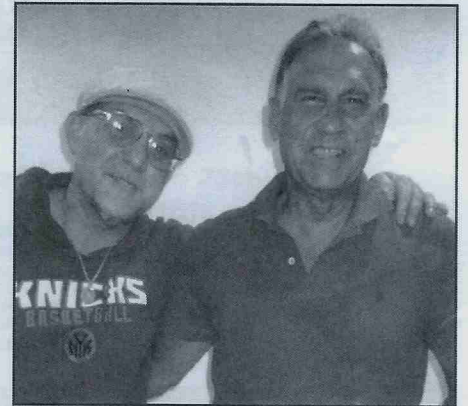
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Meet Niccolo Machiavelli

Machiavelli was born in 1469. He is considered to be an Italian patriot, a historian and a political writer. The son of a Florentine lawyer, he entered politics in Florence at a young age and became active in public affairs until the return of the Medici faction compelled him to retire. He devoted himself to writing during this period of inactivity. He slowly regained the favor of the Medici family and returned to public life, again becoming active in political affairs. He again was forced to retire when the Medici family was expelled in 1527. In his political treatise, *The Prince*, the publication for which he became most famous, he expressed his hope for a strong, national monarchy under a monarch who would have no scruples but would make the ends justify the means. In another publication, *Discourses upon Titus Livius*, Machiavelli advocated the Roman idea of a state controlled society which would control religion and morals. A third publication, *The Florentine History* was written in 1492 at the request of Cardinal de Medici. That publication, one of his best works, described the inner history of Florence in 1420. For Machiavelli the purpose of history was interpretation and not merely the cataloging of events. Machiavelli died in 1527, shortly after the expulsion of the Medici family.

Calendario Di Gabriele



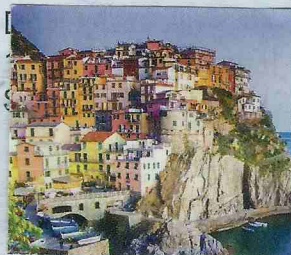
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Officers' Meeting

September 14 at 7 PM

General Membership

September 21 at 7 PM

Riunione Degli Ufficiali

14 Settembre 7 PM

Assemblea Generale

21 Settembre 7 PM

UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS

Sunday Breakfast	September 20	9:30 - 11:30AM
Craft Fair-Bake Sale	September 27	10AM - 4PM
Columbus Dinner	October 9	6:30PM
Sunday Breakfast	October 18	9:30 - 11:30AM
Halloween Party	October 31	6:30PM
7 Fish Dinner	December 12	5:00PM

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