



October 2024

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Lodge 321

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I can't believe 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 14th we celebrate the accomplishments of Christopher Columbus' discovery of this continent. Which opened up a whole new world.



The Italians that immigrated to America brought with them the Italian culture, and pride. Italian culture has become well known and famous. Some important things that made the Italians well known around the world were great food, art, music, architecture, fashion also their great history.

Our Lodge this year will be celebrating our 110th year Anniversary in Schenectady. Over these 110 years we have established a great relationship with the community. The community has always supported us, and we have always supported them.

Our annual Wreath laying ceremony will be held at the Columbus Monument at Veterans Park in Downtown Schenectady at 10am Tuesday October 15th. Following the ceremony, we will have refreshments at the Lodge, everyone is welcome.

Our annual Columbus Dinner Celebration this year will be at The Terrace at Water Edge on Friday October 11th get your reservation to Dom Cafarelli as soon as possible. I am sure it will be a great evening of celebration. We should be proud that this Lodge has remained pretty healthy for over a century. Let's please keep it that way for another century.

Our annual Festa was held on September 14th it was not as well attended by our members as last year's event. These events are fundraisers for the Lodge to help with paying the bills. So, without the support of our members we will have to find other ways like raising our membership dues. But the people that came had a great time. I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped, without them nothing would have happened. They worked very hard on a hot day. Another special thanks to all the members who baked for our Festa Bake Sale and who donated baskets for our raffle. It was truly appreciated.

Lastly, the 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 for them.

As always PLEASE support the Lodges Fundraising efforts, they help to keep the Lodge going strong.

Joseph A. Battaglia  
President



**Established March 28th, 1915**



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### Upcoming Meetings

- Officers' Meeting** OCT 7 7:00PM
- General Meeting** OCT 21 7:00PM

**50/50 RAFFLE**

Time is running out! The drawing for the \$1000 first prize and the other prizes will take place at the Columbus Dinner on Friday October 11th. If you haven't turned in your tickets yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you have lost your tickets or would like more tickets, please contact the Lodge at 518 355-7500 for more. It is extremely important that the raffle be as successful as possible.

**DUES NOTICES ARE COMING**

Dues Notices for 2025 will be going out shortly. For the first time in 10 years it has become necessary to raise annual dues. Annual dues for 2025 will be \$70 and dues for those 65 years of age who have been member continuously for 25 years, dues for 2025 will be \$45. The fee for new members will be \$80 which will include dues for the first year of membership. The move to increase dues was not taken lightly. Costs to maintain the Lodge have increased and while in the past the Lodge has been able to absorb increases, it can no longer do so and still remain financially viable. Your understanding and continued support is appreciated.

**OCTOBER IS ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH**

Italians and Italian Americans are heirs to the greatest heritage in history. From the days of the Roman Empire through the Renaissance to the present day the contributions of our ancestors, Italians and Italian Americans in every field of endeavor are unmatched, second to none and still continue. One of the responsibilities of the Lodge is to protect and promote that heritage. As individual members of the Lodge do we? Do we march as a unit in the Rotterdam Parade? Do we attend Italian celebrations? Do we participate in Columbus Day celebrations whether it is a wreath laying ceremony or the annual Columbus dinner? Italians and Italian Americans have every reason to be proud. It's time to display that pride!

**COLUMBUS DINNER – OCTOBER 11TH**

The annual Columbus Dinner will be held on Friday, October 11, at the Terrace at Waters Edge in Scotia. Appetizers and cash bar at 6PM and dinner will be served at 7PM. This is a major event for our Lodge and every attempt to attend should be made. The evening will celebrate the legacy of Columbus, the 110th anniversary of our Lodge and the honoring of two outstanding members, Lodge Chaplain Fr. Isopo and President Joe Battaglia. Music and dancing to follow dinner.

Included in this newsletter is a dinner reservation form. If you haven't made reservations yet, please complete the form ASAP forward it to the Lodge. We hope to see you there!

**ANNUAL WREATH LAYING CEREMONY**

The Lodge's annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Columbus Monument in Veterans Park will take place on Tuesday, October 15th at 10AM. The celebration of Columbus's achievements is under attack continuously from many quarters. Columbus is a towering figure in the list of contributions by Italians so it becomes important that every celebration of Columbus and his achievements be as widely attended as possible. A number of state and local officials also are expected to attend. A reception at the Lodge will take place after the ceremony.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Nominees for offices in the Lodge will take place in December and the election will be held in January 2025. Candidates for all positions are welcome and the term of office for all positions is 2 years. Anyone interested in running for an office should submit a letter addressed to the Nominating Committee expressing his/her interest in a specific position. The members of the Nominating Committee will be announced in October.

**PEDE DINNER AND 7 FISH DINNER**


The Peđe Dinner honoring Romolo Peđe will be held on Saturday December 1st. Proceeds from the dinner will go to the Romolo Peđe Scholarship Fund. The 7 Fish Dinner will be held on Saturday December 14th. Plans for both dinners are underway and will be made available when finalized.



**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**

The volunteer of the Month for October is Anna Califano. Anna joined our Lodge in 2008 and has been busy helping out ever since. When the Lodge plans an event the first order of business is to enlist Anna's support. If it's a dinner event, we contact Anna. Festa, contact Anna. Columbus Dinner, contact Anna. Enlisting Anna's support ensures that appropriate decorations will be in place and needed wait staff will be on hand. Thanks, Anna, for all you do!

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O God our Father...  
 Creator of all living,  
 we entrust to Your  
 gentle care all those  
 we love who have  
 gone before us;  
 and have gone to  
 their rest in  
 the hope of rising  
 again. Holy  
 Mary, Mother of  
 God, pray for  
 us sinners, now  
 and at the hour  
 of our death.  
 Amen.



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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 Mastroianni, Alex Stremenga
6. Diane Vivian
7. Sebastian Cannistraci, Zelindo Viscusi
8. Gina Piccirillo
10. Edward Ferraro
13. Linda Russo
14. Marco Farina, Robert Rosellini
15. Elva Laurange, Diane Martin
16. Lou Bonitatibus, Anthony Cervera, Jr., Maureen McNamara, Cristofaro Riccio
17. Michael Tommasone
24. Anna Califano
25. Mark Ando, Michael Basile, Cesare Maniccia, Giuseppe Riccio
27. Karen Bonitatibus, Roger Fucilli
28. Joseph Fiorino
29. Carmel Patrick
30. Joseph Polsinelli

#### CONTACT & HOURS

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#### AIHA COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATION

The American Italian Heritage Association's Annual Columbus Day Celebration will take place at the Albany Italian Museum on Monday, October 14, at 1PM. The speaker will be Patrick Bulgaro, former Director of the New York State Budget and former CEO of the Center for Disability Services. His topic will be Christopher Columbus, the Man, the Legacy and the Controversy. A reception will follow the program.

#### VETERANS BREAKFAST – NOVEMBER 10TH

The annual Veterans Breakfast will be held on Sunday November 10th from 9:30-11:30AM. The occasion is the Lodge's effort to honor and thank area veterans for their contributions to ensure our safety and wellbeing. Invitations will be extended to all veterans. The breakfast is complimentary for veterans and \$5 for anyone else to attend. No reservations are needed.

#### CAVATELLI/EGGPLANT PARM DINNER – NOVEMBER 16TH

Responding to popular demand, the Lodge is planning a Cavatelli/Eggplant Parm dinner on Saturday, November 16th. Dinner will include salad, cavatelli and meatballs, eggplant parm, coffee and dessert. Cost is \$20 per person. Reservations can be made starting on October 16th by calling the Lodge at 518 355-7500 or on our website at osialodge321@gmail.com.

#### CALENDAR RAFFLE 2025

Calendar raffle tickets will be going on sale in mid October. Cost will be once again \$30. The way it works is that you'll be assigned a 3 digit number. Every day the state draws a three digit number. If your number comes up you win. You win a minimum of \$30. You can win multiple times. You'll have 365 chances to win. They make amazing stocking stuffers.

To purchase your calendar raffle tickets contact lodge recording secretary, Fran Pugliese. Call 518-372-8798 or Email: puganthony@aol.com

#### HALL RENTALS

The Lodge has two halls available for rent. The larger hall can accommodate up to 130 people and the smaller hall can accommodate 35 people. The halls are perfect for baptism parties, birthday parties, graduation parties, showers and other similar events. Please call Richard Pidgeon at 518 356-0288 for more information and scheduling. Scheduling early to ensure availability of the halls is encouraged.

#### EMAIL LIST OF MEMBERS

The Lodge maintains an email list of members and as announcements of Lodge news and events occur information is sent out by email to those on the list. Sometimes things occur on short notice and action is required before the newsletter becomes available. That leaves the Lodge with no way of getting information to those members who are not on the email list. If you are not receiving email notification of Lodge events and wish to receive them, please call the Lodge at 518 355-7500 and leave your email address and you will be added to the list.

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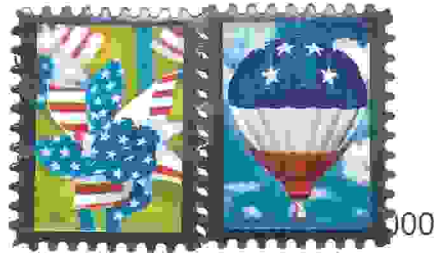


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## Calendario Di Gabriele

**Officers' Meeting**  
 October 7 at 7 PM  
**General Membership**  
 October 21 at 7 PM

**Riunione Degli Ufficiali**  
 7 Ottobre 7 PM  
**Assemblea Generale**  
 21 Ottobre 7 PM

### UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS

Columbus Dinner	Oct 11	6:00PM
Columbus Celebration (Museum)	Oct 14	1:00PM
Wreath Laying Ceremony	Oct 15	10:00AM
Veteran's Breakfast	Nov 10	9:30-11:30AM
Cavatelli/Eggplant Parm Dinner	Nov 16	6:30 PM
Pede Dinner	Dec 1	6:30PM
7 Fish Dinner	Dec 14	6:30 PM

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