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Newsletter**
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Lodge News

Welcome New Members

We will be inducting new member at our Assembly meeting Thursday, September 22 at 7:00 PM please join us. Pizza to follow.

Membership Cards

If you did not receive your 2022 membership card please contact the lodge at 315.781.2242 so that we can issue you one.

AED or also know as automated external defibrillator has arrived. Our first class has been completed, we will be holding another class on September 14 at 5PM. If you are interested please contact the lodge at 315.781.2242. If we have enough interest additional classes may-

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, October 14

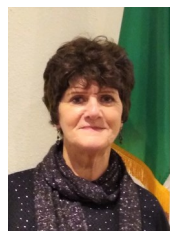
Our 45 Anniv. Dinner

RSVP will be in the next Newsletter.

President's Message

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and friends:

We are always looking toward increasing our membership. I am often approached (and others too) by potential applicants with questions such as: What is the Sons and Daughters of Italy exactly? Do I have to be Italian or married to one? What does this organization do for the community? What events do you have? Do you have fun things I can bring my children to? What do I get from my membership? These are the repetitive ones I've heard; there are others. At one time I was unsure how to answer some of the questions, and I'm sure many of you are too. Let me address some responses to these inquiries.



The Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA) was founded on June 22, 1905, at 203 Grand Street in New York City. An Italian immigrant, Dr. Vincenzo Sellaro, and five compatriots; pharmacist Ludovico Ferrari, attorney Antonio Marzullo, sculptor Giuseppe Carlino and barbers Pietro Viscardi and Robert Merlo, created the organization to unite men and women of Italian heritage under one banner in order to preserve and disseminate the large cultural heritage of Italy. They also felt a need to promote and advance their progress everywhere within the framework of American society. When first founded, it took its name from "L'Ordine Figli d'Italia," which is Italian for "The Order of Children of Italy". Later it was changed to OSIA which stood for "Order of Sons of Italy in America". Our men's lodge was established in 1977 and is in the 45th year. The women opened their chapter in 1978. It was named G.A.I.L. 2397A, which meant "Geneva American Italian Ladies." In 2016 the two united and we became OSDIA 2397 "Order of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America." The majorities of lodges across the United States have merged and go under the title of OSDIA.

Lodge Membership

If you trace your or your spouse's Italian lineage, you can become a regular member. This also

**COUNCIL
MEETING
Thursday
September 8
7:00 pm**

**ASSEMBLY
MEETING
Thursday
September 22
7:00 pm**



*Get Well wishes to
all members who
may be in ill health.
We hope you have
a speedy recovery.*



Wing night is starting 9/12

6:30 pm 9:00 pm

\$14.00 to Eat In per order

\$15.00 Take Out per order

Geneva Lodge 2397

Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

Includes: salad & bread with butter

Saturday, September 17, 2022

Serving from 5:30PM to 7:30PM

Each meal will cost \$10.00 per person

Children 10 and under \$7.00

Music will be performed by:

Tenth Avenue from 6:00PM to 9:00 PM

State and National OSIA News



Grand Lodge \$100 Raffle

The annual Grand Lodge \$100 Raffle for 2022 has kicked off and we have received our allotment of tickets. We have received 30 tickets and you can reserve a number if you choose to by calling the lodge. Here are the ticket numbers we have on hand:

089, 090, 180, 190, 192, 270, 293, 387, 390, 393, 487, 490, 493, 569, 589, 668, 678, 690, 768, 782, 783, 869, 885, 967, 979, 990

Keep in mind that you can always buy a share in a ticket for \$20 or more if the \$100 is a burden. Or get four or five friends to go in on a ticket.

The drawings will take place on Sunday Nov. 6th. There will be **\$34,500 in prizes with a grand prize of \$20,000. 2nd prize is \$5000, 3rd prize is \$2000, 4th is three @ \$1000 and 5th is five @ \$500.** Lots of chance to win. Call the lodge to reserve your favorite number.



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Quick Shots Queen of Hearts

The weekly Queen of Hearts drawing jackpot is to climb over \$18,000 when we draw again on Sunday September 11 during half time at Bingo. Everyone is eligible to enter the weekly drawing. You can get tickets at our bar during the week or during our weekly Sunday bingo games. There are only 2 cards left to choose from so the odds get better. each week that the Queen isn't drawn. Tickets are \$1.00 each.



Want to try to win 2 \$50.00 Super Bowl squares and make tips while watching the game on Sundays? We need volunteer bartenders for Sunday afternoons during football season. Contact Beth for details and to schedule your Sunday. 315.521.2274



Board \$30.00 a square.
See Bartender for more details.

Geneva Lodge Awards Dinner 2022

These were nominated from 2020 but due to covid this is the first chance we are able to honor them.

The Geneva Lodge is planning to host our annual Awards Dinner on Sat. May 2nd. Please mark the date on your calendars. The following awards will go to selected members:

- The Amici Award – This award goes to a friend or friends of the Lodge who are not members, but have helped the Lodge in some significant way and helped foster a positive image of our Lodge and of Italian Americans.

-The President's Award – This award goes to the Immediate Past President of our Lodge. It is the only award **not** voted on by the members.

-The Memorial Award - This is awarded in memory of one of our deceased members. The person must have been a member for a minimum of five years, been an officer of the lodge and/or chaired at least one lodge standing committee, event or function.

-The Green, White, and Red Award – Named after the three colors of the Italian flag, and which represent hope, faith, and charity. This award goes to a relatively new member of our lodge who has five or less years of membership, yet has been active in that time to distinguish himself from other new members.

-The Garibaldi Award – Named for the man who unified Italy, this award goes to a longtime member of our lodge who has helped found, unify, and/or advance our lodge. Nominees must be clearly recognized by other lodge members as having done extraordinary work in the name of the lodge.

-The 2397 Award – This award goes to our Member of the Year. Nominees should have at least ten years of membership, held at least two offices, run or chaired at least two different events or functions, and still be active members. Nominees must have gone **above and beyond** the average member in service to our lodge and must be viewed in a positive way by the community at large.

Members selected for awards this year by a committee of Past Presidents are as follows:

Amici Award - Super Casuals (Joe Fragnoli)

President's Award - Mary Jane Melito

Memorial Award - John J. Greco (awarded posthumously)

Green, White, & Red Award - Dave Cook

Garibaldi Award - Sandy Schading

2397 Award - Steve Venuti

Congratulations to these members for all they have done to make our Geneva Lodge the great organization it is today. Please come out on May 2nd to show them your support and to say thank you for the service they have provided to our lodge.

At the 109th State Convention held at the Villa Roma Resort & Conference Center, Carolyn Reres of America Lodge #2245 was elected by acclamation as the 32nd State President of the New York Grand Lodge, Order Sons of Italy in America.

President's Message Con't ...

Lodge Membership

If you trace your or your spouse's Italian lineage, you can become a regular member. This also includes those who have been adopted by a person or persons of Italian lineage; spouses of such adopted persons; widows, widowers, & divorced spouses of current or former members.

At-Large Membership

This membership is for some professional persons, doctors, executives, etc., who do not have the time to attend meetings, hold any kind of elected office, or belong to a local lodge/chapter. An At-Large Membership form is provided for your use.

Social Membership

If you cannot trace your /your spouse's Italian lineage, you can become a social member & join a local lodge/chapter. Guidelines for regular members are applicable for social members, except that social members have some restrictions on holding office.

During the time of "The Pandemic," we could not have the yearly dinners & events that welcomed the community. Now back at total capacity, we will continue to contribute to our city & surrounding area. We donate to numerous community organizations, which include our police & fire departments. Yearly our lodge members contribute to the Salvation Army's "Ringing of the Bell." Combining our association & our BINGO players, we sponsor a food drive for the "House of Concern" to replenish their cupboards after the Christmas holiday. Yearly scholarships are awarded to students that meet our criteria. GHS chooses two other graduating seniors to whom we award a gift of money. This year we held a fundraiser to benefit "The Children of Ukraine." We sponsored a Little League Team. We host other gatherings that need a place to hold a non for profit events. Students have held car washes, vacation bible school has meant, Rosary Society conducts their monthly get-together, and we let our meeting rooms out for use by other local groups.

To name a few yearly events we do...Every Friday during Lent, we have fish dinners. On Football Mondays, we serve chicken wings. A buffet follows a yearly 210 club at the end of 10 weeks. A volunteer dinner is coming up this month. There are several weeks of Tuesday steak nights every summer. We have an annual awards dinner. October is Italian heritage month, and we do things to celebrate our legacy. Once a year we have a picnic. There are always one or two Christmas parties. We conduct Euchre and Bingo here.

For young children, we hold an annual Christmas party. Our yearly festival caters to kid attractions such as games, a fishing pond, and a bounce house. We have had several discussions as to organizing more child-related activities. I hope to form a committee to work on attracting parents with young children as they are our future.

Benefits of OSIA Membership:

Free subscription and advertising discounts to **Italian America**, the most widely read cultural magazine in the U.S. for people of Italian heritage, to the **Golden Lion** newspaper, a publication of the NY Grand Lodge, and the online publication **Questo Mese**.

Eligibility for scholarships locally and nationally & access to **NYSOSIA.org**, the New York State website.

Access to **OSIA.org**, the National website that provides info about issues, programs, reports, and research important to Italian Americans, & other benefits avail only online.

A host of **discounts on Italian specialty items and services** of interest to Italian Americans, including genealogy research, travel, Italian language instruction, and more available from the National website.

Participation in Italian & Italian American cultural events through lectures, films, book discussion groups, Italian language courses, issue summits, & folk-life programs.

I hope everyone will be better equipped to solicit potential applicants & answer their inquiries. If you have any questions of your own, don't hesitate to call the lodge or me personally, & I'll do my best to answer you.

Sincerely,

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Weekly Bar 50/50

Members stop in for a drink and sign the bar book weekly enter your \$1.00 for your chance to win!

CONGRATULATIONS to this months winners!

Free Drink These are our past 5 winners:- Fred Emmi, Joe Emmi, Jimmy Rusin, Steve Venuti, & Mike Units (free drink must be collected the following week)

50/50 Pot (must sign the book to win or it rolls over and you are AWOL) Mary Russo \$75 AWOL, Digger Devaney \$99, Rob Saglimbeni \$66 AWOL, Patrick Grimaldi \$88 AWOL, & Jamie Kaim \$116 AWOL.

Lodge Family Picnic

Hotdogs / hamburger will be supplied

September 28 at 5:30PM

Please bring a dish to pass

RSVP by September 25

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

If you volunteered in 2022

YOU are cordially to attend the 2022

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner!

When: September 21

Time: 5:30 PM

RSVP by September 18

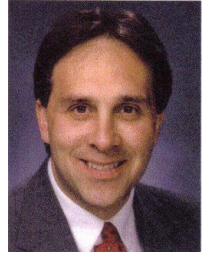
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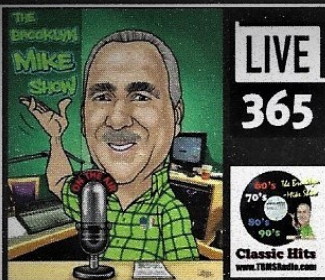


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Upcoming Lodge Events

BINGO - Every Sunday @ 6:30 pm

Bingo will be played at 6:30 pm until January 1st

Then Bingo will start on Wednesday, January 4

Sept 8	Council Meeting	7:00pm
Sept 12	Wing Night	6:30pm - 9:00pm
Sept 17	Spaghetti Dinner	5:30pm - 7:30 pm
Sept 19	Wing Night	6:30pm - 9:00pm
Sept 21	Volunteer Appr'n Dinner	5:30pm
Sept 22	Assembly Meeting	7:00pm
Sept 26	Wing Night	6:30pm - 9:00pm
Sept 28	Lodge Family Picnic	5:30pm

Every Monday Night Chicken Wing starting Sept 12



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