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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2010

To all of our Brothers and Sisters we wish you a very Happy New Year.

I ask God to bestow on each and everyone of you a year filled with love, happiness and most of all good health.

The Board looks forward to another year filled with activities and events in keeping with our motto for what we stand for Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.

If you have news or want to share a family event please don't hesitate to contact me at 914-948-3608. Also if you move or change your phone number please advise me, I have no way of knowing unless you call. Remember with the weather don't shovel the snow too fast take it easy and be well. Always know spring is just around the corner.

*Your Editor,
Rita R. Cestone*

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President's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

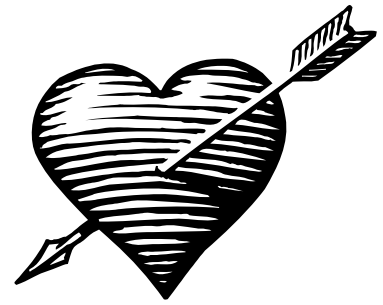
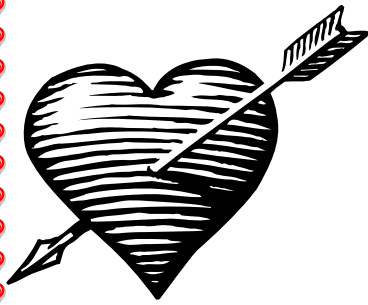
To all my Brothers and Sisters belated wishes for a great and healthy New Year. Truly incredible and actually relieved that 2009 finally came to an end. It was a hard year for many, the economy has cut across evenly and left many in difficult times. And yet our Lodge was able to present all the planned activities and fulfill it's obligations in full force and style. All of this is a true testament of your love, support in believing what we are about, what we stand for. That we might continue to perpetuate our culture and be the constant reminder of our great past and we will help and expect greater goals reached from our future generations. Sempre Avanti.

To Brother Alan and Sister Carmela Merenstein thank you for all your great work for the officers party. Sister Teresa Rivero and her committee for a beautiful Christmas party enjoyed by all. Sister Patty Moore and Bro Charles Guastella your presentation at the Children's Christmas Party was a Norman Rockwell masterpiece. What great love and imagination you both possess, truly remarkable. Also to Bro. Luigi and Sister Flavia DiNota and their committee for a New Years gala. Thank you all for making the Christmas season a memorable one.

As we start a new calendar year, I again ask all of you for your loyal help, be active, bring in new ideas, revamp the old, together we can and will continue to maintain our image and strength in Westchester. We will continue to move forward and will reach to the new and political allies so that our cause will not be compromised. Our Lodge has always maintained an aura of greatness and with all your help we sill continue to do so. If last year with all that came our way we were able to persevere, I know that 2010 will only be better.

Please be active, participate, contribute both with deeds and wisdom, help correct what needs to be changed and as a united force we can truly shine. To all of you may the New Year bring all of us a touch of happiness and a sense of relief and brotherhood. Sempre Avanti

*Your President
Mario Cermele*



Valentine Party

Bring your sweetheart and come and enjoy a lovely evening under the stars. Music for your entertainment with a DJ.

Dinner, drinks, coffee and dessert

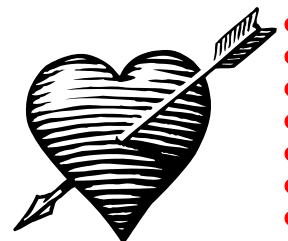
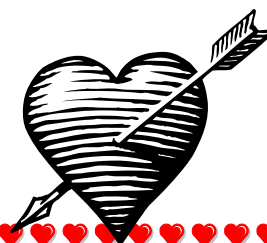
Date: February 13, 2010

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Place: Antonio Meucci Lodge

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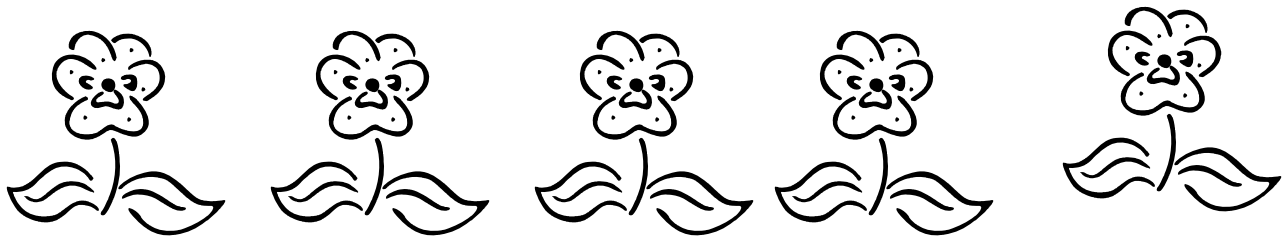


Lodge News

Dues Notice: Shortly you will be receiving your bill for your dues 2010. We ask that you forward your check as soon as possible so that we can keep our records up to date, also remember if your address has changed or your phone number please notify us. The financial committee greatly appreciates your cooperation. Thank you

Congratulations to Sister Camille and Brother Frank Tarone on the birth of her nephew Rocky Joseph. His proud parents are Philip and Jen Buffalino and his big sister is Angelina. God Bless them all.

Congratulations to Brother Pasquale Calafiore on his retirement. He retired after 30 years of service for the City of White Plains Sanitation Department. Many happy and healthy years to Bro Pat and his wife. Enjoy.



Deepest Sympathy to Sister Philomena Marzella on the loss of her brother Onofrio Cioffi. May he rest in peace.

Deepest Sympathy to the Marzella and Borrelli families on the loss of their cousin Diane Tremarzo. Her father, Domenico Borrelli was a Venerable of our Lodge. May she rest in peace.

Next General Meeting is February 23, 2010



For your information:

Scholarships Available

2010 National Leadership Grant Scholarship Application

The application for the above can be had by going on line to the OSIA.org website which is as follows:

<http://www.osia.org/students/scholarships.php>

Please note that the deadline for this year's competition is February 26, 2010. Any questions call Amy Petrine at 202-547-2900 at the National office.

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National Organization of Italian American Women

2010 Cultural Exchange Program hosted by NOIAW for a 10 day cultural and educational experience with all expenses paid. This is a wonderful opportunity for Italian American students to experience Italy, meet prominent women leaders and promote more positive relations between our two countries. E-mail noiaw@noiaw.org or call 212-642-2003 the NOIAW office for eligibility criteria and an application. The completed application must be submitted to the NOIAW office by March 1, 2010. Eligible applicants are female college students between the ages of 19 and 22 with one ancestor of Italian heritage. Due to the limited number of available spaces, applicants who meet the program's criteria will be considered by the earliest date the completed application is received.

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