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President's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I AM AN ITALIAN-AMERICAN AND PROUD OF IT July 09

(Written by Angelo Bianchi Esq.)

I am an Italian-American. My roots are deep in ancient soil, drenched by the Mediterranean sun and watered by pure streams from snow capped mountains. I am enriched by thousands of years of culture. My hands are those of the mason, the artist, the man of soil. My thoughts have been recorded in the annals of Rome.

I am **Christoforo Colombo** from my ancient world; I first spanned the seas to the new world.

I am **Giovanni Caboto**, known to American history as John Cabot, discoverer of the mainland of North America.

I am **Enrico Tonti**, first to sail on the Great Lakes in 1679. Founder of the territory that became the State of Illinois, colonizer of Louisiana and Arkansas.

I am **Filippo Mazzei** friend of Thomas Jefferson. My thesis on the equality of man was incorporated into the Bill of Rights.

I am **William Paca**, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

I am **Colonel Francesco Vigo**, I financed the Northwest Expedition of George Rogers Clark and accompanied him through the lands that become Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan.

I am **Allesandro Malaspina**, I mapped the Pacific from Mexico to Alaska and to the Phillipines.

I am **Giacomo Beltrandi**, discoverer of the source of the Mississippi River in 1823.

I am **Costantino Brumidi**, they call me the Michelangelo of North America. I created the Dome of the United States Capitol.

I am **A.P. Giannini**, in 1904 I founded in San Francisco the Bank of Italy now known as the Bank of America; one of the largest financial institutions in the world.

I am **Enrico Fermi** father of nuclear science in America.

I am **John Basilone** of New Jersey, first enlisted man to be awarded the Medal of Honor in World War II.

I am an Italian-American. I am the million strong who served in America's armies and the tens of thousands whose names are enshrined in military cemeteries from Guadalcanal to the Rhine.

I am the steelmaker in Pittsburg, the grower in the Imperial Valley of California, the textile designer in Manhattan, the mason in Queens, the moviemaker in Hollywood, the homemaker and the breadwinner in 10,000 American Communities.

I am an American without stint or reservation. Loving this land as only one who understands history. Its agonies and its triumphs, can love it and serve it.

I will not be told that my contributions and cultural traditions are any less nor my role not as worthy as that of any other American.

I will stand in support of this nation's freedom and promise against all foes.

My Heritage has dedicated me to this nation. I am proud of my full heritage and I shall remain worthy of it.

God Bless America , Sempre Avanti

Your President
Mario Cermele

Lodge Events

August 16 Sister Teresa Riverso will be having a trip down to Atlantic City. Cost is \$35 per person bus will leave the lodge at 8am. Coffee and bagels will be served at the Lodge, call Sister Teresa at 997-7388.

It may be only July but our committees are going at full force with our programs that are coming up. I placed a calendar in this Avanti so that you are able to plan ahead. October is our biggest month of the year we salute our heritage, we start off in September with our honorees reception at Grazella's, see flyer on front page, then parade in White Plains, breakfast at the Lodge that day. Wreath ceremony on October 10, breakfast here at the Lodge following it and the month of October is culminated by our Annual Dinner Dance held at Villa Baron Hilltop Manor in Mahopac, this year we will be honoring our own Sister Rita R. Cestone who just happens to be me your Editor. What an honor I still can't believe it and my wish is that many of you will be able to come and celebrate such an honor with me and my family on October 25th. A flyer will be in the next Avanti with all of the details. Sister Flavia DiNota and Sister Rose Tassone plan a beautiful day, full of fun, great food and entertainment by Don Felice and his special DJ.

October 4 is our Parade in White Plains, the committee is working very hard under the direction of Sister Jo Falcone and Brother Frank Tarone. We urge you to come out and support our people and heritage if we don't do so who else will. We need your presence to watch or to march with us as your Lodge. Think of the fun it is to embrace such an occasion, bring along your children and grandchildren. If you rather watch that's fine too but come out and support those of us who are carrying out our heritage. We are only as strong as our chain is long. Also we will be serving a breakfast the day of the parade at our Lodge the cost is \$15 per person. If you plan on coming to breakfast please call Sister Teresa Riverso at 997-7388 she is our in house chef for this event. Come and march or watch with us for we truly appreciate your participation. Along with our Queen Jennifer Burrows and her two Princess's we also will be having a float for our future queens ages 5 to 11 call Sister Paula Pesaturo at 654-9840 and give her their names. Thank you and come along with us for a great day. There will be a street festival on Court Street the day of the parade from 12noon till 6PM with entertainment, food booths and vendors.

Lodge News

Congratulations to Brother Michael and Sister Cathy Grisanti on the engagement of their son Mark to Monica Landi. Grandma is Sister Lena Carolini. God Bless you all.

Congratulations to Brother Matty and his wife Josephine Cermele on the birth of their granddaughter Alivia Jade her proud parents are Annmarie and Americo DiGiacomo. God Bless you all.

Congratulations to Brother Peter Viviano on the birth of his twin grandchildren Luke Anthony and Katie Grace their proud parents are Jake and Michelle Viviano God Bless you all.

Get Well Wishes to Brothers Umberto Amato and Brother Joe Tassone, glad you both are doing well.

Deepest Sympathy to Sandy Farduchi on the loss of her father in law. May he rest in peace.

Deepest Sympathy to Sister Rosalie Cicogna on the loss of her mother Frances Meli. May she rest in peace.

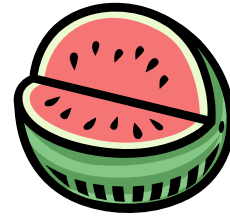
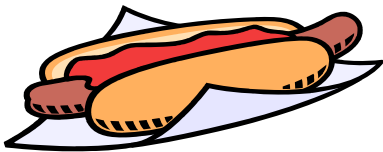
Housing needed

Two Italian law students, one male and one female need a place to live from early September to mid-December. They attend classes at Pace Law School and intern at the County Courthouse so they must live in the White Plains area. the Columbian Lawyers will pay for the rent and board. If you are interested, please call Judge Nicolai at 824-5141.

Raffle Tickets

By now you all must have received your raffle tickets, Brother Charles Tota and Brother Umberto Amato are anxious to sell them all. So we ask that you do your part and sell or buy the ones you have received if you would like extra tickets just call either Charlie at 924-0347 or Umberto at 907-8755.

Next General Meeting July 28, 2009



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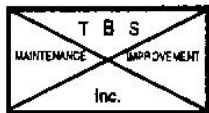


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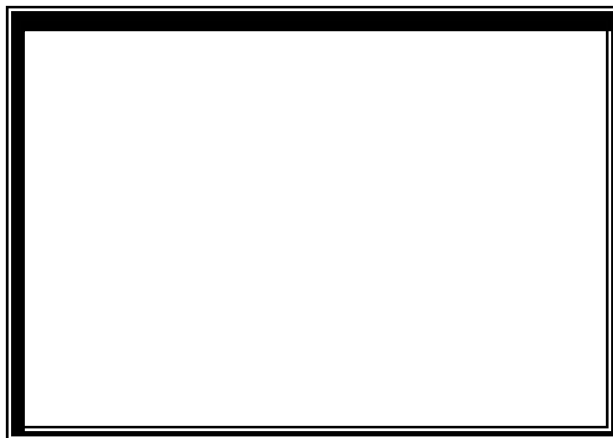
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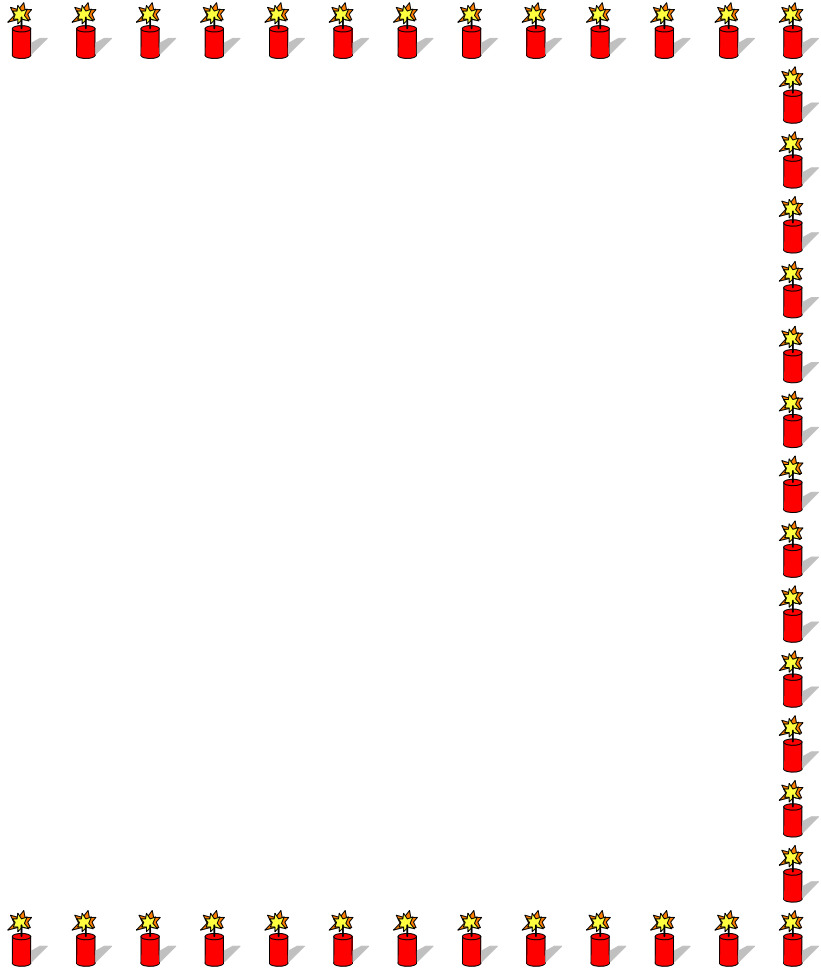
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2009 Date of events

We are already a half of year over of 2009. So I thought you would like to have the dates for activities for the rest of the year. We try to keep you posted ahead as much as we can, so place this note next to your family calendar. Thank you.

July 20 Bocce begins at Lodge

August 16 Atlantic City

September 6 Picnic Ridge Road Park, Hartsdale, NY

September 10 Honoree Reception at Grazella's

October 4 Breakfast at Lodge at 10 am details to follow

October 4 Parade at 1PM White Plains

October 11 Wreath Ceremony - Columbus Statue
Followed by breakfast at the Lodge

October 25 Columbus Day Dinner Dance
Villa Barone Hilltop Manor, Mahopac, NY
Woman of the Year Rita R. Cestone

November 1 Memorial Mass - Mt. Carmel Church

November 14 Steak night/movie night at Lodge

December 5 Christmas Party - Place TBD

December 13 Children's Christmas Party at Lodge

December 31 New Years Eve Party at Lodge